

London Northwestern Railway

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New rail timetable to speed up journeys from Liverpool to London

Passengers travelling from Liverpool to London on London Northwestern Railway can enjoy faster journeys when a new timetable comes into effect this month.

A change to calling patterns south of Birmingham means that every weekday five services will arrive in the capital 30mins quicker than they do at the moment.

The new timetable - which comes into effect on Sunday 15 December - also

introduces 18 direct trains between Liverpool and London on Sundays, creating extra journey opportunities for passengers.

Additionally, changes to calling patterns on many services between Coventry and Birmingham will also help relieve congestion for Liverpool-bound services, reducing delays.

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

"The new timetable we introduced in May brought in new journey opportunities and allowed us to carry more passengers but it also introduced complexity which has impacted on reliability.

"The changes we are making this month will simplify the timetable, meaning our passengers in Liverpool should start to enjoy a more reliable service, with more improvements to follow next year."

Passengers are advised to check their journeys 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 westmidlandsrailway.co.uk or

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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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