

Police officers taken to hospital after being attacked by dogs



Four police officers and a woman have been injured after being attacked by three dogs in a flat in Shadepark Gardens in Dalkeith, Midlothian, at 4.10am yesterday morning.

A fifth officer was also injured after allegedly being punched in the face by a man after police were called to the address following reports of an assault.

Two of the officers were bitten on the legs and arms, a third was scratched on the stomach and a fourth suffered a hand injury.

All the officers were taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary

alongside the man and woman who were both arrested.

A specialist dog unit attended the scene before two of the dogs were removed from the flat at 10.30am. The other dog was placed in the back of a police van.

Inspector Arron Clinkscales said: "Officers were called to an address in Dalkeith at around 4.10am on Thursday following a request of assistance from the Scottish Ambulance Service.

"Upon arrival at the property, one woman was found with injuries caused by multiple dog bites and has been taken to hospital for treatment.

"Four police officers sustained injuries from dogs whilst within, and in the vicinity, of the property. A fifth officer was assaulted, sustaining a facial injury.

"A man and woman have been arrested in connection with the incident which will be investigated with the utmost seriousness. I wish all injured parties a full and quick recovery."