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Today on World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) is extending its suicide prevention training to key partners to increase the number of frequent travellers able to identify vulnerable people on its network.

Supporting the WSPD message of 'creating hope through action', the rail operator is offering industry partners – including the Rail Pastor network, community rail partners and Members of Parliament – the chance to undertake its online training course.

The training has given GTR staff the confidence to approach potentially vulnerable people using the railway, which in turn has seen the company double the number of interventions made from 233 in 2018, to 508 in 2020.

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A Tyne and Wear Metro boss says he is "confident" that long-standing problems with train driver shortages are now a thing of the past according to the Chronicle Live.

While Metro officials have recently been forced to regularly cancel services due to the impact of drivers having to self-isolate, the network has faced issues for years with its staff being lured away by rival operators offering higher salaries.

Martin Kearney, chief operating officer, told councillors that the Metro is currently fully staffed in terms of drivers, with 174 employed.

A £780,000 makeover of Cairngorm Mountain ski centre's highest building has started, weeks after its

owner announced a major delay in repairs to the funicular railway that will carry visitors to it.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) said the project would meet the needs of an anticipated increase in visitor numbers following the railway's re-opening, which is now planned for the second half of next year.

Work to restore Barmouth Viaduct restarts this weekend, after one of the busiest summer seasons in living memory.

The vital £30 million restoration project has been carefully planned to avoid the busy summer months.

In its biggest ever upgrade, Network Rail is replacing more than 1,000 timber and metal elements of the viaduct.

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