

Man charged with importing drugs into Edinburgh



A man has been arrested and charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act as part of a Police Scotland investigation into the importation of cannabis into the UK.

Detectives in Edinburgh seized over 8.2kg of cannabis from two parcel delivery depots in February and established the drugs had been shipped from Canada.

Further enquiries were carried out and revealed that similar packages had been sent to other depots across Britain.

Officers from the Capital then travelled to London on Friday 11th April and detained a man at a hotel in the centre of the city.

At this time a further 15kg of cannabis was recovered from a parcel depot in the Soho area.

In total, cannabis worth over £100,000 was seized along with around £2,500 in cash.

The 49-year-old was transferred back to Edinburgh and was due to appear in court yesterday.

Detective Inspector John Kavanagh said: "As this arrest demonstrates, Police Scotland are committed to tackling drug crime wherever it arises and however far it stretches beyond our borders.

"Anyone responsible for the production or distribution of drugs in and out of Scotland will be robustly pursued by our officers."