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## Services disrupted between Rugby and Stafford due to overhead line damage

Passengers are advised to check before they travel throughout this afternoon and evening, as services are being disrupted between Rugby and Stafford.

Overhead lines have been damaged near to Lichfield and work is continuing to reopen the lines through the affected area.

Rail replacement buses are currently calling at all stations between Rugby and Stafford.

Mini buses are also in operation between Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent, calling

at Stone.

London Northwestern Railway tickets are being accepted on West Midlands Railway, Virgin Trains, Cross Country and East Midlands Trains services via alternative reasonable routes.

Passengers are being advised to check their train times if they intend to travel between London Euston and Crewe, as services are likely to be delayed or cancelled into this evening.

Any passengers delayed by 15 minutes or more due to this incident can claim compensation via [delay repay](#).

For the latest updates follow [@lnrailway](#) on Twitter.

West Midlands Railway Cross City line services between Lichfield Trent Valley and Birmingham New Street are not affected by this problem.

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## 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](http://westmidlandsrailway.co.uk) or

[londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk](http://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](http://www.abellio.com)

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