

GAB Robins Surge Update

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Many areas continue to be affected by ex-Hurricane Bertha

Despite conflicting forecasts, the remnants of Hurricane Bertha hit the UK on Sunday bringing torrential rainfall and flooding to a much wider area than was originally expected.

Many areas of the country received up to 25mm of rain, with parts of Wales having one month's worth (up to 60mm) in just a few hours.

An Amber severe weather warning for rainfall has been issued for parts of Scotland, with rainfall of more than 100mm possible over the next 24 hours as the remains of the hurricane push northwards during today.

Current Activity

Our Surge Plan status remains at **GREEN** and at this stage we do not envisage any requirement to upgrade to Amber unless conditions worsen significantly. We have plenty of capacity in all the affected areas.

Our adjusters dealt with a number of storm and flood claims over the weekend, via our Emergency Service, particularly in the following areas shown on the map below: (Leeds (LS), Wakefield (WF), Hull (HU), York (YO), Sheffield (S), Newcastle (NE), Cardiff (CF), Inverness (IV), Peterborough (PE) and Cambridge (CB) - with Yorkshire being hardest hit so far:

We are continuing to receive new claims today and expect this to continue as the storms head further north into Scotland during the day. All claims received have been visited or appointments made. The majority of claims involve flooding. We are liaising with suppliers about urgent arrangements for drying and restoration works but there are no capacity issues in any of the affected areas.

Expected Activity

The Met Office has issued a Yellow warning today involving rain for parts of northern England with an Amber warning for Scotland. Rainfall of more than 100mm in 24 hours is possible in these Amber areas.

Flooding is expected in parts of north-east and north-west England, Somerset, north Wales and Scotland. The Environment Agency has six flood warnings in place - meaning floods are "expected" - and a further 47 flood alerts for the affected parts of England and Wales.

In Scotland, there are more than 20 flood warnings in place, covering Aberdeenshire, Caithness and Sutherland, Findhorn and Nairn, Moray, Tayside and Speyside.

Additional bulletins will be issued as the situation develops. If you require any further assistance please contact your Account Manager or indeed myself.

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