

Man electrocuted after climbing fence beside rail track



A man who has not yet been identified, died after coming into contact with overhead pylons while attempting to scale a fence near the rail line at Slateford.

The line was held up and services were cancelled and heavily delayed as investigations were carried out throughout the morning.

A British Transport Police spokesman said: "Our officers were called to the line near Haymarket station at 8.45am on Tuesday after reports of a man's body on the line.

"Colleagues from Scottish Ambulance Service also attended, but the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

"We are now working to formally identify the deceased and will subsequently inform his family.

"The incident is not currently being treated as suspicious and a full report has been submitted to the local procurator fiscal."

A spokeswoman for train operator ScotRail said: "Services between Edinburgh and Glasgow Central via Shotts are being disrupted.

"Customers with valid tickets from Glasgow Central to Edinburgh can use tickets to travel on alternative routes from Glasgow Queen Street to Edinburgh via Falkirk High and

Airdrie.

“Customers travelling to or from Livingston South station with valid tickets can also use Livingston North as an alternative.

“The train operator urged customers to check before travel by visiting its website at scotrail.co.uk.”