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Rail Performance Continues to Improve

Latest performance data issued by the Strategic Rail Authority shows a continued improvement across the network, with 19 out of 25 operators producing better results in the month of March than they did during February.

There were encouraging improvements by most of the Long Distance High Speed operators, and elsewhere, there were significant increases in performance on Gatwick Express (up 12%), First Great Eastern (up 11%), South West Trains (up 8%) and Thameslink (up 7%). The continuing rail recovery programme adversely affected some operators.

Notes to Editors

1. The normal timetable has now been restored on most routes, but special extended timetables are currently still in force on First Great Western, GNER and Silverlink County services.
2. More detailed information on performance, covering the period 15 October 2000 - 31 March 2001, will be published in the next edition of On Track, which will be published in June. On Track will also contain details on Incentive payments, National Passenger Survey results and Complaints data.