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OF YOUR TEAM ARE  
INTERESTED IN BOOKING  
A PLACE, PLEASE GET IN  
TOUCH TODAY!**

### **TRANSPORT FIRMS HIT WITH £14M IN FINES OVER DEADLY TRAM CRASH**

Transport for London (TfL) has been fined £10m and Tram Operations Limited (TOL) has been ordered to pay £4m over health and safety failings that led to the Croydon tram disaster in south London.

During a three-day trial, the Old Bailey was told neither operator had conducted a risk assessment for the possibility of a derailment before the crash, which occurred when a speeding tram overturned at a sharp turn approaching a junction in Croydon on 9 November 2016.

TfL owns and maintains the infrastructure used by the Croydon tram network and TOL operates the network. Both operators were ordered to pay prosecution costs of more than £230,000 each.

Source - IOSH

### **WORKING MINDS STRESS CAMPAIGN TARGETS HGV DRIVERS AND THEIR BOSSES**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has extended its Working Minds stress campaign to cover drivers of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) and their bosses to promote good mental health at work.

The announcement comes as the HSE recognises that more needs to be done to protect Britain's HGV drivers who can spend long hours away from home. They also face demanding delivery times and have limited access to toilets and showers, all of which contribute to driver stress. To better support HGV drivers, the HSE is promoting a 24/7 confidential health support service provided by its campaign partner Mates in Mind. The idea is that when it is safe to do so, drivers text 'BeAMate' to 85258 where they can access help from trained volunteers.

Source - IOSH

### **CRUMBLING CONCRETE CRISIS: THE RISKS**

Schools and NHS buildings made from reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) could be unsafe or face closure, the UK government has admitted. Schools minister Nick Gibb said 'new evidence' emerged over the summer showing the dangers of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete, known as RAAC, after a beam collapsed.

Previously remediation was required when the RAAC was in critical condition, but Mr Gibb said the Department for Education (DfE) is now taking the 'cautious approach' that all of the concrete should be removed.

Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) is a lightweight material that was used mostly in flat roofing, but also in floors and walls, between the 1950s and 1990s in public buildings such as the NHS Estate and schools. The aerated or 'bubbly' material is a cheaper alternative to standard concrete, is quicker to produce and easier to install.

Source - IOSH