

Police name couple who died last week in Scotsman Hotel

Police in Edinburgh have confirmed the identities of a man and woman whose bodies were found within a room at the Scotsman Hotel last week.

They were 27-year-old Igor Pavlov and 35-year-old Daria Kuchuk from Russia.

The pair, who lived in Edinburgh, were discovered by hotel staff at around 12.15pm on Thursday 1st August.

A multi-agency investigation determined that Mr Pavlov and Miss Kuchuk's deaths were chemical-related and a number of items seized from the room continue to undergo forensic analysis.

Enquiries have established that the couple took the chemical into the hotel with them prior to their death.

Further enquiries were then carried out at an address in the Royal Mile area of the city on Friday 2 August and no further traces of chemicals were detected within this property.

Enquiries are ongoing into the full circumstances surrounding both of these deaths, which continue to be treated as unexplained at this time.