# Milton Keynes derailment causes ongoing major disruption on West Coast Main Line



Major disruption continues to affect rail services following a train derailment near Milton Keynes on 26 June 2025. The incident, which happened around 12:30 pm near Bletchley, involved a low-speed train not in passenger service at the time. Although no injuries were reported, the derailment blocked two of the four tracks on the West Coast Main Line, which is a critical route connecting London Euston with major destinations including Northampton, Birmingham, Crewe, and beyond.

As a result, only two of the four tracks heading in and out of London Euston remain operational. London Northwestern Railway has confirmed that trains will run on a reduced timetable, with just two trains per hour between Northampton and London Euston, calling at all stations including Milton Keynes. Services between Crewe and London Euston, as well as Birmingham and Northampton, are continuing but will face delays of up to 90 minutes and possible cancellations. Additionally, early morning services from Northampton have been cancelled due to a separate issue with overhead electric wires in the Northampton area.

Network Rail emphasised its ongoing efforts to recover the stranded train and repair the damaged infrastructure, apologising to passengers for the inconvenience and urging travellers to check their journeys before setting out. The complexity of managing passenger flow at London Euston has been highlighted as part of the disruption, with some trains currently unable to enter the station due to a shortage of available platforms.

The effects of the derailment have also rippled across the broader West Midlands rail network, causing delays on Avanti West Coast services through Wrexham General, Wolverhampton, and Birmingham New Street, in addition to London Northwestern Railway services. To mitigate passenger disruption, mutual ticket acceptance is in place with other train operators on reasonable routes, and rail replacement buses have been arranged to cover some cancelled services.

Overall, rail operators and Network Rail continue to work through the recovery process, but passengers should expect persistent disruption across affected routes involving Milton Keynes, Northampton, London Euston, and the West Midlands for at least the remainder of the day on 27 June.

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