

Numerous cars with defects detected during police day of action



Police have carried out a successful partnership day of action to ensure vehicles travelling on the road network are fit for use.

Officers were joined by colleagues from the DVSA and HMRC at checkpoints at Hermiston Gait on Tuesday 16th February to inspect over 160 cars, vans and lorries. In total, police and partner agencies stopped 169 vehicles whereby two were found to have no MOT, while another two were also found to have no insurance.

One further vehicle was seized for a document offence and a lorry driver was given a fine for a tachograph offence.

A male driver of a vehicle was also arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Working alongside the Driver and Vehicle Service Agency, Road Policing Officers identified numerous cars and vans with defects that required rectification.

A number of those inspected needed immediate attention and drivers were directed to ensure the necessary rectifications were carried out.

Other partners from UKBA and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were also in attendance to monitor for immigration offences and to carry out scrap metal checks. Neither agency reported any issues or concerns from the vehicles inspected.

Chief Inspector Stevie Innes, Road Policing Area Commander for

the East of Scotland said: "It is absolutely essential that all vehicles utilising our road network are roadworthy, particularly during the current challenging and adverse weather conditions.

"During the roadside checks we carried out on Tuesday, a number of cars, vans and lorries were identified as having various levels of defects that required immediate repair, or were not legally permitted to be on the road because they had no tax or insurance.

"I would like to remind all motorists that should your vehicle fail a roadside check or if you are found not to have the appropriate documentation you will face further police action, which may result in a fixed penalty fine, points on your licence or a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

"We will continue to carry out vehicle inspections alongside our partners and I want to thank all of the agencies involved for their assistance and support during Tuesday's activity."