

Suspected Ebola case tests negative

The Scottish Government has announced this morning that a patient at the Edinburgh Western General has tested negative for Ebola virus.

The individual was transferred by the Scottish Ambulance Service to hospital on Thursday afternoon. As the person had recently returned from one of the West African countries affected by the Ebola outbreak and felt unwell, they were tested for Ebola and other infections as a precaution. A blood sample was taken and tested at the viral haemorrhagic fever testing facility in Edinburgh and found to be negative for Ebola.

A spokesman said: "Scotland has a robust health protection surveillance system which monitors global disease outbreaks and ensures that we are fully prepared to respond to such situations."