



Fallen tree at Wylde Green brought down power cables

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No trains between Lichfield and Birmingham New Street

Due to a fallen tree damaging overhead power cables, there is no train service between Lichfield Trent Valley and Birmingham New Street this morning.

Network Rail engineers are on site. They will need to remove the tree before assessing the damage to the overhead power cables and begin repairs. Disruption to train services is expected to last all day.

Local buses are accepting train tickets between Birmingham New Street and Sutton Coldfield and there are bus replacement services from Sutton Coldfield to Lichfield Trent Valley.

A spokesman for West Midlands Railway said: "We are sorry we are unable to provide a service on the Cross City North line today. Passengers are advised to allow more time for their journeys.

"Anyone delayed 15 minutes or more is encouraged to claim compensation. Details can be found on the West Midlands Railway website at www.wmr.uk/delayrepay."

The latest information about train services can be found at www.nationalrail.co.uk

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- **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.

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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 80 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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