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**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.

**Your Questions Answered**

1. **What is the rollout plan for introducing a new fleet of trains to North Wales?**

Our Class 197 fleet of trains will be progressively introduced on routes in North Wales first, starting with a ‘preview service’ on Conwy Valley in Autumn 2022, then migrating to the Manchester Airport <> Llandudno/Holyhead and Wrexham <> Bidston services by the end of 2022. The deployment of stock in 2022-23 will need to be fluid to respond to initial availability of new units. We envisage all legacy stock being replaced in North Wales by late 2024.

1. **Of the new DMU fleet, how many of the 30 two-car trains have been allocated to North Wales routes?**

There are fifty-one (51) two-car trains in the Class 197 fleet. It is not possible to disaggregate the fleet deployment to purely North Wales, because trains operate between Holyhead and Cardiff (for example) during the course of the day. However, our current planning is for thirteen (13) units to be allocated to services that operate through North Wales during the course of their operating day.

1. **Of the new DMU fleet, how many of the 12 three-car trains have been allocated to North Wales routes?**

There are twenty-six (26) three-car trains in the Class 197 fleet, and our current planning is for fourteen (14) of those units to be allocated to services that operate through North Wales during the course of their operating day.

It is important to note that TfW must be dynamic in our approach to fleet deployment in order to respond to any changing demand over the coming years. For this reason, the precise deployment of two-car and three-car units may change from that stated above.

We hope this information is of use to you.

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](mailto: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.

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