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Train operating companies have issued warnings to fare evaders across its network that from today (Monday, 23 January) the government's new £100 penalty fare comes into effect.

Northern says anyone caught travelling on-board one of the train operator's 2,500 services a day without a valid ticket or 'promise to pay' notice will be issued with the penalty fare, which is reduced to £50 if paid within 21 days.

Since 2005, the penalty fare has been just £20 – but it was felt by the industry that that figure was too low and was no longer an effective deterrent to would-be fare evaders.

National Express has been awarded €1 billion (£878m) to operate two regional train lines in the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

The article on City A.M. says the transport group's German rail business has won €1 billion contract to run the RE1 and RE11 Rhein-Ruhr-Express (RRX) lines until 2033.

The Rhein-Ruhr-Express is a regional rail network in north west Germany, in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia on the border with Belgium and the Netherlands.

Plans for a new railway station will go on show on Monday.

An article on the BBC website says, Warwickshire County Council hopes to see one built close to the A428 Crick Road, near Rugby, on the Birmingham New Street to London Euston line.

If it gets planning approval, the station would have two platforms and parking for 325 vehicles.

It was the end of an era for the Tyne and Wear Metro last week as the old depot at Gosforth closed its doors for the final time.

Stadler have transferred their maintenance teams across to the brand new £70 million depot which has been built on the same site.

The 100 year-old facility, home to the Metro's rolling stock for 43 years, will be demolished.

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