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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 24 June regarding the petition the committee has received from Harry Jacob Wood who raises concerns about rail fares for passengers aged 16 to 18.

I note Mr Wood's concerns. All individual fare pricing decisions and related issues such as changing the age that discounts may be offered are a commercial matter for Arriva Trains Wales. Mr Wood may wish to contact Arriva Trains Wales and the Association of Train Operating Companies to explore possible ticketing offers that may be suitable.

In the meantime there is a 16-25 railcard available for £30 for a year, or £70 for 3 years, which offers one-third off the price of most rail tickets. There is no monthly fee for this railcard. Full details can be found at: <u>http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk/</u>

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