



A tree has fallen on the line near University, damaging the overhead wires. Photo from @NetworkRailBHM

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Cross City south services disrupted until the end of today

Trains on the Cross City line between Birmingham New Street and Redditch / Bromsgrove are expected to be disrupted until the end of today (14 Aug) due to a fallen tree on the line near University station.

The tree fell onto the northbound line towards Birmingham at around 1100 today and caught fire. The line was then closed in both directions.

Network Rail teams have been on site to clear the tree and assess the

damage to the overhead wires. Repairs are currently underway, but services are not expected to resume until tomorrow morning (15 Aug).

As a result, there are currently no trains running on the Cross City line between Birmingham New Street and Redditch / Bromsgrove.

West Midlands Railway tickets are being accepted on local National Express West Midlands bus services between Birmingham New Street and Longbridge. Rail replacement buses are in operation for stations between Longbridge and Redditch / Bromsgrove.

Trains between Birmingham New Street and Hereford are being diverted in both directions and are not calling at University.

Trains between Birmingham New Street and Lichfield are running as booked in both directions, with some minor alterations.

Anyone affected by these changes should claim for compensation through [delay repay](#).

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