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Passengers can travel in confidence after university academics found no traces of the COVID-19 virus during two rounds of testing at four of the country's largest railway stations.

Places passengers touch regularly like escalator handrails, ticket machines, and benches were swabbed, and hour-long air samples taken on station concourses at London Euston, Birmingham New Street, Liverpool Lime Street and Manchester Piccadilly stations in January and June.

Between the testing dates passenger numbers across all four stations rose by 287 per cent.

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WH Malcolm Limited, operators of Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal near Rugby, has been fined £6.5 million after being found guilty of negligence over the death of an 11-year-old boy.

The company was sentenced at Northampton Crown Court following a prosecution brought by the rail regulator, the Office of Rail and Road.

An article on BBC says Harrison Ballantyne died in June 2017, after entering the terminal to retrieve a football.

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CrossCountry will celebrate the completion of two major projects to improve its services for passengers in the East Midlands, and the creation of 14 new jobs in Leicester when the City Mayor, Sir Peter Soulsby, names a CrossCountry Turbostar train 'Pride of Leicester'.

The event, which will take place tomorrow at UK Rail Leasing's Leicester Train Maintenance Depot, marks £2.5 million investment by the company.

Six additional carriages no longer used by another operator, have been refurbished to bring them up to CrossCountry's specification by Arriva TrainCare.

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Glasgow southsiders have voted for a new railway footbridge to replace a crossing which connects Darnley Road and Moray Place in Strathbungo.

The article on Glasgow Live says Network Rail asked members of the community to help select a new footbridge design to replace the historic bridge because it will not be suitable when the line is electrified.

In the vote, 85 per cent of respondents opted for bridge A – a bespoke curved design that was inspired by the current bridge, with a high metal rail on top and a toughened glass parapet to achieve a solid but open look.

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