

Eleven arrests during domestic abuse campaign



Eleven people have been arrested as part of an ongoing campaign to tackle domestic abuse in the Capital over the festive period.

Local officers along with Edinburgh's Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit launched the local nine-day initiative on Monday 15th December and have since been executing arrests warrants across the city.

In addition, police have been carrying out proactive bail checks on individuals currently on release from prison for domestic abuse offences.

A further two individuals have also been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for breaching bail conditions.

As well as the proactive activity being carried out during this operation, police in Edinburgh have also responded to numerous domestic incidents in the past few days and as a result, a further 30 people have been arrested and charged.

The festive period often results in increased reports of domestic abuse, with alcohol regularly playing a contributing factor.

As such, officers have also been visiting victims of these offences this week to offer additional support and guidance.

Superintendent Liz McAinsh said: "After only three days, we've arrested an additional 11 individuals responsible for domestic abuse and associated offences.

"Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for Police Scotland and

in Edinburgh officers will continue to pursue those responsible for crimes of this nature.

“We are also committed to providing victims of domestic abuse with all the necessary assistance and support they require.

“I would urge anyone who has been subject to domestic abuse and hasn’t yet reported the matter to police, to do so immediately. Your report will be taken with the utmost professionalism and investigated robustly.”

Councillor Ricky Henderson, Convener of Health, Social Care and Housing, said: “Nobody should have to suffer domestic abuse at any time of year. We want to reach out to those affected by domestic abuse, or anyone who has concerns about others who are suffering.

“I would urge people to drink sensibly over the festive season and to consider how their behaviour affects their loved ones. We will continue to work closely with Police Scotland and other partner organisations as part of our Speak Up, Speak Out campaign to protect vulnerable families and individuals.”