

# News story: Trailer runaway near Hope

At around 06:30 hrs on Sunday 28 May 2017, a trailer being propelled by a small tractor (known as a 'gator') between Edale and Bamford, became detached and ran away for a distance reported to have been around 1.5 miles (2.4 km), before coming to rest at a set of points near Hope. The gator's machine operator followed in the gator to warn anyone on the track of the approach of the trailer. Afterwards, the draw bolt and locking pin which secured the trailer to the gator was reportedly found to have come out. The trailer was fitted with brakes on two wheels of its four wheels. The brakes are spring applied and, when coupled to the gator, are released hydraulically. However, when the trailer is used independently, the brakes are manually released using demountable handles. The hydraulic hose connecting the trailer's hydraulic system to the gator reportedly pulled out when the trailer broke away.

The gator and trailer had been put on the track at Grindleford and driven to Edale to convey four staff from Edale to Cowburn Tunnel where they were to remedy a number of track faults. On the journey, the machine operator reported that the gator and trailer were slow and sluggish and later, between Edale and Cowburn Tunnel, sparks were reported coming from wheels on the trailer. Once inside the tunnel, it was found that the brakes on the trailer were applied and could not be hydraulically released. For the return journey at around 06:00 hrs, the brakes were manually released using the demountable handles which, at some stage, were tied in the release position.

After dropping the four staff at Edale, the machine operator continued alone towards an access point at Bamford. He reported that he stopped to take a telephone call and then noticed the trailer slowly running away down the gradient. A gang, who had earlier been working on the points where the trolley came to rest, had left the track. There were no level crossings or footpath crossings on the route of the runaway. The machine operator reported receiving an upper body injury when the gator suffered a jolt while following the trailer.

The RAIB's investigation will seek to understand the sequence of events and the circumstances leading to the trailer running away, the maintenance condition of the gator and trailer and any relevant management issues.

Our investigation is independent of any investigation by the railway industry, the [British Transport Police](#) or by the industry's regulator, the [Office of Rail and Road](#).

We will publish our findings, including any recommendations to improve safety, at the conclusion of our investigation. This report will be available on our website.

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# Ofsted launches point-in-time surveys



Ofsted has today (Monday 29 April) issued its annual point-in-time online surveys for the following social care providers:

- residential special schools
- further education colleges with residential provision
- children's homes (includes secure children's homes)
- fostering agencies (includes independent fostering agencies and local authority fostering agencies)
- adoption agencies (includes voluntary adoption agencies and local authority adoption agencies)
- adoption support agencies
- residential family centres
- boarding schools

We highly value the responses we receive. They help to both inform future inspections and build a national picture of people's experiences with their respective providers.

All surveys will close on Sunday 9 June.

## **If you're a social care provider**

Ofsted has sent online survey links to all relevant registered managers and responsible individuals/nominated persons. Please look at our [guidance for providers](#) for more information.

Please email [socialcarepitsurvey@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:socialcarepitsurvey@ofsted.gov.uk) if you need copies in Word.

## **How to complete the survey**

Ask your school, college, agency or centre for a link to the survey.

Alternatively, if you want to give your views, you can call Ofsted on 0300

123 1231 or email [enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk).

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1. 1 November 2019 Added a link to the results of the 2019 survey.
2. 29 April 2019 Ofsted has sent out annual social care point-in-time surveys.
3. 1 October 2018 Launch of Ofsted's 2018 surveys for boarding schools.
4. 9 July 2018 Launch of Ofsted's 2018 surveys for children's homes, adoption and fostering services, and residential family centres.
5. 14 May 2018 Launch of Ofsted's 2018 surveys for residential special schools and further education colleges with residential provision.
6. 19 June 2017 First published.

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## **News story: Home Secretary statement: Finsbury Park incident**

Home Secretary Amber Rudd has given the following statement in reaction to the incident at Finsbury Park.

Home Secretary Amber Rudd said:

"My thoughts are with all those affected by the appalling incident at Finsbury Park. I am in contact with the Metropolitan Police who have confirmed it is being investigated by their Counter Terrorism Command.

"Yesterday, like so many others around the country, I took part in the Great Get Together to celebrate the values of Jo Cox. It was powerful and moving to see the community come together in a show of solidarity. We must all continue to stand together, resolute, against all those who try to divide us and spread hate and fear."

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## **News story: The AAIB has sent a team to Northamptonshire.**

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## Press release: Details of Grenfell Tower Residents' Discretionary Fund

- every household whose home has been destroyed as a result of the fire will receive a guaranteed £5,500 minimum down payment from the fund. This will be made up of a £500 cash payment and £5,000 delivered through the Department of Work and Pensions into bank accounts or similar in a single payment
- the £500 cash payment has already begun to be made available to those affected and further payments are available immediately from the Council at the Westway Centre or from Monday through the Post Office in Portobello Road, as and when families need it
- the £5,000 payment will be available from Monday and support workers will assist households in accessing it – including those who do not have bank accounts
- the discretionary fund is also being made available to meet funeral costs, and to top up payments for those households with complex or additional needs. The fund under be kept review and will increase if necessary

Access to the fund is one element of the support being made available, and comes on top of:

- support for the council through the Bellwin scheme to meet the immediate and uninsurable costs of responding to the disaster
- a guarantee of funding for temporary accommodation for those whose homes have been destroyed as a result of the fire while permanent homes are found
- funding for legal representation for residents to ensure their voices are heard during the inquiry An additional £1.5 million to pay for mental health support to the Emergency Services through Mind's Blue Light Programme

Prime Minister Theresa May said:

As we continue to respond to the needs of the community, our focus is on ensuring that all of those affected by this unimaginable tragedy get the right support as quickly as possible.

My government will continue to do absolutely everything possible to help all of those affected through the difficult days, weeks, months and years ahead.