

Press Release

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CROSSCOUNTRY APPOINTS HEAD OF SAFETY

CrossCountry has appointed Sean Forster as the company's Head of Operational and Community Safety.

Responsible for safety, security and environmental policy, Sean joins CrossCountry from Arriva where he was Group Health and Safety Manager. In this role he led development of the Group's strategic Health and Safety agenda and supported businesses across the UK and Europe, as well as Arriva Board, to develop a safe working environment for employees and customers.

An industrial safety and environmental professional of 18 years, Sean has extensive experience of a variety of Group businesses from retail to heavy engineering. Responsible to the Arriva Board Safety Committee, he developed internal safety systems across the businesses and developed the greenhouse gas assessment report. Sean was also a Board Advisor to Translink, the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company.

Married with three children and aged 42, Sean lives in Morpeth, Northumberland. His interests include photography, fly-fishing and coaching youth cricket.

Commenting on the appointment, CrossCountry Managing Director Andy Cooper said: "Sean brings balance to the safety team and extensive experience of health and safety practices, coupled with excellent environmental knowledge across a variety of transport industries. I know he will make a major contribution to our business going forward, in helping maintain CrossCountry as a safe, innovative and increasingly successful UK train operator."

Sean takes up his new role on 16 June, replacing Richard Lashwood who leaves CrossCountry after successfully seeing through Health and Safety and environmental issues during bidding, mobilisation and the first six months of the franchise. Following the recent appointment of David Watkin as Commercial Director, Sean's appointment completes the company's senior team.

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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

CrossCountry facts and figures

STATIONS SERVED: 131

ROUTE MILES: 1,654

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 288

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,800

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: Penzance to Dundee (701 miles)

CrossCountry is part of the Arriva group which operates transport services in ten European countries, employs more than 38,000 people and provides more than one billion passenger journeys every year. For more information about the Arriva group visit www.arriva.co.uk

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