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## Simon Carlisle joins Go North East as Engineering Director

Go North East has announced the appointment of Simon Carlisle as its new Engineering Director. Simon brings extensive experience to the role, having most recently served for seven years as Engineering Director for First West Yorkshire.

Career milestones for Simon include his first supervisory role in Leeds in 2004, followed by his appointment as Engineering Manager in 2007. In 2011, Simon took on the leadership of 14 depots across the North of England, implementing improvement projects that earned him recognition as Engineer of the Year at the UK Bus Awards.

Simon's commitment to customer-centric service and fostering a motivating team environment was further underscored by his accolade as Engineer of the Year at the Route One Awards in 2022.

"I am thrilled to join Go North East and to be part of such a dynamic team," said Simon Carlisle. "Throughout my career, I've prioritised the role of engineers in customer service and team collaboration. I was attracted by the excellent culture at Go-Ahead, and I look forward to contributing to the continued success of Go North East."

Nigel Featham, Managing Director at Go North East, commented, "Simon brings a wealth of experience and high-calibre leadership to our team, and we are excited to welcome him on board. His proven track record in enhancing service delivery and engineering excellence will be invaluable as we strive to innovate and improve services for our customers."

## **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

Go North East runs a network of bus routes across the North East region including Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham, and surrounding areas.

The Go-Ahead Group is one of the UK's leading providers of public transport, enabling more than a billion passenger journeys each year on its bus and rail services. Go-Ahead places great importance on partnership, adopting a collaborative approach with governments, local communities and strategic partners; developing and operating services that create long-term value for all.

For more information about Go-Ahead Group visit [www.go-ahead.com](http://www.go-ahead.com).

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