

# Nexus appoints a new Head of Infrastructure Delivery

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Nexus has appointed a new Head of Infrastructure Delivery to lead maintenance work on the Tyne and Wear Metro.

Emma Gardener, a long serving member of staff, took on the newly created role this month.

She will oversee a wide range of essential daily works that are needed to keep the Metro system running.

Emma said: “This is an expanded role and I’m looking forward to getting started. I have experience of all of the departments that I will be managing so that will be a big help as I take on this new job.

“The effective maintenance of the Metro system is vital work that we carry out around the clock, in all weathers. It’s a lot of work that the public don’t really get to see. Despite the challenges we face from COVID-19 we will keep going to ensure we provide Metro with a safe and reliable infrastructure.

“We have created safe systems of work for our own employees to work in a COVID-secure way and I will ensure that that continues. Health and Safety excellence is the heart of everything we do.”

Metro Infrastructure Director, Stuart Clarke, said: "It's great to welcome Emma to this new role.

"She brings a huge amount of experience with her, particularly in regard to railway and construction safety, engineering and site delivery. Her experience will be invaluable to us.

"Engineering is a traditionally male dominated industry, so it's fantastic to see Emma secure such a key role. She is a great role model for other women who are starting out in the industry and is proof that there is no glass ceiling there if you work hard enough."

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