Remit and Terms of Reference

Platform Train Interface Working Group (PTI-WG)

Sub group reporting to the People of Trains and Stations Group (PTSRG)

1. ESTABLISHMENT

1.1. The Platform Train Interface Working Group (PTI-WG) is a cross-industry group which collaborates to inform operational staff across the railway of safety risks on behalf of the industry as a whole. PTI-WG is a specialist group reporting to People of Trains and Stations Group (PTSRG) and aligned to the Platform Train Interface Strategy.

1.2. PTI-WG will also have relationships with:

- Vehicle and Structures System Interface Committee (VS-SIC)
- RDG Stations Forum

1.3. Platform Train Interface risk represents approx. 11% of the total accidental risk profile. The mainline railway currently carries over 1.7 billion passengers each year. In each journey passengers cross the platform train interface (PTI) at least twice – once while boarding and once while alighting. These 3 billion PTI interactions every year are distributed over 2,500 stations, and about 6,000 platforms, across the mainline railway network. While the number of injuries per PTI interaction is very low, 21% of the overall passenger fatality and weighted injury (FWI) risk and 50% of the passenger fatality risk occurs at the PTI.

2. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. The purpose PTI-WG is to support RSSB and the wider industry to manage the risks at the Platform Train Interface. This is based on the work and direction of the PTSRG who will monitor trends and provide general over sight.

2.2. PTI-WG will do this by:

- Identify and share good practices for the management of the PTI
- Provide support to duty holders to enable cooperation and collaboration
- Identify and lead industry communications for specific messages concerning passenger, public and staff safety and raise general awareness of the risks at the PTI.
- Commission, sponsor and support industry research, and ensuring outputs and findings are implemented
- Monitor trends, provide over sight and identify the need for specific activity to address emerging risks (such as trap and drag) at the PTI.
- Identify any leading and lagging indicators to provide over sight of the PTI risk including but not limited to:
  - Use of PTI Assessment Tool, uptake on PTI tools and products from the RSSB website, identifying sharing of good practice, public and staff behaviour communications feedback, etc
• PTI events, FWI and overall fatality risk at the PTI, levels of compliance to step/gap requirements, etc

• Review industry progress against the PTI strategy, and provide support, direction and challenge where required

• Escalate significant items and proposals for work activities to PTSRG where required

• Oversee the delivery of ad hoc PTI related tasks as agreed by PTSRG, including related RAIB recommendations

2.3. PTI-WG’s scope includes

• Risks relating to the Platform Train Interface

• The areas that influence passenger and staff behaviour at the Platform Train Interface

• The topics and themes within the Platform Train Interface Strategy

• Activity as directed by PTSRG

3. MEETINGS

3.1. Meetings shall be held at least four times per annum including 1 technical site visit.

3.2. The Group shall make targeted recommendations within the scope of its remit by consensus of those present (consensus being defined as lack of sustained objection).

3.3. RSSB Director of System Safety, in consultation with PTSRG chair, will appoint the chair of its specialist groups.

4. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

4.1. PTI-WG will support PTSRG in undertaking an annual self-assessment of performance against PTI-WGs own remit and maturity.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Membership comprises of a cross section of members with expertise relevant to the group’s scope of interest, plus invited guests and observers, as required, to enhance the effectiveness of the group.

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