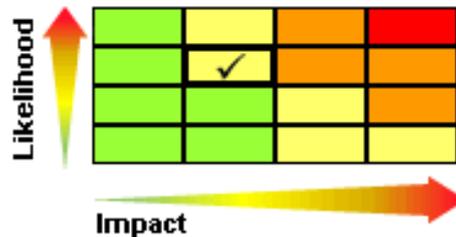
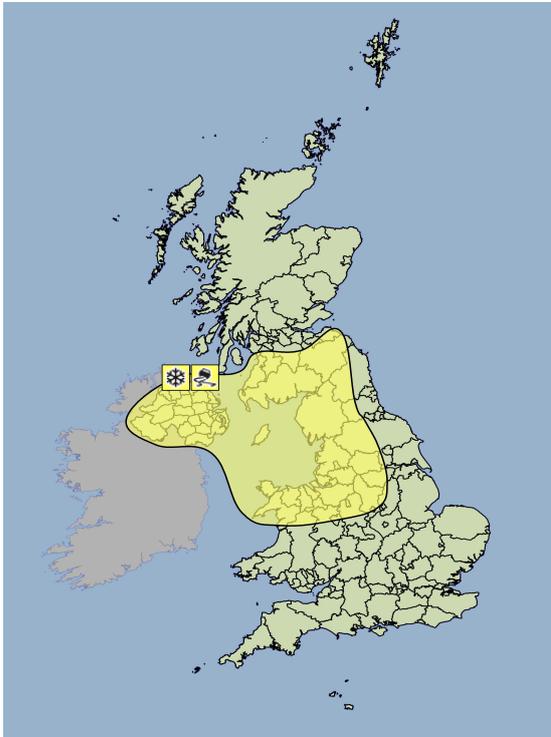


## National Severe Weather Warning Service



### Chief Forecasters Assessment

A developing low pressure system is expected to move southeastwards across the UK on Thursday, bringing a band of rain which is expected at times to turn to sleet or wet snow. The main risk of accumulating snow is during Thursday night and Friday on high ground of northern England and north Wales above around 200 m, where 2 to 5 cm is expected. Above 300 m, 10 cm or more is likely to accumulate, with some drifting possible in the strong winds which develop around the periphery of the low pressure centre.

At low levels, rain or sleet is more likely. However, any heavier bursts of precipitation could readily turn to snow almost anywhere to give a more localised covering of 1 to 2 cm. In addition, ice is likely to be an additional hazard on untreated surfaces.

This warning will be kept under review and updated as necessary.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning of Snow and Ice**

Valid from **19:00 on Thu, 03rd Mar 2016** until **15:00 on Fri, 04th Mar 2016**

A band of rain, sleet and hill snow is expected to cross Northern Ireland on Thursday afternoon, moving into northern England, north Wales and parts of southern Scotland during Thursday evening and night. Snow is not currently expected to be disruptive at low levels in most areas, although small amounts are likely in places and ice may prove a hazard on untreated surfaces. However, snow is expected to settle on high ground above 200 metres. Please be aware of the likelihood of difficult driving conditions and some travel disruption.

This is an update to extend the warning further north across Northern Ireland and southern Scotland, whilst some counties in mid Wales and the Midlands have been removed. In

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addition, ice has now been included as a hazard, whilst the tick in the risk matrix has moved to a higher likelihood of lower impacts.

During Friday, the band of rain, sleet and snow will slowly edge southwards with the risk of further accumulating snow steadily retreating towards higher elevations.

**For more details please go to:**

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