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The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has published an update on its review into the future regulation of the rail network in Great Britain.

The publication highlights the progress made with the 2023 periodic review (PR23) which will determine Network Rail's outputs and funding for Control Period 7.

The PR23 review will determine what Network Rail is expected to deliver when running the network and the level of funding that it will be provided with for the day-to-day running of the railway over the five-year period from 1 April 2024.

Read the full article [here](#).

Avanti West Coast received more than £6.5 million of taxpayer's money as a performance bonus, according to figures from the department of transport.

The Cumberland News reports the under-fire train operator received the bonus despite widespread frustration over services, with many across Cumbria often delayed and cancelled at short notice.

Labour MPs have criticised the payment, while a Department for Transport (DfT) spokesperson said the performance fee was based on data from before the current period of disruption.

Northern Ireland's transport body Translink has alerted contractors to the opportunity to join its £250M Permanent Way Contractor framework for the delivery of its programme of capital and maintenance works.

An article from the New Civil Engineer said the framework, which was previously valued at £150m, will entail the delivery of works packages across a wide spectrum of scopes, ranging from standalone single site renewals to £20M+ permanent way-led projects.

The framework will last for an initial five years with extension options up to a further three years, with a maximum of three suppliers expected to be appointed to the contract.

Finally, a travel scheme helping Ukrainian evacuees reach safety in the UK has been extended another six months the Transport Secretary has announced.

The free onward travel scheme will continue to grant all Ukrainian evacuees arriving in the UK one free journey either by rail, coach, tube or bus to reach their final destination.

So far, more than 2,900 Ukrainian evacuees have used the scheme, which has made it easier for those fleeing war to reach safety and sanctuary in the UK.

Read the full story [here](#).

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