

Police watchdog probe after pensioner found seriously ill



The Police Investigations & Review Commissioner (PIRC) has begun an investigation into the initial police response after a 73-year-old man was found seriously ill at a property in Edinburgh on 19 April 2016.

He remains in hospital.

A spokeswoman for the PIRC said: “The Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) is investigating the initial police response to an incident in Edinburgh on 19 April 2016.

“Following a report of concern about the welfare of the occupant at the property, officers arrived to find a seriously ill 73-year-old man, who remains in hospital.

“In terms of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Investigations Procedure, Serious Incidents and Specified Weapons) Regulations 2013, the Chief Constable must refer certain incidents involving the police to the PIRC to allow for an independent investigation.

“A report on the findings will be submitted to the Deputy Chief Constable in due course.”