



# The Chronicle



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SOUTHERN DRIVERS  
COMPANY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

## Cabs and Seats.

We have been advised that Bombardier have accepted the DSD pressure on 377 units can be reduced. Trials on the reduced pressure are taking place at Victoria using the current seat and the MOVE seat (which is fitted to class 379 units). They are due to conclude on Thursday the 23rd August. Southern will then receive a report from the Ergonomist when he has analysed all the data from the trials. The data will then be shared with our District Organiser.

Members should have received a DVD on adjusting the drivers seat and exercises. This also contained a questionnaire on whether the advice was helpful. To date, the return has been very low and we ask members to take the time complete the questionnaire. Your views are important. Please note there is no right or wrong response. All responses are relevant

## Occupational Health trials.

We were advised on the 17th August that trials have been completed on varifocals lenses as a replacement to Bi-focals. We will be writing to the Safety department asking for the outcome of the trials and a copy of the risk assessment.

Southern are currently undertaking trials on the potential issue of hearing aids and prescription sunglasses for drivers. We have no further information but we will advise members as and when we are in a position to do so.

## Olympics 2012.

We have received questions on payments for staff working extra Sundays and rest days during the Olympics. Staff will be receive the additional £28 for working these days during the Olympics and Paralympics and not for the complete eight week Period.

## CHURROS.

We have been in talks over several meetings with the Company on this subject. This is an extension of TAPAS. CHURROS is a preventative tool to assist in the management of Driving styles to prevent Safety of the Line Incidents. **It Is NOT a Disciplinary or Licence Removal Tool.** It looks at information with regard to Speeds over certain PSRs, Speed approaching TPWS at Certain PSRs, Stop Shorts, Wrong Side Door Releases, Speed at AWS Approaching Red Signals, use of Step three Brake Applications and use of Power Notch 4 (Going straight to Notch 4). CHURROS can only be applied to Class 455 Units at present due to the type of OTDR on the Units. All DLMS, CDMs, and LSRs will be briefed on this before it is used by the Managers. This will be a joint briefing process. The first Briefing Session took place on 16<sup>th</sup> July. The rest of the LSRs and Managers will be briefed at a date to be confirmed. Once the System starts there will be a review of the Process to ensure it is being used as designed. This Process does not replace the PDP it compliments it. All of the Parameters have been deliberately set so a Driver will not breach the PDP

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