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MEDIA RELEASE

Don't miss the train, the plane or the boat! UK RAIL TIMETABLES CHANGE ON 14 DECEMBER

The new UK rail timetables being introduced on 14th December mark the completion of the current phase of speeding-up the West Coast main line. These changes affect not only **Virgin Trains** services, but also **Northern Rail** services from Heysham Port and **London Midland** and **East Midlands** services from Liverpool South Parkway (for Liverpool Airport). These make significant changes for connecting Isle of Man travellers who are recommended to check timings if travelling after 14th December.

VIRGIN TRAINS

All weekday services are approximately hourly unless otherwise indicated and journey times are noticeably faster. Very few trains now stop at Watford Junction so this routing to reach London Heathrow airport is no longer feasible. Weekend services are much improved and usually run on the direct route.

Liverpool – London: most trains will only stop at Runcorn and Stafford

Lancaster – London: most services run non-stop between Warrington and Euston

Lancaster- Birmingham: services run non-stop between Crewe and Wolverhampton – i.e omitting Stafford.

Lancaster – Glasgow / Edinburgh: services to Glasgow are at least one an hour and every two hours to Edinburgh. All Scottish services stop at Carlisle.

Manchester – London: there are three services an hour one via Crewe and the others via Stoke and Macclesfield. One train an hour via Stoke calls at Milton Keynes (with coach link to Luton Airport)

EAST MIDLANDS TRAINS

Liverpool – Norwich: the hourly service which calls at Manchester, Nottingham and Peterborough will also stop at **Liverpool South Parkway**

LONDON MIDLAND

Liverpool – Birmingham: all services will now stop at Liverpool South Parkway – providing two trains an hour to Runcorn, Crewe, Stafford, Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

NORTHERN TRAINS

Heysham Port – Lancaster – Leeds: There will now be one train a day to and from Heysham Port (instead of two as previously) but this will now be a through train from/to Leeds. In most cases this means passengers travelling to Heysham will have to leave earlier to catch the 14.15 sailing to Douglas, and passengers arriving on the 08.45 boat from Douglas will have to wait longer for the 13.15 departing train. This, coupled with changes on the Virgin Trains West Coast Main Line timetable, means that journey timings may be considerably altered from previous timetables.

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Train times for all UK rail operators can be checked with National Rail Enquiries**

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