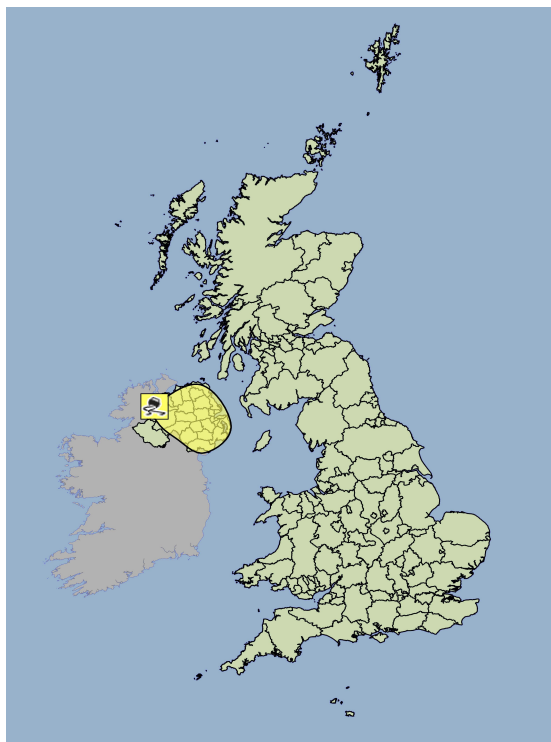




National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

Clear spells during Saturday evening will allow road temperatures to fall below zero in places, leading to a risk of ice forming on surfaces left wet by showers. Further showers will spread from the north, possibly falling onto sub-zero surfaces locally, whilst an occluded front will bring more general rain, sleet and hill snow from the north later in the night. This will fall as snow over the higher ground in the north, whilst road temperatures come back above freezing further south and at low levels in the north.

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

Valid from **21:00 on Sat, 16th Mar 2013** until **09:00 on Sun, 17th Mar 2013**

There is a risk of icy patches forming on untreated surfaces later on Saturday evening and during the early hours of Sunday, particularly where surfaces have been left wet by earlier showers.

Further wintry showers are possible in the north, whilst an area of more widespread rain, sleet and hill snow is expected to spread from the north later in the night. Accumulations of snow will be restricted to high ground, with a risk of 3-8 cm over the Antrim and Sperrin Hills with strengthening northwesterly winds increasing the risk of accretion on power lines.

The public should be aware of the risk of disruption from these wintry hazards.

For more details please go to:

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings>

Issued by the Met Office at 11:25 on Sat, 16th Mar 2013

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