

# GAB Robins

Surge Bulletin



7<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**Current Surge Plan Status: AMBER**

## Flooding expected as heavy rain continues

The Environment Agency issued flood warnings across the North West and Wales last night and today as heavy rainfall and gale force winds continued to batter parts of the country.



There are currently 21 flood warnings issued by the Environment Agency in the Midlands, North East, North West and Wales. At this stage, none of these warnings is considered severe.

In Wales, more than 190mm of rainfall has been recorded since the beginning of the month - more than the February average, which is 138.7mm.

In addition, strong to severe gale force winds, with gusts between 70mph and 84mph have affected many areas.

The heavy rain is expected to continue throughout today along with the southwesterly winds that have battered much of the country over the weekend.

## Current Activity

Whilst a number of urgent claims were received during the weekend, we do not expect a major surge of flood or storm claims. We have a number of additional adjusters on standby to assist in any affected areas, but at this stage, our local adjusters are able to cope with the current volume of claims.

Claims received to date have been mainly in Wales and the North West. We have also received storm related claims in Scotland. The Met Office has issued a warning of heavy rain and snow across parts of southern and central Scotland.

The alert covers Strathclyde, Lothian and Borders, Dumfries and Galloway and central Tayside and Fife. Once again, we will monitor the situation closely but have adequate resources in place to deal with any influx of claims in Scotland.

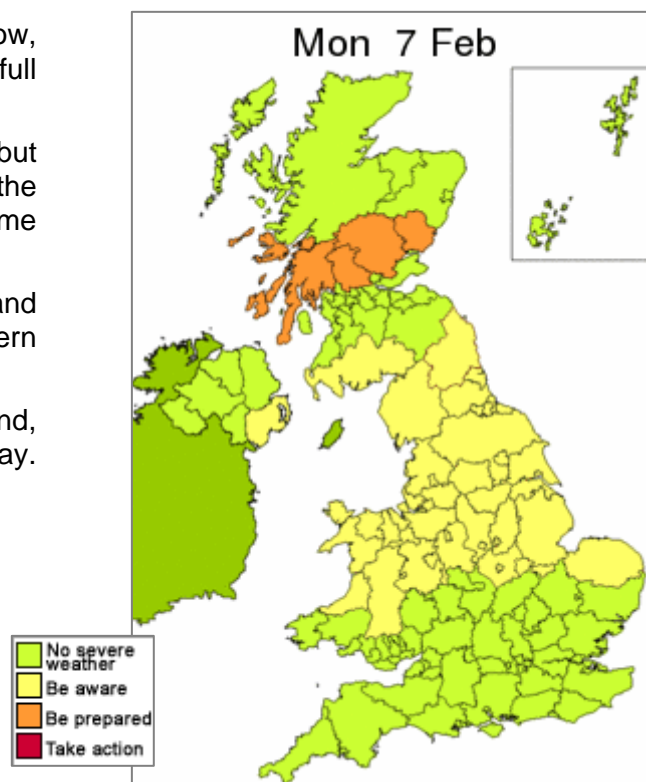
## Expected Activity

Our Surge Status will remain at **AMBER** for now, as we do not envisage a need to implement our full surge management plan at this stage.

There are currently no major warnings in place but the map illustrates areas in Scotland, Wales, the North West and North East will experience some severe weather.

Heavy rainfall is likely in the north and Scotland with snowfall over higher ground in southern Scotland.

Heavy rain will affect Wales, Northern Ireland, North West England and the Midlands during today. Gale force winds will accompany the rain.





## Actions

Whilst we expect claim levels to rise moderately over the next few days, we do not expect anything that could be described as a major incident. Resources will continue to be made available to ensure those claims received are attended to promptly and mitigation measures undertaken immediately.

We will issue further bulletins as and when required, depending on further weather developments. In the meantime should you have any queries or require further assistance please contact your Account Manager or indeed myself.

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