

Cricklewood garage 25% under strength

LONDON Transport is very sorry for the inconvenience caused to Mr. H. C. Weston (letters, September 16) when he had such a long wait for a route 16 bus in the early morning on September 6. What happened was that it was not possible to run the first three southbound buses because, owing to sudden sickness of staff and general shortage of drivers and conductors, there were no crews available to take them on the road.

As we have said in previous letters to your paper, the shortage of staff is upsetting bus services all over London, and the 16's which run from Cricklewood garage are having a particularly bad time as the garage is about a quarter under strength. Every effort is being made to recruit more men and women for bus work and until the position improves, inconvenience to passengers from time to time is, I am afraid, bound to continue.

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