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Rail disruption between Birmingham and Wolverhampton following police incident

Passengers making essential journeys between Birmingham and Wolverhampton are being warned of disruption this evening (Tues 24 March) following a police incident at Dudley Port.

The incident happened shortly before 4pm and the line between the West Midlands cities is expected to remain closed to trains for several hours.

Until the railway is reopened, ticket acceptance is in place on the West Midlands Metro and local bus services.

Passengers are reminded that following the latest government advice, only essential journeys are permitted.

To check live journey information visit www.wmr.uk/plan or follow @WestMidRailway on Twitter.

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 80 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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