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Update - Service suspended between Lichfield, Sutton Coldfield and Birmingham until early evening

Following damage to the overhead line equipment near Sutton Coldfield, trains on the 'Cross City' line will only run between Redditch/Longbridge and Birmingham New Street. There will be no trains between Lichfield/Four Oaks and Birmingham New Street until further notice while Network Rail engineers carry out repairs.

The service is expected to resume when the works are completed at approximately 1900 hours. Customers are advised to check before they travel

as there is likely to be disruption for the remainder of the day.

While the service is suspended, West Midlands Trains has arranged the following alternatives for passengers:

- 4 minibuses will shuttle between Lichfield Trent Valley and Lichfield City
- 16 coaches will shuttle between Lichfield City and Sutton Coldfield, calling at Shenstone, Blake Street, Butlers Lane and Four Oaks
- Rail tickets will be accepted on National Express West Midlands bus services 14, 65, 67, X3, X4, X5 & X14 between Wylde Green, Chester Road, Erdington, Gravelly Hill, Aston, Duddeston and Birmingham city centre
- Ticket acceptance is also in place on CrossCountry routes via Tamworth.

Any passengers delayed by 15 minutes or more can claim Delay Repay compensation online at westmidlandsrailway.co.uk/delayrepay

A spokesman for West Midlands Railways has apologised for the disruption: "Network Rail engineers have been working in freezing conditions throughout the night to repair the damage, so that the line can reopen as quickly as possible. In the meantime, please accept our sincere apologies for the obvious inconvenience this disruption is causing; we appreciate that it's not the best start to the week for our Cross City passengers."

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