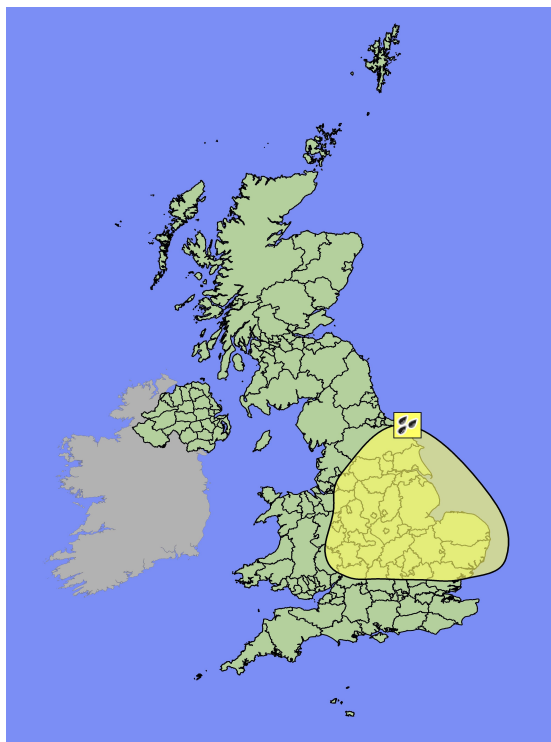




National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

The relatively warm, moist airmass across England will destabilize this afternoon in response to forcing from an upper level disturbance. This, combined with some sunshine will trigger some locally heavy thundery downpours. Most of these will be brief but could easily give 10-15 mm of rain in less than an hour. There is also the possibility that some more organised bands of showers could give 20-30mm in 2 or 3 hours with a low risk of this much falling in less than an hour. As is usual in such situations some areas will escape the downpours.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning of Rain**

Valid from **14:00 on Wed, 18th Jul 2012** until **21:00 on Wed, 18th Jul 2012**

Bands of heavy showers and thunderstorms are likely this afternoon into the early evening. These could be accompanied by gusty winds and hail.

The public should be aware of the risk of localised surface water flooding and associated difficult driving conditions. There is also a low risk of more significant disruption due to flooding if the showers were to hit an urban area.

For more details please go to:

http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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