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Dear Andy Soames

**Reference number: FOI2023/00617**

Thank you for your email of 23 May 2023, in which you requested the following information:

Can you advise the following items of information in relation to York ROC:

1. How many active workstations are currently in use?
2. What are the names of these active workstations?
3. How many currently unused workstations are there or is there space for?
4. Any current plans for new workstations being brought into use that you are able to disclose?
5. Any areas of planned resignalling or recontrol currently planned to increase the control area of existing workstations.

I have processed your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), and I can confirm that Network Rail holds some of this information. Please find a list of your questions and answers below.

**How many active workstations are currently in use?**

There are currently 19 workstations in use.

**What are the names of these active workstations?**

The names of the workstations are: Rotherham, Sheffield, Halifax, Huddersfield, Hartlepool, Middleborough, North Lincs, Brough, Leeds West, Leeds East, Leeds East Assist, York South, York North, Ardsley, Kings Cross, Finsbury Park, Wood Green, Langley and Hitchin.

**How many currently unused workstations are there or is there space for?**

At present none of these are unused, there are a number under construction and there is a testing desk in addition to the 19 workstations. There is room for at least 10 more workstations if required.

**Any current plans for new workstations being brought into use that you are able to disclose?**

Four more new workstations are planned to be bought into use more imminently (Sheffield outer, Huntingdon, Peterborough and Peterborough crossings).

There are further at planning stage – Transpennine Route upgrade (multiple workstations) and Doncaster (multiple workstations) but we do not have these specific numbers at this time.

**Any areas of planned resignalling or recontrol currently planned to increase the control area of existing workstations.**

The York North and York South workstation limits may change but at this time we do not have firm plans.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at [FOI@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:FOI@networkrail.co.uk). Details of your appeal rights are below.

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Yours sincerely

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**Information Officer**

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