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HS2 has reached an agreement with Bruntwood to purchase Square One on Travis Street in readiness for construction of Manchester's brand new high speed railway station.

The sale marks HS2's second major property acquisition in the city centre in just over 12 months, following its purchase of the Store Street site in April 2021.

Both sites have been purchased by HS2, on behalf of the Department for Transport, and are pivotal to the creation of the new high speed station that will be built adjacent to the existing Piccadilly Station.

Manchester's new station is forecast to open between 2035 and 2040 and includes six platforms at surface level, allowing passengers to access both HS2 and future NPR services. The plans also include provision for a new four platform Metrolink station beneath the HS2 station.

Engineers were working over the weekend to remove a train which derailed in Coatbridge on Friday night and repair track damage, while some drivers are refusing to work overtime after rejecting a pay offer.

That's according to an article in The Scotsman that says the twin disruption forced the cancellation or amendment of more than 230 trains on Sunday - one in five services - including on many lines from Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The paper says around 120 of these were caused by the derailment and 110 by a shortage of drivers.

One of Europe's largest new logistics development sites, West Midlands Interchange (WMI), the 734 acre Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) at M6 Junction 12, has appointed Winvic Construction Ltd as its design stage delivery partner.

The £1 billion project will see state of the art units supported by its own dedicated rail hub enabling multi-modal movement of goods around the UK.

The Pre-Construction Services Agreement (PCSA) role is the first of four phases of the development programme, followed by early enabling works, infrastructure works and vertical unit delivery.

Mental Health Awareness Week will see the Brighter Journeys campaign grace the concourses of Britain's railway stations as a way of making them brighter, happier community hubs.

The joint campaign between the rail industry and mental health charity, Chasing the Stigma, aims to support passengers' wellbeing as people return to the railway since the lifting of COVID restrictions.

To mark Mental Health Awareness Week, Rail Business Daily is this week featuring several features and highlighting support organisations, starting today with our Inside Track editor Richard Clinnick sharing his personal story and highlighting the importance that it is okay not to be okay.