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London Northwestern Railway provides additional service for Marathon runners

London Northwestern Railway is providing an additional Sunday service for customers travelling to the London Marathon this weekend.

The event is being held in central London on Sunday 22 April. Competitors and supporters travelling in from the Home Counties will be able to take an additional early morning service, allowing them to arrive well ahead of the race start.

The train operator is putting on an additional 12-car service, running from Milton Keynes to Euston, 30 minutes before normal service usually begins.

The service will depart from Milton Keynes Central at 06:12am, arriving at Euston at 07:19am, calling at:

- Bletchley – 06:15am
- Leighton Buzzard – 06:23am
- Berkhamsted – 06:38am
- Hemel Hempstead – 06:46am
- Apsley – 06:50am
- Kings Langley – 06:53am
- Watford Junction – 06:58am
- Harrow & Wealdstone – 07:04am
- Euston – 07:19am

Steve Helfet, Head of West Coast Services at London Northwestern Railway, said: “The Marathon is one of the biggest events in London’s calendar and attracts a huge number of runners and spectators from across the country.

“We want to make sure that runners and their supporters can get to the start line with plenty of time to spare and this additional, early service will provide an extra option for those looking to travel in by train.”

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Notes to editors

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About West Midlands Trains

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