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Emergency instructions have been issued over running trains after a fatal crash near Stonehaven, a report revealed.

The article in The Scotsman says the Network Rail review also said there were 584 sites on the rail network across Britain which shared some of the same characteristics as at Carmont.

No significant issues “requiring emergency intervention” were found, although defects that have “deteriorated and require action sooner than originally planned” were identified at some six sites.

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The Tyne and Wear Metro is to embark on its biggest ever driver training school after recruitment was halted earlier this year due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Nexus, the managers of Metro, is taking on 30 new drivers during September and October, the largest single school since Metro began operations in 1980.

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Three children were taken to hospital with serious injuries after the roof of their bus was ripped off when it slammed into a rail bridge.

The story is in several of the national newspapers including The Daily Mirror about secondary school pupils on the double-decker were hit by flying glass as it hit the arch and a 4ft deep section of roof was torn off.

The accident happened in the Headbourne Worthy area of Winchester.

Finally, and Avanti West Coast has operated its Pendolino fleet without power under damaged overhead wires for the first time in order to run its planned timetable.

This method of operation utilised a technique known as coasting, following the discovery of a defect with the Overhead Line Equipment near North Wembley - saving thousands of delay minutes and minimising disruption on the West Coast Main Line.

The inter-city operator worked with Network Rail to arrange for its electric Pendolino trains to coast underneath the damaged section to keep them moving without using power from the overhead wires, until repairs were carried out.

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