# Train derailment near Milton Keynes causes prolonged 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 occurred in the Bletchley area at around 12:30 pm, involved a low-speed derailment of a train that was not in passenger service at the time. Fortunately, no injuries were reported. However, the derailment has blocked two of the four tracks on the West Coast Main Line, leading to significant operational challenges.

As a result of the blockage, services on the route into and out of London Euston have been severely impacted. London Northwestern Railway has announced a reduced service schedule, running just two trains per hour between Northampton and London Euston. Trains operating between Crewe and London Euston, as well as between Birmingham and Northampton, continue but are subject to delays. Rail replacement buses have been deployed to cover some of the cancelled journeys, according to reports.

The disruption is compounded by additional infrastructure issues, including a problem with overhead wires in the Northampton area, which prompted cancellations of morning services originating there. Delays of up to 90 minutes have been reported on several routes, creating difficulties for commuters and travellers relying on timely connections along this key corridor.

Network engineers are currently engaged in recovery efforts to move the stranded train and undertake emergency repairs on the damaged track section. Network Rail has emphasised the priority of restoring full service as soon as possible but advises passengers to check the status of their journeys before travelling. The reduced capacity on the West Coast Main Line is expected to persist as repairs continue over the coming days.

This incident highlights the vulnerability of major rail arteries to even low-speed derailments, which can cause extensive ripple effects on service reliability. Passengers travelling into London Euston and neighbouring hubs are urged to plan ahead and remain informed of service updates as the situation develops.

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