

RMT SERVICE CONTROL NEWSLETTER

HSCC Contract

The Hammersmith Upgrade is still not finished being signed off due to restrictions placed because of the upcoming General Election.

Pic Upgrade

The Pic Upgrade has been signed off for an interim solution based at South Kensington

Job Campaigns

- 37 DRMS are being recruited. Some of these are to facilitate former DSMs who are affected by Fit For The Future Stations. However we are not pleased to hear many of these DRMs will be expected to take up some of the roles of the defunct DSM grade.
- SCL1 Will be re-advertised and close listed to Service Control.
- SO1-3 Is currently being advertised.
- SO4 Is likely to be advertised soon.



Night Tube

Management have agreed several points around the introduction of Night Tube including:

- 12 months moratorium on Night Tube Related staff errors.
- An extra LIS for the lines that do not currently run 24/7
- A review on Staffing Levels and Staff errors after 6 months of Night Tube

There were some other proposals which have not yet been agreed and are being discussed elsewhere, Including:

- 32 hour working week
- rewording of the PSCA to allow for more than 2 rest days a week

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We are still facing the issue of the PSCA which states

A.4.1 Please see detailed below, arrangements for major special events where it is necessary to operate the railway for customers throughout the night. It is not envisaged that this would normally exceed three events per annum.

We believe this means management cannot implement Night Tube without changing this. However this has had to be referred to Company Council to discuss.

Hammersmith Upgrade

Although the contract has not yet been finalised there is a high probability it will be done around May/June. This means they will start looking at moving areas of the SSR to HSCC. The grading structure is still unclear but the RMT have made it very clear we desire a “three tier system” meaning a signaller, controller and manager. Management are looking into the pros and cons and will get back to us at the next Joint Working Party. The first signalling sections scheduled to move are Hammersmith Cabin in September 2017 followed by Edgware Road in April 2018, as always these dates are subject to change and there is always a strong chance they will.

Pic Upgrade

The Piccadilly Line interim upgrade is going ahead. It will be based at South Kensington but the first desks will initially be operated from Room 33 at Earls Court in December 2016. The grade is likely to be SCL2 however the RMT have stated they wish for a 3 tier system.

The District line will remain at Earls Court until the SSR upgrade goes ahead which is scheduled to be between June 2020 and March 2021. This means there will be SO4 jobs available until then.

Management are preparing a training pack to help those who wish to become SCL2. For those that wish to move outside of the Pic/SSR or service control this is also going to be looked into and supported.

New SO4s will be brought in on secondment to allow release for the staff being trained up to SCL2.

The first desk is scheduled to open in December 2016 with a second in June 2017. both initially in Room 33 to allow for the new Control Room to be fully prepared.

LIS Instructors

Like all Service Control grades we believe 10-15% should be qualified instructors. When we won DRM Instructors it was also agreed that the LIS grade would get instructors too. Since then management have gone back on their promise.

LU claim all the required knowledge is given whilst at Ashfield House. All you can be expected to do is familiarise. Which is most definitely not training. Should you feel that you are forced into performing Instructor duties then contact your local representative immediately. Details can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

Existing Agreements

Currently we have several agreements which will remain in place for future closures including the two above.

- Mapping of comparable graded staff
- Affected staff to not be forced to go through complex selection or re-application
- Displaced staff have priority over waiting lists
- Priority return to Service Control for displaced staff
- Lifetime protection of earnings pending re-assimilation to Service Control

These have been fought for and won by you. If we sit by and do nothing we will undoubtedly have more to fight for in the future. Only by staying together and staying strong can we prevent any further attacks on our grades.

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