

London Northwestern Railway

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December timetable brings faster journeys from Northampton to London

Northampton passengers will benefit from faster afternoon services to London when the new London Northwestern Railway timetable comes into force later this month.

The new timetable comes into operation on Sunday 15 December, bringing with it a number of changes aimed at improving the reliability and capacity of services on the West Coast Main Line.

Additional carriages will also join the London Northwestern Railway fleet in

the new year. These carriages will all be used to increase the length of trains travelling between Northampton and London Euston, including services calling at Tring, Milton Keynes and Watford Junction.

Jonny Wiseman, head of customer experience for London Northwestern Railway, said:

"We know that passengers travelling between Northampton and London in recent months have been making journeys which are not as good as they should have been.

"I am pleased that the overdue carriages we have been waiting for have now started to arrive and these will be used to increase the length of some trains on this incredibly popular route.

"We are also making other changes to simplify our timetable, helping us to improve the reliability of our services and make a difference to our passengers. More improvements will follow next year."

Passengers are advised to check their journeys ahead of the new timetable by visiting www.lnr.uk

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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, 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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