

17th October 2017



Re: FOI Request Response [IE_FOI_121]

Dear 

I refer to your request dated 06th October 2017 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on that date for records held by Iarnród Éireann your request sought:

All relevant documentation relating to:

I am writing to you in relation to an accident which occurred on 22 September (last Friday). My train journey was delayed a number of hours due to the train hitting a number of cattle. The damage to the train forced us to change trains to get to Portadown with a lengthy delay. Could you please provide me with the full details of this as the impact seemed quite harsh as I was in the front carriage and it forced the train to come to an emergency stop?

In addition, my train on 25th of September was suppose to arrive in Connolly at 9.00 am and didn't arrive to 9.28 am due to a broken down train ahead at Connolly station, could you please confirm this with me as I was very late for work and this has not been the first time I have been late in the past few weeks due to engine problems etc so I would like some confirmation to provide to my work.

My train this morning was also delayed due to an engine fault to Dublin by an hour!
Could I have confirmation of this too?

I, Paul Slowey, have now made a final decision to grant your request on 17th October 2017.

You have sought access to the records as listed above and I consider this an appropriate form of access in this case.

Incident on 22nd September:

19.00 Connolly-Belfast has struck a number of cattle at Gorawood 71/72mp Pontzpass-Newry section- NIR advises pipe burst on train and they have staff on route- - opposite line blocked by 2 carcasses-staff on route to remove- Expect 80/90 minute delay to 20.05 ex Belfast

This incident took place on translink tracks and their crew operated this service. Any investigation would be undertaken by translink.

Train delayed on 25th September:

late running service in advance which had a fault with door/power interlock at Malahide and also a passenger taken ill on board. Arr 26 late into Connolly Station.

Late running train 6th October 2017:

Can find no detail of late running on early service from Belfast on 6th October 2017. Arr 3 late into Connolly.

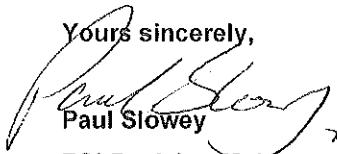
In the event that you are not happy with this decision, you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Corporate Communications, Iarnród Éireann, Connolly Station, Amiens Street, Dublin 1 or by email to foi@irishrail.ie.

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 by telephone on +353 1 7034293.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Slowe
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FOI Decision Maker,