



West of Scotland
Branch

Rail Group Report

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RAIB reports:

Simon E French OBE, the current Chief Inspector of the Rail Accident Investigation Branch, is to retire on 31 March 2022 after nearly 18 years at RAIB.

Following an open competition, Andrew Hall has been selected for the role of Chief Inspector of Rail Accidents and will take over as from 1 April.

Andrew is a chartered electrical engineer with many years' experience in the rail sector. He has worked at RAIB since 2004 and been the Deputy Chief Inspector at RAIB since 2015.

NR Safety Task Force:

The STF work continues into 2022 with the final removal of unassisted lookout working and the ongoing introduction of software to support improved line blockages and on track equipment.

IOSH Railway group:

Railway group are progressing in 2022 better engagement with the rail community and IOSH members, the introduction of co-opted members to the group from specialist areas within the rail industry will widen the scope of the group.

This, along with increased engagement with IOSH railway affiliated members, part of the work that is currently ongoing.