

Porterbrook appoints experienced operator as new Head of Fleet Services

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Porterbrook is delighted to welcome Duncan Wilkins as its new Head of Fleet Services (South). Duncan will join the business from c2c where he is currently Engineering Director.

Duncan brings almost 30 years of front-line operational and rolling stock experience to Porterbrook, having started his career as a British Rail apprentice at Reading. Most recently he was Engineering Director at South Western Trains, before moving to Trenitalia c2c as Engineering Director.

As Head of Fleet Services (South), Duncan's role will see him take on responsibility for Porterbrook rolling stock operating with GTR, Great Western Railway, c2c, Chiltern, Greater Anglia and South Western Railway, as well as freight customers and Network Rail. He will lead a team of highly skilled Fleet Asset Managers, Fleet Support Engineers and Technical Support Engineers who are mainly out-stationed at our customers' depots. Duncan will report to Porterbrook's Fleet Services Director, Neil Foster.

As well as being the engineering support lead for Porterbrook customers, Duncan will also work with the

internal commercial team to enhance the portfolio of products and services designed to support passenger and freight train operators on a day-to-day basis.

Jason Groombridge, Porterbrook's Director of Engineering Services, said, "I am delighted that Duncan has decided to join the business. He brings a wealth of front-line operating experience and expertise; skills that will help Porterbrook continue our absolute focus on partnerships designed to deliver a more reliable and sustainable railway."

Duncan Wilkins, Porterbrook's designate Head of Fleet Services (South), said: "I am looking forward to joining Porterbrook and becoming an integral part of the team. For the last 12 years I have been leading front-line teams in train operating businesses, this gives me a unique understanding of the pressures these businesses face and how a company like Porterbrook is uniquely placed to support them through innovative asset management and collaboration."

Duncan will join Porterbrook in early summer 2020.