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Hull Trains has introduced new technology which publishes the level of passengers onboard in real time, to help make social-distanced travelling easier as services return today.

The open access rail operator has introduced a limited timetable from today after a third period of hibernation ends as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This innovation allows passengers to check how busy the train is on the Hull Trains website or app, thanks to official data supplied by onboard managers.

The Safety and Assurance Manager for Heathrow Express says the Global Travel Taskforce framework announcement on Friday provides them with a clear commitment to a restart of international travel.

The comments from Louise Lucas comes as the framework to chart the safe return of international travel has been set out by Transport Secretary Grant Shapps.

A traffic light system, which will categorise countries based on risk alongside the restrictions required for travel, will be set up to protect the public and the vaccine rollout from international COVID-19 variants.

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It could spell the transformation of the one aspect of rail travel many passengers seek to avoid: train toilets.

An article in Scotland on Sunday says ScotRail is seeking views about whether firms should be approached to provide products, which could include toiletry brands like soaps, in on-board loos.

Companies could also be invited to advertise on the outside of carriages.

The plans are revealed in new customer research being undertaken by Scotland's main train operator for its future fleets.

Finally, and Network Rail staff were called to Queen Adelaide village last week after reports of sheep making a wrong turn at the level crossing and taking a short-cut down the rail line.

Network Rail's mobile operations manager Scott Turner and section manager Shaun Sands managed to herd the five sheep from the track before they came to any harm and caused any further delays.

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