

Man found dead outside William Street pub



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for information after a man was found dead outside a city pub.

Officers attended at Bert's Bar in William Street at around 1.40am today after the 46-year-old's body was discovered within the outside basement area.

The Scottish Ambulance Service was also in attendance and pronounced the man dead at the scene.

Enquiries into the full circumstances surrounding this death, which is currently being treated as unexplained, are ongoing and anyone who can assist police with their investigation is asked to come forward.

Detective Sergeant Neil Spowart said: "We know that the male had been within licensed premises in the area earlier that evening before later being found in the external basement of Bert's Bar.

"Our enquiries are now trying to establish his movements prior to his death and we are keen to hear from anyone who remembers seeing him on Thursday evening or the early hours of Friday morning.

"In particular, we would like to trace a male and female who are believed to have spoken with the man outside of the pub at around 12.30am.

"These individuals, and anyone else with information relevant to this investigation, are asked to contact police immediately."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.