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Train drivers may intensify their campaign of industrial action as they seek a breakthrough in the ongoing dispute over pay, their union leader has said.

An article on the BBC website says drivers at 15 train companies are walking out today, leaving some operators unable to run any trains.

Mick Whelan told the BBC his union now had a stronger mandate than before.

Frustrated members had told him Aslef was currently “not going hard and fast enough”, he said.

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ScotRail has added additional services to its timetable following two days of new-year strike action.

An article on the Evening Standard says the operator confirmed 23 services across the network would operate on Thursday after initially advising the same limited service as strike days would run.

Network Rail workers who are members of the RMT union took two days of strike action on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, with a further two days of action on Friday and Saturday.

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Metro services are to resume at Sunderland Station after trains were previously suspended following flooding damage.

An article on the Chronicle Live says National Rail had confirmed on Sunday (January 1) that trains were unable to call at Sunderland Station until further notice due to flooding causing damage to the railway.

Nexus, the operators of the Tyne and Wear Metro, has now confirmed Network Rail have advised Metro trains will be able to stop at Platform 4 at Sunderland station from 8am on Thursday.

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Work on the Transpennine Route Upgrade gathered pace over the Christmas and New Year period.

An article on the New Civil Engineer says Network Rail engineers carried out a number of works on the £11.5 billion scheme to upgrade the line between Manchester, Huddersfield, Leeds and York.

While the route was closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, major work to ready the 112km-route for full electrification powered ahead in Manchester (near Manchester Victoria and Collyhurst) and near Neville Hill depot in Leeds.

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