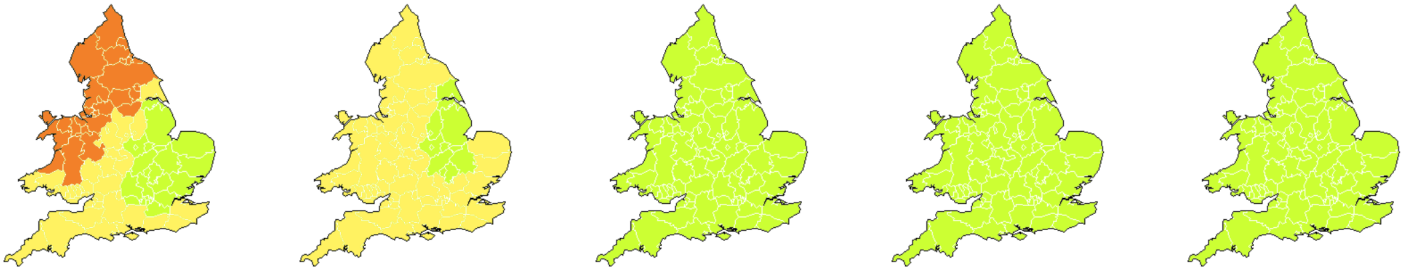


## Flood Guidance Statement 15:30hrs 25 September 2012

Our assessment of daily flood risk for England and Wales is below.



15:30 - 23:59hrs Tuesday 25 September 2012	00:00 - 23:59hrs Wednesday 26 September 2012	00:00 - 23:59hrs Thursday 27 September 2012	00:00 - 23:59hrs Friday 28 September 2012	00:00 - 23:59hrs Saturday 29 September 2012
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### Headline

**Ongoing flooding in northern England - MEDIUM risk continues. MEDIUM risk of flooding over northern and western Wales during Tuesday. Heavy showers on Wednesday bring fresh risk of surface water and some river flooding to southern England and Wales.**

### General Overview of Flood Risk

Heavy rain continues to affect much of northern England. River and surface water flooding impacts are ongoing in these areas, with significant disruption likely to continue through today. There is high likelihood of significant disruption in parts of northern (especially northeastern) England, hence the overall flood risk there is MEDIUM. River response along the River Severn and the River Ouse in Yorkshire will continue through Tuesday and into Wednesday with a continuing MEDIUM flood risk today and LOW flood risk on Wednesday.

In northern and western Wales rainfall will continue through the remainder of Tuesday and into tomorrow (Wednesday). There is a medium likelihood of significant disruption here, giving a MEDIUM overall surface water flood risk.

Heavy showers will continue across parts of southern England and south Wales throughout Tuesday and during much of Wednesday. This brings a LOW risk of surface water flooding within area B.

For other locations and at other times, the flood risk is considered to be VERY LOW.

### Warnings and Alerts in force in England and Wales at 15:30hrs

**Flood** ([click here](#))  
0 Severe Flood Warnings / 80 Flood Warnings / 151 Flood Alerts

**Severe Weather** ([click here](#))  
Alerts - Yes / Warnings - Yes

### Best Judgement

## River Flood Risk

Larger rivers have responded to recent rainfall across northern England, many will reach their peak levels either later today or into Wednesday. Flooding of properties and parts of communities, as well as disruption to travel, has already occurred in places and is expected to continue through the remainder of today. There is a medium to high likelihood of significant disruption giving a MEDIUM overall river flood risk today across much of northern England.

Some rivers will continue to respond beyond today, and a LOW overall risk is maintained for northern England and Wales into Wednesday.

Smaller rivers are likely to respond to heavy showers in southern England and Wales on Wednesday, with a medium likelihood of minor disruption in area B.

## Surface Water Flood Risk

There is a MEDIUM risk of surface water flooding today in northern England and Wales, as highlighted amber on the accompanying maps (areas A). These areas have a medium likelihood of significant disruption. Impacts could include flooding affecting properties and parts of communities, and disruption to travel is expected. Strong winds may enhance any flooding impacts, as blown debris has the potential to cause blockages in local drainage.

Heavy showers will maintain a surface water flood risk in southern England and Wales through today and during Wednesday (areas B and C). Here there is a low likelihood (due to uncertainty in location of the heaviest rain) of significant disruption. Currently the likely focus for the heaviest and most frequent showers is during the early hours of Wednesday morning within area C. Should likelihood increase in the rainfall amounts across central-southern England on Wednesday morning, there is the potential to escalate the flood risk.

## Groundwater Flood Risk

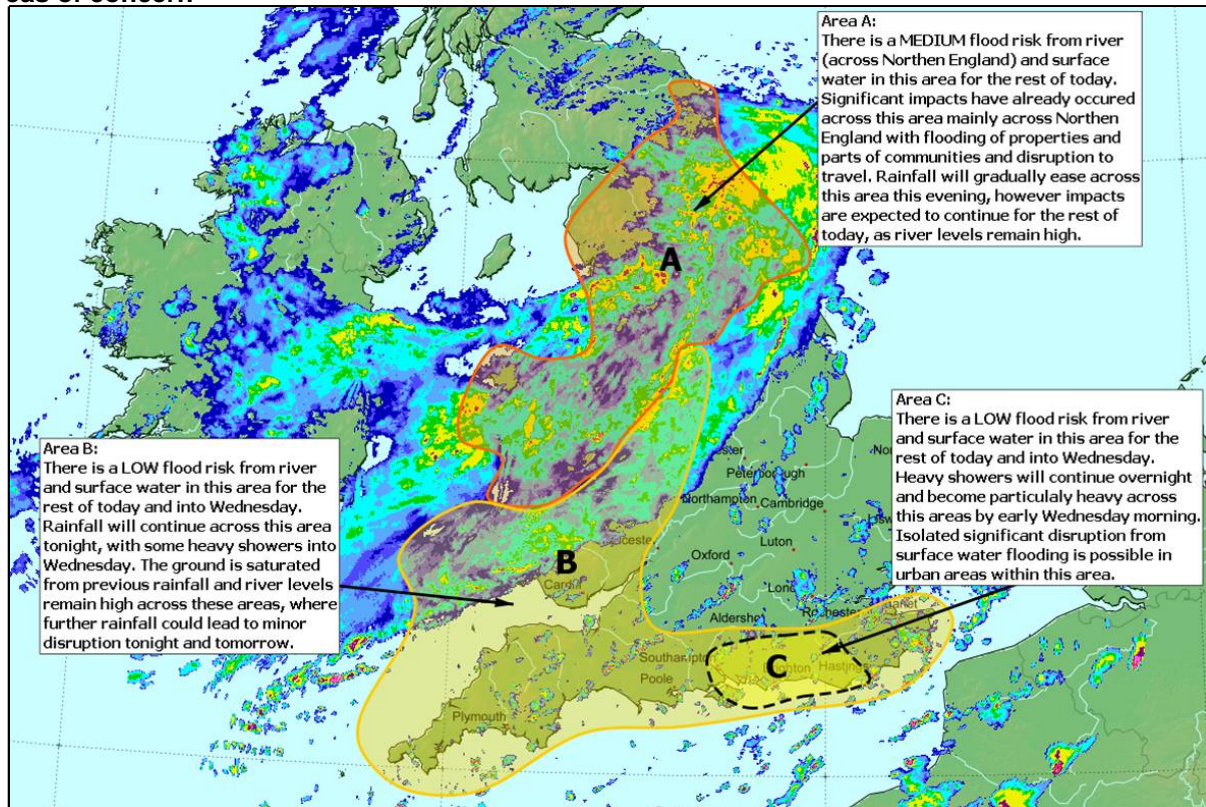
Groundwater levels have either stabilised or continue to fall across Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire.

With continuing heavy rain or showers during Tuesday and Wednesday, some response is possible in the groundwater levels and this will be closely monitored. The groundwater flood risk is therefore assessed as VERY LOW for the next five days though this may be updated in subsequent FGS issues.

## Coastal /Tidal Flood Risk

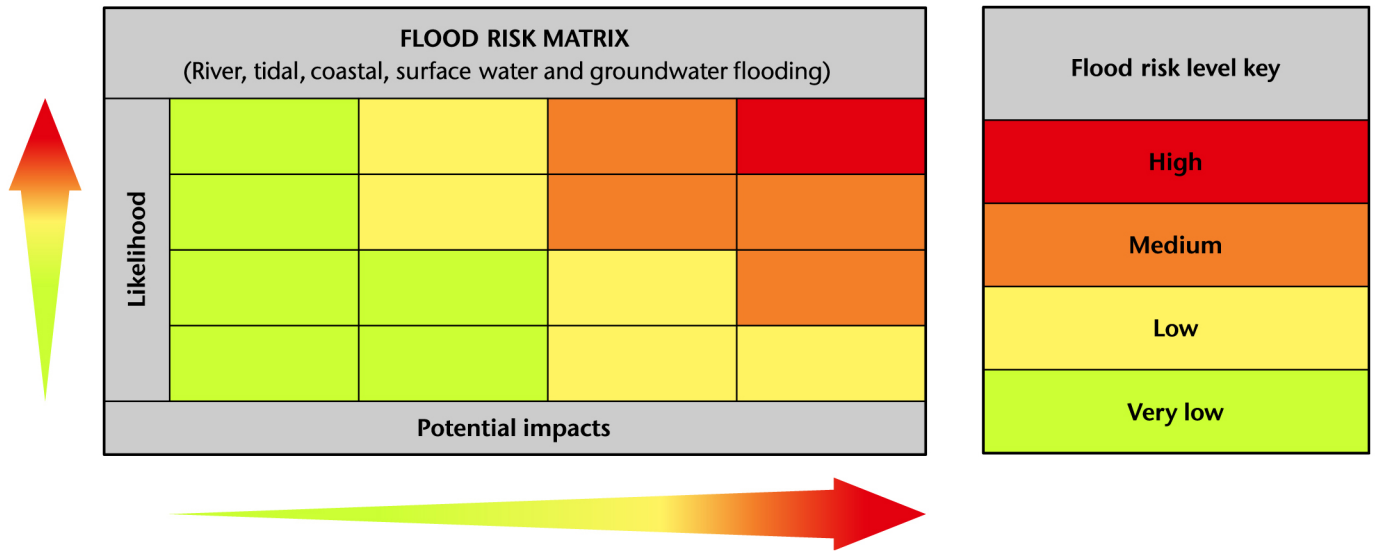
The coastal/tidal flood risk remains VERY LOW.

## Specific areas of concern



Next Statement Due: 10:30hrs Wednesday 26 September 2012

All Times are Local



For the detailed version of the Flood Risk Matrix [click here](#)