

# Couple found dead in hotel room

Police in Edinburgh have said this morning that the emergency service operation at the Scotsman Hotel which began yesterday is now over.

The bodies of a man and woman were found within a hotel room at around 12.15pm yesterday afternoon and an investigation was launched.

Early enquiries indicate that this is a chemical-related incident. However, both bodies will now undergo forensic analysis.

Scotland Fire and Rescue carried out what is described as 'a robust examination' of the hotel room and are satisfied the deaths were isolated to the room only.

There was, and is, no risk to hotel guests, staff or members of the public in the area surrounding the premises.

All chemical material of interest to this investigation has now been removed from the hotel with zero traces remaining inside the building.

A number of rooms were vacated while police, fire and ambulance service conducted their enquiries and the police wish to thank those affected by this activity.

The deaths continue to be treated as unexplained, pending a post mortem.

No details of either individual will be released until next of kin have been informed.