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COVID-19 control measures

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) Act request of 6 April 2020. Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our information access policy. You asked for:

- information on COVID 19 control measures that you have put in place in your Canton & Machynlleth depots, and the dates that these measures came into force

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (2000), Transport for Wales is not obliged to supply the requested information as it is subject to a statutory exemption to the right of access to information under section 38 – Health and Safety.

The use of this exemption is subject to an assessment of the public interest in relation to the disclosure of the information concerned. TfW recognises the need for openness and transparency within public authorities and the degree of public interest concerning control measures that you have put in place in our Canton and Machynlleth depots. However, in this instance this is outweighed by the risk of this information being misused.

However, for information, since the COVID-19 outbreak cleaners are working through the day and night to ensure trains are cleaned frequently, using the best available products whilst focusing on high contact points. Efforts include using an anti-viral cleaning product with a seven-day protection period, under-pinned by cleaning trains thoroughly at least every 24 hours, plus regular cleaning of major contact points such as tables, handles and anywhere where people may regularly place their hands.

Over the past six weeks, additional cleaners have been employed to cover both the day and night shifts at train depots throughout the Wales and Borders network, as well as the deployment of extra onboard cleansers on trains. The cleaning teams have also been provided with the necessary equipment to stay safe themselves.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Transport for Wales.

Yours sincerely

Transport for Wales