

Morton addresses staff moves to new GBR HQ

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Rail Minister Wendy Morton has addressed a question about which roles will be moving from the Department for Transport to the new **Great British Railways (GBR)** HQ.

Labour member for York Central, Rachael Maskell, asked a written question as to whether the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps, “plans to move a proportion of his Department’s staff to that location”.

GBR will have a different remit from Network Rail, with the new public body taking responsibility for not just infrastructure but most fares and timetables.

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Currently the change to this new way of operating is being shepherded by the **GBR** Transition Team, and a number of regions are competing to be the location that will house the headquarters, including York.

Morton, in reply, said it was currently too early to tell who or what roles would be moved, saying: “The headquarters will be modest with the exact size yet to be determined.

“The **GBR** headquarters will provide strategic direction for the rail industry and the regionalised structure, ensuring decision making is brought to the regional and local level.

“At this stage it is far too early to say which roles will be based at the **GBR** HQ, this is all part of the ongoing planning work for the setup of **GBR**.”

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