Rail Safety Week Conference

15 June 2026
The Milner Hotel, Station Road, York YO24 1AA

Programme

Time	
08.45	Arrival / Refreshments and Networking
09.30	Welcome / Introductions
	SESSION ONE
09.35	**Keynote address** Paul Evans, CEO, Carlisle Support Services
09.45	**From Horizon to Rail: Three Lessons on Managing Safety-Critical Systems** Charlotte Whitaker, Burges Salmon
09.55	**Future Proofing our Industry** Dave Brough, Director, Rail Competence and Compliance
10.05	**Respect Before Resilience: What Lean Construction Gets Right About Psychological Safety** Sven Heuten, Special Projects Director, Onwave
10.15	**Safety and the Railway: Evolving Together** James Le Grice, Head of Rail Safety and Standards, Department for Transport
10.25	**Rail Safety Matters: The Life-Saving Power of The Rail Safe Friendly Programme** Stuart Heaton, Director, Learn Live
10.35	BREAK
11.00	**Panel Discussion** with Charlotte Whitaker, Dave Brough, Sven Heuten, James Le Grice and Stuart Heaton
11.20	**Stay Healthy and Safe – YOUR safety leadership** Rupert Lown, Group Safety, Security, Health and Environment Director, DfTO
11.30	**What Are We Doing to Stop People Being Killed or Injured?** Greg Morse, Operational Feedback Lead, RSSB

12.00	LUNCH
	SESSION TWO
12.50	**My Scariest Helicopter Rescues – Three Lessons to Transform Your Team** Andy Elwood, Director, Northlight Consulting
13.20	**Early Intervention and Shared Ownership: A Collaborative Approach to Occupational Mental Health** Debbie Easby, Lead Occupational Health and Wellbeing Specialist, Transpennine Express
13.30	**What if Safety Was a Conversation?** Erika Allen, QHSSE Director , Nexus
13.40	**Why Data Matters But Stories Transform - Beyond the Employee Survey** Mike Roberts, Railway Chaplain, Railway Mission
13.50	**CIRAS - Working With You to Improve Psychological Safety** Katie Johnston, Stakeholder Manager CIRAS/RSSB
14.00	**Speaking Up Save Lives: Why Safety Must Be More Than Metrics** Rebecca Vaudrey, Director Health, Safety and Security, DB Cargo
14.10	**Panel Discussion** with Debbie Easby, Erika Allen, Mike Roberts, Katie Johnson and Rebecca Vaudrey
14.30	**All Aboard – Learning About Rail Safety Onboard Trains** Karen Bennett, Education and Youth Engagement Adviser, Community Rail Network
14.40	Final comments/Close
14.40	CLOSE