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Almost one out of every 12 trains across Britain was cancelled in the four weeks prior to 7 January, excluding strike days.

An article on the BBC website says there were twice as many cancellations compared with the previous four weeks, Office of Rail and Road figures show.

And the four weeks to 7 January saw the least reliable rail services since the ORR began recording the data, in 2014.

Rail companies said extenuating factors such as the pandemic and strikes had contributed to these poor figures.

Rail Freight Group has launched a new Cross-Member Mentoring Scheme that aims to help develop rail freight skills across the sector, and support individuals with their own personal development.

The new programme, which will run through 2023, is open to anyone working in an RFG member company.

Mentees will be matched with mentors from different organisations who can support them in their development and increase their knowledge and understanding of the different areas of rail freight.

Network Rail has put Neil Holm in charge of its £12 billion Transpennine Route Upgrade programme.

An article on the Construction Index says Neil, programme director of Transpennine Route Upgrade since January 2021, has now been made managing director.

The £12 billion Transpennine Route Upgrade includes the electrification of the 70-mile route between Manchester and York, a fully digital signalling system and doubling tracks and station upgrades to accommodate longer trains.

A global logistics provider is investing £12 million in two new Rail Mounted Gantry (RMG) cranes at London Gateway to meet fast growing demand for rail connections from customers at the smart logistics hub.

DP World, which operates ports, terminals and logistics businesses on six continents, runs the UK's most advanced logistics hubs at London Gateway and Southampton: two deep water ports with access to freight rail terminals.

The £12 million investment in the cranes, will lift rail capacity at London Gateway by 50 per cent. DP World has also started construction at London Gateway's new £350m fourth berth, which will lift capacity by a third when it opens in 2024.

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