

£20,000 of drugs seized in Edinburgh

Drugs seized, Edinburgh

Police in Edinburgh have seized £20,000 worth of drugs in an operation that happened in the capital on Friday 30 August 2013.

Officers raided a property in the west of the city, where they recovered drugs and associated material used in the production of so-called 'legal highs'.

The drugs seized included NBOMe, which was recently prohibited under the Misuse of Drugs Act along with Benzofury.

A 36-year-old man has been detained in connection with the seizure.

Detective Chief Inspector Colin Boyle, from Police Scotland's Specialist Crime Division, said: "Acting in conjunction with partners from Border Force, officers from Police Scotland have seized £20,000 worth of NBOMe, a so-called 'legal high'.

"The drug is subject to a temporary order under the Misuse of Drugs Act, making it an offence to make, supply or import the substance. Anyone caught doing so is liable to a maximum

prison sentence of 14 years, and an unlimited fine under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

“Police Scotland is committed to keeping people safe, and we will continue to take robust action against those who illegally make and deal drugs in our local communities.

“I would urge anyone who has any information on drug dealers and other serious and organised criminals to contact Police Scotland, either by contacting 101, or by making an anonymous report through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

“Rest assured that any information received will be acted upon, and treated in the strictest confidence.”

John McGowan, from Border Force investigations, said: “Border Force works hard to stop a number of harmful substances entering the country and this also applies to ‘legal highs’, which shouldn’t be assumed to be either safe or legal.

“We are pleased that by working with Police Scotland we have been able to keep a substantial amount of these drugs off the streets.”