

Storm Babet

AMBER ALERT

19th October 2023

- Storm Babet, a complex area of low pressure, was named by the Met Office on Monday morning. It is the second named storm this autumn and has already brought some significant disruptive weather to the UK & Ireland over the last few days.
- Storm Babet hit Ireland on Wednesday 18th October, sweeping in from the Atlantic, bringing heavy rainfall and causing severe flooding in parts of the country, including County Cork, where hundreds of properties have been affected.
- Further severe weather warnings have been issued by the Met Office across the UK with a “danger to life / extensive flooding” rare red warning in place for East Scotland (Central, Tayside & Fife and Grampian) from 18:00 Thursday 19th October to 12:00 Friday 20th October.
- Met Office forecaster Greg Dewhurst said: “We’re going to see prolonged heavy rain, where we could see 200-250mm of rain falling within a day, which is well over a month’s worth of rainfall for eastern parts of Scotland”.
- As well as heavy rain, strong damaging winds are also expected to impact property, travel and power supplies.

McLarens Response

- We are monitoring the situation closely and have already received storm related losses from Storm Babet. We anticipate a steady increase in loss intake across the next few days and the coming weeks.
- We have activated our Surge plan, with both on-site and video surveys already underway, as we utilise the flexibility of our response to meet the needs of the policyholders.
- Given the widespread nature of Storm Babet, as well as ensuring anticipated coverage required in Scotland, we also anticipate claims throughout the UK, and we are very well placed to respond.

Outlook:

- Our Surge plan remains at Amber but we are expecting capacity to remain sufficient to continue to respond within SLAs.
- We will continue to monitor any specific hotspots over the coming 24-48 hours and respond accordingly.



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