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Rail disruption between London Euston and Milton Keynes this weekend

Passengers are being warned of disruption to rail services between London Euston and Milton Keynes until Monday because of damaged signals.

Network Rail engineers are working urgently to repair problems with cabling which started today (Friday 21 May).

The complexity of the fault means fewer trains can currently use the West Coast main line.

More Avanti West Coast and London Northwestern Railway services are expected to be able to run in and out of London Euston tomorrow (Saturday), but still fewer than usual.

Today other train operators are accepting tickets so passengers can get to where they need to be on alternative routes.

Anyone planning to travel by rail between London Euston and Milton Keynes this weekend (22-23 May) is advised to check <u>www.nationalrail.co.uk</u> for the latest travel information before they set off to make sure their train is running.

James Dean, Network Rail's West Coast South route director, said:

"We're sorry to passengers that we're unable to give them the train service they deserve today. Our engineers are working as fast as they can to fix the damage to signals – the traffic lights of the railway – at Milton Keynes.

"Fewer trains than usual will be running over the weekend so I'd urge anyone planning to travel on the West Coast main line to please check National Rail Enquiries so they know what to expect."

Lawrence Bowman, customer experience director for London Northwestern Railway, said:

"I would like to thank passengers for their patience while Network Rail work to fix the signalling issues currently affecting services to and from London Euston.

"I would urge our customers to check their train is running before travelling to the station and consider travelling later or via alternative routes if their service is impacted."

Passengers should visit <u>www.nationalrail.co.uk</u> if planning to use the West Coast main line this weekend.

For more information on how Network Rail fixes signals when they go wrong, click <u>here</u>.

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- West Midlands Railway services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

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