

Press Release

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CROSSCOUNTRY APPOINTS PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

CrossCountry has appointed Helen Waters as the company's Production Director.

Responsible for operations and engineering, Helen joins CrossCountry after recently completing a number of projects with East Midlands Trains and Hitachi on the IEP project (InterCity Express Programme).

Helen began her career with Steer Davies Gleave before holding a number of roles with Virgin Trains.

Commenting on Helen's appointment, CrossCountry Managing Director Andy Cooper said: "Helen brings a wealth of experience to our senior management team and her skills in change and project management will be essential moving forward. I know Helen will make a major contribution to our business and help maintain CrossCountry as a respected, safe and innovative UK train operator.

Helen took up her new role on 13th September and will be based at CrossCountry's Birmingham headquarters. She replaces Sarah Kendall who has moved to work within Arriva's Mainland Europe management team.

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Please find notes to Editors, CrossCountry facts and figures below.
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Notes to editors

CrossCountry started operating on 11 November 2007. The franchise, which is the most extensive in the UK, will run until 31 March 2016. For further information on CrossCountry services and future franchise plans log on to www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk

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CrossCountry facts and figures:

STATIONS SERVED: 118

ROUTE MILES: 1,478

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 295

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,600

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: 08.20 Aberdeen to Penzance (774 miles)