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## Check before you travel this Friday

West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway are advising passengers to check before they travel today (Friday 26 July).

Network Rail has been working hard overnight to repair damage caused by yesterday's extreme weather. However some work is still on going and many trains are starting the day out of place. This will result in some cancellations and shorter trains on some services during the day.

Early morning services have been cancelled or adjusted particularly those on the CrossCity line and also some services to/from Rugeley/Crewe and Birmingham. Shorter trains will be running all day on most routes but especially on the CrossCity line.

There will be cancellations of services between Worcester/Kidderminster and Dorridge/Whitlocks End via Birmingham Snow Hill.

Speed restrictions remain in place in the Duddeston area.

Passengers are reminded to check the National Rail Enquiries or West Midlands Railway/London Northwestern Railway websites before they travel.

Passengers who decided not to travel yesterday will be able to use their tickets today. The two train operators are also encouraging anyone whose journey was delayed by 15 minutes or more to claim delay repay compensation.

## **About West Midlands Trains**

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West Midlands Trains operates both West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway services.

- London Northwestern Railway services operate between
   Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast mainline to
   and from London Euston.
- West Midlands Railway services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street.

For more information on these services visit <u>westmidlandsrailway.co.uk</u> or <u>londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk</u>

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

West Midlands Trains operates 1,300 services a day, manages 150 stations and provides over 70 million passenger journeys a year. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved routes and station upgrades. This will include 400 new train carriages across the network and space for an extra 85,000 passengers into Birmingham and London at peak times.

The franchise is a joint venture between Abellio (70.1% share) and East Japan Railway Company / Mitsui & Co., Ltd (29.9% share in a 50:50 split). Abellio is the international passenger transport subsidiary of the Dutch national railway company, Nederlandse Spoorwegen. In the UK, Abelllio operates ScotRail and Greater Anglia train services, Merseyrail services in a joint venture with Serco and buses through Abellio London. For more information visit www.abellio.com

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