

Information Released under FOI

Subject: Storm naming info

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Summary of request:

- 1. Who, or which committee decides on names for storms to hit the UK?*
- 2. How does she/he or it choose the names?*

Information released:

In summer 2019 Met Office and Met Éireann received thousands of suggestions from the public after asking people to send in ideas for future storm names. Working with Met Éireann and KNMI, the list for 2019-20 has been compiled from these suggestions, choosing some of the more popular names along with names that reflect the three nations diversity.

Within the Met Office the names are decided by a Storm Naming Working Group.

For further information please see the Met Office website page:

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/press-office/news/weather-and-climate/2019/storm-names-for-2019-20-announced> and

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-storm-centre/index>.