

Stakeholder briefing flooding 22 May 2024

Situation

This briefing is an update on the expected flooding from rain that is falling on 22 May 2024.

There are 4 Flood Warnings currently issued and 59 Flood Alerts (at 12:19 on 22 May 2024). Significant inland flooding is probable in North Wales and parts of the North West of England today (Wednesday) and into Thursday. This is a changing situation, so figures are likely to change quickly.

The surface water flood risk is MEDIUM today (Wednesday) and Thursday.

Significant surface water flooding impacts are probable in North Wales and parts of the North West of England, and possible more widely, today and into tomorrow due to heavy and persistent rain. Localised significant surface water impacts are also possible but not expected in the South of England today due the potential for heavy thundery showers to develop. Impacts could include localised flooding from urban and fast responding smaller watercourses/catchments, drains, channels and flooding from overland flow.

The river flood risk is MEDIUM today (Wednesday) and Thursday. Significant river flooding impacts are probable in North Wales and parts of the North West of England, and possible more widely, today and into tomorrow due to heavy and persistent rain. Minor river flooding impacts are also probable across parts of England and Wales.

There is currently very low risk of impacts from groundwater and coastal flooding.

[View the latest flood warning situation on GOV.UK](#)

Our response

A number of Environment Agency Area incident rooms are scaling up in response to the forecasted rainfall. We continue to monitor rainfall and impacts on river levels. Flood Alerts and Flood Warnings remain in place and will be issued and removed as appropriate.

Duty teams are busy liaising with Local Resilience Forums, made up of representatives from emergency services, local authorities and the NHS.

Our communications and engagement teams have been updating MPs in potentially affected areas and using social media to warn and inform local people and visitors of the continued risk of flooding.

Outlook for the next few days

Impacts are expected over the next 48 hours with the risk reducing from Friday onwards.

Our Flood Guidance Statement reflects what will be happening on the ground, with ongoing flood impacts remaining [View our Flood Guidance map.](#)

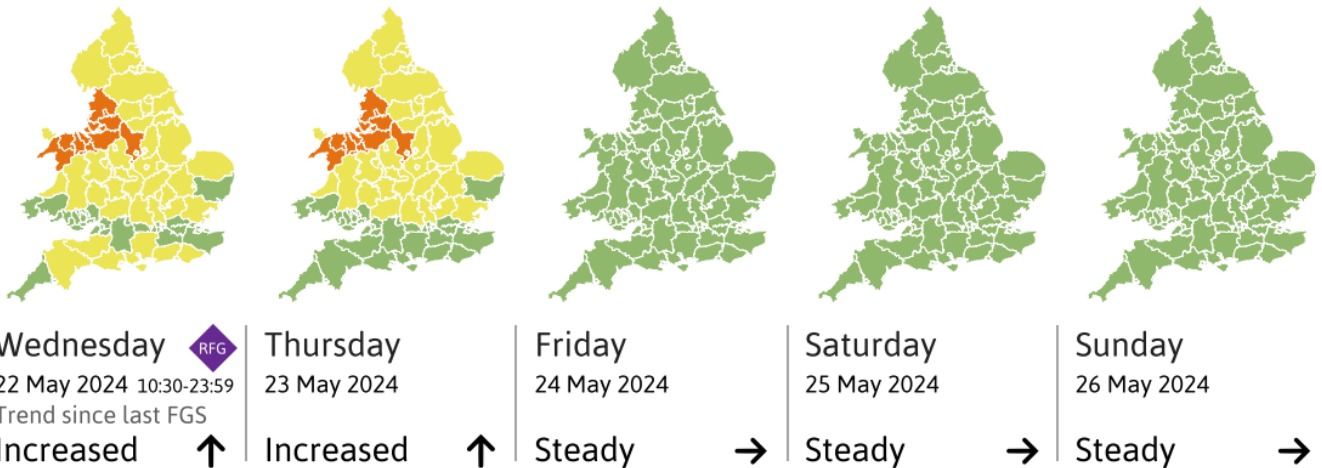
Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Wednesday 22 May 2024

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Significant inland flooding is probable in North Wales and parts of the North West of England today (Wednesday) and into Thursday. The overall flood risk is MEDIUM.

The Flood Forecasting Centre is trialling the Rapid Flood Guidance (RFG) service. The trial will run from 14 May 2024 until 30 September 2024. The Rapid Flood Guidance service provides a new advisory badge on the front page of the Flood Guidance Statement for days when there is a heightened risk of rapid flooding.

The service will give short notice updates for England and Wales – to supplement the Flood Guidance Statement. It is for responders who will need to make decisions within 0 to 6 hours.

Longer term forecast

You can view the long range forecast here: [Long range forecast - Met Office](#)

Visit www.gov.uk/check-flooding for current flood alerts and warnings and to check river, sea, groundwater and rainfall levels in your area and what to do in the event of a flood.

If the public are experiencing flooding, they should report this to our free 24-hour incident hotline: 0800 80 70 60 to allow us to assess the situation and respond appropriately. We are urging members of the public to [sign up for free flood warnings](#) and ensure they [know what to do in case of flooding](#).

You can sign up to receive the Rapid Flood Guidance service through your Flood Guidance Statement account or using the QR code below. The service will be available through the Met Office's [Hazard Manager](#).

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