

More arrests for supplying crack cocaine

A further 11 people have been arrested this week by Lothian and Borders Police as the Force continues to take action to reduce the supply of crack cocaine in Edinburgh.

Six addresses in the Leith area of the city were searched earlier in the week and in addition to those arrested a quantity of heroin and crack cocaine was seized.

A number of those taken into custody have appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court.

A total of 41 people have now been arrested as part of Operation Advance – an intelligence led operation targeting those responsible for dealing crack cocaine in the city.

Several thousands of pounds and drugs including crack cocaine, heroin and herbal cannabis have also been recovered during the past week.

Following six months of covert intelligence gathering, officers from Lothian and Borders Police have been executing a number of drug search warrants across the city over the last seven days.

A police spokesman said: 'These arrests will let the dealers know that they are not welcome in Edinburgh and will reassure our communities that we will take action against those whose activities bring misery to them.

'We have been working closely with a number of our partner agencies on this Operation and this will continue in the coming weeks as we carry out high visibility patrols and support is provided to drug abusers who will be without a supply.