**Date issued:** 23 March 2022

**Freedom of Information Request**

We are writing in response to your Freedom of Information request. Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our Data and Information Management Policy.

**You asked for the following information:**

I would appreciate if you could advise of the following:

• A list of all of your current Driver depots.

• A list of which routes that the Drivers at each Driver depot sign.

• A list of which stocks that the Drivers at each Driver depot sign.

• A list of all of your current Guard depots.

• A list of which routes that the Guards at each Guard depot sign.

• A list of which stocks that the Guards at each Guard depot sign.

**Having reviewed your questions, we are able to provide the following information:**

TfW does hold the information you require. However, this information exempt from disclosure under sections 24 (National Security) and 38 (Health and Safety) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

This information will detail the movements of key operational staff on the front line of the TfW rail network. This information would be of use to any persons wishing to disrupt the TFW Wales and Borders transport infrastructure by placing into the public domain information which would otherwise not be available via other means. Whilst we make no suggestion that you would use this information for anything other than you own interest, disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act has to be regarded as a disclosure to the public at large. As you will no doubt be aware, the rail transport system in the UK has been the target of attacks in the past. This sensitive information will outline the movements of key operational staff, which could be of use for anyone seeking to research or plan for such an attack or to actively cause disruption to the network.

The use of the section 24 and 38 exemptions are subject to an assessment of the public interest in relation to the disclosure of the information concerned. We recognise the need for openness and transparency by public authorities, and acknowledge that there may be some interest in the information in question. However, as we believe this information could potentially be utilised by individuals who may use it to cause disruption or harm to TFW transport infrastructure and the passengers that use it; in this instance, we believe that minimising the risk to that infrastructure and protecting the safety of the public and our staff outweighs the limited public interest in disclosure.

Yours sincerely,

**Transport for Wales**

**Appeal Rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the Head of Freedom of Information at either Transport for Wales, 3 Llys Cdwyn, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH or freedomofinformation@tfw.wales. Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner (ICO) can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or you can contact the ICO through the 'Make a Complaint' section of their website on this link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

The relevant section to select will be "Official or Public Information".