**Date issued:** 26th of February 2024

**Freedom of Information Request** 19/24

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 US…**

**Can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, please:**

1. **How long is the railway track between Aberystwyth and Machynlleth?**
2. **How much does it cost Transport for Wales to provide the concessionary rail pass to the elderly for the same distance on the Cambrian Coast line?**
3. **How many over 60s concessionary travel passes have been issued? (preferably the number in Ceredigion).**

**RESPONSE**

Question 1

From the sectional appendix Machynlleth starts @ 75 miles and 4 chains and Aberystwyth ends @ 95 chains and 60 chains so total = 21 miles and 56 chains.

Question 2

Please find data requested below. This has been calculated for journeys between Dovey Junction and Machynlleth (see validity area in the following link [https://tfw.wales/info-for/over-60s/rail-concessionary-travel](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftfw.wales%2Finfo-for%2Fover-60s%2Frail-concessionary-travel&data=05%7C02%7CFreedomofinformation%40tfw.wales%7C7447c7254f224304cea808dc34527042%7C87dcd024301948269956ba76b2a04ff4%7C0%7C0%7C638442775881008775%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ygSQgyQTvEVtqvA6DHNAnxMK%2FcRW%2B9n30ZTN%2BzIsJak%3D&reserved=0))

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|  | Estimated Revenue Loss |
| 2018 | £192 |
| 2019 | £81 |
| 2020 | £180 |
| 2021 | £131 |
| 2022 | £142 |
| 2023 | £574 |

Please note the following -

*This has been calculated by taking TfW Passenger Journeys utilising the concessionary scheme product and applying the average yield (£ per journey) across all products for the ‘ABERYSTWYTH-SHREWSBURY’ service code over the same time period (i.e. 2018 yield applied to 2018 journeys).*

*This is potentially an under-estimate as it assumes every customer who utilises the service using the concessionary scheme is issued with a free concessionary ticket.*

Question 3

There are currently 15,721 active concessionary cards issued in Ceredigion.

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 Cadwyn, 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".