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A company planning to compete with Eurostar for cross-Channel rail services says it has signed a deal for up to 16 trains and aims to start operations in 2025.

An article on Sky News says Evolyn said it had agreed to purchase 12 trains initially from French firm Alstom as part of its £1 billion investment to date.

The company would be in direct competition with Eurostar, should its plans not hit the buffers, which has had a monopoly for 30 years but faced Brexit and COVID-related challenges to its growth.

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Shares in Scottish transport giant FirstGroup have risen four per cent after the company said its rail and bus operations performed better than expected in the first half despite the challenges posed by the surge in inflation.

An article in The Herald says the Aberdeen-based group said its First Bus operation recorded strong passenger volumes in the 27 weeks to September 30 and benefited from actions that management had taken to increase productivity.

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South Western Railway's (SWR) December 2023 timetable will increase the number of direct, weekday services to and from London Waterloo on the West of England Line.

Direct services on the line that connects London Waterloo with Salisbury, Yeovil Junction and Exeter St Davids were reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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A heart-warming video which shows commuters in Glasgow rescuing a dog from train tracks has gone viral on social media.

An article on STV says it is believed to have been captured on October 9, at Glasgow Queen Street Low Level, the footage shows a crowd of people desperately trying to pull the dog out from under a stationary train.

Efforts to bring the animal onto the platform continue for half a minute, before a group of three people finally manage to pull it to safety.

Social media reports claim the dog had slipped off its lead and fallen off the platform.

*Photo credit: South Western Railway*