

## Rail passenger trust

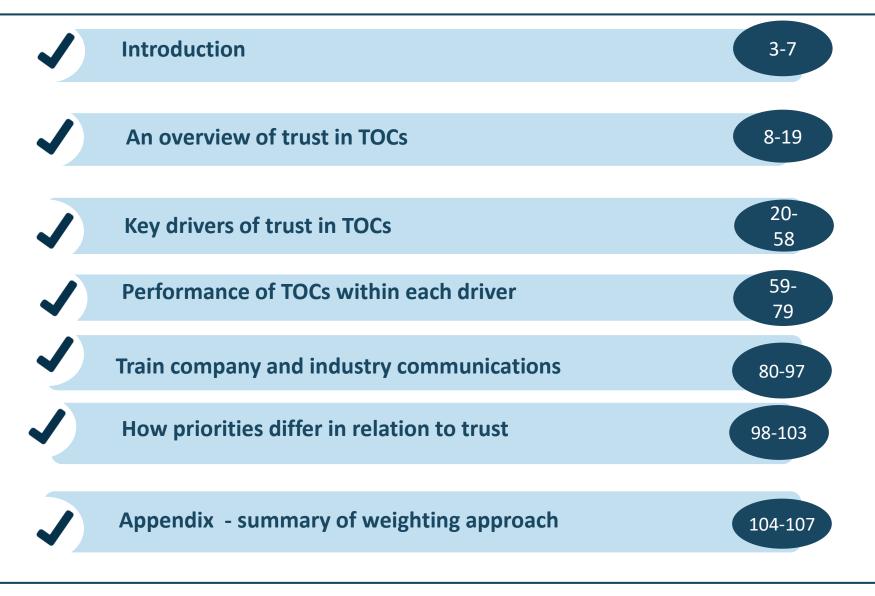
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To update previous experimental research carried out to understand passengers' relationship with their train operating company (TOC), the extent to which they 'trust' operators and the factors help to create or diminish trust



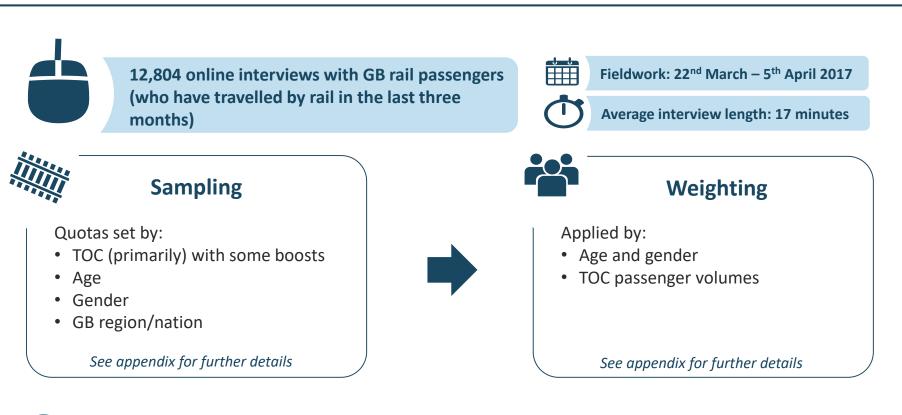
To expand the previous research by enabling analysis to be carried out at TOC level (including separate key drivers analysis), particularly for franchised TOCs and for the UK nations



To understand the relationship between trust in TOCs and priorities for improvements (which is the second element of the research)







#### Key drivers analysis

Carried out at the overall level and individually by TOC to ascertain the key drivers of trust in TOCs





Train Operating Companies (TOCs) included in the research – number of interviews conducted per TOC (unweighted)







	<b>Regional TOCs</b>	
	No. interviews n=	
	1,018	
northern	653	
Merseyrail	389	
	1,133	

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<b>Airport TOCs</b>
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	No. interviews n=
GƏLWICK CXPRCSS	330
Heathrow Express	217
Heathrow Connect	202
stansted express	182

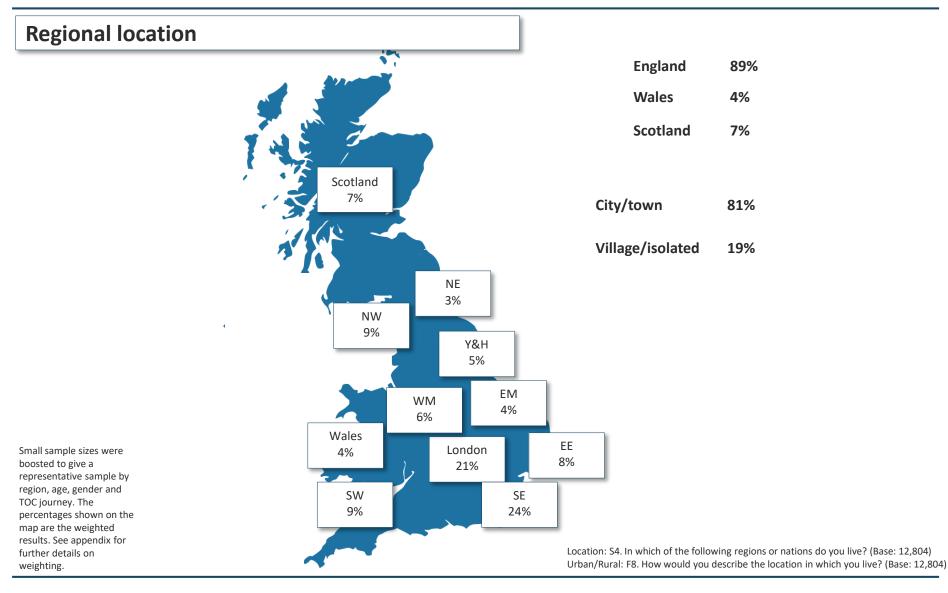
#### **Open Access TOCs**





### **Profile of passengers – key demographics**















The rail sector is seen less positively than the NHS, supermarkets and airlines but ahead of banks and the energy sector

**Trust levels vary considerably by TOC**, with highest levels found amongst passengers of Heathrow Express and Heathrow Connect. Airport TOCs generally scored higher than other TOC sectors, with London and South East receiving the lowest levels of trust, and Southern the least trusted of all individual TOCs

Across location and passenger demographics, **trust in rail operators is higher** amongst those living in a **city/town**; **females**; those who are **over 65 years o**ld and who are **not working**. Trust is also significantly higher amongst those whose household income is **less than £25K** 

Other factors also impact levels of trust:

- Leisure and Business passengers are more likely to trust rail than commuters
- Passengers who purchase a single/return ticket or a pay-as-you-go ticket tend to trust rail operators more than season ticket holders
- Those who travel during off-peak times or at weekends are more likely to trust rail
- Living a further distance away from a train station drives greater levels of trust
- Passengers who have heard something about TOCs have higher levels of trust. This is reinforced if the news is positive or a mix of positive and negative news

To provide context to the trust scores as measured in this study, we compared data with the same question as it is asked in the **National Rail Passenger Survey.** At an overall level, the **scores are virtually identical**, and the scores at TOC level are, in the main, very similar



The **most important driver of trust is punctuality/reliability**. There is likely a connection between this and the fact that commuters have the lowest levels of trust as do those travelling at peak times and using season tickets

This research looks at three dimensions of trust:

- Trust in **Competence**: *punctuality/reliability* is the most important hygiene factor; if this isn't right then trust just isn't possible
- Trust in **Motive**: a number of these attributes are important to help provide passengers with a sense that the train company is looking out for them (and not purely driven by commercial goals): treating customers fairly, on my side and communicating well can all help drive up levels of trust
- Trust in **Judgement**: passengers are also looking at the overall judgement of train companies: are they *truthful*, do they *act with honesty and integrity*, do they have *high principles* and do they have a *good reputation*? People look to all of these things to gain a sense of whether or not a train company is trustworthy

In conclusion, we suggest that building trust in a train company is a tricky balance of:

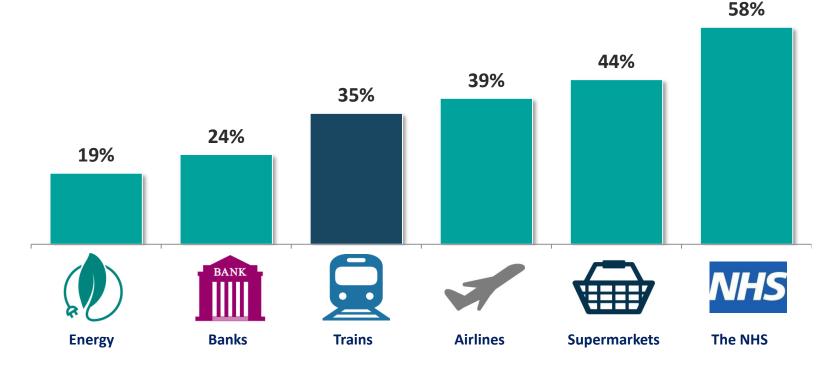
- Doing what you're supposed to do (getting people where they want to go at the time they expect to get there)
- Showing that you care about customers (having a human sense of treating people well and fairly)
- Being seen to have ethics and principles (being a 'good' company that has a strong moral compass)





## The rail sector performs 'mid field' when it comes to overall positivity – behind NHS, supermarkets and airlines, but ahead of energy and the banks

% Level of positivity towards sectors 2017 – % positive about sector (8-10)

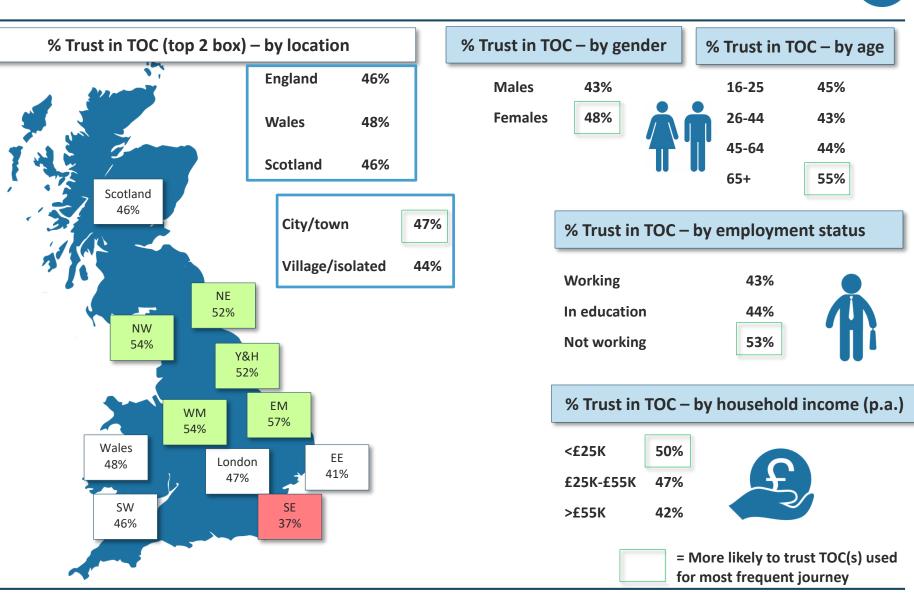


S9. Please rate your feelings towards each of the industries below, using a scale where 0 is "Extremely negative" and 10 is "Extremely positive" and thinking overall about the range of businesses within each of these areas (Base: 12,804)





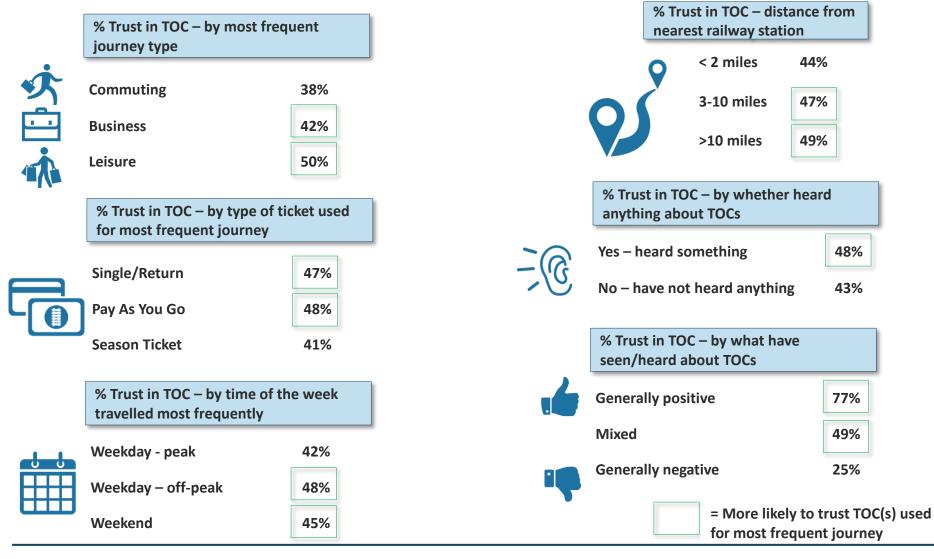
#### Levels of trust in TOCs vary by location and passenger demographics





Trust is lowest for commuters and this follows through in terms of ticket type, day/time of travel and distance from nearest railway station

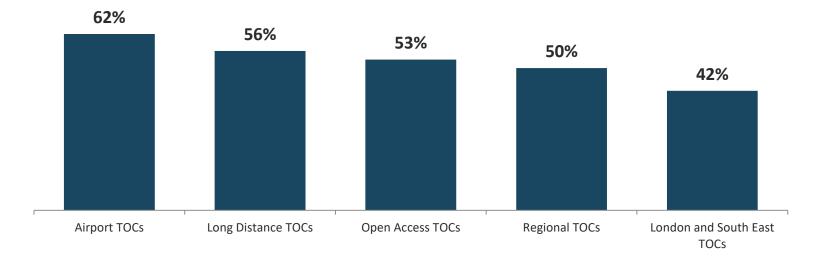






## Trust is highest for passengers of airport TOCs, however this drops for passengers of London and South East TOCs

#### % Trust in TOC – by sector

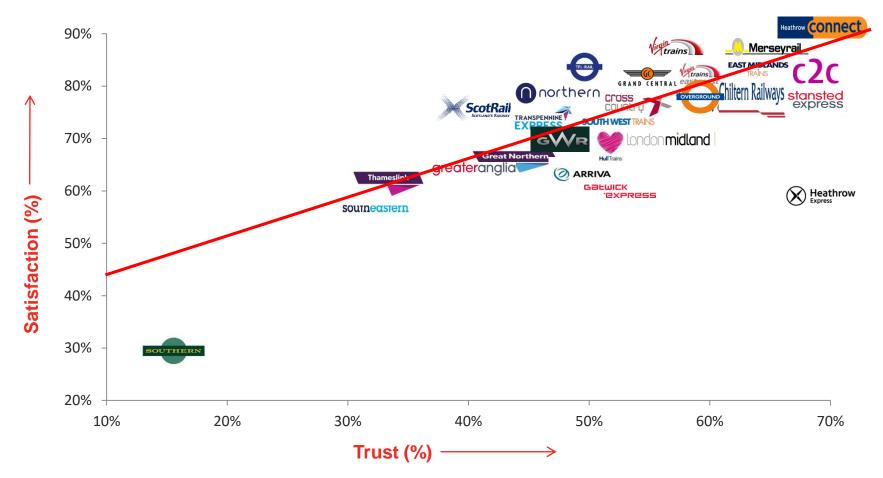


B7. All things considered and on balance, how much do you trust [TOC] on a scale of 1-7 where 1 means 'don't trust them at all' and 7 means 'trust them a great deal'? (Base: 12,804; Airport TOCS: 931; Long Distance: 3,541; Open Access: 577; Regional: 3,365; London and South East: 6,639)



Not surprisingly, there is a strong correlation between trust and satisfaction with TOCs, with Heathrow Express and Southern the notable outliers

*Relationship between satisfaction and trust – <u>top 2 box</u> %* 

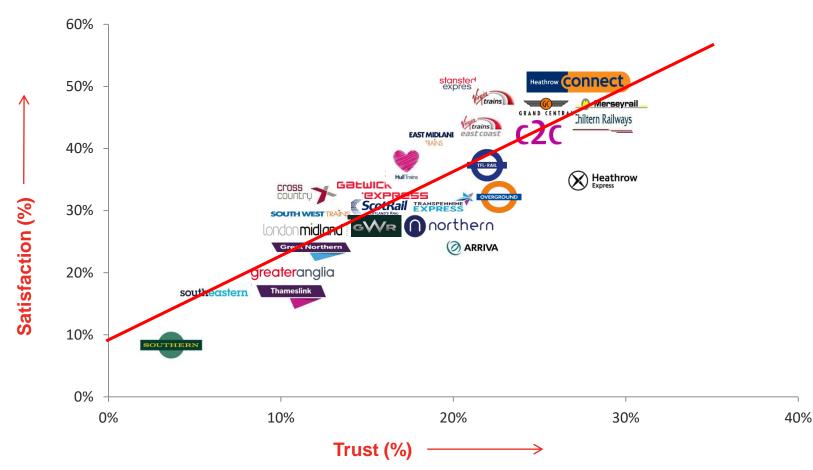


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## The strong correlation between trust and satisfaction is even more evident when reviewing top box scores for these metrics



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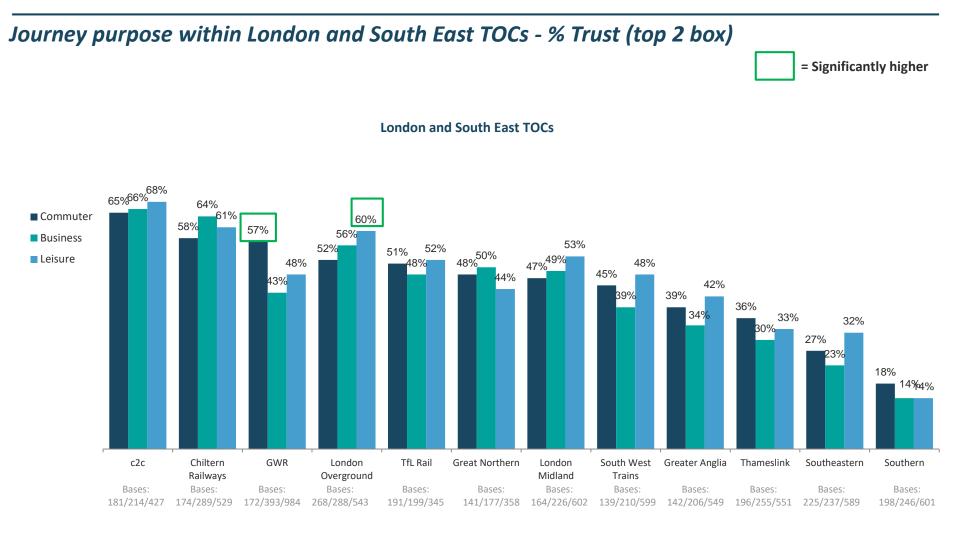
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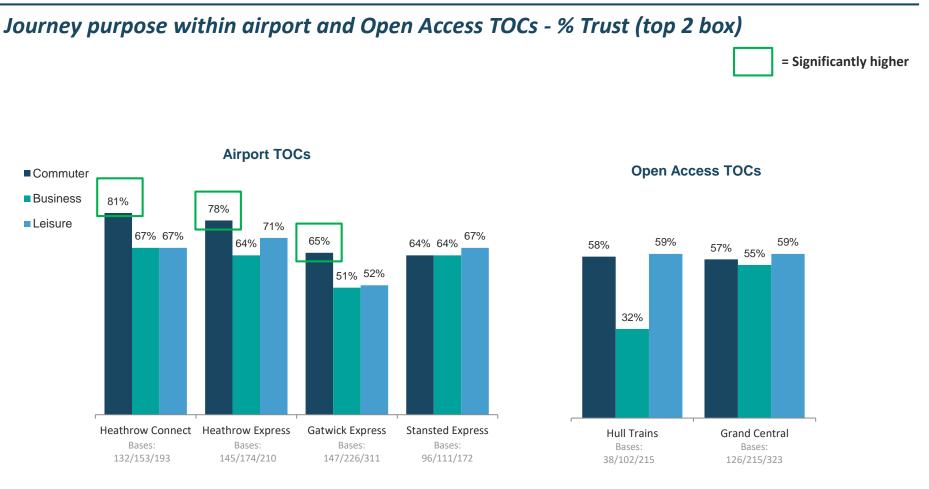
Levels of trust vary by journey purpose within London and South East TOCs



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#### Within airport TOCs commuters are more likely to have higher levels of trust



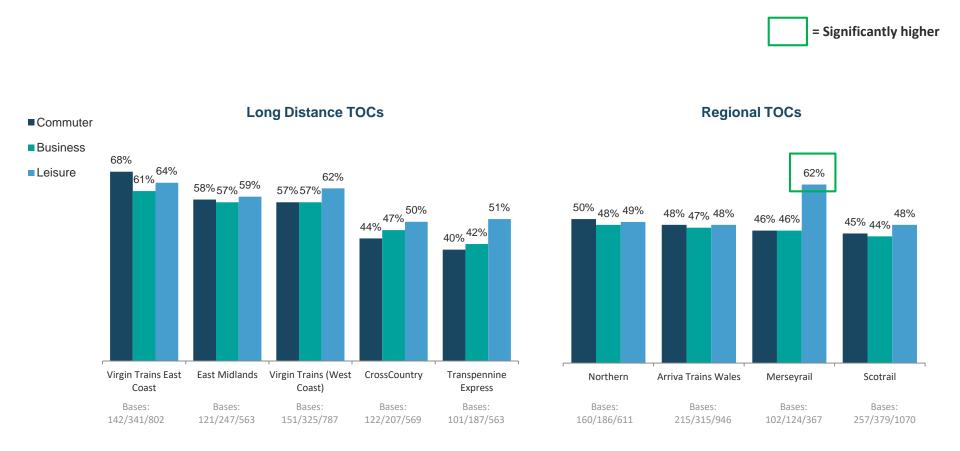
#### NB: Low base size for Hull Trains commuters

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Trust levels are fairly consistent by journey purpose for Long Distance and Regional TOCs, although leisure passengers are more likely to trust Merseyrail

Journey purpose within long distance and regional TOCs - % Trust (top 2 box)



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Context: our approach to trust looks at three different dimensions which are each made up of a set of variables:







- They have high principles
- They are truthful in what they say
- They do the right thing even when no one is looking
- They have a good reputation in the industry
- They are progressive in developing services that meet passengers' needs
- They act with honesty and integrity
- They show leadership in the rail industry
- Employees seem proud to work for the company
- They are on my side
- They treat me as an individual
- They treat me as a valued customer
- They build long-term relationships with their customers
- They treat customers fairly
- They communicate well with their customers
- They are good at resolving problems
- They have helpful staff on the trains
- They have helpful staff at the stations
- Their train services are punctual/reliable
- Their train ticket prices offer good value for money





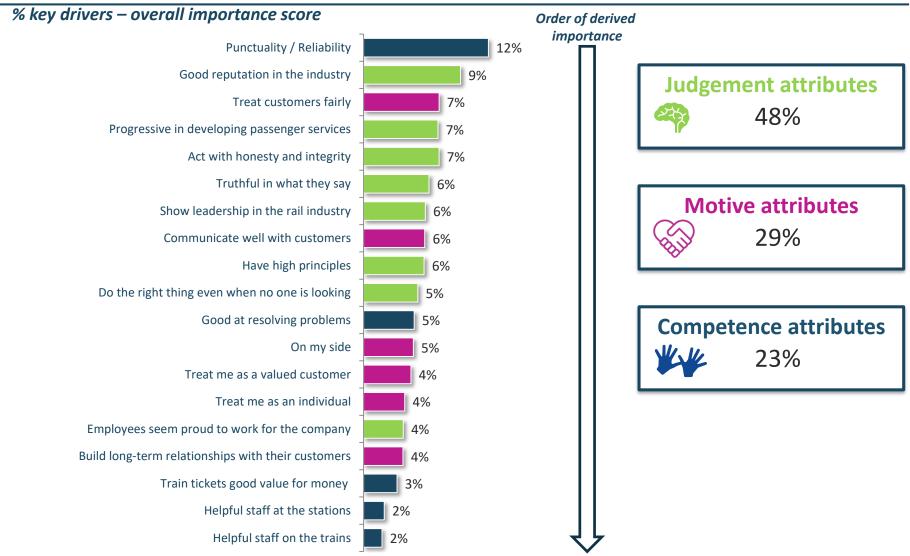
A key driver analysis was carried out at the overall level and individually by TOC to ascertain the key drivers of trust in TOCs

- Overall, **punctuality/reliability** is the key driver of trust in 2017
- This is followed by having a **good reputation** in the industry and (in joint third position) **treating customers fairly**, **being progressive** in developing passenger services, and acting with **honesty and integrity**
- Most of the top ten drivers relate to the judgement dimension of trust, specifically being seen to act ethically; both towards customers (acting with honesty and being truthful), and compared to the rest of the industry (having a good reputation and showing leadership)
- The performance of train services themselves is much more important in driving trust than the performance of individual staff members; having helpful staff at train stations and on trains are the joint lowest key drivers and employees seeming proud to work for the company is the third joint lowest driver
- When looking at the matrices which map performance against importance for the attributes driving trust, there are very few TOCs performing strongly on <u>all</u> of the most important attributes. This suggests that there are areas where TOCs need to focus in order to maintain trust (for the few strong performers) or to increase it (for the majority of TOCs)





Punctuality/reliability is the key driver of trust in TOCs, but the majority of other key drivers relate to judgement and then motive dimensions, rather than competence





### **Context: deriving net trust scores for the three dimensions of trust**

## JUDGEMENT

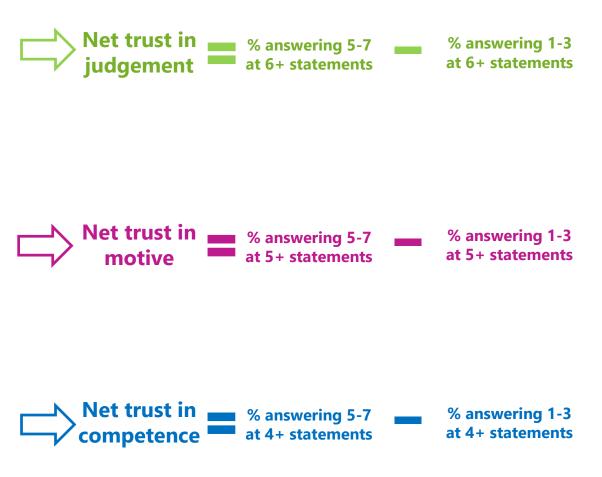
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### COMPETENCE

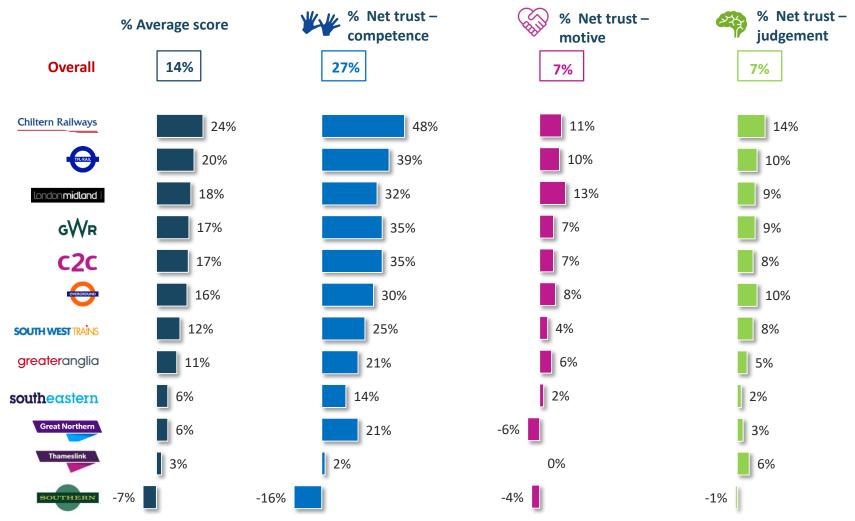
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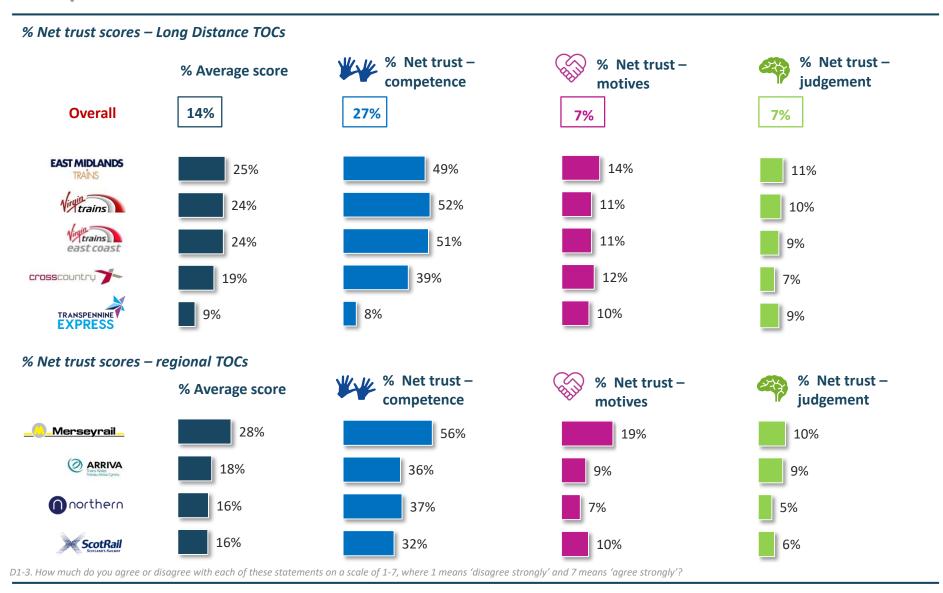
While net scores vary between London and South East TOCs, as a group they perform worse than other groups in terms of passenger trust in their motive and judgement







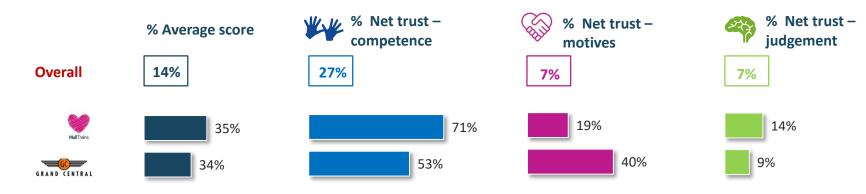
## Overall, Long Distance TOCs are more likely to receive higher net trust scores for competence



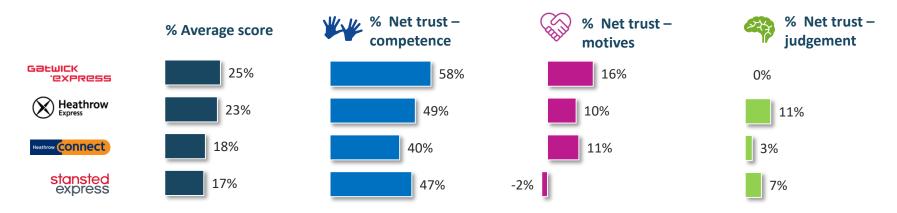


Across the three dimensions of trust the Open Access TOCs receive the highest net trust scores. Airport TOCs perform well in terms of trust in competence

#### % Net trust scores – Open Access TOCs



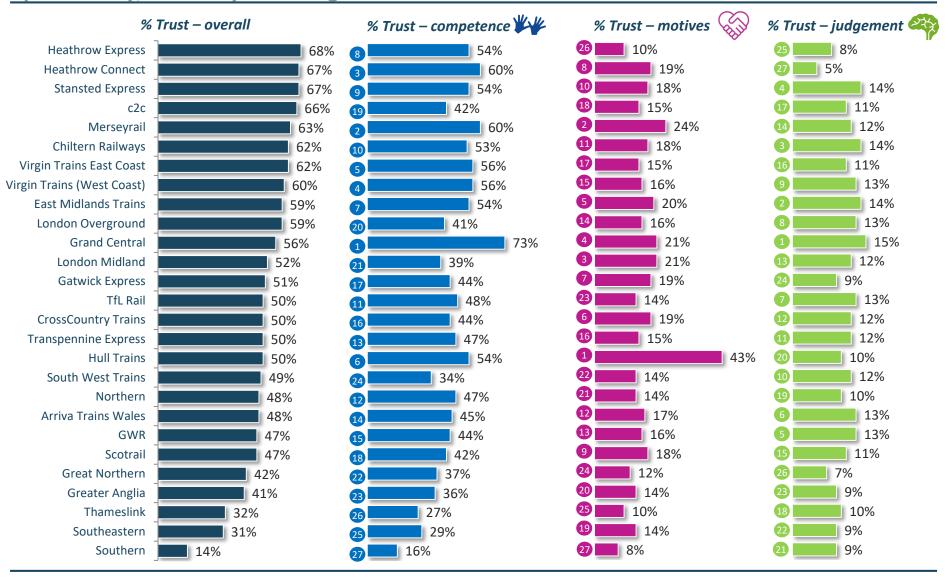
% Net trust scores – airport TOCs







There is a stronger relationship between overall trust and trust in competence than there is with the other two dimensions, underlining the importance of fundamentals such as punctuality/reliability in driving overall trust

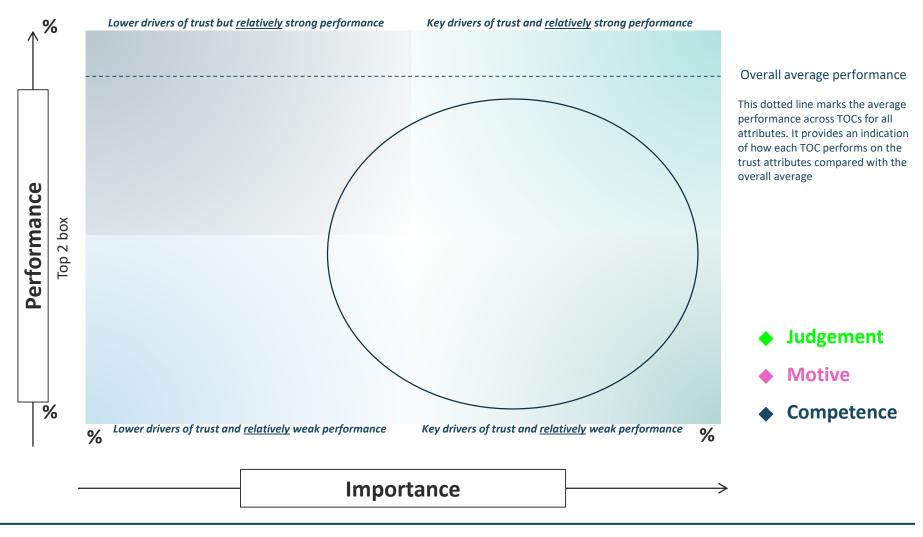






# The following slides look at the relationship between the derived importance of attributes in driving trust and performance on those same attributes. The analysis is used to identify which areas to focus on to drive up overall levels of trust

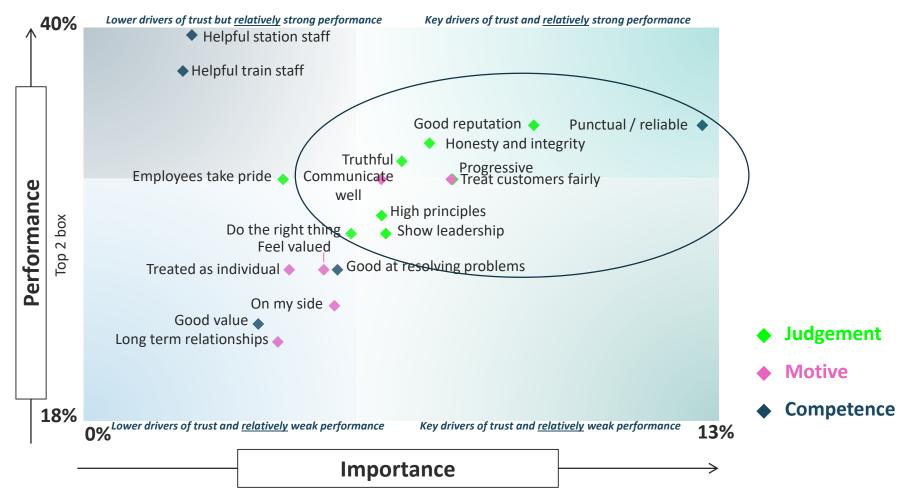
For each attribute included in the study, the calculated importance of that attribute in explaining trust is plotted against the performance for that attribute (top 2 box – scoring 6 or 7 out of 7). This enables us to identify areas of individual strength and weakness. There are four broad areas of the map, as described below. The 'oval ' provides an indication of those attributes to focus on to increase levels of trust



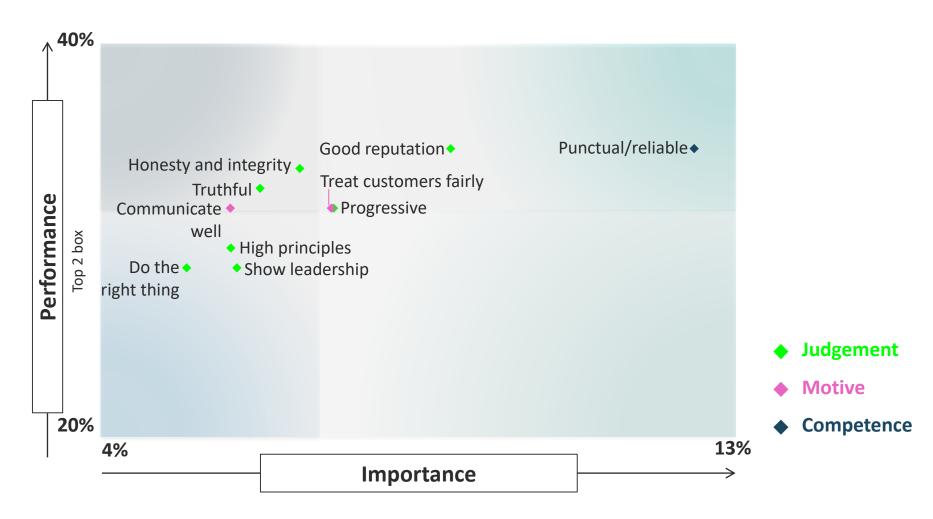


At an <u>overall</u> level, punctuality/reliability is the main driver of trust, with other key drivers related to judgement and motive attributes. Continuing to focus on punctuality is a priority, alongside actions that demonstrate leadership and principles to drive up perceptions of reputation and honesty/integrity

Those attributes sitting within the oval shape are the main areas to focus on





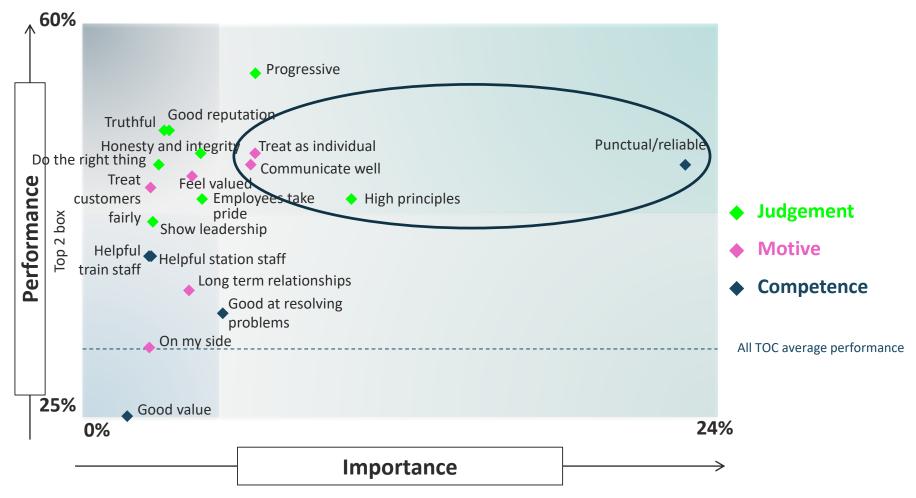




Heathrow Express: Being punctual/reliable is by far the most important driver of trust, so performance on this needs to remain a top priority. The current high trust score suggests this is currently not an issue, but any problems in this area would have a major impact and need to be handled carefully

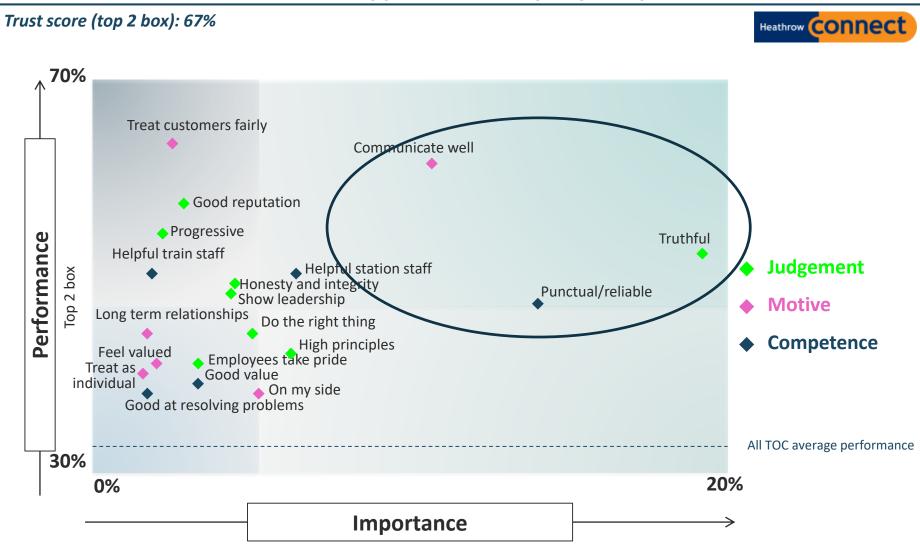


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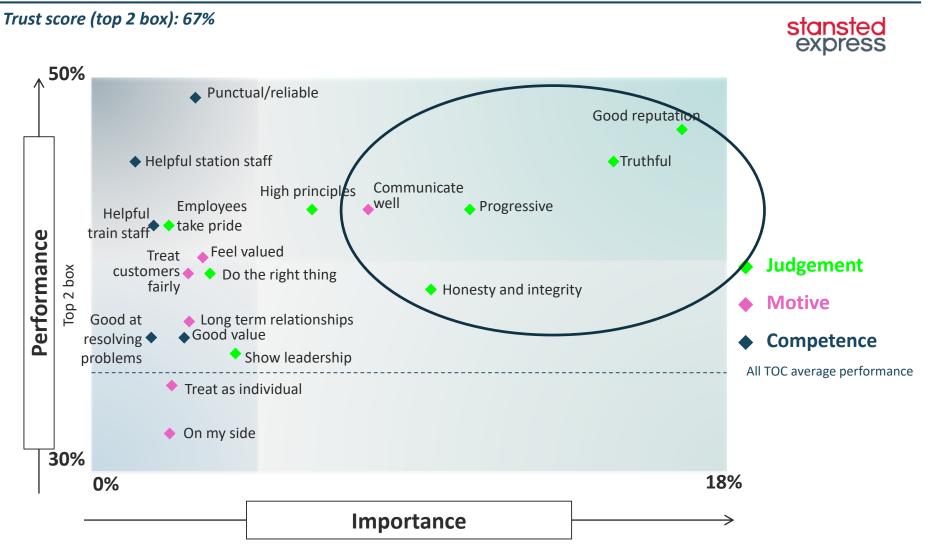


Heathrow Connect: Being truthful, punctual/reliable and communicating well are the three most important areas for focus. The relationship between these three areas suggests that good, open communications are critical if there are any problems or delays to journeys



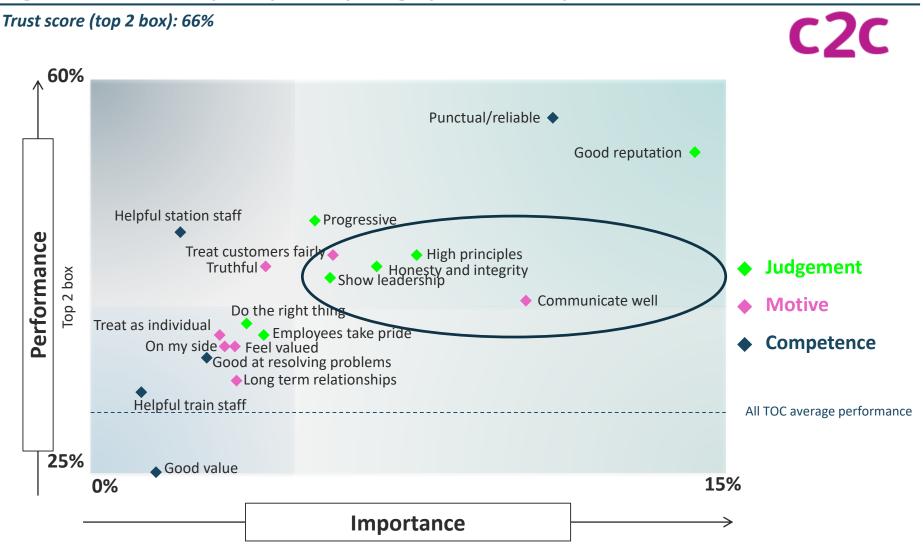


Stansted Express: High levels of trust are based on a strong reputation and being truthful. Judgement attributes are the most important overall, so maintaining a good reputation is key. Punctuality/reliability is less important than might be expected, but strong performance in this area should be maintained





c2c: Strong trust score, driven by above average performance on punctuality/reliability and reputation. To protect and grow trust, focusing on communication with customers is a priority, as well as a focus on judgement attributes, especially honesty/integrity and leadership

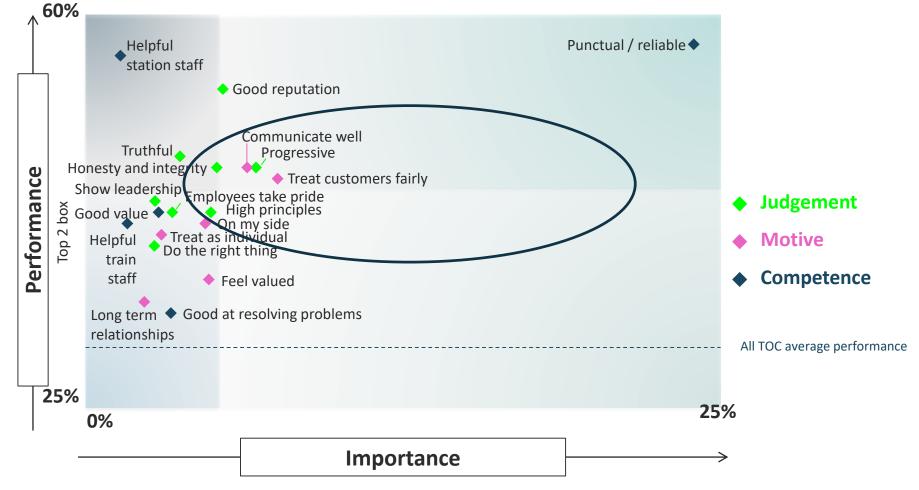




Merseyrail: Punctuality/reliability is the overriding criterion driving trust, so it is essential to maintain this. To help protect the trust score, focus on treatment of customers (comms, fair treatment and being on their side). Everything here relies on punctuality/reliability, so all eggs are in one basket

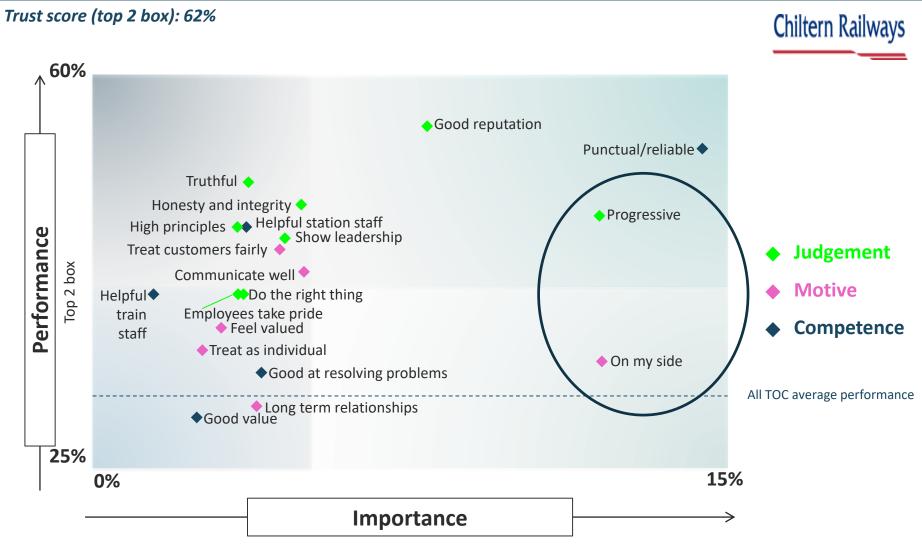






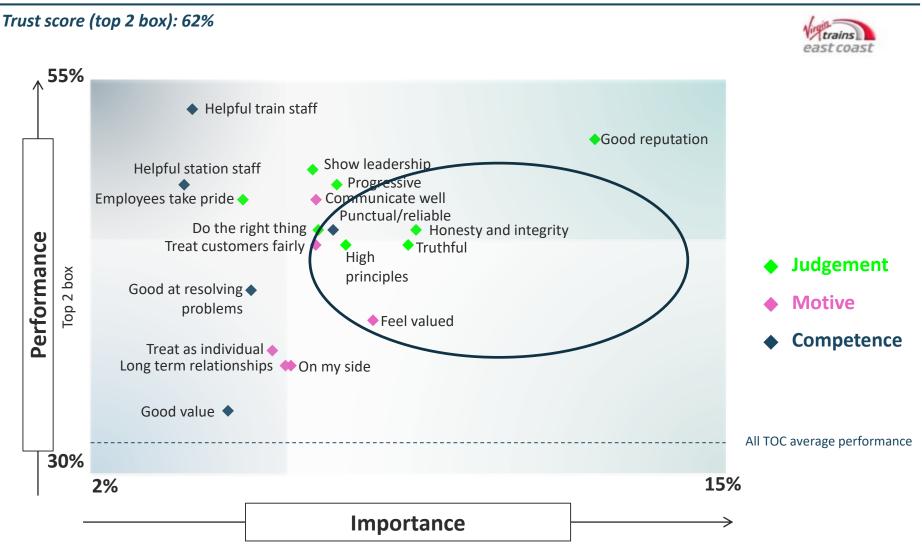


**Chiltern Railways:** Good trust score driven by strong performance on punctuality/reliability and being progressive. Trust could be further improved by displaying greater empathy with customers and demonstrating that Chiltern is on their side



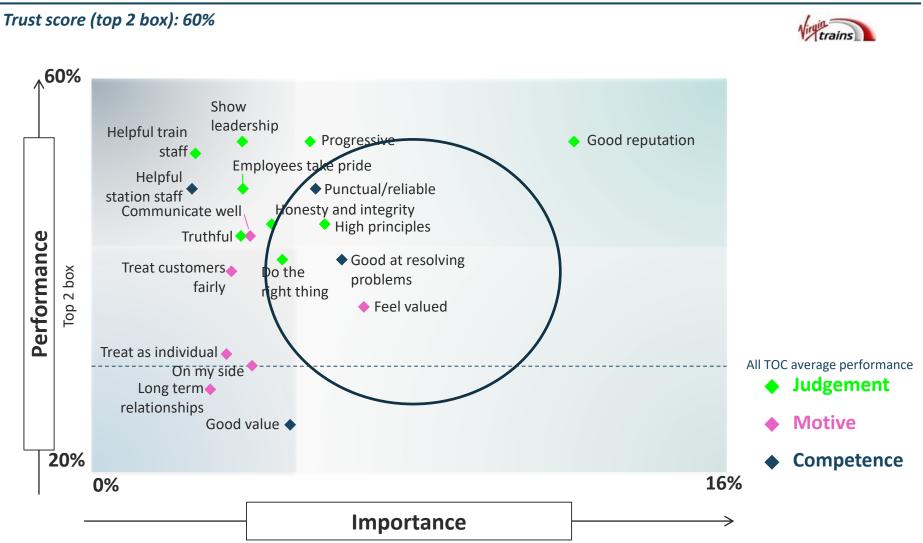


Virgin Trains East Coast: Good levels of trust, driven more by reputation than performance metrics. Reputation clearly needs to be protected, and a focus on areas such as honesty, integrity, leadership and principles will all contribute to this



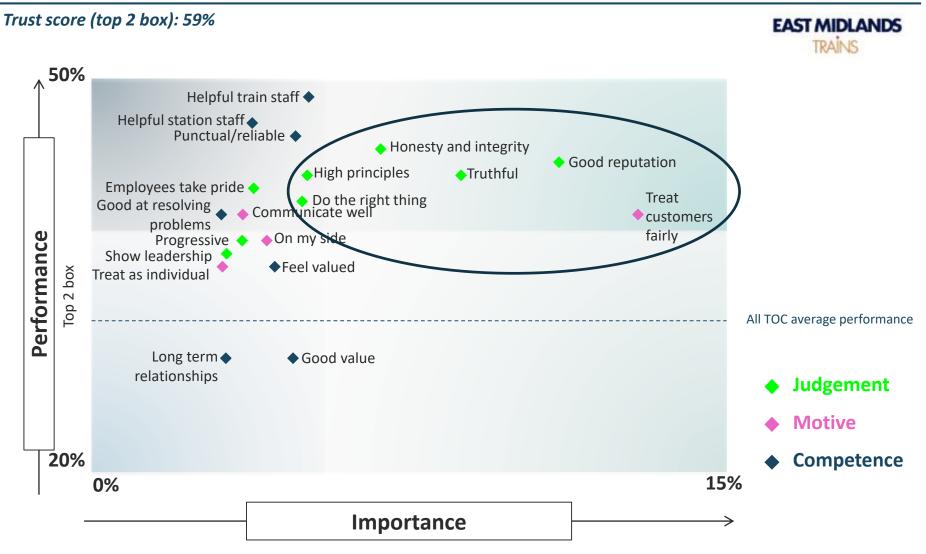


Virgin Trains (West Coast): Good trust performance, mainly driven by a strong reputation. Reputation could be eroded by lower performance on problem resolution and making customers feel valued, both of which are important drivers of trust





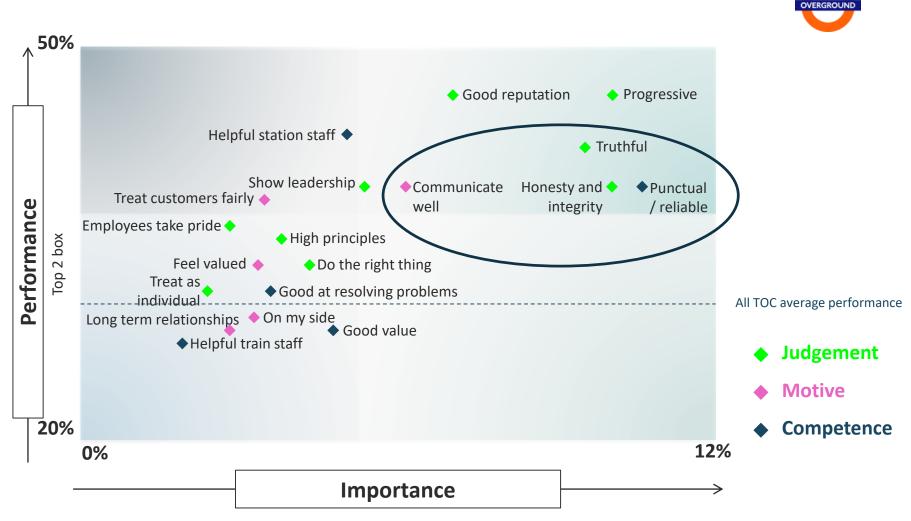
East Midlands Trains: While performance on the most important trust drivers is generally good, treating customers fairly is the most important driver and performance on this is only mid field. A focus on this should also drive up perceptions of honesty/integrity, reputation and truthfulness





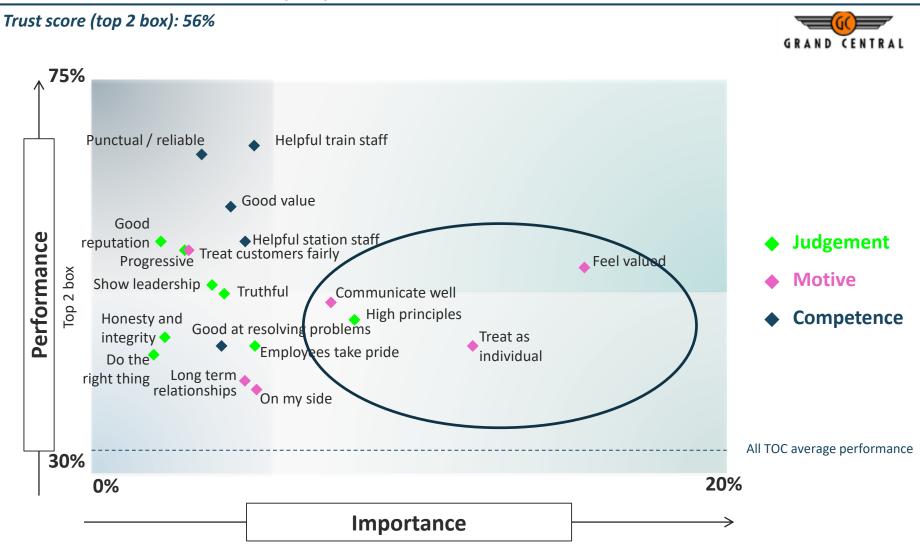
London Overground: A number of factors are driving relatively strong trust. Retaining and growing trust will depend on improving punctuality/reliability as well as perceptions of honesty, integrity and truthfulness. Linked to this is the need to improve communication with passengers







Grand Central: Making customers feel valued is the strongest driver of trust, although this, as well as other important motive factors, is not one of Grand Central's strengths. Focusing on customers and their individual needs should help improve trust overall

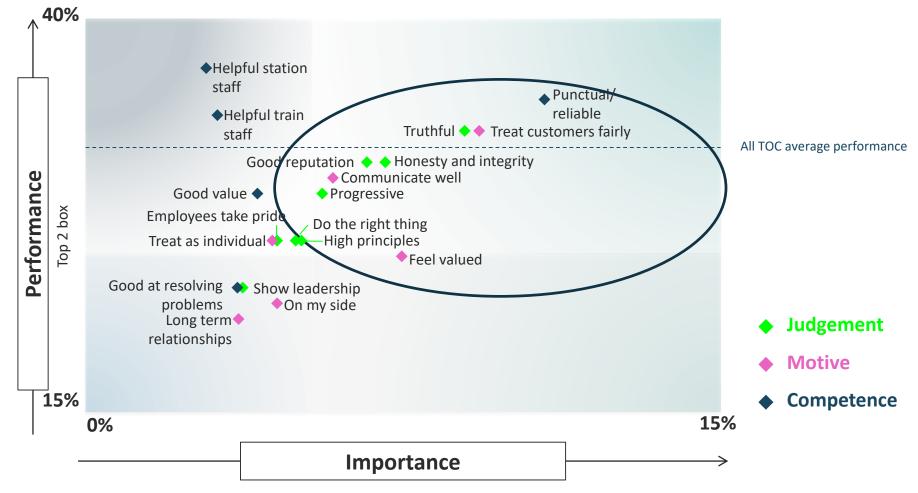




London Midland: Whilst performance on punctuality/reliability is relatively good, it is the most important driver and improved performance would help increase trust. Treating customers fairly is also likely to improve perceptions of honesty/integrity and truthfulness

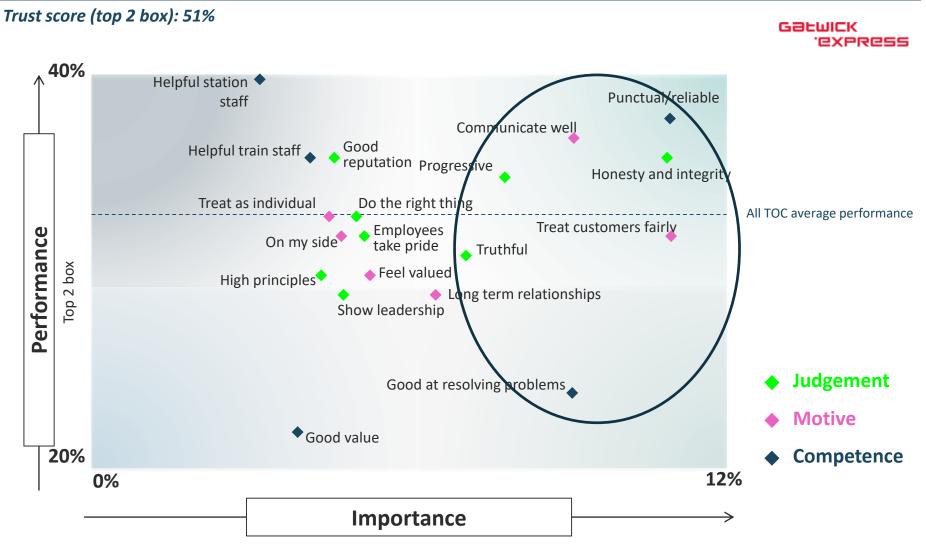
#### Trust score (top 2 box): 52%

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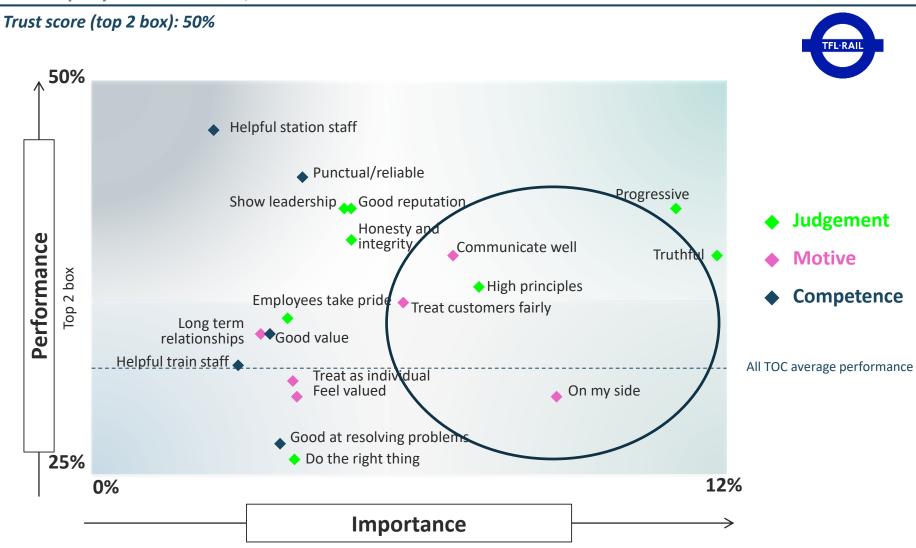


Gatwick Express: Continuing a strong performance on punctuality/reliability as well as honest communications are all important. In order to increase trust, the focus should be on problem resolution, and ensuring customers feel they have been fairly treated



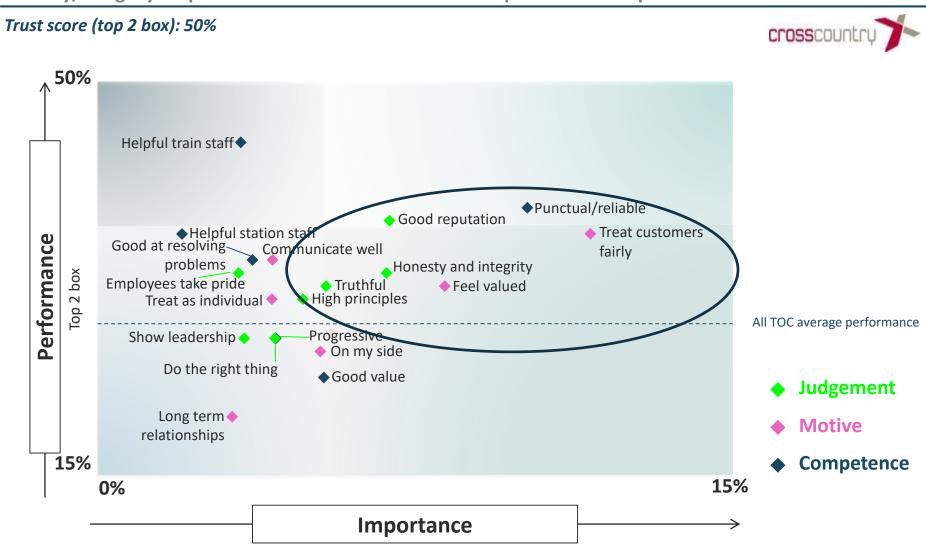


TfL Rail: Trust in TfL Rail is currently driven by being seen as truthful and progressive. In order to improve the mid table performance on trust, more emphasis should be given to ensuring customers feel the company is on their side, which should be at the heart of TfL's ambition to care about customers



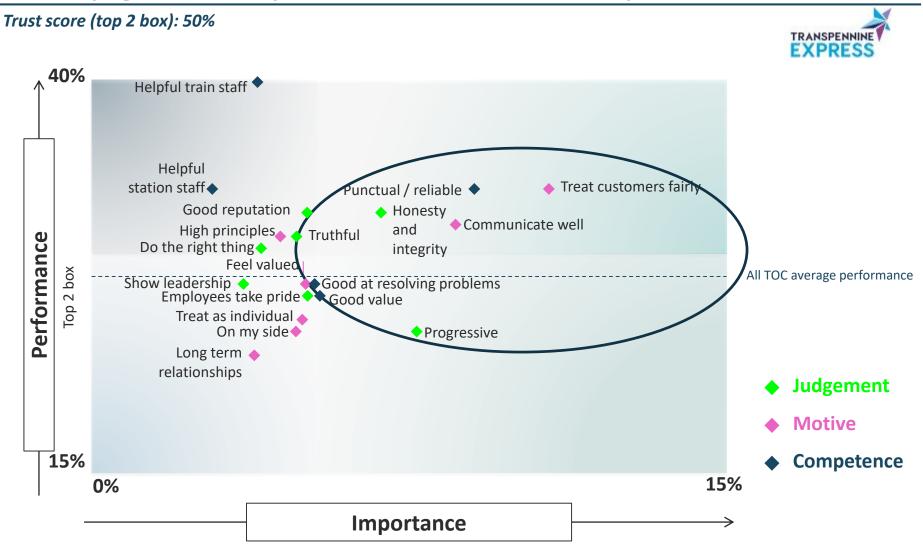


**CrossCountry Trains:** A mediocre performance on the key drivers with an opportunity to increase trust by focusing on punctuality/reliability, fair treatment of customers, making customers feel valued and honesty/integrity. Improvement on these should also help the overall reputation



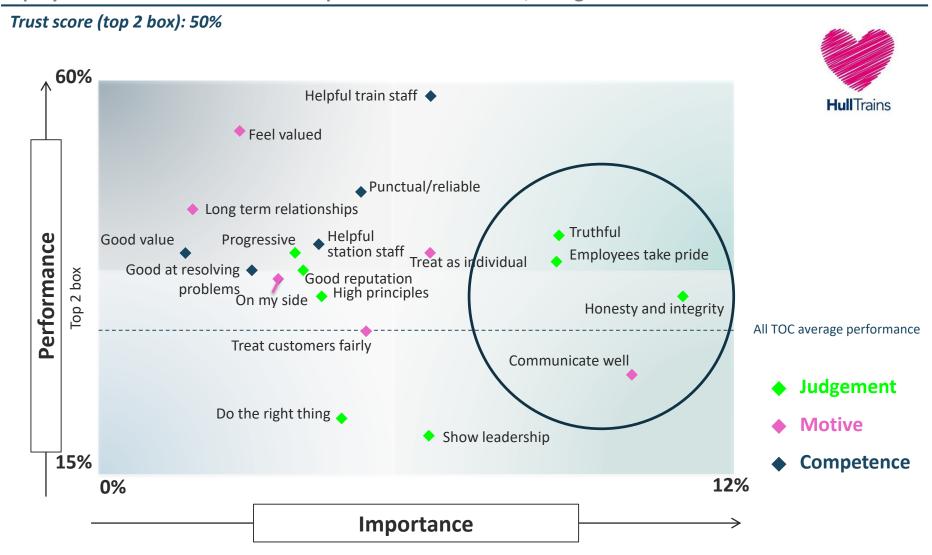


**Transpennine Express:** There is no single important driver performing exceptionally well, with a focus needed on punctuality/reliability, treating customers fairly, communication and honesty/integrity. Being seen to be progressive is the key driver that could most benefit from improvement





Hull Trains: Hull Trains' strengths are having helpful train staff and making customers feel valued, but these are not as important in driving trust as attributes relating to honesty, being truthful and having proud employees. These attributes must improve to increase trust, along with better customer communications

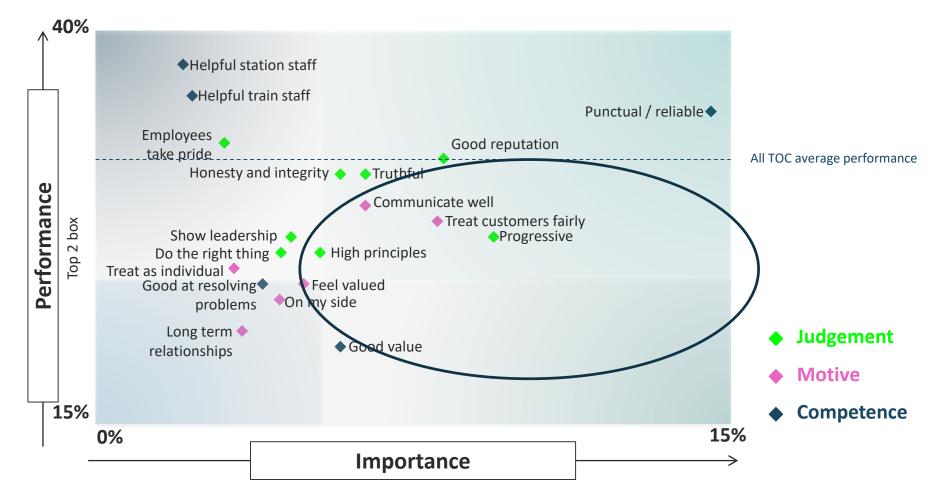




South West Trains: A mid-range trust score that relies heavily on punctuality/reliability, meaning that any decline in performance will impact on trust. A focus on treating customers fairly, communicating well, being truthful and being progressive will help to retain or grow levels of trust





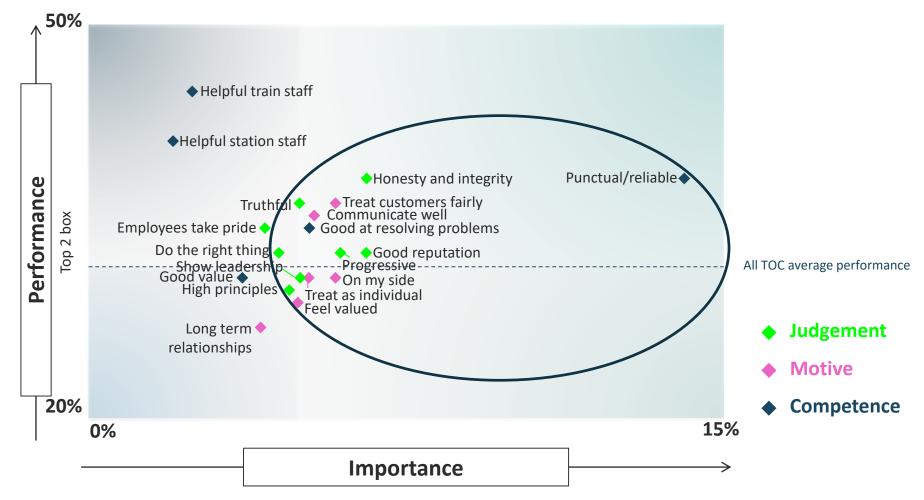




Northern: Maintaining and improving punctuality/reliability, the key driver of trust, is important for overall trust levels. In addition, focusing on motive attributes will contribute to improving trust – making passengers feel valued by demonstrating being on their side and treating them as individuals

#### Trust score (top 2 box): 48%

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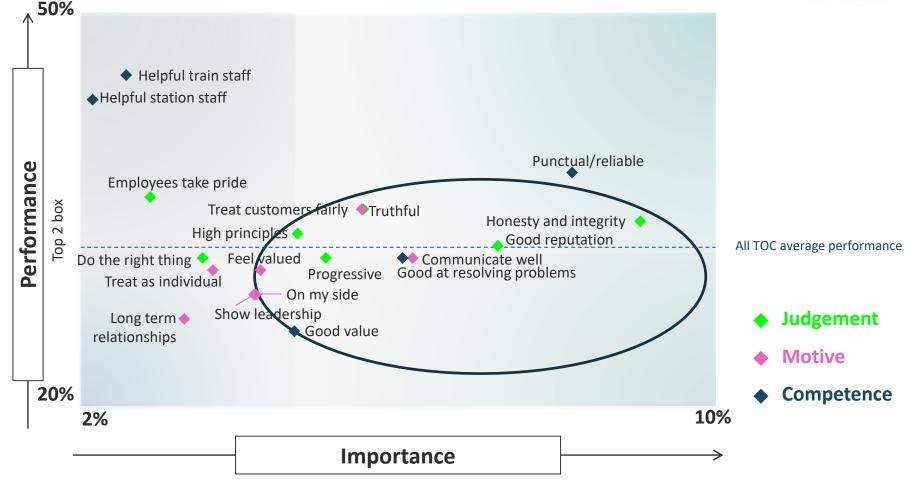




Arriva Trains Wales: There are a number of factors driving trust, with mediocre performance on several of these. Priorities for improvement include honesty/integrity, reputation, better communication and problem resolution. Performance on punctuality/reliability should also be maintained (or improved)

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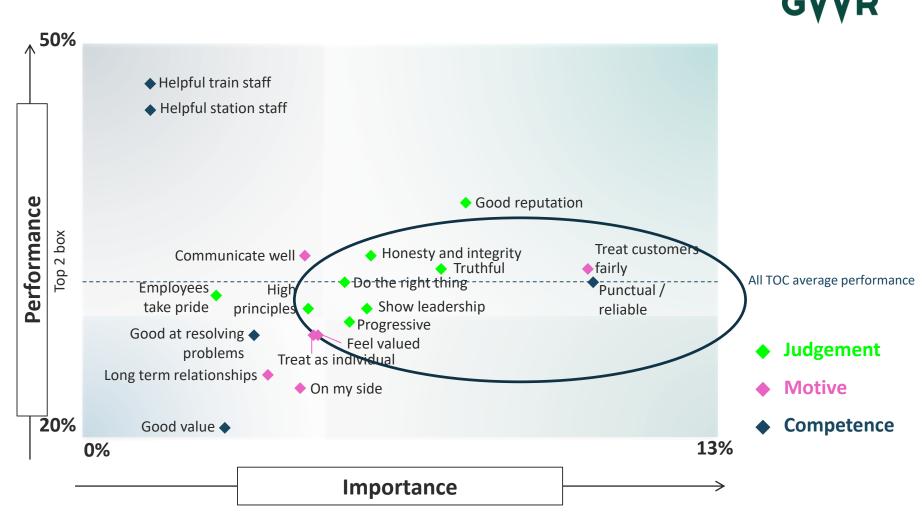






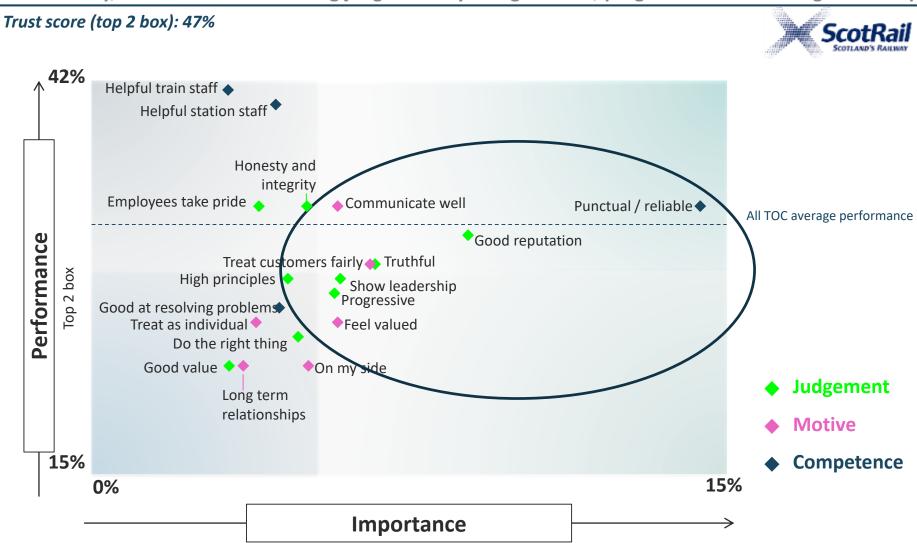
**Great Western Railway:** Trust is primarily driven by punctuality/reliability and fair customer treatment. Performance on both needs to be improved to increase overall trust levels. Secondary focus should be on judgement – honesty/integrity, truthfulness and demonstrating leadership by doing the right thing

#### Trust score (top 2 box): 47%



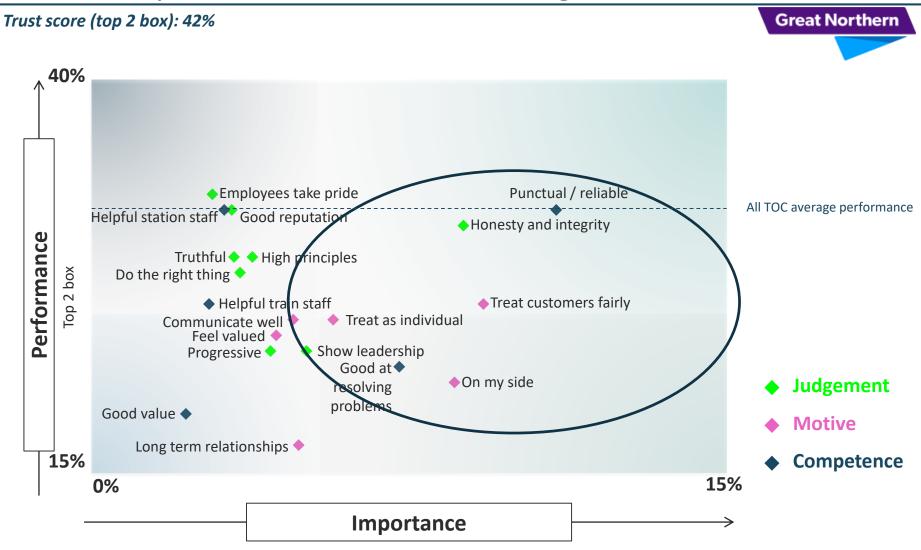


Scotrail: Punctuality/reliability is the most important driver and there is room for improvement to increase trust overall. Other areas for focus including making customers feel valued and that they are treated fairly, as well as demonstrating judgement by being truthful, progressive and showing leadership





Great Northern: Trust is driven by punctuality/reliability, honesty/integrity, treating customers fairly and being on customers' side. Performance on these is weak in comparison with other TOCs, and all of these need focus and improvement in order to increase a below average level of trust

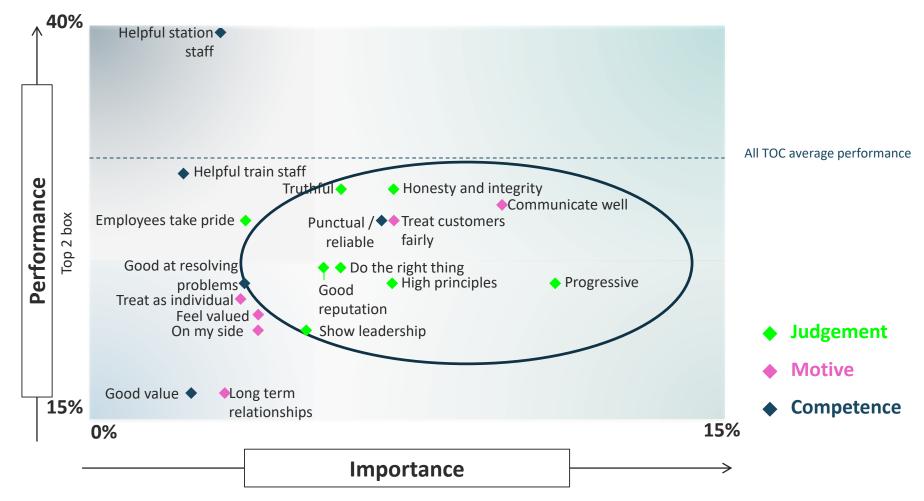




**Greater Anglia:** Relatively low trust is driven by a combination of factors, mainly focused on judgement and motive attributes. Focus should be on improving perceptions of being progressive, communicating well, demonstrating honesty/integrity, fair customer treatment and strong leadership

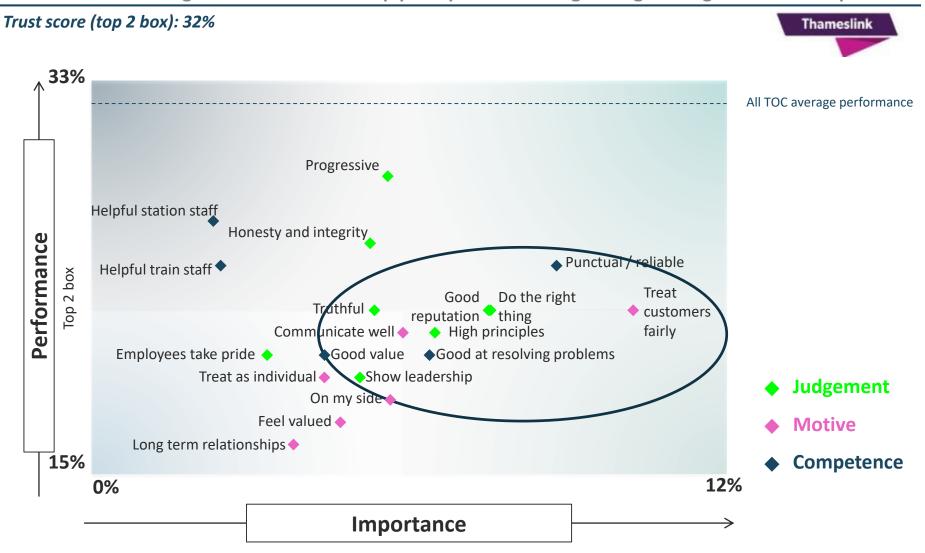
#### Trust score (top 2 box): 41%







Thameslink: One of the lowest trust scores, with fair customer treatment and punctuality/reliability the most important factors in driving trust. It is essential to focus on these and also improve problem resolution. Prioritising these should also help perceptions of doing the right thing and overall reputation

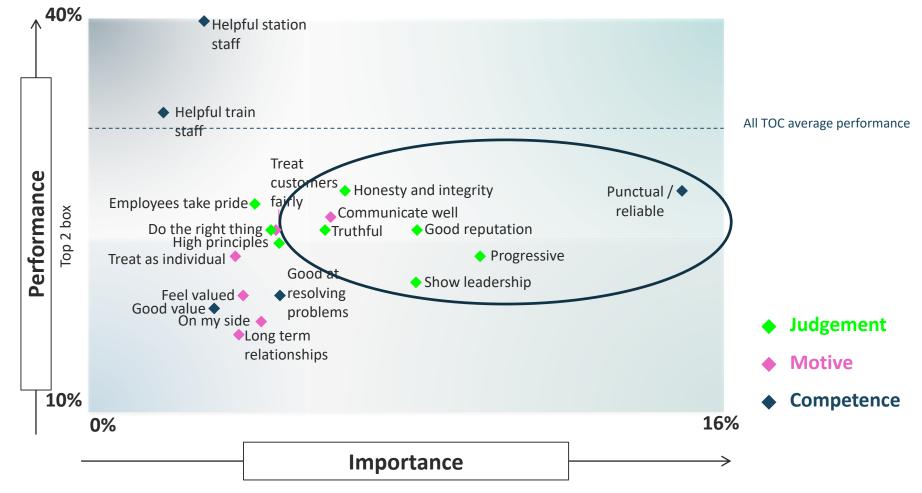




Southeastern: A poor trust score, with relatively weak performance on punctuality/reliability, which is the key driver. This needs to be the main priority, but a focus on criteria that demonstrate leadership, being progressive, having a good reputation and honesty/integrity will also improve trust overall

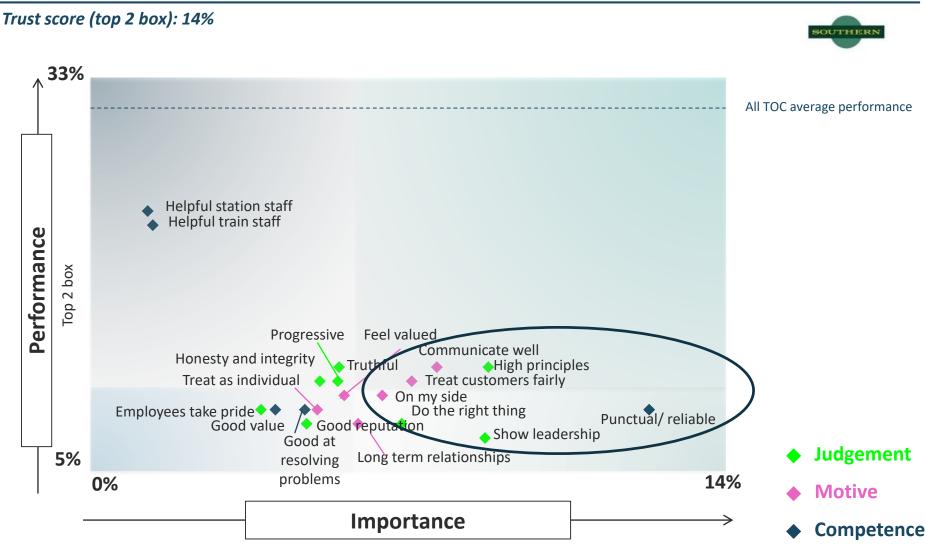
#### Trust score (top 2 box): 31%

southeastern





**Southern:** The least trusted, with clear priorities for improvement. Firstly, punctuality/reliability needs to be addressed, along with actions that demonstrate leadership and a sense of doing the right thing for passengers. Focusing on these will also help perceptions of fair customer treatment











This section outlines the attributes that make up the drivers, ordered by overall performance (rather than by order of importance)

The most important driver of trust is punctuality/reliability, which is the third highest performing attribute. However, this masks the picture underneath. It is the attribute which has greatest variability of scores, ranging from just 10% for Southern up to 69% for Grand Central. No other attribute sees this range or scores (59 percentage points)

High variability is also seen for the attributes that are second and third most important in driving trust:

- Good reputation has a range of 50 percentage points (9% 59%)
- Treating customers fairly has a range of 53 percentage points (11% to 64%)

The two best performing attributes are helpful staff at stations and helpful staff on trains. However, these are the least important drivers of trust

## Each slide also shows the performance of a specific attribute across all TOCs – this is found on the right hand chart of each slide

Grand Central, Heathrow Express and Heathrow Connect tend to receive the highest score for performance for most driver attributes

• The only exception is for building long term relationships with customers, the performance of which is rated highest by passengers of Hull Trains

Grand Central, Merseyrail and c2c receive the highest performance rating for the top driver of trust (punctuality/reliability)





# Having helpful staff covers the top two performance areas; having helpful staff at stations is the top performing area



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key driv	ver ranking %	Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18 Grand Central Merseyrail	59%
- Helpful staff on the trains	37%	19 Heathrow Connect	51%
۔ Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 TfL Rail	47%
-		Virgin Trains (East	46%
Good reputation in the industry	34%	2 Stansted Express	45%
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	5 Virgin Trains (West	45%
		East Midlands Trains	44%
Truthful in what they say	33%	6 c2c	44%
Treat customers fairly	32%	3 Chiltern Railways	43%
Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4 London Overground	43%
		Great Western	43%
Communicate well with customers	32%	8 Hull Trains	42%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	15 Arriva Trains Wales	42%
		Northern	40%
Have high principles	30%	9 Heathrow Express	40%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	7 Transpennine	39%
۔ Do the right thing even when no one is looking		10 Scotrail	39%
			39%
Good at resolving problems	27%	11 Southeastern	39%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	13 Greater Anglia	38%
- Treat was as an individual		South west Trains	37%
Treat me as an individual	27%	London Midland	33%
On my side	25%	12 CrossCountry Trains	33%
- Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16 Great Northern	31%
Train tickets good value for money		Thameslink     17     Southern	25% 23%



## This is followed by having **helpful staff on trains** being the second highest performing



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall		Key drive	er ranking	%	Agree (top 2 b	ox) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations		39%		and Central		70%
- Helpful staff on the trains		37%	19	Hull Trains		59% 51%
- Punctuality / Reliability	-	34%		Trains (East		51%
- Good reputation in the industry	-	34%	2	Merseyrail		49%
Act with honesty and integrity	-		Virgin I	rains (West ands Trains		48% 47%
Truthful in what they say				at Western		46%
	-	_	Tra	anspennine		46%
Treat customers fairly		32%	Arriva Ti	rains Wales		45%
Progressive in developing passenger services		32%	4	Northern		45%
- Communicate well with customers		32%	8	untry Trains		42%
-		-	Stans	ted Express		41%
Employees seem proud to work for the company		32%	15 Heathr	ow Express		40%
Have high principles		30%	9	Scotrail		40%
Show leadership in the rail industry		29%	-	rn Railways vick Express	35	39% 5%
- Do the right thing even when no one is looking		29%	10 South \	Nest Trains	339	
		-0,0		TfL Rail	329	6
Good at resolving problems		27%	11 So	outheastern	31%	, )
Treat me as a valued customer		27%	13 Lond	on Midland	31%	)
- Treat me as an individual		27%	14	c2c	29%	
- On my side	21	5%	10	eater Anglia	29%	
-	2			Overground	26%	
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24	%		at Northern	24%	
Train tickets good value for money	239	%	17	Southern	22%	





Overall **punctuality and reliability** is the third highest performance area, with wide variability in performance across the TOCs



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key driv	er ranking %	Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18 Grand Central	69%
۔ Helpful staff on the trains	37%	19 Merseyrail c2c	57%
Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 Chiltern Railways	53%
- Good reputation in the industry		2 Stansted Express	49%
-		Hull Trains	48%
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	5 Heathrow Express	48%
Truthful in what they say	33%	6 Heathrow Connect Virgin Trains (West	48%
Treat customers fairly	32%	3 Virgin Trains (East	45%
- Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	East Midlands Trains	45%
-		TfL Rail	44%
Communicate well with customers	32%	<sup>8</sup> London Overground	40%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	15 Northern	39%
- Have high principles	30%	9 CrossCountry Trains	39%
-		Transpennine	38%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	7 Gatwick Express	37%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	10 Arriva Trains Wales	37%
- Good at resolving problems	27%	South West Trains	35%
			35%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	13 Scotrail	33%
Treat me as an individual	27%	14 Great Western Great Northern	32%
- On my side	25%	12 Greater Anglia	28%
-		Southeastern	27%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16 Thameslink	24%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	17 Southern	10%





## Performance in having a good reputation in the industry



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key drive	er ranking %	Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
Helpful staff at the stations	39% 1	8 Grand Central	59%
Helpful staff on the trains	37%	9 Heathrow Connect Heathrow Express	58%
- Punctuality / Reliability	34%	Chiltern Railways	50%
Good reputation in the industry	34%	Virgin Trains (West	48%
۔ Act with honesty and integrity	33%	c2c Stansted Express	47%
		Virgin Trains (East	47%
Truthful in what they say	33%	6 Merseyrail	46%
Treat customers fairly	32%	3 TfL Rail	42%
Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	London Overground	41%
Communicate well with customers	32%	Hull Trains	39%
	32%	🕙 East Midlands Trains 🗍	37%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	.5 Gatwick Express	35%
- Have high principles	30%	Great Western	34%
Chavy leadenship in the unit industry	2001		32%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	7 Transpennine	30%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	.0 Northern	28%
Good at resolving problems	27%	Arriva Trains Wales	28%
		Scotrail	28%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	3 Great Northern	27%
Treat me as an individual	27%	4 South West Trains	26%
- On my side	25%	2 London Midland 2 Southeastern	26%
· · ·		Thamoslink	21%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	Greater Anglia	20%
Train tickets good value for money	23%		9%





## Performance in acting with honesty and integrity



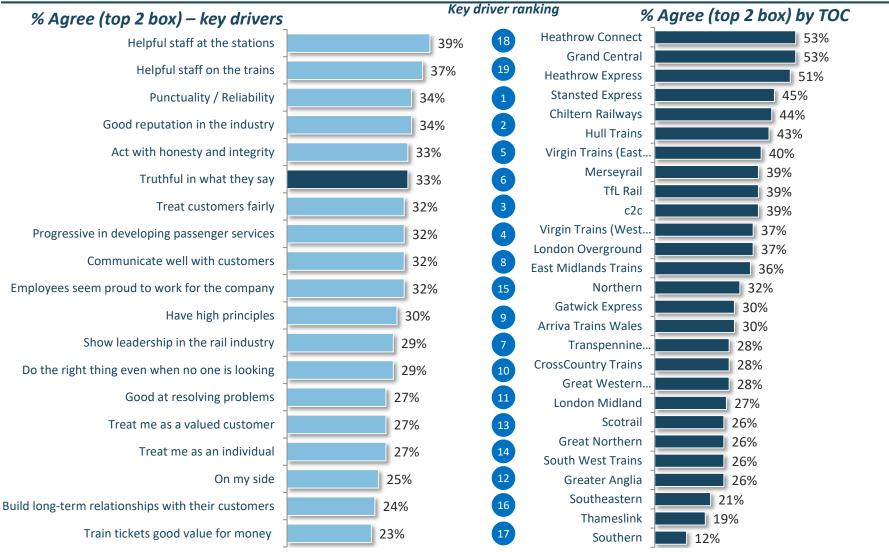
% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key driv	ver ranking %	6 Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18 Heathrow Connect	50%
- Helpful staff on the trains	37%	19 Heathrow Express Grand Central	49%
- Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 Chiltern Railways	48%
- Good reputation in the industry	34%	Virgin Trains (East	41%
-		Merseyrail	40%
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	5 TfL Rail	40%
- Truthful in what they say	33%	6 Virgin Trains (West	39%
-		c2c	39%
Treat customers fairly	32%	3 East Midlands Trains	38%
Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4 Stansted Express	37%
- Communicate well with customers	32%	Hull Trains	36%
-		8 London Overground	35%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	15 Gatwick Express	35%
Have high principles	30%	9 Northern	34%
- Show leadership in the rail industry	20%	Arriva Trains Wales	30%
	29%	7 Transpennine	29%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	10 CrossCountry Trains	29%
- Good at resolving problems	27%	Great Western	
-		Scotrail	29%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	13 Great Northern London Midland	28%
Treat me as an individual	27%	14 South West Trains	25%
- On my side	25%	12 Greater Anglia	25%
-		Southoastorn	23%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16 Thameslink	22%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	17 Southern	11%





## Performance in being truthful in what they say







#### Performance in treating customers fairly



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key driv	er ranking	% Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18 Heathrow Connect	64%
- Helpful staff on the trains	37%	19 Grand Central Heathrow Express	58%
-	3778		46%
Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 Merseyrail	44%
Good reputation in the industry	34%	2 Chiltern Railways	42%
- Act with honesty and integrity			-
		Virgin Trains (West	41%
Truthful in what they say	33%	6 Stansted Express	38%
Treat customers fairly	32%	3 East Midlands Trains	38%
- Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4 TfL Rail	36%
-		London Overground	36%
Communicate well with customers	32%	8 Transpennine.	35%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	15 CrossCountry Trains	34%
- Have high principles	30%	Northern	34%
		9 Arriva Trains Wales	33%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	7 Hull Trains	32%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	10 Gatwick Express	31%
		Great Western.	
Good at resolving problems	27%	London Midland	30%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	13 Scotrail	27%
- Treat me as an individual	27%	14 Greater Anglia	26%
-		South west frams	25%
On my side	25%	12 Great Northern	24%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16 Southeastern	23%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	Thameslink17Southern	21%





## Performance in being progressive in **developing services to meet** customers' needs

% Agree (top 2 box) – key drivers		Key driver rankin	g %	Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	3	39% 18	Grand Central	58%
- Helpful staff on the trains	37	10/	eathrow Express _	56%
- Punctuality / Reliability	34%		rgin Trains (West	47%
۔ Good reputation in the industry	34%	5 Z V	irgin Trains (East	44%
- Act with honesty and integrity	33%		Merseyrail _ Chiltern Railways	43%
Truthful in what they say	33%	6	c2c	43%
- Treat customers fairly	32%	Lon	don Overground	43%
- Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4	TfL Rail	42%
Communicate well with customers	32%	8	Hull Trains	41%
- Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%		Gatwick Express	34%
	30%	9	Northern	29%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%		Transpennine	27%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%		ssCountry Trains	26%
Good at resolving problems	27%	11	Great Western	26%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%		Thameslink London Midland	26%
Treat me as an individual	27%	13	Scotrail	25%
On my side		14 St	outh West Trains	22%
-	25%		Greater Anglia Great Northern	21%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16	Southeastern	20%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	17	Southern	11%



### Performance in communicating well with customers



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Кеу	v driver ranking	% Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18 Heathrow Connect	
۔ Helpful staff on the trains	37%	Grand Central Heathrow Express	
	57%		
Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 Virgin Trains (East	
Good reputation in the industry	34%	2 Merseyrail	
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	5 Virgin Trains (West	
Truthful in what they say	33%	6 Chiltern Railways	-
	220/	TfL Rail	-
Treat customers fairly	32%	3 London Overground	
Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4 East Midlands Trains	-
- Communicate well with customers	32%	c2c	-
-	5270	Gatwick Express	-
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	15 Northern	
- Have high principles	30%	9 CrossCountry Trains	
		Great Western	33%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	7 Transpennine	32%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	10 Scotrail	32%
Coord at most line model and	270/	Arriva Trains Wales	29%
Good at resolving problems	27%	London Midland	28%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	13 Greater Anglia	28%
۔ Treat me as an individual	27%	Hull Trains	27%
	2770	South West Trains	26%
On my side	25%	12 Great Northern	24%
- Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16 Southeastern	24%
· · · · ·		Thameslink	21%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	17 Southern	12%





#### Performance in **employees seeming proud to work for the company**



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key drive	er ranking %	Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
Helpful staff at the stations	39%	8 Grand Central	47%
		Heathrow Express	45%
Helpful staff on the trains	37%	9 Virgin Trains (West	43%
Punctuality / Reliability	34%	Heathrow Connect	42%
Good reputation in the industry	240/	Virgin Trains (East	42%
Good reputation in the industry	34%	2 Stansted Express	41%
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	5 Hull Trains	40%
Truthful in what they say	33%	6 Merseyrail	37%
	-	Chiltern Railways	36%
Treat customers fairly	32%	Bast Midlands Trains	36%
Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4 TfL Rail	35%
Communicate well with customers	32%	c2c	33%
		Arriva Trains Wales	32%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	5 Gatwick Express	31%
Have high principles	30%	London Overground	31%
Chow load archin in the rail inductor		Northern	30%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	7 Transpennine	30%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	0 CrossCountry Trains	29%
Good at resolving problems	27%	Great Northern	29%
		Scotrail	28%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	3 South West Trains	28%
Treat me as an individual	27%	4 Great Western Greater Anglia	27%
On my side	25%	London Midland	23%
		Southoastorn	22%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	.6 Southeastern Thameslink	17%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	7 Southern	9%



#### Performance in having high principles



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key driv	ver ranking	% Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18 Grand Central	50%
- Helpful staff on the trains	37%	19 Heathrow Express Heathrow Connect	45%
Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 Stansted Express	42%
- Good reputation in the industry	34%	2 Virgin Trains (East Virgin Trains (West	-
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	<ul><li>Virgin Trains (West</li><li>Chiltern Railways</li></ul>	
		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	39%
Truthful in what they say	33%	<sup>6</sup> TfL Rail	37%
Treat customers fairly	32%	3 Merseyrail	36%
<ul> <li>Progressive in developing passenger services</li> </ul>	32%	4 East Midlands Trains	36%
-		Hull Trains	36%
Communicate well with customers	32%	8 London Overground	31%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	15 Gatwick Express	29%
- Have high principles	30%	9 Arriva Trains Wales	28%
		Iranspennine	
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	7 CrossCountry Trains	26%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	10 Northern	25%
- Good at resolving problems	27%	Great Western Scotrail	
		Scotrair	25%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	13 Great Northern London Midland	20%
Treat me as an individual	27%	14 Greater Anglia	20%
- On my side	25%	12 South West Trains	20%
-		Southoastorn	19%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16 Thameslink	18%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	17 Southern	12%





## Performance in showing leadership in the rail industry



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key d	river ranking	% Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18 Grand Central	54%
- Helpful staff on the trains	37%	19 Heathrow Connect Virgin Trains (West.	49% 46%
- Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 Virgin Trains (East.	
- Good reputation in the industry	34%	2 Heathrow Express TfL Rail	43%
- Act with honesty and integrity	33%	5 Chiltern Railways	42%
۔ Truthful in what they say	33%	6 Merseyrail	35%
- Treat customers fairly	32%	C2c 3 London Overground	35%
- Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4 Stansted Express	33%
- Communicate well with customers	32%	8 East Midlands Trains Gatwick Express	28%
- Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	15 Northern	26%
- Have high principles	30%	9 Great Western.	
- Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	Arriva Trains Wales 7 Transpennine.	24% 24%
۔ Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	10 CrossCountry Trains	24%
- Good at resolving problems	27%	11 Scotrail Hull Trains	24%
۔ Treat me as a valued customer	27%	13 South West Trains	20%
- Treat me as an individual	27%	London Midland	19%
- On my side	25%	Great Northern Greater Anglia	19%
- Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16 Southeastern	17%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	17Thameslink17Southern	8%





## Performance in **doing the right thing when no one is looking**



% Agree (top 2 box) – key drivers	Key driver r	anking 9	% Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39% 18	Heathrow Express	48%
Helpful staff on the trains	37% 19	Grand Central Heathrow Connect	46%
- Punctuality / Reliability	34%	Stansted Express	38%
		Virgin Trains (East.	
Good reputation in the industry	34% 2	Virgin Trains (West.	
Act with honesty and integrity	33% 5	Merseyrail	33%
- Truthful in what they say	33%	c2c	32%
		East Midlands Trains	32%
Treat customers fairly	32% 3	Gatwick Express	32%
Progressive in developing passenger services	32% 4	Chiltern Railways	31%
- Communicate well with customers	32%	London Overground TfL Rail	28%
- Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	Northern	26%
	3270	Transpennine.	-
Have high principles	30% 9	Arriva Trains Wales	24%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29% 7	Great Western.	
- Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	CrossCountry Trains	23%
		Great Northern	23%
Good at resolving problems	27% 11	Hull Trains	22%
Treat me as a valued customer	27% 13	Greater Anglia	20%
۔ Treat me as an individual	27% 14	Scotrail	19%
		London Midland	19%
On my side	25% 12	South West Trains	19%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24% 16	Southeastern	19%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	Thameslink Southern	8%





## Performance in being good at resolving problems



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key dr	iver ranking %	6 Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18 Grand Central	47%
Helpful staff on the trains	37%	19 Heathrow Connect Hull Trains	39%
Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 Heathrow Express	
Good reputation in the industry	34%	2 Stansted Express Virgin Trains (East	34%
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	<ul><li>Virgin Trains (East</li><li>Virgin Trains (West</li></ul>	-
Truthful in what they say	33%	6 East Midlands Trains	29%
		c2c	28%
Treat customers fairly	32%	3 London Overground	27%
Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4 TfL Rail Northern	27%
Communicate well with customers	32%	8 Merseyrail	25%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	15 Chiltern Railways	25%
Have high principles	30%	9 CrossCountry Trains	25%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%		23%
		7 Arriva Trains Wales Transpennine	23%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	Great Western.	
Good at resolving problems	27%	11 Scotrail	21%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	13 Greater Anglia	19%
Treat me as an individual	27%	Great Northern	18%
On my side	25%	South West Trains Thameslink	17% 16%
			15%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16 Southeastern	15%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	17 Southern	9%



## Performance in treating passengers as valued customers



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key driver	ranking %	Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39% 18	Grand Central	56%
Helpful staff on the trains	37% 19	Hull Trains	55%
	37% 19	Heathrow Express	47%
Punctuality / Reliability	34%	Heathrow Connect	42%
Good reputation in the industry	34% 2	Stansted Express	39%
· · · · ·		Virgin Trains (East	38%
Act with honesty and integrity	33% 5	Chiltern Railways	36%
Truthful in what they say	33% 6	Merseyrail	35%
- Treat customers fairly		East Midlands Trains	35%
	32%	Virgin Trains (West	35%
Progressive in developing passenger services	32% 4	c2c	33%
Communicate well with customers	32%	London Overground	32%
-		CrossCountry Trains	32%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32% 15	-	30%
Have high principles	30% 9	Gatwick Express	29%
Show leadership in the rail industry	2004	Arriva Trains Wales	29%
· · · · · ·		Transpennine	29%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29% 10	Northern	28%
Good at resolving problems	27%	Great Western	27%
- Treat me as a valued customer			24%
rieat file as a valued customer	27% 13	London Midland	24%
Treat me as an individual	27% 14	South West Trains	23%
- On my side	25%		21%
-		Southoastorn	18%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	Thameslink	17%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	Southern	11%





## Performance in treating customers as individuals

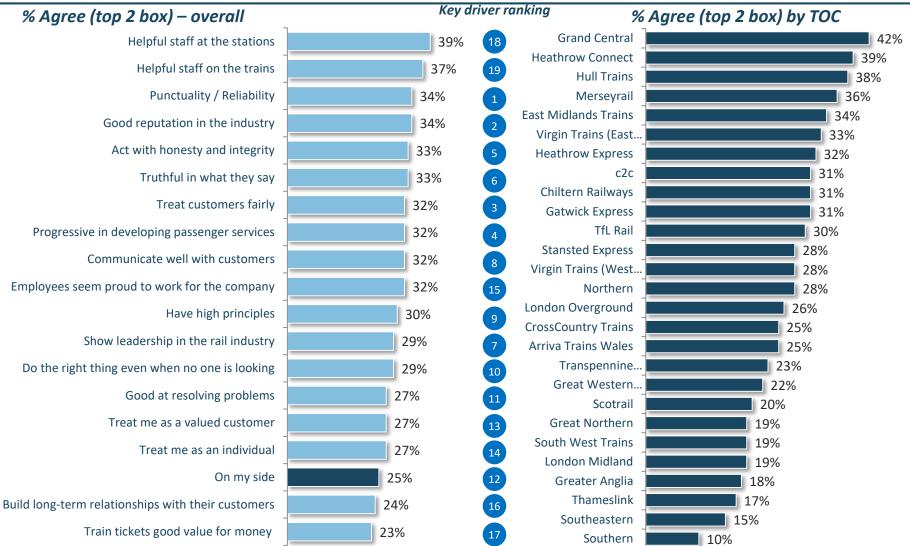


% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key d	lriver ran	nking %	6 Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18	Heathrow Express	49%
- Helpful staff on the trains	37%	10	Grand Central	47%
-		19	Hull Trains	41%
Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1	Heathrow Connect	41%
Good reputation in the industry	34%	2	Merseyrail	38%
- Act with honesty and integrity	33%	-	Virgin Trains (East	-
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	5	Chiltern Railways	34%
Truthful in what they say	33%	6	East Midlands Trains	34%
- Treat customers fairly	32%		c2c	34%
-		3	Gatwick Express	32%
Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4	Stansted Express	31%
Communicate well with customers	32%	8	Virgin Trains (West	-
- Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%		TfL Rail	31%
		15	London Overground	30%
Have high principles	30%	9	CrossCountry Trains	30%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	7	Northern Arriva Trains Wales	29%
-			Great Western	28%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	10	Transpennine	
Good at resolving problems	27%	11	Scotrail	24%
- Treat me as a valued customer	27%		Great Northern	24%
-		13	London Midland	24%
Treat me as an individual	27%	14	South West Trains	23%
On my side	25%	12	Greater Anglia	21%
- Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%		Southeastern	21%
	2470	16	Thameslink	18%
Train tickets good value for money	23%	17	Southern	10%



## Performance in being on my side







## Performance in building long term relationships



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key dri	ver ranking %	Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18 Hull Trains	46%
۔ Helpful staff on the trains	37%	19 Heathrow Connect Grand Central	45%
۔ Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 Heathrow Express	37%
Good reputation in the industry		Stansted Express	35%
Good reputation in the industry	34%	2 Virgin Trains (East	34%
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	5 TfL Rail	34%
- Truthful in what they say	33%	6 Merseyrail	28%
· · · ·		C2C	28%
Treat customers fairly	32%	3 Gatwick Express	28%
Progressive in developing passenger services	32%	4 Virgin Trains (West]	27%
۔ Communicate well with customers	32%	Chiltern Railways	27%
	5270	8 London Overground	26%
Employees seem proud to work for the company	32%	15 East Midlands Trains	24%
- Have high principles	30%	9 Northern	23%
Chevy leadership in the will industry		Arriva Trains Wales	22%
Show leadership in the rail industry	29%	7 Great Western	22%
Do the right thing even when no one is looking	29%	10 Transpennine	20%
Good at resolving problems	27%	CrossCountry Trains	20%
			19%
Treat me as a valued customer	27%	13 South West Trains	17%
Treat me as an individual	27%	14 London Midland Great Northern	17%
- On my side	25%	12 Thameslink	15%
· .		Greater Anglia	13%
Build long-term relationships with their customers	24%	16 Southeastern	
Train tickets good value for money	23%	17 Southern	9%



## Performance in ticket prices offering value for money



% Agree (top 2 box) – overall	Key dr	iver ranking %	Agree (top 2 box) by TOC
- Helpful staff at the stations	39%	18Grand Central	63%
Helpful staff on the trains	37%	Hull Trains	41%
neipiù stan on the trains	37%		40%
Punctuality / Reliability	34%	1 Merseyrail	40%
Good reputation in the industry	34%	2 Stansted Express	34%
		5 Virgin Trains (East	34%
Act with honesty and integrity	33%	5 Virgin Trains (East Chiltern Railways	33%
Truthful in what they say	33%	6 Northern	30%
- Treat customers fairly	32%	3 East Midlands Trains	28%
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		Scotrail	22%
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Treat me as a valued customer	27%	Great Western	21%
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### Two-thirds (64%) of passengers say that they have seen/heard something recently about the railways

• Although much of what has been seen/heard is mixed, the sentiment generally leans towards the negative, with 34% of those who have seen/heard something saying it was generally negative, and 43% saying it was mixed

## Passengers of Southern, Thameslink, Southeastern and South West Trains are the most likely to have seen/heard something negative

- This ranges from 44% saying it was mainly negative for South West Trains passengers up to 67% for Southern passengers
- Seeing or hearing something positive or negative about the railways also has a relationship with how well passengers perceive TOCs to be communicating with customers
- TOCs whose passengers have seen/heard more positive things tend to also be those rated highly for communicating well with customers

• TOCs whose passengers have seen/heard more negative things are those rated more poorly for communicating well with customers However, it is hard from this data to understand which is the driver – those who are positive anyway are likely to be more disposed to hear positive things as much as hearing something positive could drive the passenger's overall perceptions of the train company

Those hearing positive stories are more likely than average to have seen/heard something via posters/leaflets and directly from the train company

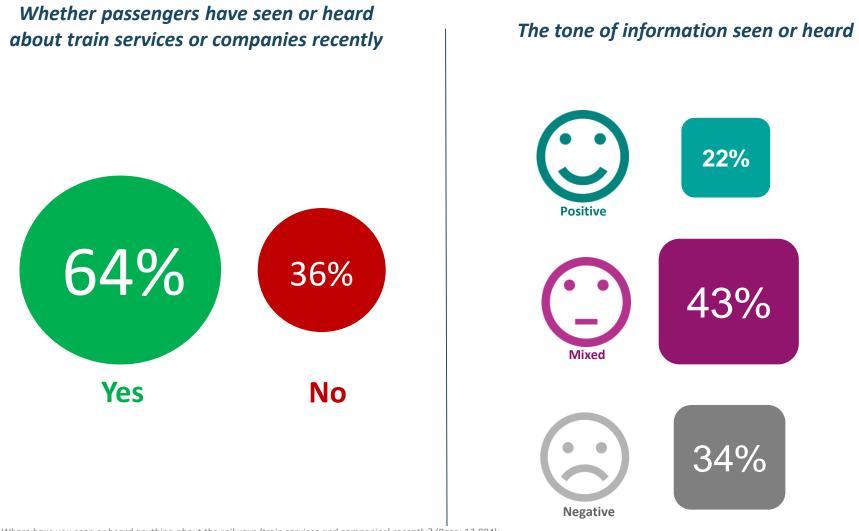
Those hearing negative stories are more likely to have seen/heard something via TV/Radio and print/online news

Digital is a key channel for information – whether that's online news, general social media, or social media from train companies For the majority of TOCs, digital is the main channel that people have used

• Notable exceptions to this are for passengers of TOCs who have heard mainly negative news. For Southern, Southeastern and South West Trains TV/radio is the mostly likely channel for information



Almost two thirds of passengers have seen or heard something about train companies or services, with three quarters of those having heard negative or mixed information



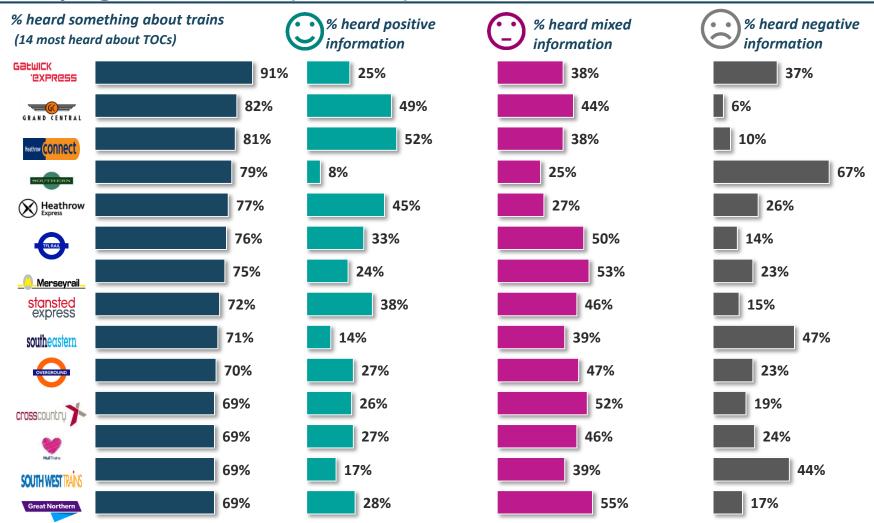
E1. Where have you seen or heard anything about the railways (train services and companies) recently? (Base: 12,804);

E2. On balance, would you describe everything you have heard or read about the railways recently as generally positive or generally negative? (Base: 8,048)





Among those who have seen or heard the most about train companies, passengers of Southern, Southeastern, South West Trains and Gatwick Express stand out as having heard particularly negative information (slide 1 of 2)



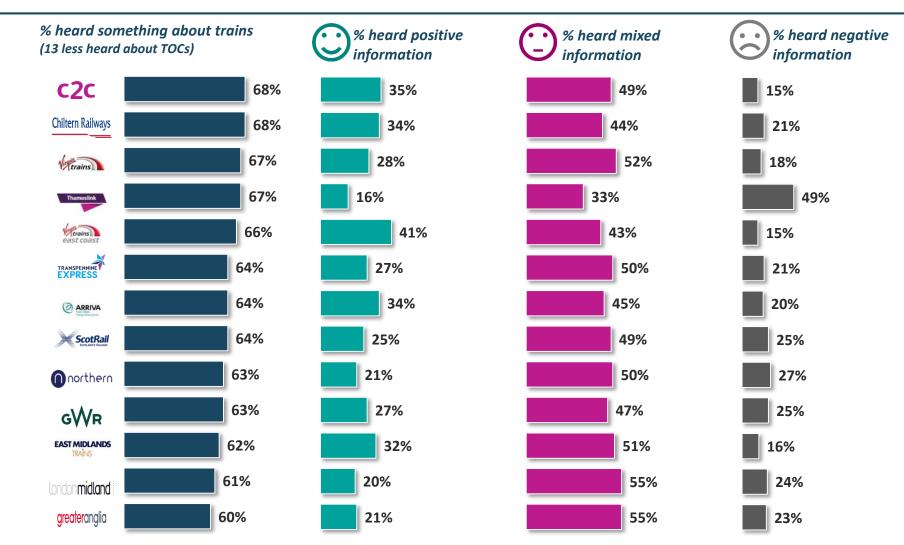
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Similarly, passengers of Thameslink are more likely to have seen or heard something negative (slide 2 of 2)

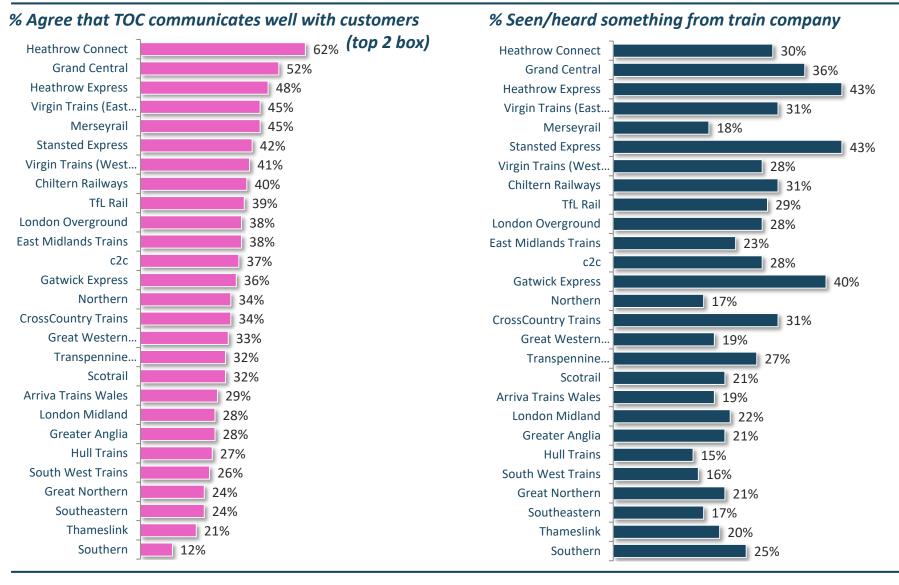


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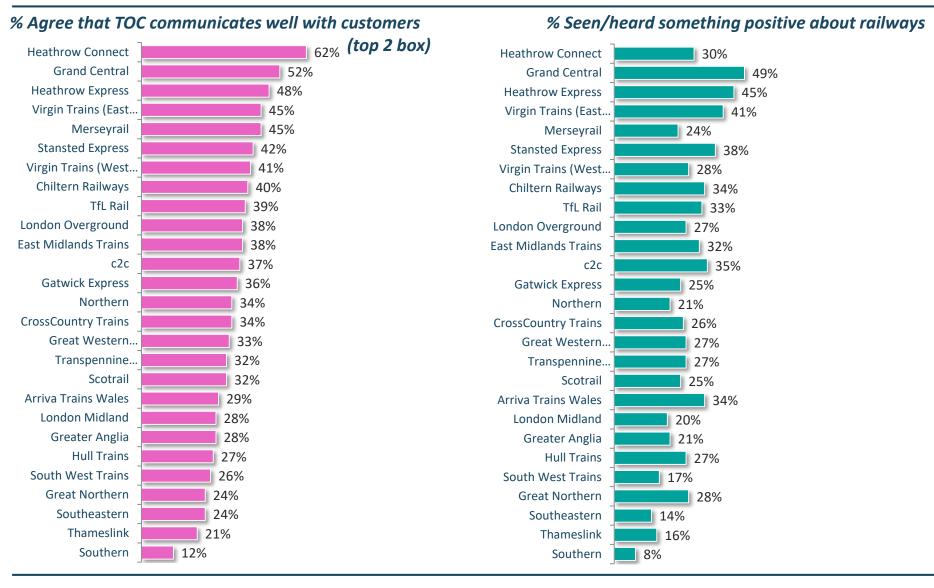


Communicating does not necessarily mean communicating *well*, as passengers of TOCs who have seen/heard something directly from a train company are not always those who agree that their TOC communicates well with customers



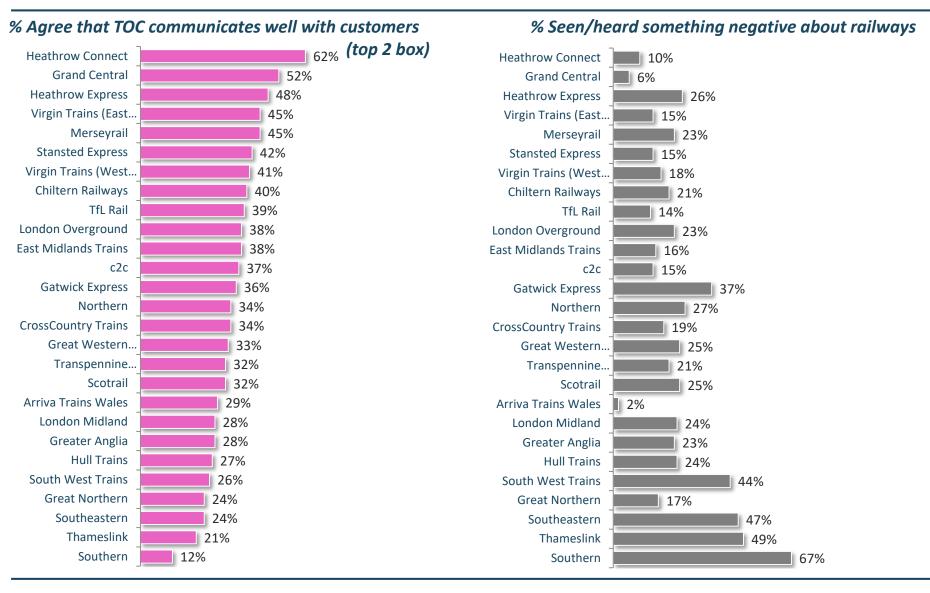


Rather, the TOCs whose passengers are most likely to agree that they communicate well with customers are generally those whose passengers were more likely to have seen/heard something positive about the railways in general





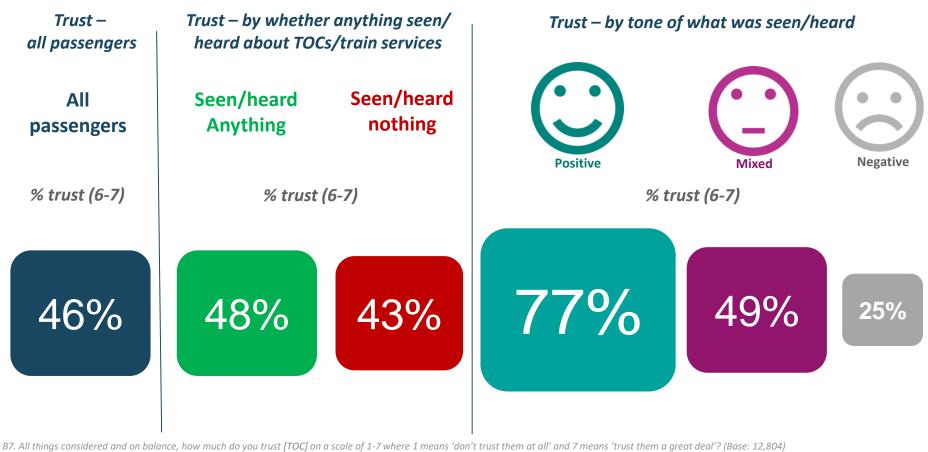
The inverse is also largely true; those TOCs perceived to communicate less well with customers are those whose passengers are most likely to have seen or heard something negative about the railways





# Overall, passengers who have heard entirely positive information about train companies or services are more likely to trust TOCs

Impact on trust of what passengers have seen or heard about train services or companies recently - % trust (6-7)



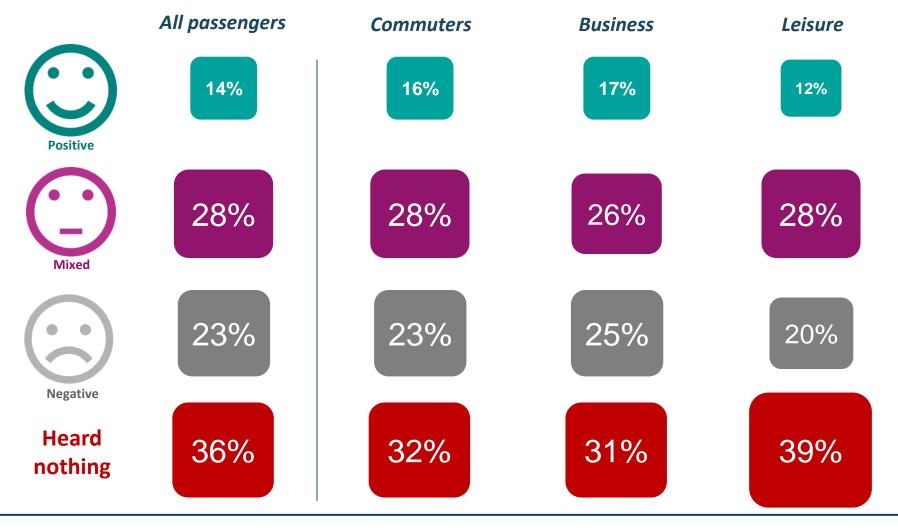
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# Commuters and business passengers are more likely to have seen or heard mostly negative information about train services than leisure passengers

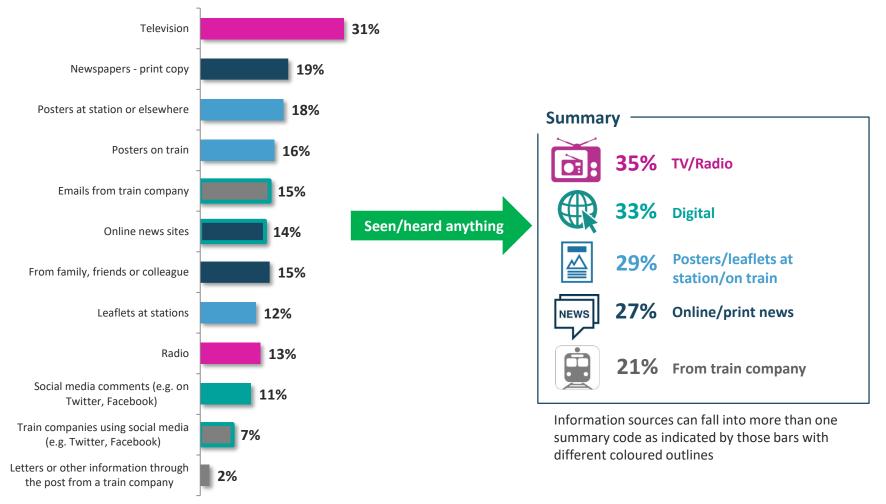
The tone of the information seen or heard – by most frequent journey type





Overall passengers have seen/heard information about train services and TOCs through a variety of channels, with television being the most likely source but digital also very important

### Where passengers have seen or heard about train services/companies



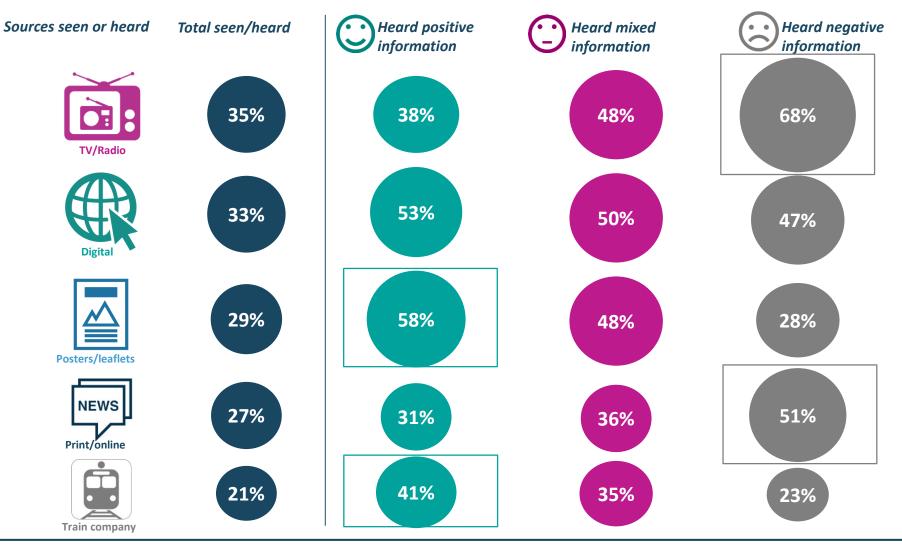
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Passengers who have heard positive information are more likely to have seen posters/leaflets and information from train companies than passengers who have heard negative information

% Sources of information seen or heard – by those who have heard positive/mixed/negative information





For the majority of TOCs, the most likely channel through which passengers have seen or heard information is through digital channels such as online news and social media

(slide 1 of 2)

Top 14 trusted TOCs

% Sources of information seen – by TOC

Most used channel

### Sources of information seen/heard NEWS **Overall Trust** (6-7) **Posters/leaflets** Digital **Train company Print/online** TV/radio Heathrow Express 68% 44% 43% 58% 44% 48% ieathrow Connect 67% 30% 28% 30% 44% 32% stansted express 66% 45% 43% 54% 47% 35% **C2C** 66% 37% 28% 39% 28% 27% \_Merseyrail\_ 63% 31% 32% 36% 18% 47% **Chiltern Railways** 61% 21% 31% 31% 37% 30% east coast 61% 33% 31% 21% 29% 39% Virgin 60% 28% 23% 31% 36% 34% 58% 28% 23% 34% 23% 25% EAST MIDLANDS 57% 41% 28% 40% 49% 32% 56% 39% GRAND CENTRAL 31% 36% 63% 31% london **midland** 51% 22% 28% 22% 33% 21% GƏLMICK 41% 51% 45% 58% 58% 40% CXPRess 29% 50% 29% 43% 37% 43%





Southern passengers are particularly likely to have seen/heard about trains from the TV or radio, a channel that is more frequently mentioned by passengers who have heard negative information about the TOC (slide 2 of 2)

% Sources of information seen – by TOC

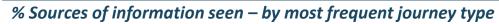
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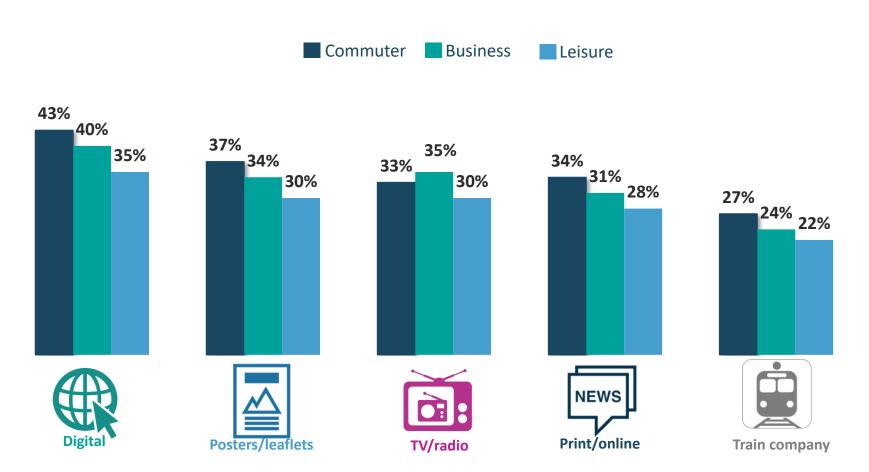
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Commuters are generally more likely to have seen information across most channels, followed by business then leisure passengers, but less likely than business passengers to have seen information via TV or radio



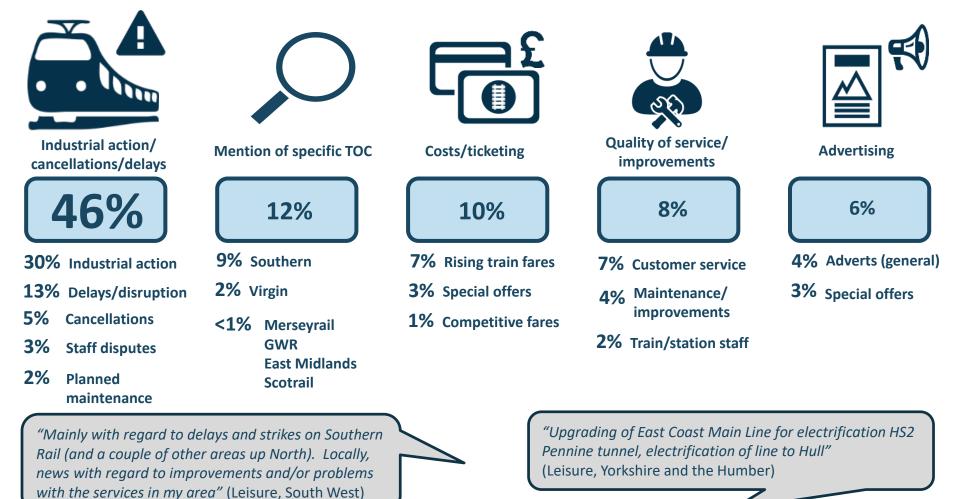


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When giving top of mind answers about what they have seen or heard about train services recently passengers are most likely to mention industrial action and service disruption

## What has been seen or heard about TOCs recently – unprompted question

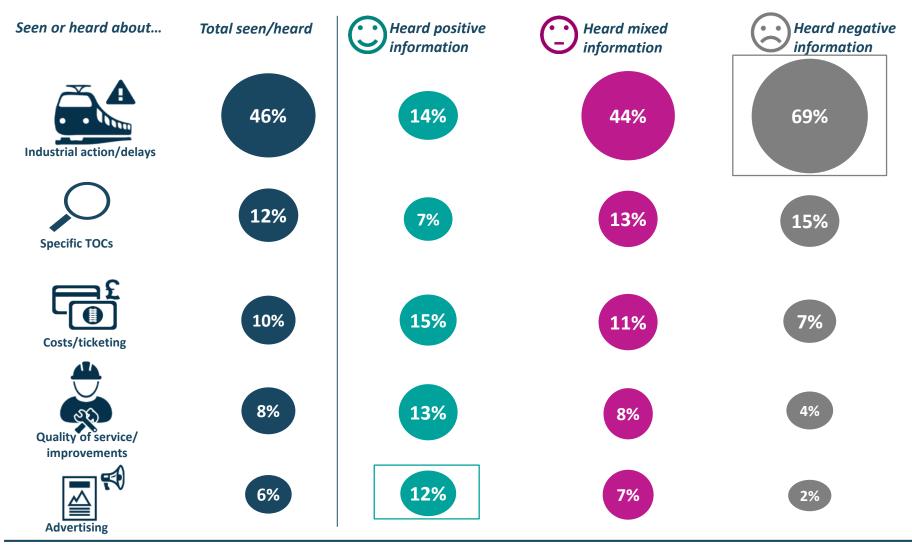


E3. What have you seen or heard about the railways (train services and companies) recently? (Base: 8,039)



Passengers who have seen or heard negative information are more likely to be those who are aware of industrial action and service disruptions

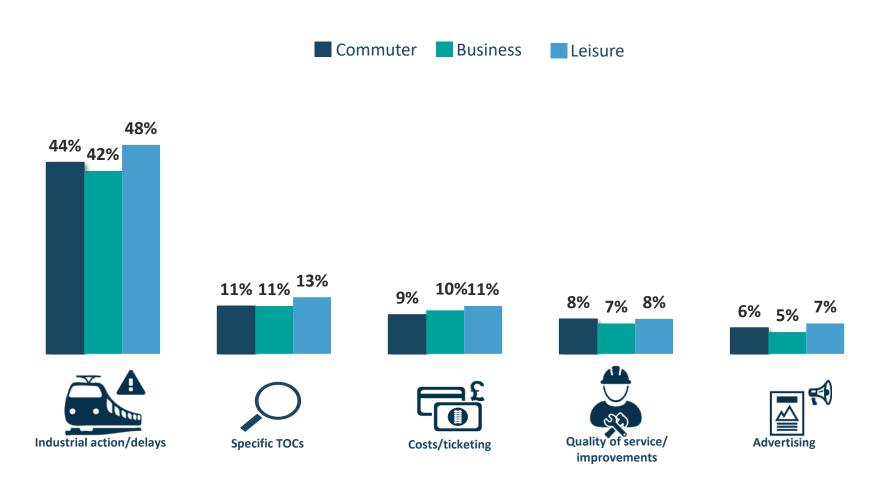
What has been seen or heard about TOCs recently – by those who have heard positive/mixed/negative information





There is little difference between journey purpose in terms of issues passengers have seen/heard about, although leisure users are most likely to be aware of industrial action and service disruption

What has been seen or heard about TOCs recently – by most frequent journey type



E1. Where have you seen or heard anything about the railways (train services and companies) recently? (Base: 12,804; Commuters: 2,468; Business: 3,573; Leisure: 7,648) B4. Still thinking about the train journey you make most frequently, what is the purpose of this journey? (Base: 12,804)









In addition to exploring passengers' levels of trust in rail, this research also looked at passengers' improvement priorities in relation to rail journeys and stations. A separate report focuses solely on passenger priorities however this next section outlines how priorities differ in relation to levels of trust in rail

Using an open question, passengers were asked to specify how train companies could improve the experience of rail travel. The following summary details passengers' responses by their level of trust:

- As might be expected, in terms of journey improvements, passengers who have lower levels of trust (do not trust or are neutral) are more likely to mention several improvement priorities
- Passengers who have lower levels of trust are more likely to suggest punctuality/reliability, value for money and less frequent strikes or industrial action as improvement priorities than those who do trust the rail industry

## Passengers were provided with a list of station facilities and asked to select which facilities need to be improved at the station most often travelled from. The following outlines the findings when looking at passenger responses by trust:

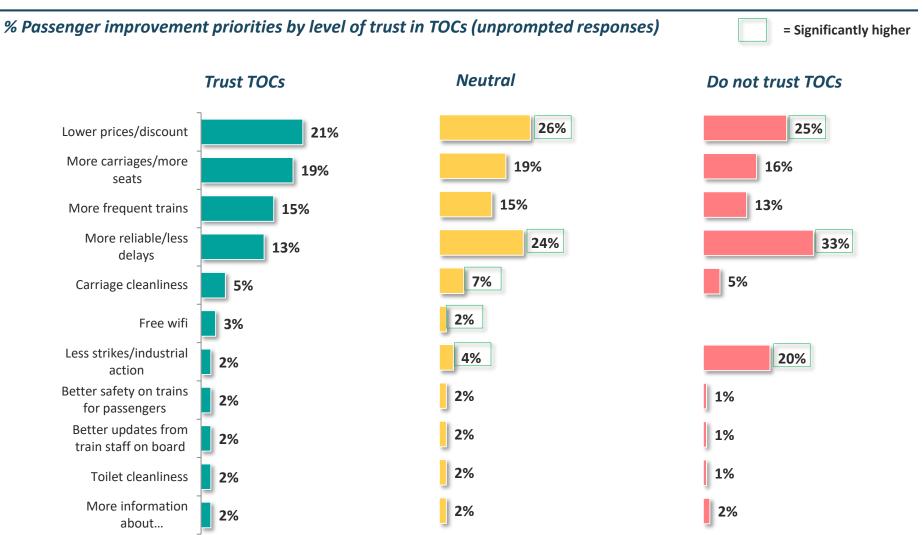
- A variety of station improvements were selected by passengers who are either neutral or do not trust the rail industry
- Although passengers who do trust the rail industry selected similar station improvements to passengers as a whole, this group are more likely to state that nothing needs to be improved than passengers who have lower trust levels

# A final question looked at attitudes towards public transport by level of trust in rail. Passengers were asked to rate how much they agree or disagree with a list of statements relating to public transport in general:

- Passengers who trust the rail industry are generally more positive about public transport than passengers who do not trust rail
- Passengers who do not trust the rail industry are more likely to state that using public transport is stressful and that they would prefer to drive



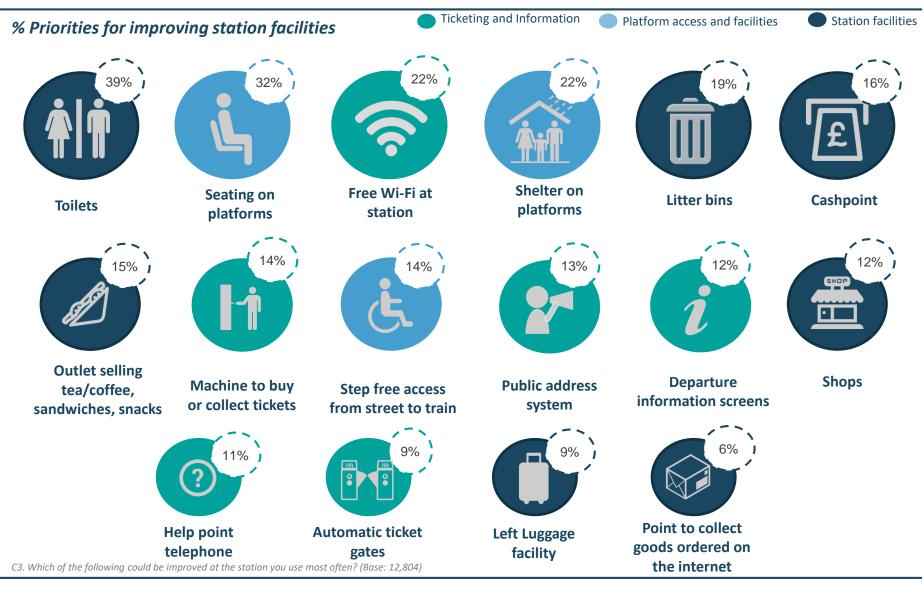
Passengers who do not trust TOCs are significantly more likely to mention a number of the improvement priorities than those who do trust TOCs



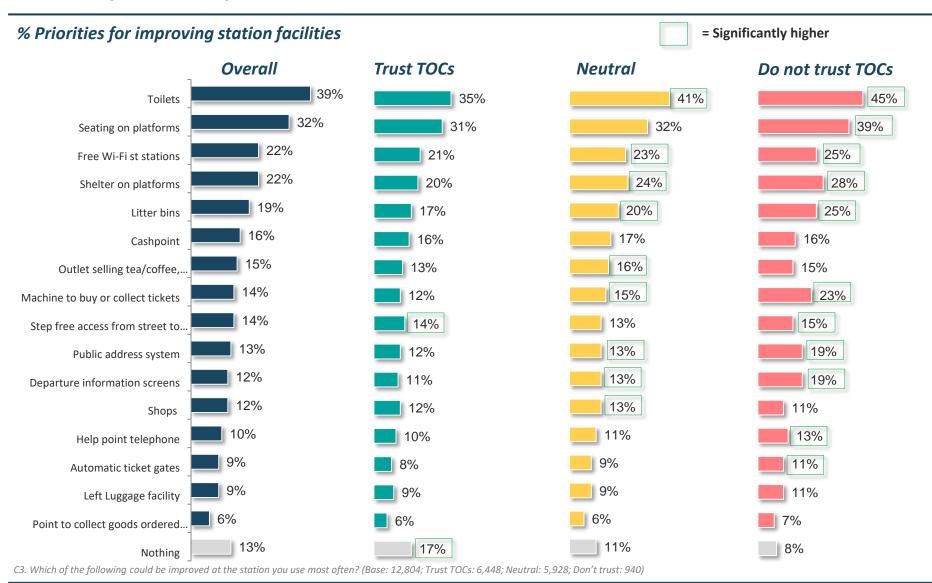
C1. Overall, how do you think that train companies could improve the experience of all rail travel for you? (Base: 12,804; Trust TOCs: 6,448; Neutral: 5,928; Don't trust: 940)



At the overall level passengers' priorities for station improvements centre on basic station amenities, though free Wi-Fi is also one of the top priorities



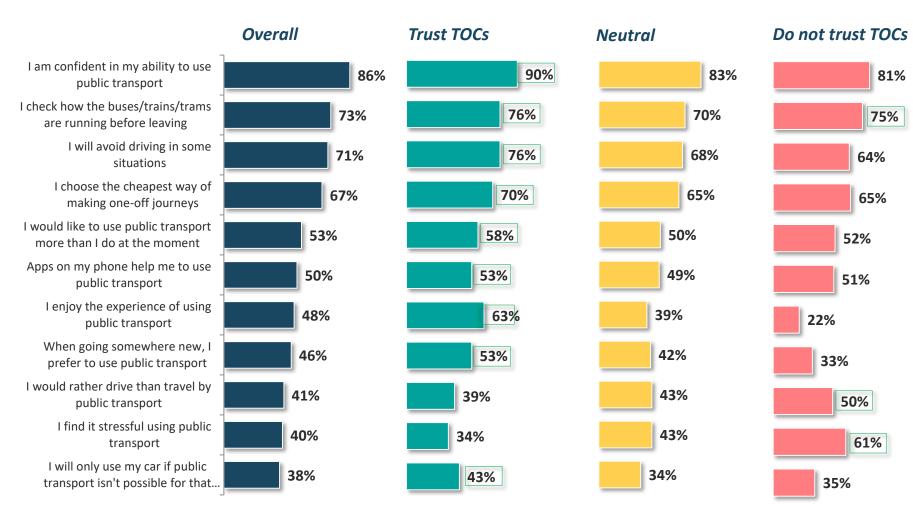
Passengers who do not trust TOCs are significantly more likely to mention many of the station improvement priorities than those who do trust TOCs





Passengers who trust TOCs are more likely to be more engaged with and happy about the experience of using public transport. Those lacking trust are more likely to prefer other forms of transport and find public transport stressful.

% Agreement with statements relating to public transport



QF4. Now thinking about public transport in general, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Base: 12,804; Trust TOCs: 6,448; Neutral: 5,928; Don't trust: 940)



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In this research panel data was used with applied quotas. While quotas ensured that sample proportions reached expectations, weighting was also applied to establish a truly representative sample. An explanation of our approach to weighting is outlined below:

- Targets for the Journey Weighting were derived from the full NRPS data for 2016
- The target population was defined as journeys for those who travel at least once every three months
- Fully interlocking targets were set for journey purpose (commuter, business, leisure), age band (16-34, 35-54, 55+) and gender (male, female) within each of the 27 TOCs
- Cells on a handful of smaller TOCs with sparse data were combined to eliminate empty cells and reduce very heavy weights
- Finally a balancing weight was applied to ensure the correct distribution of TOCs by journey
- The weighting scheme takes advantage of the large sample size to ensure weights are extremely accurate and generate a broadly representative sample (by journey) within each TOC and overall



Sample type	Sample size
Region	
North East	584
North West	1,503
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,209
East Midlands	933
West Midlands	1,204
East of England	1,274
London/Greater London	2,401
South East	2,225
South West	1,058
Wales	956
Scotland	1,467

Sample type	Sample size
Age	
16-25	1,708
26-44	5,011
45-64	5,413
65+	2,682

Sample type	Sample size
Gender	
Male	7,066
Female	7,727





## Sample sizes prior to weighting

Sample type	Sample size
TOC – London and South	East
c2c	491
Chiltern Railways	634
Great Northern	468
Great Western Railway	1,199
Greater Anglia	744
London Midland	911
London Overground	717
South West Trains	895
South Eastern	820
Southern	999
TfL Rail	455
Thameslink	703

Sample type	Sample size
TOC – Long Distance	
CrossCountry	791
East Midlands Trains	858
Transpennine Express	687
Virgin Trains West Coast	1,105
Virgin Trains (East Coast)	1,378

Sample type	Sample size
TOC – Airport	
Gatwick Express	415
Heathrow Express	225
Heathrow Connect	202
Stansted Express	230

Sample type	Sample size
TOC – Regional	
Arriva Trains Wales	1,147
Northern	1,110
Merseyrail	437
ScotRail	1,217

Sample type	Sample size
TOC – Open Access	
Hull Trains	260
Grand Central	380



