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Major disruption at Rugeley Trent Valley

Passengers using London Northwestern Railway services via Rugeley Trent Valley are being advised to check their journeys this evening (Fri 16 Aug) as work to repair damaged overhead lines continues.

Engineers from Network Rail have been working to repair the damaged infrastructure since this morning but displaced trains and crew mean delays and cancellations are expected to continue for the rest of the day.

Ticket acceptance is in place on Virgin Trains and CrossCountry services via reasonable routes.

Affected services include those running directly between London Euston and Crewe, particularly impacting passengers at Stafford, Rugeley Trent Valley, Lichfield Trent Valley, Tamworth, Atherstone and Nuneaton.

Services between Rugeley Trent Valley and Birmingham are also affected by the loss of electric power caused by this morning's incident.

Passengers delayed by more than 15 minutes should claim compensation via the Delay Repay scheme by visiting www.lnr.uk/delayrepay

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 westmidlandsrailway.co.uk or londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk

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, Abellio 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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