

# March 2023 Summary Health Safety & Wellbeing Performance Report

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# **Executive Summary**



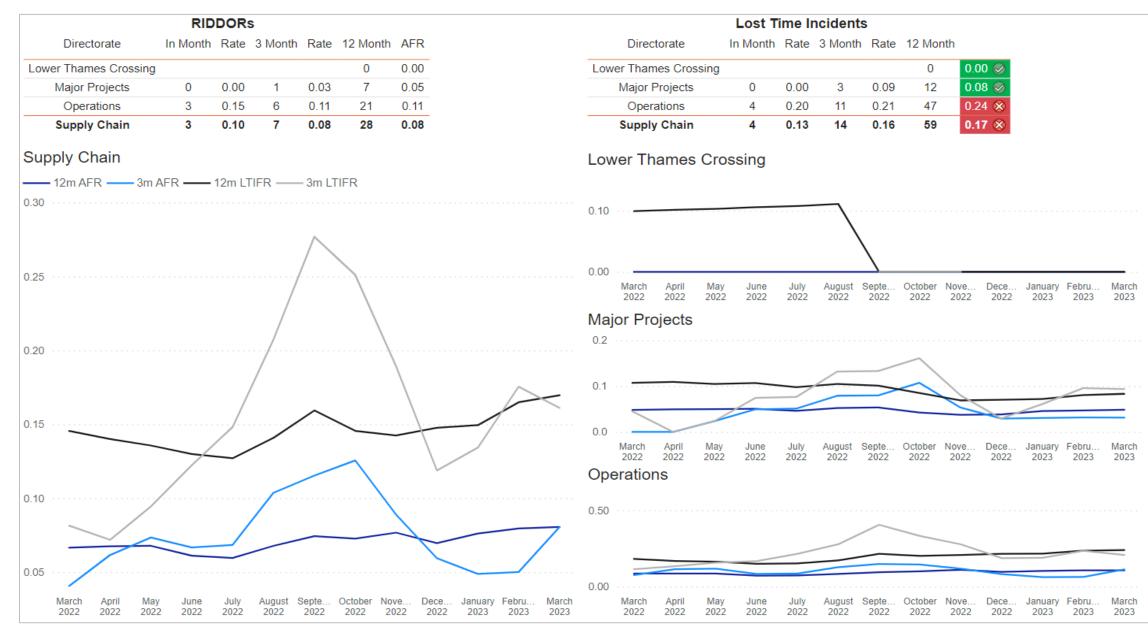
All data included within this report is up to date as of **4 April 2023**. This performance report is provided to assist the Board and Executive to fulfil their leadership and management responsibilities in respect of health and safety. All incidents within the report have been reviewed by the Health, Safety & Wellbeing Division.

#### Hours worked

NH Offices & Depo	ts		
11,180,799	1.12%	1,033,434	10.68%
12 Month Total	12 Month Change	Current Month	Current Month Change
Outstations & ROC	5		
3,727,058	1.48%	353,408	12.26%
12 Month Total	12 Month Change	Current Month	Current Month Change
Lower Thames Cro	ssing		
798,151	-0.24%	73,209	16.64%
12 Month Total	12 Month Change	Current Month	Current Month Change
Major Projects			
14,426,091	-3.35%	1,033,395	-3.93%
12 Month Total	12 Month Change	Current Month	Current Month Change
Operations			
19,534,429	0.42%	1,952,781	7.04%
12 Month Total	12 Month Change	Current Month	Current Month Change



Please note: Incidents move out of scope once the duration of 12 months has passed. For example, if an incident occurs in January, it will remain within the frequency rate until December. The following month, it will move out of scope, for rate calculations.



NOTE: The RIDDOR Disease in MP reported in February 23 (record id 138420) has subsequently been excluded from our statistics. Following the investigation, the time and date of the alleged infection could not be determined. It is therefore no longer included in the RIDDOR data.





Supplier	Total Hours	Lost Time Incidents	Lost Time Rate	RIDDORs	AFR	Service Strikes	Service Strike Rate
Costain	4,887,388	5	0.10	3	0.06	9	0.18
Kier	3,269,191	2	0.06	1	0.03	4	0.12
Balfour Beatty	2,790,723	2	0.07	2	0.07	11	0.39
Amey	2,656,502	10	0.38	4	0.15	6	0.23
Connect Plus	2,573,683	7	0.27	5	0.19	4	0.16
Ringway Ltd	1,528,058	3	0.20	1	0.07	3	0.20
Galliford Try	1,130,585	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.35
Skanska	1,110,832	2	0.18	1	0.09	4	0.36
Morgan Sindall	966,499	1	0.10	0	0.00	0	0.00
Colas	958,008	1	0.10	0	0.00	1	0.10
Chevron	792,836	3	0.38	0	0.00	1	0.13
Telent	730,503	1	0.14	0	0.00	0	0.00
HW Martin Traffic Management	654,495	1	0.15	1	0.15	0	0.00
Graham Construction	559,906	1	0.18	0	0.00	3	0.54
Tarmac	559,592	1	0.18	1	0.18	0	0.00
Atkins	521,427	1	0.19	0	0.00	0	0.00
Autolink Concessionaires (A19) Ltd	505,560	4	0.79	0	0.00	0	0.00
Carnell Support Services Ltd	395,512	1	0.25	1	0.25	0	0.00
John Sisk	392,019	1	0.26	0	0.00	3	0.77
Egis	380,675	1	0.26	1	0.26	0	0.00
Volker Fitzpatrick	312,240	1	0.32	1	0.32	1	0.32
Keltbray (formerly NMCN)	283,641	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.71
Eurovia UK	248,169	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.81
Arcadis	188,484	1	0.53	0	0.00	0	0.00
Joe Roocroft & Sons Ltd	120,878	2	1.65	2	1.65	0	0.00
AE Yates	101,427	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.99
Farrans	94,065	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	3.19
J McCann	75,714	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	3.96
Crown Highways	36,526	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	2.74
HW Martin Ltd	34,620	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	5.78
Green Valley Arborists	32,518	1	3.08	0	0.00	0	0.00
ATM (Ainsty Timber Marketing Ltd)	30,142	2	6.64	1	3.32	1	3.32
Barrier Services	16,810	1	5.95	1	5.95	0	0.00
	4,150	3	72.29	2	48.19	1	24.10
Total	28,950,391	59	0.20	28	0.10	74	0.26

Lost Time Incidents

Red 🛛 😣	Amber	Green 🗸
≥0.16	0.15-0.16	≤ 0.15

Service Strikes

Red 😣	Amber	Green 🗸
≥0.25	0.15-0.25	≤ 0.15

\*The 3 events showing unassigned to a supplier relates to: Event 139611, RIDDOR - Specified Injury. Event 140344, RIDDOR – Specified Injury Event 140423, 1-3 day Lost Time Incident These all remain under investigation.



Supply Chain - Supplier Performance Table

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Suppliers will only be shown in this table if LTIs, RIDDORs or Service Strikes, have been assigned to them

Lost Time Incidents

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≥0.16	0.15-0.16	≤ 0.15

### Service Strikes

Red	$\mathbf{x}$	Amber	Green 🗸
≥0.2	5	0.15-0.25	≤ 0.15

Programme	Total Hours	Lost Time Incidents	Lost Time Rate	RIDDORs	AFR	Service Strikes	Service Strike Rate
RIP	9,058,927	8	0.09	5	0.06	34	0.38
South West	2,023,843	3	0.15	0	0.00	7	0.35
Yorkshire & North East	1,858,833	2	0.11	2	0.11	7	0.38
Midlands	1,547,937	1	0.06	1	0.06	11	0.71
South East	1,529,593	2	0.13	2	0.13	6	0.39
North West	1,431,291	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.14
East	667,430	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.15
SMP	4,880,446	3	0.06	2	0.04	10	0.20
North West	1,486,093	1	0.07	1	0.07	3	0.20
East	1,067,536	1	0.09	1	0.09	4	0.37
National	679,034	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
South East	677,124	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.30
Midlands	433,191	1	0.23	0	0.00	0	0.00
Yorkshire & North East	378,275	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Yorkshire & North East	136,707	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
South West	22,486	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	4.45
CIP	486,718	1	0.21	0	0.00	0	0.00
East	396,661	1	0.25	0	0.00	0	0.00
South West	85,110	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Yorkshire & North East	4,947	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	14,426,091	12	0.08	7	0.05	44	0.31



Region	Total Hours	Lost Time Incidents	Lost Time Rate	RIDDORs	AFR	Service Strikes	Service Strike Rate	
South East	4,622,957	10	0.22	7	0.15	6	0.13	
DBFO - M25 (Area 5)	2,573,683	7	0.27	5	0.19	4	0.16	
Area 3	802,162	2	0.25	2	0.25	0	0.00	
AD - M&R - Four	414,467	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.48	
Area 4	372,136	1	0.27	0	0.00	0	0.00	
M20 Quick Moveable Barrier Project	269,680	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
ASC & PAD - Four	90,889	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
RTMC - M25 Regional Technology Contract	27,195							
Pavements - Four	22,156	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
Pavements - Three	21,732							•
AD - OD-CDF - Four	20,364							1
TST - TST(N) - Four	4,425							
AD - Design - Four	3,838	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
TST - TST(I) - Four	230							1
AD - Construction - Four		0		0		0		-
Total	4,622,957	10	0.22	7	0.15	6	0.13	

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Service Strikes Service Strike Rate

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<u>Targets</u>		
Lost Time Inci	idents	
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Region	Total Hours ▼	Lost Time Incidents	Lost Time Rate	RIDDORs
East	3,784,352	11	0.29	4
Area 6 & 8	1,454,147	9	0.62	3
AD - M&R - Eight	951,854	0	0.00	0
AD - Design - Eight	478,417	0	0.00	0
AD - Construction - Eight	402,899	1	0.25	0
DBFO - M40 J1-15 Denham to Warwick (area 30)	380,675	1	0.26	1
Pavements - Six & Eight	55,889	0	0.00	0
DBFO - A1(M) Alconbury to Peterborough	40,867	0	0.00	0
TST - TST(I) - Eight	15,945	0	0.00	0
ASC & PAD - Eight	3,083			
CPMS M0025 Operations East 20/21 H&S Close Out	576			
Total	3,784,352	11	0.29	4

Region	Total Hours ▼	Lost Time Incidents	Lost Time Rate	RIDDORs	AFR	Service Strikes	Service Strike Rate
North West	2,590,361	4	0.15	2	0.08	6	0.23
Area 10	1,028,840	2	0.19	1	0.10	3	0.29
AD - M&R - Ten	577,143	1	0.17	1	0.17	2	0.35
AD - M&R - Thirteen	432,736	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Area 13	315,045	1	0.32	0	0.00	0	0.00
AD - Design - Ten	124,022						
AD - Construction - Ten	64,717	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
AD - Construction - Thirteen	39,996	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	2.50
Pavements - Ten	4,472	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
TST - TST(I) - Ten	1,797						
TST - TST(N) - Ten	992						
ASC & PAD - Ten	601						
Pavements - Thirteen	0						
AD - Design - Thirteen		0		0		0	
Total	2,590,361	4	0.15	2	0.08	6	0.23
Region	Total Hours	Lost Time Incidents	Lost Time Rate	RIDDORs	AFR	Service Strikes	Service Strike Rate
Yorkshire & North East	2,524,444	7	0.28	2	0.08	5	0.20
AD - M&R - Twelve	578,648	2	0.35	1	0.17	1	0.17
Area 12	509,766	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.59
DBFO - A168 / A19 Dishforth to Tyne Tunnel	505,560	4	0.79	0	0.00	0	0.00
Area 14	443,722	1	0.23	1	0.23	1	0.23
AD - M&R - Fourteen	230,352	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
DBFO - A1 Darrington to Dishforth	86,554	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
DBFO - M1 - A1 Link Road	69,840	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
M62 J28 - J29 & M1 J42 – M621 J7 Concrete Barrier Scheme	34,465	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
DBFO - A69 Carlisle to Newcastle	32,425	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
AD - Construction - Fourteen	27,541	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
TST - TST(I) - Twelve	2,686						
TST - TST(N) - Twelve	1,732						
Pavements - Fourteen	564						
Pavements - Twelve	564	0	0.00	0		0	0.00
AD - Construction - Twelve	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	2,524,444	7	0.28	2	0.08	5	0.20

Lost Time Incidents

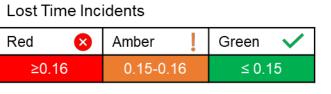
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# Service Strikes

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Region	Total Hours	Lost Time Incidents	Lost Time Rate	RIDDORs	AFR	Service Strikes	Service Strike Rate
South West	1,763,340	6	0.34	1	0.06	2	0.11
Area 1 & 2	885,581	3	0.34	1	0.11	2	0.23
AD - M&R - One	451,276	1	0.22	0	0.00	0	0.00
AD - SBIM - One	169,370	2	1.18	0	0.00	0	0.00
DBFO - A419 / A417 Swindon to Gloucester	78,029	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
DBFO - A30 / A35 Exeter to Bere Regis	54,874	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
AD - Design - One	52,932						
Pavements - One & Two	32,101	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
TST - TST(N) - One	17,387	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Severn Bridge Maintenance Unit	16,008						
AD - Construction - One	4,219						
TST - TST(I) - One	1,563	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Severn Bridge		0		0		0	
Total	1,763,340	6	0.34	1	0.06	2	0.11



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≥0.25		0.15-0.25	≤ 0.15

Region	Total Hours	Lost Time Incidents	Lost Time Rate	RIDDORs	AFR	Service Strikes	Service Strike Rate
Midlands	3,078,899	6	0.19	3	0.10	3	0.10
Area 9	955,461	1	0.10	1	0.10	0	0.00
Area 7	853,470	2	0.23	2	0.23	0	0.00
ASC & PAD - Nine	541,650	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
AD - M&R - Seven	535,556	3	0.56	0	0.00	3	0.56
DBFO - A50 / A564 Stoke to Derby	66,276	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
AD - Construction - Seven	62,048	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Pavements - Nine	43,241						
AD - Design - Seven	16,242	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Pavements - Seven	4,168						
TST - TST(N) - Seven	787						
Total	3,078,899	6	0.19	3	0.10	3	0.10

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Region	Total Hours I	_ost Time Incide	ents Lost Time Rate	RIDDORs	AFR	Service Strikes	Service Strike Rate	]		idents	
National	1,170,076	3	0.26	2	0.17	0	0.00	LUSIT			
National Roads Telecommunications Services	647,371	1	0.15	0	0.00	0	0.00	Red		Amber	Green 🗸
National Highways TFM	205,632	2	0.97	2	0.97	0	0.00	≥0.	16	0.15-0.16	≤ 0.15
National Traffic Information Service	87,195							20.	10	0.15-0.16	≤ 0.15
Estates and Property Services	78,908	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	Servic	e Strike	26	
NGVR National - Next Generation Vehicle Recovery	72,296								COUR		
Redflex Speed Cameras	33,685	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	Red		Amber	Green 🗸
National Expert Control Room Tech Support -NECoRTS	20,039								0.5	0.45.0.05	10.45
HE Noise Insulation Project	15,214	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	≥0.	25	0.15-0.25	≤ 0.15
Property Management, Enquiries, Sales & Estates	9,736										
Total	1,170,076	3	0.26	2	0.17	0	0.00				



Directorate	Damage of Infrastructure or Asset	Disruption	Minor or Low Potential Impact	Minor or Low Potential Impact (Near Miss)	Pro-active Intervention (Undesired Circumstance)	Total
Operations	1	5	21	3		30
Service strike water		1				1
Service strike Telecom		2	6			8
Service strike other cables or pipelines		1	4	1		6
Service strike gas						
Service strike electricity	1		7	2		10
Service strike Drainage			2			2
Service strike CCTV		1	2			3
Major Projects		12	30	1	1	44
Service strike water		2	4			6
Service strike Telecom		3	8			11
Service strike other cables or pipelines		2	5			7
Service strike gas			3			3
Service strike electricity		3	7	1		11
Service strike Drainage			3		1	4
Service strike CCTV		2				2
Lower Thames Crossing						
Service strike water						
Service strike gas						
Total	1	17	51	4	1	74



#### Service Strike Rates



Service strike electricity Service strike other cables or pipelines Service strike Telecom Service strike water Service strike CCTV Service strike gas Service strike Drainage

<b>Operations - RIDDOR</b>	- Specified Injury HART ref: 139611
Area 3 contract, M4	During embankment stabilisation works, a 4 tonne roller was being used to compact
J12-13, South East	crushed stone. The roller clipped the concrete cap of a chamber in the working area and
region.	then overturned, rolling down the embankment.
07/03/2023	
TBC	The roller was prevented from rolling further down the embankment by a temporary
Contractor: TBC	barrier. The driver of the roller was reported to have lost consciousness due to a head
Employer: TBC	injury suffered during the rollover, as well as suffering injuries to their face and arm.
<b>Operations - RIDDOR</b>	Over 7 Days HART ref: 139902
National Highways	A service engineer noticed a small leak under a sink and during work to repair it their hands
Facilities Management	came into contact with extremely hot water.
Regional contract,	
South West region.	The engineer went to the building reception to report this, received first aid and was
14/03/2023	subsequently taken away to hospital by ambulance. The paramedic attending stated the engineer had received partial thickness (second degree) scalding to their hands.
Person exposed to	engineer had received partial thickness (second degree) scalding to their hands.
harmful substance	
Contractor: Amey	
Facilities	
Employer: Amey	

Supply Chain – Significant Incidents

<b>Operations - RIDDOR</b>	- Specified Injury HART ref: 140344
Area 9 Contract, M5	In the early hours of Friday morning (approx. 02:31) a 3.5t Transit flatbed vehicle which
J4, Midlands region.	was escorting MOP from Frankley services to Junction 4 struck a pile of road planings in
24/03/2022	lane at Jct 4, 22/6 M5 SB.
TBC	
Contractor: TBC	The incident caused the driver to sustain a wrist injury (awaiting full confirmation from
Employer: Colas	medical practitioner) and significant damage to the vehicle itself.

RIDDOR

national **highways** 

<b>Operations - 1-3 day I</b>	₋ost Time Incident	HART ref: 140423
Area 4 Contract, M2	The operative was removing some material that had beer	n fly tipped, at the bottom of a
J2, South East region.	slope. The operative bent down to retrieve some fabric (r	rug, small piece of carpet) and
23/03/2022	slipped in the undergrowth. He landed on his back and sli	pped about a metre down the
TBC	slope causing bruising to spine and back.	
Contractor: TBC		
Employer: Keir		



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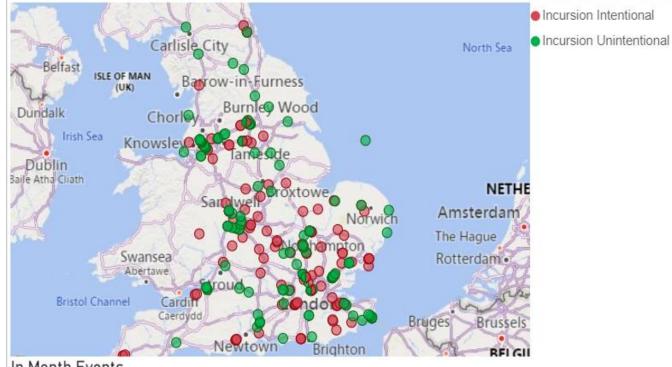
<ul> <li>IPV Strike Intentional</li> <li>IPV Strike Unintentional</li> </ul>	Directorate	Site/Project	Date of Event	Event Details/Event Sub Type	HART Ref
	Operations	DBFO - M25 (Area 5)	17 January 2023	IPV Strike Intentional	137510
Cartisla City	Operations	AD - M&R - Seven	24 January 2023	IPV Strike Unintentional	137324
Carlislo City Belfast	Major Projects	MP-0147 - M1 J13 to J16	31 January 2023	IPV Strike Unintentional	137588
ISLE OF MAN Barrow-in-Furness	Operations	Area 10	08 February 2023	IPV Strike Unintentional	137986
Burnley Wood	Operations	DBFO - M25 (Area 5)	08 February 2023	IPV Strike Intentional	138321
Chorley O	Major Projects	MP-0147 - M1 J13 to J16	17 February 2023	IPV Strike Intentional	138250
Irish Sea Knowsley Tameside	Operations	DBFO - M25 (Area 5)	17 February 2023	IPV Strike Intentional	139338
Publin	Operations	DBFO - M25 (Area 5)	20 February 2023	IPV Strike Intentional	138323
Baile Atha Cliath	Operations	DBFO - M25 (Area 5)	01 March 2023	IPV Strike Intentional	139837
Sandwell	Operations	Area 13	07 March 2023	IPV Strike Unintentional	139583
	Outstations & ROCs	Weatherhill Outstation	08 March 2023	IPV Strike Unintentional	139671
Swansea	Major Projects	MP-0147 - M1 J13 to J16	17 March 2023	IPV Strike Unintentional	140014
k Abertawe Stroud	Operations	DBFO - M25 (Area 5)	22 March 2023	IPV Strike Intentional	140471
Bristol Channel Cardiff	Operations	Area 10	28 March 2023	IPV Strike Unintentional	140507
Caerdydd Newtown Brighton Plymouth	Operations	Area 7	30 March 2023	IPV Strike Unintentional	140611
Directorate January 2023 February 2023 March 2023	otal				

Directorate	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	Total
Major Projects	1	1	1	3
IPV Strike Intentional		1		1
IPV Strike Unintentional	1		1	2
Operations	2	4	5	11
IPV Strike Intentional	1	3	2	6
IPV Strike Unintentional	1	1	3	5
Outstations & ROCs			1	1
IPV Strike Unintentional			1	1
Total	3	5	7	15

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Map displays the previous 12 months events.

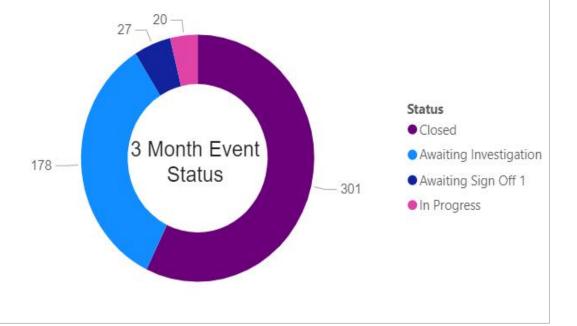
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	A/ JAI			High Potential Near Miss		1	1
02	Leicest	er		Incident		1	1
Y	• Sandwell	Peterboroug	3	Operations	1		1
	- har	Northamptor		High Potential Near Miss	1		1
	Stroud Swindon Stroud Swindon Bristol Reading	·Lo Reigate & Ban	Map displays t	Total the previous 3 months events.	1	2	3
Directorate	Site/Project	Date of Event	Event Details/Event Sub Type	Report Event/Describe the facts of what	at happened		
NH Offices & Depots	Brunel House	02 March 2023	Incident	Road Traffic Collison at location, involv	ving Tipper Lorry and overhead	Gantry Boom a	and Signals.
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				subsequently knocked further off their	ry boom, which resulted in a los support suspended safety cable		iich fell to the floo



In Month Events

Division	National Highways	Supply Chain	
Investigation/Kind of Event	Incursion / IPV Strike	Incursion / IPV Strik	
Live Carriageway Working	1		
Intentional illegal access to site		1	
Incursions; Intentional - Blue Light Incursion		3	
Incursion; Unintentional - Result of accident		4	
Incursion; Unintentional - Follow in		7	
Incursion; Unintentional - Driver confused	1	32	
Incursion; Intentional - To seek benefit	1	39	
Incursion; Intentional – Because of breakdown		6	
	2	77	
Total	5	169	

Directorate	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	Total
Major Projects	62	90	79	231
Incursion Intentional	50	68	55	173
Incursion Unintentional	12	22	24	58
NH Offices & Depots			1	1
Incursion Unintentional			1	1
Operations	75	114	90	279
Incursion Intentional	52	94	5 <mark>9</mark>	205
Incursion Unintentional	23	20	31	74
Outstations & ROCs	7	4	4	15
Incursion Intentional	5	1	3	9
Incursion Unintentional	2	3	1	6
Total	144	208	174	526



#### National Motorcycle Working Group

#### Safe People

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, we chaired a meeting of the National Motorcycle Working Group. The group collaborates on motorcycling issues and activities relating to both safety and the environment and is made up of representatives from organisations including DfT, DVSA, ROSPA, IAM, British Motorcycling Federation, Motorcycle Action Group, Fire and Rescue Service, Police, DocBike and the Motorcycle Industry Association. We discussed the evaluation of the National Highways marketing campaign targeting riders and shared plans for the 2023 motorcycle season. The group was also updated on the latest developments on the Roads Policing Review and each partner gave an update on their work which created more opportunities to collaborate.

# Road to Zero Harm

Road User Performance updates

# Road Safety Management

In March, we started a conversation (through 6 internal workshops) around the evidence base for a long-term roadmap which will support us together with our external partners and stakeholders to jointly tackle the problem of fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. The workshops were organised around the pillars of the Safe System, with a sixth added (looking at areas of common purpose and interest) to initiate collaboration within NH that will exploit the common ground between our KPIs and other priorities. We have received very useful feedback on the list of road safety countermeasures captured in the initial modelling and held productive conversations around challenges we need to navigate and opportunities to explore further. We will be following up with participants with an update in late April/early May on what we have learned from the consultation so far and to lay out our next steps.

# **National Highways Industry Awards**

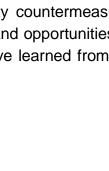
# Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention Programme

Safe Vehicles and Safe People

Two of the Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention team's projects were shortlisted at the National Highways Industry Awards:

- Operation Tramline this project involves three plain white HGV tractor units being loaned to police forces by National Highways to help improve safety for drivers on the strategic road network in England and Wales. The contract for the unmarked HGV cab national project aims to change driver behaviour and discourage non-compliance.
- CALMDriver this project involves us working with the CALM charity (campaign against living miserably) and providing packs to employers and their drivers, signposting support and raising awareness to drivers that checking their own mental health daily is just as important as checking their vehicle.

Operation Tramline was announced the winner of the "exceptional contribution to road user safety" category and CALMDriver was highly commended in the "outstanding contribution to health and wellbeing" category.





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#### • Commercial Vehicle Safety on the Strategic Road Network Conference

Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention Programme Tranche 2 and Driving for Better Business

#### Safe Vehicles and Safe People

National Highways' Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention Team with Driving for Better Business successfully hosted the first ever Commercial Vehicle Safety on the Strategic Road Network conference on Thursday 16th March. The event took place at the National Space Centre in Leicester and welcomed approximately 150 delegates from a wide range of private and public organisations. The conference theme was "driving change", challenging delegates to take personal responsibility for raising the bar of management of work-related road risk in their own organisations. The packed programme of speakers included Nick Harris and a range of subject matter experts from academia and industry covering topics such as impairment, incident investigation, driver mental health and post-collision response. Of particular note was a very moving presentation from Meera Naran highlighting the terrible personal consequences that arise when things go wrong.

The event is currently being evaluated with a view to it becoming a recurring annual occurrence. Initial feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. An example of the feedback we have received:

"Just wanted to say what a brilliant, inspiring and successful event that you and the team put on yesterday. Such a good mix of speakers, a fantastic venue and perfect hosts in National Highways and Driving for Better Business. I really enjoyed it and I am in awe of your ability to turn an acorn of an idea into a mighty Oak tree of an event. Well done to you and everyone who contributed."

#### • Operation Tramline

# Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention Programme

#### Safe Vehicles and Safe People

<u>Operation Freeway</u> road safety campaign took place week commencing 6th March and involved eight police forces patrolling the M1 utilising the <u>Operation Tramline</u> cabs. Further activity took place at an MSA in Leicestershire on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March when our Traffic Officers joined Police and Fire and Rescue to engage with the travelling public. As part of the operation launch, we did a live press interview with BBC radio. In total there were 663 vehicles stopped, resulting in 691 offences captured and 700 interventions issued. National Highways' Midlands Media Manager reported that Operation Freeway has featured in 496 articles with a potential reach of 5,261,902,000. Marie Biddulph in the East has been shortlisted for a SHE award, in the Safer Logistics category. Last week we also had the pleasure of being joined on site by a camera crew, from the Channel 5 documentary 'Motorway' who worked with us to learn more about abnormal load non compliance on a joint operation with CMPG, Datatag and DVSA.









#### • Fresnel lenses

### Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention Programme

Safe Vehicles and Safe People

National Highways Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention team have commenced the distribution of Fresnel lenses directly to European truck operators that send trucks to the UK via operational colleagues; National Highways Traffic Officers and Driver and Vehicle Licencing Agency (DVSA). The lenses fix to the passenger side window of HGV cabs and help to eliminate the blind spot that can lead to side swipe collisions. This project intends to reduce the number of side-swipe collisions occurring. The lenses will be distributed directly to drivers of left-hand drive HGVs encountered on our network either at the roadside, at Truck Stops or at DVSA's check sites.

#### Van Driver Toolkit

Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention Programme and Driving for Better Business

Safe Vehicles and Safe People

National Highways Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention team have worked with Driving for Better Business to grow and improve the products available from the widely used and highly praised <u>Van Driver Toolkit</u>. Additions now include Toolbox Talks which can be accessed through the Van Driver Toolkit website. We are now in the process of developing a <u>VDT landing page</u> which will focus on a new topic each month, the first of which will focus on fatigue and will be available in April.

# Commercial Vehicle Compliance Event

# Safe Vehicles and Safe People

In the South -East Region on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March National Highways joined with DVSA and Sussex and Surrey Police Commercial Vehicle Unit to deliver a partnership based compliance and safety event on the A23 at Handcross. The focus was on commercial vehicles, load security, and roadworthiness, and particularly looked at HGVs. In total 21 vehicles were stopped and inspected, only 7 of which were completely free of issues. The general standard of vehicles observed was good, however a number of the vehicles inspected required immediate action and four were issued with immediate PG9 prohibitions. Other high-risk behaviour included unsecured loads, over-weight vehicles and poor maintenance.

The condition of the light commercial vehicles stopped appeared to be particularly poor. One 3.5t scaffolders flat-bed van was stopped by roads policing officers the night before and found to be significantly overweight and appeared to have a broken chassis just behind the cab. It was immediately prohibited and secured and will now be scrapped or repaired and re-tested before being allowed on the road again.







• Driving for Better Business

Safe Road Users

#### Driver behaviour and improving driver coping strategies -

In the first quarter of this year, the Driving for Better Business programme is taking a look at fitness to drive. Dr Lisa Dorn, an associate professor of driving behaviour and Director of the Driving Research Group at Cranfield University, said

"... a lot of people who are not driving for work really don't understand some of the problems of actually driving a truck or a van, and some of the demands that drivers have. Often professional drivers complain about how the road users get in their way and make things a bit more difficult for them because they don't really understand things like turning circles, just being able to get around a corner and how they need to be considerate of what a big truck needs. There are a lot of stresses on professional drivers – not only just the type of vehicle that they're driving, but also the nature of the work. There are strong individual differences in how people respond to stress, and that's well known. It's essentially about how you appraise the stressful situation, and retraining the thought processes around that is essential if you're going to get people to be a bit more hardy. But from a management perspective, the best thing really is for everybody to have some form of stress management training, because it's not going to do anyone any harm. It's going to do an awful lot of good."

https://www.drivingforbetterbusiness.com/podcast/episode/commercial-drivers-driver-behaviour-and-improving-driver-coping-strategies/

#### Celebrating women in transport -

Driving for Better Business is producing a series of articles and podcasts, celebrating women in transport, fleet management, and road safety. The aim is to help increase the representation of women in the transport sector. The links below detail an article from Dr Lucy Rackliff BA (Hons), MSc, PG Cert, PhD and a podcast by Nina Day CEng, Policy Advisor, HSE Transport Sector.

https://www.drivingforbetterbusiness.com/articles/women-in-transport-dr-lucy-rackliff/ https://www.drivingforbetterbusiness.com/women-in-transport/podcast/







# Health Safety & Wellbeing team

Safety Alerts: There has been 3 Safety Alerts issued in the month of March:

- NHa323 National Highways Safety Alert for Information Failure of Lifting Eye on Pre-Cast Concrete Block.pdf
- NHa324 National Highways Safety Alert for Information Vehicle stopping in live lane.pdf
- NHa325 National Highways Safety Alert for Information Abuse from Member of Public.pdf

