**Date issued:** 20th of March 2023

**Freedom of Information Request** 43/23

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:**

**Hello, I’m undertaking research as part of my studies into sustainability and active travel. Please could you help me with: how many rail passengers travel with a bicycle?   Is the data available per station across the network? Is the data available for other parts of the UK, in addition to the TfW network? What plans are in place to promote and encourage higher numbers of passengers with bicycles? (I’m thinking of such things as additional storage space on trains etc) Any information you can share with me on this research subject area would be greatly appreciated.**

**RESPONSE**

Question 1

We currently collect data regarding the number of cycle reservations made for travel on trains although this is likely to significantly under-represent the number of passengers travelling with bicycles as it does not capture users who travel with a bicycle on a  “turn up and go” basis. The number of cycle reservations placed over the past three years are shown below. We’re awaiting updated information on the number of cycle reservations but the latest information the active travel team currently holds only goes as far as Period 9 in 2022 with P8 and P9 only including partial data as data collection for the full periods had not been completed. For context for the requestor, railway periods start on 1st April so P1 2020 would actually be April 1st 2019  and the railway periods run for 4 weeks, so there are 13 in every year.

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| Period | Number of Cycle Reservations |
| 2020/P01 | **767** |
| 2020/P02 | **990** |
| 2020/P03 | **1,082** |
| 2020/P04 | **1,199** |
| 2020/P05 | **1,337** |
| 2020/P06 | **1,268** |
| 2020/P07 | **702** |
| 2020/P08 | **450** |
| 2020/P09 | **199** |
| 2020/P10 | **178** |
| 2020/P11 | **204** |
| 2020/P12 | **189** |
| 2020/P13 | **245** |
| 2021/P01 | **231** |
| 2021/P02 | **71** |
| 2021/P03 | **0** |
| 2021/P04 | **0** |
| 2021/P05 | **0** |
| 2021/P06 | **0** |
| 2021/P07 | **0** |
| 2021/P08 | **0** |
| 2021/P09 | **0** |
| 2021/P10 | **0** |
| 2021/P11 | **0** |
| 2021/P12 | **0** |
| 2021/P13 | **0** |
| 2022/P01 | **137** |
| 2022/P02 | **365** |
| 2022/P03 | **686** |
| 2022/P04 | **1,603** |
| 2022/P05 | **1,564** |
| 2022/P06 | **1,540** |
| 2022/P07 | **679** |
| 2022/P08 | **325** |
| 2022/P09 | **41** |
| 2022/P10 | **N/A** |
| 2022/P11 | **N/A** |
| 2022/P12 | **N/A** |
| 2022/P13 | **N/A** |

*NB - We are awaiting updated data on cycle reservations to the present*

Question 2

We don’t hold data on any other part of the network and the requestor would need to contact other TOCs for that information.

Question 3

We are introducing new rolling stock and refurbishment of existing trains and are looking at opportunities to enhance provision of facilities to accommodate carriage of cycles with the aim being to provide a minimum of two bicycles on each service where possible.

We are also planning to increase the number of cycle parking spaces available at stations across the rail network, including a review of our minimum standards and opportunities to introduce more secure cycle parking, to enable more users to park their cycles at stations reducing the need for them to take their cycles on the trains. We are also exploring opportunities to support widening availability of cycle hire facilities which will include consideration of the potential for cycle hire at appropriate stations on the rail network.

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. 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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