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TSSA welcomes campaign to protect staff from violence

TSSA, Britain's second largest rail union has welcomed the campaign from the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC) launched today tackling the rising tide of assaults against railway staff.

The union's general secretary Gerry Doherty said: "We welcome any move to protect rail staff, who often bear the brunt of the public's frustration with poor services on the railway. Even the threat of violence can be a source of considerable stress for these staff, as our research has shown.

"It is vital that there are sufficient British Transport Police working to protect not only the travelling public but rail staff as well, especially during the festive season. Lone working should be kept to a minimum by employing as many staff at stations as possible.

"Employers must also work with staff and union reps to ensure that fear of violence at work is properly managed."