

# Police praise Edinburgh public for support



Police forensic officers search the area in Willowbrae. (Picture: Cameron McHenry)

Police Scotland has praised the overwhelming support from the public, a week on from a murder in Edinburgh.

Mohamed Abdi, 25, died as a result of injuries he sustained after being shot in Abercorn Avenue on Sunday 26th May.

A major investigation is underway to identify those responsible for Mr Abdi's death and police continue to provide a high-visibility presence in the local area to engage with the community and offer reassurance.

As a result of the continued interaction with the community, officers have received over 130 calls from members of the public across Scotland. The information provided is currently being progressed by the enquiry team.

Officers welcomed the level of support for this investigation and remain keen to speak with others who may be able to assist with their enquiries.

Detective Superintendent Gary Flannigan from the Police Scotland Major Investigation Team said: "Since our investigation into Mohamed Abdi's murder began on Sunday 26th May, we have expanded the focus of the enquiry from Willowbrae to other areas across the city.

"On each occasion that we've appealed to the public for assistance with a new line of investigation, they have

responded and furnished us with numerous pieces of information that we are currently going over.

“The information we have received has come from various communities, not just within Capital, and demonstrates the national interest in helping solve this crime.

“We are extremely grateful for all of the assistance the public have given in the past week and would urge anyone else with information relating to this investigation, who has yet to contact police, to come forward.”

Chief Inspector Mark Paterson said: “Community officers continue to provide a presence in areas of interest to this investigation and have spoken with many local residents to offer reassurance, while at the same time trying to obtain information that may be of use to the enquiry team.

“The level of calls we have received is vindication of our commitment to community engagement and the public can rest assured that local officers will remain in these areas to offer further assistance wherever it may be required.

“I would invite anyone with information about this investigation to approach an officer on patrol, contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, make a report via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”