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## **Passengers advised to check before travelling on the West Coast Mainline**

London Northwestern Railway passengers are being advised to check their train times today (22 March), following disruption to services between Northampton, Milton Keynes and London Euston.

Trains may be delayed or cancelled until around lunchtime, following track problems at Milton Keynes earlier this morning.

The line was closed for a time for repair works to take place, and reopened at around 0930.

However, as trains and traincrew are out of position as a result of the issue, it is expected to take a number of hours before a full timetable can resume.

A Network Rail spokesman said: “We are really sorry to train passengers impacted today by a track fault near Milton Keynes. Our engineers worked to fix the problem as soon as possible. Passengers are advised to check National Rail Enquiries or with their train operators for the very latest travel information.”

Important sensors on the track, which measure a train’s speed and location, were damaged near to Milton Keynes. Without the data the sensors provide, signallers cannot run trains safely on the network.

Rail replacement buses will remain in place to supplement train services until a full timetable has resumed. These are operating to all stations between Northampton and Bletchley, and also between Watford Junction and Milton Keynes Central.

Buses that had been operating to and from Wellingborough are no longer running due to a separate incident in the Irchester area.

London Northwestern Railway tickets will continue to be accepted on Virgin Trains, East Midlands Trains, Chiltern Railways, Thameslink services until further notice. For the latest updates, follow [@lnrailway](#) on Twitter

Passengers delayed by 15 minutes or more by this disruption can claim compensation through [Delay Repay](#)

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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](https://westmidlandsrailway.co.uk) or [londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk](https://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](https://www.abellio.com)

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