

## Suicide Awareness Alert

This alert has been issued because of specific intelligence relating to suicide activity on the rail network which it is believed may prompt individuals to take their own lives.

<b>Date Issued:</b> 21 November 2016	<b>Date(s) applicable:</b> 09 December 2016
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<b>Applicable to:</b> (state route(s)/TOCs/other)	London North West/TransPennine Express
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<p><b>Nature of alert:</b></p> <p><u>On 09 December 2015 a 15 year old girl took her life near Gatley station.</u></p> <p>The incident took place at around 16:20 and led to the suspension of services to Manchester Airport.</p> <p>The event saw a high level of press and social media attention due to the age of the girl.</p> <p>Anniversary dates of 'sensational' events such as this one have the potential to attract vulnerable people to the same location to take their lives. They may also prompt family and friends to visit the location to pay their respects to the individual and leave tokens of remembrance.</p>	<p><b>Recommended action:</b></p> <p>Network Rail and TOC staff in and around the area should be briefed to be especially vigilant for anyone showing signs of distress or upset particularly around the time of the event.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to liaising with the BTP to increase policing in the area.</p> <p>The anniversary of this tragic event could also be marked at the station by members of the girls family, friends or the public leaving 'remembrance' or 'memorial' tokens. These should be removed at the earliest opportunity in line with the industry's guidance on 'Fatality memorials/tributes on the network'.</p>
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Individuals requiring emotional support can call Samaritans any time, free from any phone on **116 123**

Should you wish to comment on the content of this alert please contact Ariane Ally.

### BTP Suicide Prevention

**Hotline** - If rail staff have an immediate concern that a person might harm themselves on the railway they can call the BTP on **0300 123 9101**



The rail industry's award winning suicide prevention Learning Tool can be found at: [www.npsglearningtool.co.uk](http://www.npsglearningtool.co.uk). Watching the 30 minute briefing module might just save someone's life.

The compiler of this alert should forward it to the NRNOC Duty Manager at:  
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