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The Chief Executive of Crossrail says they are on target to open the central section in the first half of next year, with full completion by May 2023.

Mark Wild, who gave the update via a video on his LinkedIn page, said the trial running phase is going well and they are on the final lap of the opening of the Elizabeth line.

He added that the phase of trial running is going well with up to 12 trains an hour running, with trial operations due to start by the end of the year.

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The next phase of Newcastle Central Station's multimillion pound transformation project is expected to begin in September following the appointment of North East construction company, Tolent, to lead the works.

Funded by the North East Local Enterprise Partnership's Local Growth Fund, the second phase of the Central Gateway project will see the creation of two new pedestrian/cycle entrances at Neville Street and Central Parkway, the creation of a new concourse within the station, and the pedestrianisation of Orchard Street.

£4 million from the Local Growth Fund has been awarded to Newcastle City Council to deliver the works at Newcastle Central Station, which is managed by LNER.

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The Isle of Wight's latest new train has arrived – by Wightlink ferry to Fishbourne.

The article in the Isle of Wight County Press says while questions remain about when the fleet will be able to carry passengers, the new carriage was transported to the Island on the back of a lorry on Tuesday.

More testing, certification and training is needed, operator South Western Railway said in a Tweet.

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Tom Cruise has been spotted filming scenes for Mission: Impossible 7 at Birmingham's New Street Station.

The article on Sky News says the station has been transformed to look like an airport for camera crews, with the Hollywood actor seen in a dark suit and sunglasses.

In April, pictures emerged of a train track set up at a quarry in Derbyshire – said to be attached to the film – with a track running towards a precipice at an open pit in the Peak District.

*Photo credit: British Transport Police*