

24th January 2019

Re: Response - FOI request IE_FOI_214

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 18th December 2018 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on the 19th December, for records held by Iarnród Éireann.

Request:

16 Questions relating to the services detailed below:

- 06:30 Newry - Dublin Connolly 08:19 (calls at: Newry, Dundalk, Drogheda, Laytown, Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush & Lusk, Donabate, Malahide, Dublin Connolly).
- 17:13 Dublin Pearse - Newry 19:12 (calls at: Dublin Pearse, Tara Street, Dublin Connolly, Donabate, Rush & Lusk, Skerries, Balbriggan, Gormanstown, Laytown, Drogheda, Dundalk, Newry)

I, [REDACTED] have now made a final decision to grant your request on 24th January 2018.

You have sought access to the records as listed above and I consider this an appropriate form of access in this case. Accordingly, a copy of the records is now attached including a copy of the schedule to these records.

Rights of appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the FOI Unit, Corporate Communications, Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail, Connolly Station, Amiens St, Dublin 1 or by e-mail to foi@irishrail.ie. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays, however, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the FOI Officer on 01, 7034293.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Decision Maker

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Questions:

These eight questions are in regards to both the Southbound journey and the Northbound journey:

- 1. Whilst in Northern Ireland are these trains considered to be Translink trains or Irish Rail trains or a joint operation (like your Enterprise trains)?
These are Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail run trains.
- 2. Where does this train stay overnight (ie is it kept in Newry or does it go empty to and from somewhere in the Republic Of Ireland)?
The train overnights in the Republic of Ireland.
- 3. Do these trains have a Guard onboard whilst in Northern Ireland or do they run DOO (Driver Only Operation)?
These trains have a Driver and a Competent Person onboard between Newry & Dundalk only.
- 4. If yes to Q3 then is the Guard a Translink employee or an Irish Rail employee (and also regardless of the answer to Q3 is the Driver a Translink employee or an Irish Rail employee)?
The Driver & Competent Person are both Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail staff members.
- 5. If yes to Q3 then is Guard responsible for opening and closing the doors and despatching the train (just like other trains in Northern Ireland)?
Door operation is a responsibility of the Driver.
- 6. If yes to Q3 then does the Guard have a ticket machine and sell tickets onboard?
No the Competent Person does not have a ticket machine.
- 7. If yes to Q3 then does the Guard only stay on between Newry and Dundalk (and vice versa) or do they travel to and from Dublin?
These trains have a Competent Person onboard between Newry & Dundalk only.
- 8. Are Irish Rail issued "Trekker" four day rover tickets (€110.00) and "Explorer" five day rover tickets (€160.00) and "Tax saver" annual full network wide season tickets (€5120.00) valid onboard these two trains to and from Newry in Northern Ireland?
These are Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail Republic of Ireland tickets only – not valid for cross border travel.

These four questions are mainly in regards to the Southbound journey:

- 9. If a passenger boards in Northern Ireland without a ticket then are they able to purchase one onboard this train (this could happen for example if a passenger boarded at Poyntzpass or Scarva and the Guard didn't walk round to sell tickets and they then change on to this train at Newry towards Dublin or any of the other intermediate stations in the Republic Of Ireland)?
You must change trains at Newry and purchase a ticket at Newry Station.
- 10. If a passenger boards in Northern Ireland and a Ticket Inspector (RPI) boards and checks tickets whilst the train is in the Republic Of Ireland is the passenger subject to Translink ticketing rules and penalty fare rules or Irish Rail ticketing rules and penalty fare rules?
If Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail Revenue Protection Officers are checking the passengers' tickets, passengers are subject to Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail Conditions of Carriage.

- 11. If a passenger boards in Northern Ireland and the passenger alights at a station in the Republic Of Ireland and approaches the ticket barriers without a ticket is the passenger subject to Translink ticketing rules and penalty fare rules or Irish Rail ticketing rules and penalty fare rules?

Passengers alighting at stations in the Republic of Ireland are subject to Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail Conditions of Carriage.

- 12. If a passenger boards in Northern Ireland and the passenger is able to purchase a ticket either onboard whilst the train is in the Republic Of Ireland or once they alight at a station in the Republic Of Ireland then are they entitled to pay in GBP or do they have to pay in EUR?

Tickets purchased in the Republic of Ireland are to be paid in Euro.

These four questions are mainly in regards to the Northbound journey:

- 13. If a passenger boards in the Republic Of Ireland without a ticket then are they able to purchase one onboard this train (this could happen for example if a passenger boarded at an unstaffed station and the ticket machine wasn't working or didn't sell their required ticket type so they couldn't get a ticket so they board without a ticket)?

This is a Driver Only operated service and as such there is no facility to purchase tickets onboard.

- 14. If a passenger boards in the Republic Of Ireland and a Ticket Inspector (RPI) boards and checks tickets whilst the train is in Northern Ireland is the passenger subject to Irish Rail ticketing rules and penalty fare rules or Translink ticketing rules and penalty fare rules?

Translink ticketing rules and penalty fare rules apply in this case.

- 15. If a passenger boards in the Republic Of Ireland and the passenger alights at a station in Northern Ireland and approaches the ticket barriers without a ticket is the passenger subject to Irish Rail ticketing rules and penalty fare rules or Translink ticketing rules and penalty fare rules?

Translink ticketing rules and penalty fare rules apply in this case.

- 16. If a passenger boards in the Republic Of Ireland and the passenger is able to purchase a ticket either onboard whilst the train is in Northern Ireland or once they alight at a station in Northern Ireland then are they entitled to pay in EUR or do they have to pay in GBP?

Tickets purchased in Northern Ireland are to be paid in GBP.

Freedom of Information Request:
Schedule of Records for IE_FOI_214 : Summary for Decision Making

Record No.	Date of Record	Brief Description	No. of Pages	Decision: Grant/Part Grant/Refuse	Section of Act if applicable	Record Edited/Identify Deletions
1	24.01.19	IE_FOI_214 Response	1	Grant		

Signed

Freedom of Information / Data Protection Executive