

Working as a Senior Flood Risk Officer

Whilst there isn't such a thing as a typical week as a Senior Flood Risk Officer, in general terms you will be involved in a broad range of activities and provided you deliver work to the required quality and timeliness standards, when and how you work is largely up to you. Here are examples of how a week might look in your role.

Day 1

Meet virtually with the team at our weekly catch-up and plan your site visits for the coming days and weeks. Consider where you are visiting and how this may relate to other work the team is undertaking. Is there flooding in the same place as a live planning application? Is there any important information in relation to flooding that you need to consider before you visit the landowners? What is the history of flooding in this area? Plan your whereabouts and prepare for the meetings.



Day 2

Site visits. Travel to the sites to meet with landowners or homeowners and put your evidence into context. Are there simple steps that can be taken to resolve the flooding issue, or will it warrant further investigation and involvement with other organisation/teams? Explain any issues to whoever you are meeting and take the opportunity to explore the local area for other factors that may be influencing the flooding. Make a note of key findings and what further actions need to be taken.



Days 3-4

Work in the office with colleagues or at home. Take any necessary steps to resolve the flooding issues identified during your site visits. This could include researching landowners, contacting other teams to arrange meetings, initiating formal action through writing, with recourse to the enforcement policy, and issuing letters to landowners or writing up formal flood investigation reports. Consult with your other teammates, if you have any ideas, thoughts, or questions, about flood alleviation proposals or initiatives.



Day 5

In a change to the work you have undertaken for the rest of the week, you start to plan the next community flood resilience event. This could include identifying key communities and venues, organising attendance of speakers/specialists, preparing and issuing promotional material and liaising with the local community flood group to ensure they are able to support the event.

