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Dear Andy,

**Internal Review reference number: IR2023/00684**

**Original request reference number: FOI2023/00617**

Thank you for your email of 8 June 2023, concerning the response you received to your request FOI2023/00617. I have considered this internal review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Request summary**

On 23 May 2023, 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 re-signalling or recontrol currently planned to increase the control area of existing workstations.

You were provided a response to this request on 7 June 2023 which sought to answer your request in full, however on the 8 June 2023 you contacted us to explain that you believed some of the information was missing.

## **Decision**

In this internal review I have found that while acting in good faith we did not address your questions in full, following additional searches I have uncovered further information relevant to your request for Sheffield and Leeds Sub ROCs, which I have included below. Please accept my apologies that these were not included in your initial response.

## **Consideration**

On further investigation the answers you were provided in FOI2023/00617 only covered information for the East Coast route. The North and East Route is covered by Leeds and Sheffield sub-ROC. These Sub-ROCs fall within the grouped branches of York Railway Operating Centre, therefore the work covered by these locations falls within your request. I have answered the questions from your request below for each location, these details are in addition to the ones covered in your response FOI2023/00617.

### Leeds Sub ROC

1. There are seven active workstations currently in use.
2. The active workstations are:
  - Leeds Ardsley
  - Leeds West
  - Leeds East
  - Leeds East Assist

- York South
  - York North
  - Leeds Northwest
3. Depending on the size there is one spare desk to fit a workstation.
  4. There are no current plans for new workstations for Leeds sub-ROC.
  5. There are plans to install axle counters at Leeds Ardsley in March 2024. Funding has recently been approved to move York North & York South workstations into the Kings Cross Sub ROC this is currently planned for December 2024.

#### Sheffield Sub-ROC

1. There are eight active workstations for Sheffield sub-ROC
2. The active workstations for Sheffield sub-ROC are:
  - Sheffield
  - Rotherham
  - North Lincolnshire
  - Huddersfield
  - Brough
  - Halifax
  - Middlesbrough
  - Hartlepool
3. Currently there are no allocated vacant spaces, however Halifax is being moved to the middle of the operations floor and Sheffield outer going in its place. New workstation commissioning March 2024.
4. There are plans for a new workstation that incorporate parts of Rotherham and Sheffield (to support workload and Dore junction focus) and adding Grindleford and Topley box areas of control is commissioning March 2024.

5. Goole Town is being added to Brough workstation (commissioning date tbc, within the next year). Batley is being added to Huddersfield workstation on 19 June 2023 so it will now fringe with Leeds West and Sheffield Outer and will cover to fringe box Earles sidings on the Hope Valley.

I think this additional information covers off your request in its entirety. I would add that during the processing of your request the Information Officer handling it was not advised that the information provided only covered the East Coast. It would, however, have been reasonable at a minimum for them to check whether the information was complete before writing the response. I realise that the delay in receiving the information to which you are entitled must have caused at least a degree of inconvenience and I apologise for the errors on the FOI team's part that led to this delay.

I hope this additional information satisfies your request – please let me know if you think that there's anything further missing.

Yours sincerely

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### **Appeal rights**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner (ICO) can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or you can contact the ICO through the 'Make a Complaint' section of their website on this link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

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