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## Flood event summary

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Event Name	UK and Ireland, December 2019
Date Published	2019-12-18T00:00:00+0100
Headline	Heavy rain and strong winds hit parts of southern England from 18 to 19 December, 2019, causing flash flooding which damaged around 50 homes and disrupted transport. Severe weather also affected Ireland..
Description	Heavy rain and strong winds hit parts of southern England from 18 to 19 December, 2019, causing flash flooding which damaged around 50 homes and disrupted transport. Severe weather also affected Ireland, where storm surge and high waves caused flooding in Galway. Further heavy rain overnight 19 to 20 December flooded roads and railway lines in parts of South East England. The most significant road flooding was along the M23 motorway at Crawley, disrupting traffic to Gatwick Airport. Flooded roads also meant vehicles became trapped. Media reported drivers were rescued in parts of Suffolk, Bishop's Stortford in Essex, and also in Tonbridge in Kent and Pulborough in West Sussex.
GDACS severity score	2.0
GDACS severity legend	< 100 dead and/or < 80,000 displaced
GDACS severity classification	Green
Source	<a href="http://www.floodlist.com">http://www.floodlist.com</a>