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Rhys ab Owen MS  
Member for South Wales Central

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Dear Rhys,

On the 26 July 2024 you tabled a written question in the Senedd asking what the Welsh Government is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour at train stations following the increased danger of these incidents turning fatal due to newly installed overhead line equipment.

Safety on the railway is of paramount importance and we are committed to providing a rail network that is safe and accessible for all.

Transport for Wales (TfW) is working proactively to raise awareness of the dangers of trespassing on the railway. The “No Second Chances” rail safety campaign led by TfW aims to eliminate trespassing on the Core Valley Lines, preventing the risk of death or serious injury caused by trespassers coming into contact with the newly installed overhead line equipment as part of our over £1bn transformation. The campaign is engaging directly with local communities, including school visits and delivering information leaflets directly to homes. Since the campaign launched last year, there has been a 45% reduction in trespassing on the Core Valley Lines and TfW continues to work to drive down trespassing incidents. More information on the campaign can be found here: [School Holiday Rail Safety Warning \(tfw.wales\)](https://www.tfw.wales/school-holiday-rail-safety-warning).

We provide funding to the British Transport Police to enable them to have greater resources to carry out their important work. TfW work closely with the British Transport Police, including carrying out joint patrols to provide a visible presence across the network and holding shared briefings to target resources where they are most needed.

Yours sincerely,

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