December 2014

Fatalities

There were no passenger or workforce accidental fatalities during December. There was 1 public accidental fatality:

On 13 December 2014, a pedestrian was struck by a passenger train while sitting on Hipperholme footpath crossing (London North East) in the very early hours of the morning. The person was reported to have been listening to a mobile device with a friend and not expecting trains.

There were 25 suspected suicides during December 2014. The average monthly figure over the past 12 months has been 24.5. Suicide figures are subject to change as more information (such as coroners' verdicts) is made available.

Reportable train accidents: collisions, derailments and trains striking road vehicles

On 2 December 2014, a freight train derailed at West Sleekburn Junction (London North East). There were no reported injuries.

On 12 December 2014, a passenger train had a low-speed collision with another passenger train at Glasgow Central (Scotland). There were no reported injuries.

On 13 December 2014, a freight train derailed at Hindlow (London North West). There were no reported injuries.

On 21 December 2014, an empty coaching stock passed a signal at danger and subsequently derailed at Perth (Scotland). There were no reported injuries.

Precursors

During December 2014, there were 24 signals passed at danger (SPADs). This is 4 fewer than in December 2013. The average monthly figure over the past 12 months has been 24.3.

Of the 24 SPADs in December 2014, 3 were risk-ranked potentially significant (16-19), and 2 were risk-ranked as potentially severe (20+).

In addition to the 24 SPADs, there were 96 other incidents where signals were passed at red (SPARs) in December 2014; there were 97 such incidents the previous December. Of these 96 SPARs, 83 were due to signalling system reversion or replacement (system or human), and 13 were due to replacement of the signal in an operational incident. There were no train runaway incidents.

There were also 12 broken rails during December 2014.

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*Public accidental fatalities include trespass and non-trespass, but exclude fatalities at level crossings (which are shown separately).*

**Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) reportable cases only. Includes derailments at level crossings after striking road vehicles. Does not include buffer stop and ‘open door’ collisions. Passenger low-speed collisions predominately occur at stations.**

**Statutorily reportable collisions (excluding roll back and open door collisions), derailments, buffer stop collisions and trains striking road vehicles. PHRTAs are normalised per million train miles.**

**The dark blue bars refer to trains striking barriers where a previous incident had caused the barriers to encroach onto the running line, such as a road vehicle striking the barriers.**

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**SPADs on or affecting Network Rail managed infrastructure.**