

Police partner up with the airports to reduce anti-social behaviour



A recent partnership between Edinburgh Airport and Lothian and Borders Police (LBP) has successfully contributed to a 71% reduction in the number of alcohol-related incidents at Scotland's busiest airport.

The campaign, which ran from June to December, last year, has led to a proactive approach by uniformed police officers in Edinburgh Airport to prevent anti-social behaviour and encourage people to think amount they drink before flying. This resulted in a significant reduction of incidents, compared with the same period in 2011.

Inspector Paul McDonald, from Lothian and Borders Police and Edinburgh Airport, said; "Throughout the summer we worked with retail outlets, air crews and licensed premises to ensure that Edinburgh Airport remains a safe environment for everyone. Due to the success of the initiative it was decided to continue with it through the autumn and into the festive period.

"We carried out high visibility police patrols throughout the terminal and in the departure lounge, providing reassurance and raising awareness of excessive drinking before jetting off on holiday."

Commenting on the success of the scheme, Edinburgh Airport's Chief Operating Officer, David Wilson, said; "Although we don't wish to deter passengers from having a good time when travelling through Edinburgh Airport, their safety, and that of our staff, remains paramount.

“Through working with Lothian and Borders Police on this project we have been able to continue our focus on excellent customer service, whilst making every passenger’s experience at Edinburgh Airport as safe and enjoyable as possible.”