

Clamp down on crime in vicinity of HMP Edinburgh



Police took part in a joint-agency operation at HMP Edinburgh last Friday to detect and disrupt criminal activity at and near the prison and to promote road safety in support of the national summer drink driving campaign.

Police Scotland officers from Edinburgh with additional support from the Road Policing Unit and the Dog Section worked alongside the Scottish Prison Service, VOSA and the Edinburgh Council Taxi Cab Inspectors and Fraud department, to speak to individuals who were visiting the prison and inspect the vehicles being used.

In total, 86 vehicles were stopped and the drivers and occupants spoken to.

As a result 22 drivers were breathalysed, 37 people were charged with road traffic offences including one for drink driving, one taxi was issued with an immediate prohibition notice and six people were charged and three warnings were issued in connection with drug offences.

Prison link officer, Police Constable Tracey Gunn said: "This joint operation shows that we are taking action to tackle and disrupt criminal activity around HMP Edinburgh and to promote road safety in and around Edinburgh."

Gordon Roy, acting Head of Operations, HMP Edinburgh said: "We are fully committed to and proud of our collaboration with Police Scotland in preventing and detecting crime.

"We recognise that this partnership working is vital to ensure the safety of those within our establishment as well as the

wider community.”