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Rail services between Coventry and Birmingham are expected to be disrupted for the remainder of today (Friday 9 August).

Network Rail engineers are repairing 40 metres of overhead cables in a tunnel near Tile Hill. The power cables came down at the start of this morning's commuter services.

London Northwestern and West Midland Railway trains are unable to run between the two cities until the line has been repaired . The current estimate

is that the route will be reopened around 1630 today, subject to no further damage being discovered.

Francis Thomas, head of Corporate affairs for the two train operators said, "We are sorry for today's disruption. There will be a limited evening peak service between Birmingham and Coventry. As trains and train crew have been displaced by the disruption, further alterations to services can be expected for the remainder of the day.

"We are encouraging anyone who has had their journey delayed by 15 minutes or more to claim compensation. Details can be found on both of our websites."

Passengers are being advised to check before travelling. For the latest information go to www.nationalrail.co.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 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

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