

Five men arrested as part of domestic abuse operation



Five men have been arrested and charged with a range of sexual and domestic abuse offences as part of an ongoing policing operation in Edinburgh.

The Public Protection Unit, Domestic Abuse Task Force and officers on a Campaign Against Violence Day deployment conducted various enquiries within the Capital yesterday during an Operation Wolf enforcement day.

As a result two men aged 56 and 53 from the Wester Hailes area were detained following a report of historic serious sexual assaults, crimes against children and domestic assaults.

In addition, a 59-year-old man was arrested and charged in connection with an indecent exposure.

All three men are due to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today.

A 66-year-old male was also charged with various sexual offences including sexual assault and indecent assault while a 28-year-old man was charged with assaulting a child.

Both of these individuals will appear in court at a later date.

Detective Chief Inspector Alwyn Bell said: "We are committed to protecting the public from harm and whenever we receive reports of crimes such as domestic abuse and sexual assault we will carry out a robust investigation to bring those responsible to justice.

"Yesterday's Operation Wolf activity should send a very clear

message that no matter how old the offence, we can and will pursue offenders and remove them from our communities.

“I would like to reassure the public that all reports of domestic abuse or sexual crime are taken extremely seriously and acted upon appropriately. Anyone who wishes to report a crime of this nature can contact Police Scotland on 101 or make an anonymous report through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”