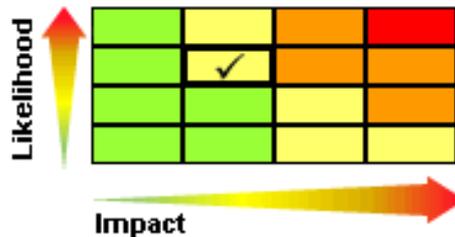
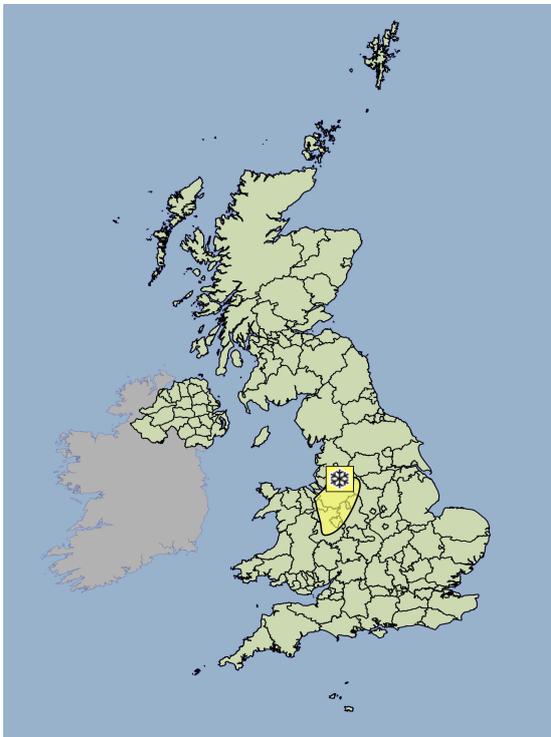


National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

A large area of showers from earlier this evening has become organised into a slow-moving area of heavy rain which is chilling the air sufficiently for it to turn to snow in places. Some snow has already gathered on high ground and is likely to affect some low lying locations as well.

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

Valid from **21:20 on Sat, 16th Mar 2013** until **03:00 on Sun, 17th Mar 2013**

An area of rain has turned to wet snow across parts of the area and will last for a few hours overnight. Accumulations of snow of the order 5-10 cm are likely on ground above around 200 m with slushy deposits of locally 2-5 cm possible to low levels. This should ease off by the small hours of Sunday.

The public should be aware that this may cause some disruption to transport.

For more details please go to:

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Issued by the Met Office at 21:12 on Sat, 16th Mar 2013

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