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A ticket collector has died with COVID-19 after a man claiming to have the virus spat on her.

Sky news say Belly Mujinga's family want justice as they describe how she died just 14 days after the incident at London's Victoria Station.

An investigation is underway.

Train seats could be removed from carriages to stop passengers sitting next to each other, new

Department for Transport guidelines reveal.

That's according to an article in The Daily Telegraph with operators being encouraged to 'rearrange, limit or remove' seating on transport to try to ensure social distancing is observed.

Among the other suggestions include a one-way system through train cabins and stations, with passengers being urged to use contactless payments and wear face coverings.

The paper reports that 42 Transport for London employees have died with COVID-19 with 10 Network Rail workers also falling victim to the virus.

The MD of Northern has revealed that from next Monday there will be no pacer trains in passenger service.

Nick Donovan was speaking at the Transport for the North's Rail North Committee. He said that one pacer is running as a staff train and a small number will be kept as a contingency fleet until the end of the year.

The operator is looking to increase service levels from 45% to 63% from Monday.

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A miniature version of GB Railfreight's locomotive it named after Colonel Tom Moore has raised £140,000.

GB Railfreight teamed up with Hornby Hobbies to make a smaller version of its 129-tonne Class 66 freight locomotive.

Having initially planned to make only 500, demand led to this being increased to 2,500, all of which were sold in 48 hours. Another 1,000 more have been added to the stocks with a percentage of the sales given to NHS charities.

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