**Date issued:** 19th of March 2024

**Freedom of Information Request** 54/24

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…**

**Please can you provide details of the allocation of new trains (number) & the average number of carriages on the below routes.**

**Bridgend - Aberdare**

**Barry - Aberdare**

**Barry - Merthyr Tydfil**

**Penarth - Bargoed**

**Penarth - Ystrad Mynach**

**Penarth - Rhymney.**

**Milford Haven - Manchester**

**Please also provide the data used to arrive at allocation decisions (for example passenger numbers for each service) along with other relevant factors.**

**Finally please provide details of the governance process for approval.**

**RESPONSE**

***Please can you provide details of the allocation of new trains (number) & the average number of carriages on the below routes.***

Please see below the unit allocation in the LTP which is the base plan. This gives the unit that we plan to run by service, though this is subject to change based on unit availability, events etc.

Attached a sheet with detail by service but is summarised below:

Bridgend – Aberdare: 2 Car Cl. 150

Barry – Aberdare: 2 Car Cl. 150

Barry - Merthyr Tydfil: 2 Car Cl. 150

Penarth – Bargoed: Majority 4 Car Cl. 231 with some 2 Car Cl. 150

Penarth - Ystrad Mynach: 4 Car Cl. 231

Penarth – Rhymney: Majority 4 Car Cl. 231

Milford Haven – Manchester: 3 or 4 Car Cl. 197

***Please also provide the data used to arrive at allocation decisions (for example passenger numbers for each service) along with other relevant factors.***

Transport for Wales are unable to provide specific data on this, but the train plan is built on a projection of unit availability as our new fleet is introduced, and considers where the fleet can run.

For example, we can’t run Cl. 231 units on the Treherbert, Aberdare, Merthyr lines as they are not cleared to run there. Though we aim to provide maximum capacity where possible, we do have tools that guide our Train Planning team on where best to spread capacity based on historic passenger demand.

***Please provide details of the governance process for approval.***

Any timetable change which would involve a change to unit allocation is discussed with and scrutinised by TfW via a number of forums. The train plan should adhere to the Train Service Requirement which is a public document and sets out a minimum service level.

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](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.

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/>

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