



# Passenger Focus:

### **Putting Passengers First**

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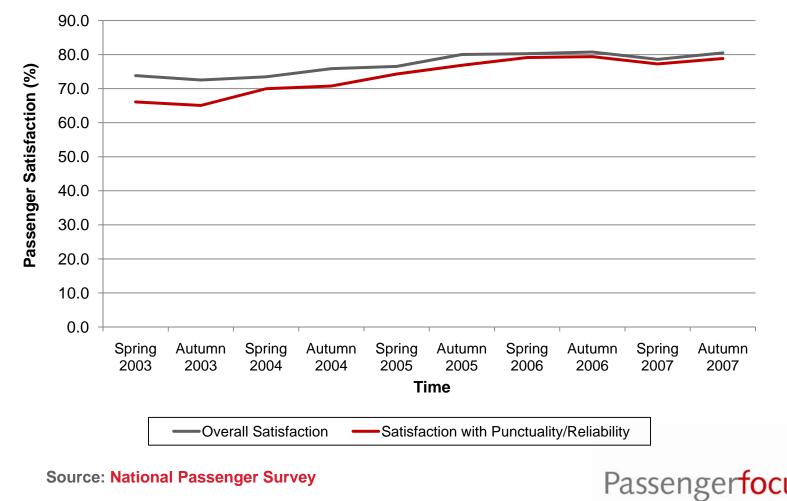


### **Passenger Focus**

- Evidence based, independent, consumer organisation
- Represents all Britain's rail passengers
- Makes a difference
- Priorities
  - fares/value for money
  - getting a seat
- Relationship with Department for Transport



### Satisfaction – performance vs. general satisfaction



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#### Source: National Passenger Survey

### Highest and lowest rated aspects of service



Highest:

- 1. Train speed 83%
- 2. How requests to station staff are handled 82%
- 3. Punctuality/reliability 79%
- 4. Provision of information about train times/platforms 77%
- 5. The ease of being able to get and on and off the train 77%

#### Lowest:

- 1. How well train company dealt with delays 35%
- 2. Train toilet facilities 37%
- 3. Availability of staff in train 38%
- 4. Value for money 45%
- 5. Facilities for car parking 46%

Source: National Passenger Survey Autumn 2007



### Passengers' top ten priorities



- 1. Price of train tickets offer excellent value for money
- 2. Sufficient train services at times I use the train
- 3. At least 19 out of 20 trains arrive on time
- 4. Passengers are always able to get a seat on the train
- 5. Company keeps passengers informed if train delays
- 6. Maximum queue time no more than two minutes to purchase tickets
- 7. Information on train times/platforms accurate and available
- 8. Trains are consistently well maintained/in excellent condition
- 9. Seating area on the train is very comfortable
- 10. Passengers experience a high level of security on the train

**Source:** Rail Passenger s' Priorities for Improvements research (2007)



### Other research

- Attitudes to fares and new fares structure
- Ticketing technology
- Route Utilisation Strategies
- Car parking and access to the station
- South Central franchise response
- Thameslink rolling stock



## What's coming?

- Employers requirements
- Ticket queues and ticket machines
- Assisted Passengers Reservation Service
- More RUS's e.g. Wales
- Thameslink disruption
- Where's the best place to get information
- Non-users
- National Station Improvement Programme











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