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Plans for compulsory face coverings on public transport risk being thrown into disarray after operators raised doubts over enforcement.

An article in The Times says Labour has written to the Department for Transport seeking clarity over the reforms, with the changes due to come in on Monday.

According to the article guidelines to operators were still being drafted yesterday and transport bosses said it was unclear if passengers could be prevented from boarding.

Several newspapers in Scotland cover the High Speed Rail Group report, which says 3-hour train journeys from London and Edinburgh would be possible under a plan for better links between HS2 and Scotland.

An article in The Herald says the fastest train services currently take around 4 hours and 30 minutes for

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London to Glasgow and 4 hours 20 for London to Edinburgh.

The report doesn't provide an estimated cost, but insisted there is a 'sound economic case' for encouraging people to switch from air travel to rail.

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Funding bids for two new railways stations at White Rose and Thorpe Park in Yorkshire have been submitted to the Government.

That's according to an article in the Yorkshire Evening Post which says bids have been made to the Department for Transport's New Stations Fund.

A Department for Transport spokesperson said the bids had been received and would be assessed with all the other nominated stations.

Finally and young offenders caught committing crimes on the Tyne and Wear Metro have a new method have a new method of paying their debt to society during lockdown.

Nexus, the public body which owns and manages Metro, has devised a special workbook so that restorative justice can carry on during the coronavirus pandemic.

The new workbook allows young offenders the chance to work through a range of exercises.

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