

Nominee for National Rail Award helped person who had attempted to take their own life

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A man from Liverpool has been nominated for a national rail industry award for his life saving response to a customer who had attempted to take their own life at Southport station.

Vinnie O'Brien (55) works as a train presentation operative for Northern at the station and intervened to save the life of the customer – administering first aid until paramedics arrived.

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- **Northern uses LIDAR to increase efficiency and safety**
- **Northern has over 250 apprentice train drivers and conductors on payroll**

And now, he has been shortlisted in the Outstanding Personal Contribution category of the prestigious National Rail Awards – a scheme which recognises outstanding achievements across Great Britain and rewards individuals and initiatives which demonstrate innovation, measurable improvements and exceptional leadership.

Jack Commandeur, engineering director at Northern, said: "Vinnie is a credit to Northern and a life-saver in every sense of the word. His ability to remain calm under pressure and deal with the situation until paramedics arrived undoubtedly saved this customer's life."

O'Brien will find out if he is the winner in his category at the awards ceremony in London on Thursday, 15 September.

Northern is the second largest train operator in the country, with nearly 2,000 services a day to more than 500 stations across the North of England.