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Passengers warned of Sunday travel disruption due to Storm Ciara

Passengers travelling on West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway services this Sunday are being warned to expect travel disruption with Storm Ciara expected to bring winds of up to 80mph.

Amended timetables are being put in place on many routes on Sunday in anticipation of speed restrictions likely to be put in place by Network Rail in order to keep passengers safe.

These changes will result in increased journey times and customers are advised to check their journeys before setting out using live travel

information services. Latest travel information and amended timetables will be available to view at www.wmr.uk/plan and www.lnr.uk/plan

People living near the railway are also being asked to help keep the network free of any unexpected debris by tying down or clearing away garden furniture and trampolines.

About West Midlands Trains

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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 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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