

# Eight men charged with drugs offences



Eight men have been charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act as part of a Police Scotland operation to target serious and organised crime.

All of the men were detained between Thursday 13th February and Thursday 24th February during two weeks of enforcement across Scotland.

Detectives had previously seized £950,000 worth of diamorphine between August and January. The drugs were intended for distribution across Scotland and enquiries had been continuing to identify those believed to be involved.

The men are all scheduled to appear at court at a later date.

Detective Chief Inspector Colin Boyle said: “As a result of the investigation, almost £1 million worth of diamorphine was seized before it could cause untold harm on our communities.

“Our enquiries have resulted in four men subsequently being charged with drug offences and these arrests should send a clear message that Police Scotland will continue to act on information from the public to tackle serious and organised crime whenever it arises.

“If and when we receive intelligence, it will be thoroughly assessed and acted on appropriately. Anyone wishing to report criminal activity in their area can contact us on 101 or make an alternative report via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”