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## Hull Trains is back and stronger than ever

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Timetables at Hull Trains will be back to pre-pandemic levels from December as public confidence in rail travel continues to grow.

The numbers of passengers returning to rail travel has been steadily increasing in recent months, leading to renewed confidence from the operator.

In fact, optimism is so high that Hull Trains will be running 94 services from December 12<sup>th</sup>: the highest service level ever offered by the operator, beating its previous record of 92.

"This represents a significant milestone for Hull Trains as we grow back to recovery and beyond," said Managing Director David Gibson.

From December 12<sup>th</sup>, an additional service will be introduced on Sundays to match the six services already offered on Saturdays. A seventh service will become part of the regular weekday timetable and ten-car operations will commence on Fridays and Saturdays to provide additional capacity just in time for Christmas travel and the general growing demand as we prepare to enter 2022.

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The news will be welcomed by everyone associated with Hull Trains following one of the most challenging periods in its 21-year history. Services were suspended on three occasions during the pandemic with no financial support from government as an open-access operator.

David Gibson said: "We are welcoming back loyal passengers, as well as enticing new passengers to rail. Our trains are some of the most modern and environmentally friendly on the rail network and we are determined to provide safe, reliable and comfortable journeys.

"Delivering the highest levels of service ever offered by Hull Trains will allow us to break back to profitability and drive the business forward strongly and with confidence."

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