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Our Safety Vision:

Our vision of “preventing harm to all” is at the center of our Safety Strategy and is synonymous with our commitment to resourcing and working safely.

We believe that our vision can be achieved if we all develop a safe mind-set, plan our tasks correctly and actively seek ways to prevent incidents. We also believe that behaving in a safe way will also lead to zero accidents. We have devised a set of rules that underpins our vision and are consistent with our mantra.

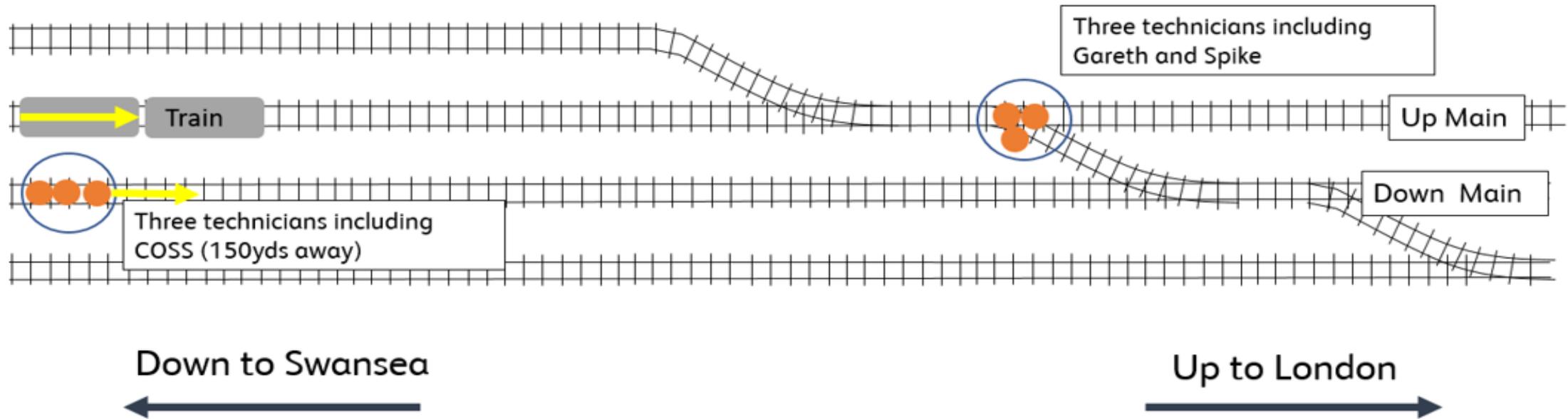
Think safe, act safe and be safe!

This Bulletin

Margam East Junction Fatalities

- Our Network Rail work colleagues Gareth Delbridge, aged 64 and Michael (Spike) Lewis, aged 58 were struck by a train and fatally injured while working in south Wales in July of this year.
- The guys where working on the Swansea to Paddington main line when the incident occurred.
- These were experienced workers, however the SSOW plan was not set up and briefed as per usual expectations, leading to a situation where they were distracted from an approaching train (travelling at approx 70mph)

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The work team had a SSOW pack to undertake work on Margam East Junction in the afternoon, inside a line block. The incident occurred in the morning while all lines were still open.

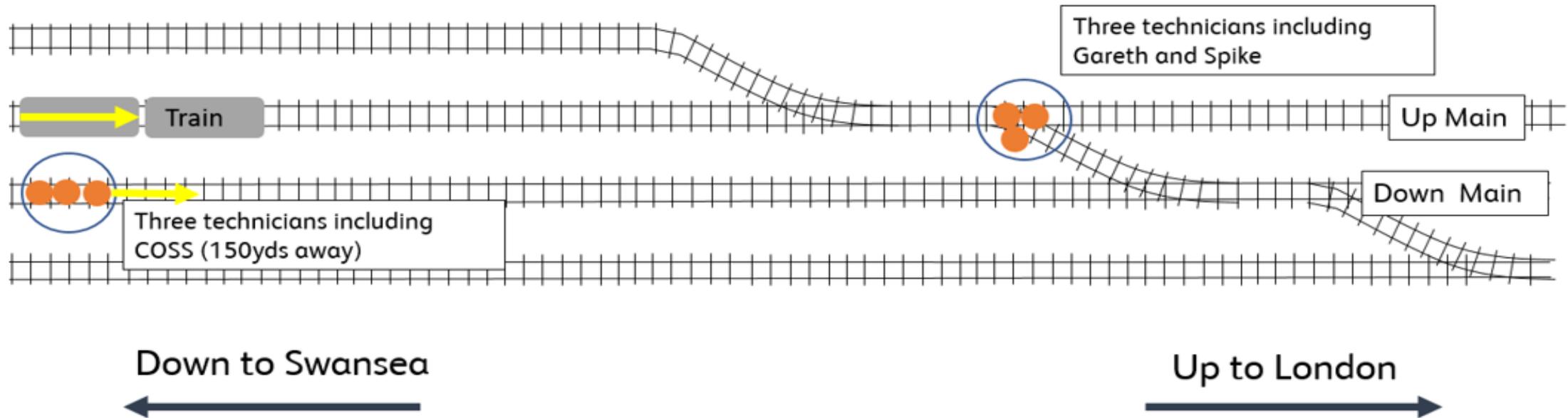
While onsite the COSS, a lookout and one of the other workers moved away from the junction on the Down Main towards Swansea and left three of the other workers to wait at PT9577B points for their return.

The three men, who were left near the points on the Up main started to undertake some work maintaining the Crossing bolts, using an impact driver and all wearing ear defenders.

They did not have an appointed COSS or a S.S.O.W. to do this role

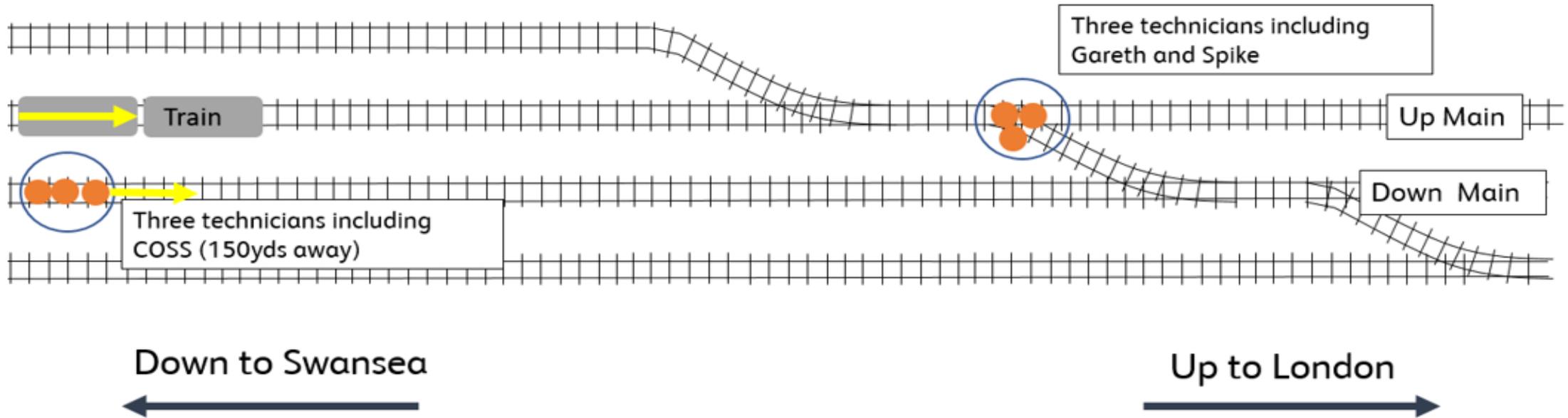
While engrossed in the work at hand, after one of the bolts seized they did not see or hear the train approaching on the Up Main.

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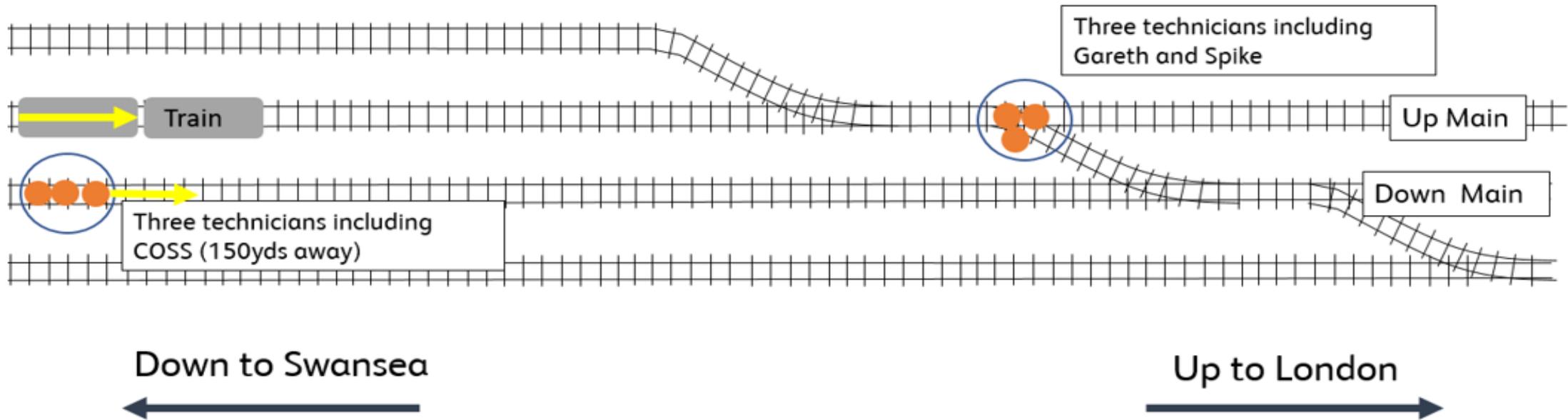
- The SSOW pack did not specify all of the work, and how it was to be safely undertaken
- The work started in the morning, not the afternoon as initially planned (open line working, not line blocks)
- The COSS was not with the work group involved when the accident occurred
- The group all became focused on the task and were unaware of an approaching train

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- What will you do today that stops you being the next person to be hit by a train?
- How do you check that you are managing risk and not just being lucky?
- How are the teams (and individuals) checking each others safe behaviours?
- **Who is in charge of your Safety?**

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- The Network Rail investigation into these deaths has not been concluded, this briefing sheet and the maps attached are to make you aware of the current progress of the investigation.
- Please be considerate when discussing this incident, as there are some details which have not been made public yet.
- We must ensure that we do not speculate or theorise while this is still a live on going investigation.

Network Rail share updates of recent incident, accidents and best practice advice online.

Please get into the habit of checking this website for the latest news;

<https://safety.networkrail.co.uk/tools-resources/safety-bulletins/>

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