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Police appeal after railway staff assaulted at Bournville

British Transport Police has released CCTV images after members of West Midlands Railway staff were attacked at Bournville station in Birmingham.

The incident happened at 9.45pm on Friday 15 November 2019. Six men are reported to have been on a train arriving at Bournville station. They pulled its emergency stop levers when it arrived at the station.

They then stood on the platform and spray painted the side of the train. Members of West Midlands Railway staff were assaulted after challenging the group.

One of the victims was sprayed in the eyes with the spray paint and needed to be taken to hospital for treatment. He was released the following day.

Officers would like to speak to the men in the images who may have information that can help their investigation. Anyone who knows them can contact BTP by texting 61016 or by calling 0800 40 50 40 and quoting reference number 1900098847.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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- **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.

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

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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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