

Five things you need to know today



Legionella update – TERLive! – Bike Thefts – Woody Allen – Under the Stars

There are more people affected by the Legionella outbreak now at the end of the week, as the NHS predicted a day or two ago.

The latest reports from the Scottish Government Resilience Room (SGoRR) on the Edinburgh Legionnaires' disease outbreak show that there are now 24 confirmed cases and 37 suspected cases.

As at 12pm on Thursday, of those cases being treated in hospital, 12 were in intensive care and 28 are on general wards.

A total of 13 cases are being treated in the community, five have been discharged from hospital and one person has sadly died. He has been named as a builder from Seafield, 56 year-old father of two, Robert Air.

Two cases are being treated outwith the NHS Lothian area – one in Highland and one in the north of England. Both of these cases are being treated as part of the south west Edinburgh outbreak and have connections to the area.

The Government said that people who are being admitted to hospital with symptoms are now generally speaking in a better state of health than has previously been the case. The ages of those affected now ranges between 19 and 88, with more males than females affected.

As of yesterday, NHS 24 had received 48 calls to the dedicated helpline. However, there was a 20 per cent increase in the number of calls to their regular number about Legionnaire's disease.

The investigation into the source of the outbreak is continuing, with all 16 cooling towers in the affected area now having been inspected.

Those cooling towers which were considered to possibly require re-treating are now undergoing this process.

Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon said: "It is a positive sign that those people being admitted to hospital are, generally speaking, less ill than had been the case at the start of the outbreak and we are seeing an increase in the numbers of people well enough to be treated in the community.

"NHS Lothian services are busy but coping and I would like to pay tribute to NHS staff who are coping extremely well with this situation.

"It remains the case that the risk to the general public remains low but anyone with concerns should contact their GP or NHS 24's dedicated hotline on 0800 0858 531.

"I want to stress that this bacteria is not passed on person to person or by drinking water.

"Investigations into the source of this outbreak, which are primarily led by the City of Edinburgh Council and the Health and Safety Executive and supported by Health Protection Scotland, are making good progress. I would hope that over the next few days this investigation will start to deliver answers about where the source of the outbreak might be. However, it is important to note that sometimes it is not possible to conclusively identify a source."

We are running [a live web chat with Lothian and Borders Police on 19 June 2012 at 12.30pm.](#) It is focussed on the West Neighbourhood Area but if you have a general policing enquiry you could always ask the question anyway and we will see what we can do. What do you want to know about Police work in the city? Natalie Hoy of the council's West Neighbourhood Area will also be on hand. She deals with anti-social behaviour.... Join us on the day or join in now by sending us your questions through [our Contact form.](#) We cannot discuss live criminal

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses following a recent spate of bike thefts in the North of Edinburgh.

Between the 16th May and Tuesday 5th June five bicycles were stolen from addresses in Inverleith Terrace, Comely Bank Avenue and Rodney Street.

The combined value of the stolen cycles is around £1500.

Prior to each theft, individuals claiming to be delivering takeaway menus were allowed entry to the common stairs.

Police believe these recent incidents are linked and are urging those who live within flat blocks to be vigilant when allowing people access to the building.

A police spokesman said: "The stolen bikes were used for recreation or for essential transport and the victims are all deeply upset and frustrated by these thefts.

"Officers have made enquiries with all local takeaways in the area and none of these businesses are currently leafleting.

"Residents within common stairs should always be wary of who they permit entry to and report any suspicious activity they witness to police.

“Anyone who can assist us with our enquiries to identify those responsible for these recent thefts is also asked to come forward immediately.

“Members of our communities who would like crime prevention advice and information on protecting their possessions can contact their local policing team or visit our website at www.lbp.police.uk”

Tonight at [The Cameo](#) you can see Woody Allen – A Documentary. This is what The Cameo say:-“There’s something for everyone in this definitive look back at the career of one of American cinema’s most prolific and enduring directors.

For newcomers to Woody Allen’s extensive oeuvre, there is first-hand insight into his unique creative process from muses such as Diane Keaton (ANNIE HALL), Mariel Hemingway (MANHATTAN) and Scarlett Johansson (VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA). Allen devotees get a rare opportunity to see the 76-year-old Oscar winner stroll around his old neighbourhood, pointing out his favourite childhood haunts and candidly reflecting on his career highs and lows.

While there have been fewer hits down the years than he might have hoped for, Allen’s tireless work ethic and raw passion for cinema form the emotional crux of this exceptional documentary portrait.”

And for those of you desperate to know what is happening next week then here is the schedule for Under the Stars in St Andrew Square next weekend..

[Under the Stars 2012](#)