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Passengers at Long Buckby advised to check journeys amid timetable change

Passengers using Long Buckby station are being advised to check their travel plans when a revised London Northwestern Railway timetable comes into effect next week (w/c Oct 7).

The changes, which are being made to improve performance across the network, will reduce the number of Birmingham-bound services calling at the station per hour from three to two.

The services which will no longer stop are those which previously called at Long Buckby at 25 minutes past the hour, between 0925 and 1725 inclusive,

from Monday to Saturday. Southbound services towards London Euston are unaffected.

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director for London Northwestern Railway, said: "Keeping our trains running on time is our top priority and it is sometimes necessary to make changes to calling patterns in order to save vital minutes.

"Our services suffer frequent delays between Coventry and Birmingham and removing one call per hour at Long Buckby will result in significant improvements in performance, benefiting all our passengers.

"While our analysis shows the affected services are not heavily used, we thank our customers at Long Buckby for their understanding and urge passengers to check their journeys before travelling."

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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.

For more information on these services visit<u>westmidlandsrailway.co.uk</u> or <u>londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk</u>

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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, Abelllio 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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