

Tuesday 30th September 2025

■ calling NHS HPT out of hours via NHS Lothian switchboard on 0131 242 1000.

Responding to calls from CEC contact centre and CEC resilience team ■

■ Calls received within the last 60 to 90 minutes. This was in response to calls received by the contact centre from the operations manager of Edinburgh International airport concerning a public health incident whereby there was suspected illness amongst 4 passengers on an inbound flight. A OM looking for advice and support from port health / Health Protection.

Note of a telephone conversation between ■ CPH, Lothian NHS Public Health team out of hours. 4.08 hours AM to 4.32 hours AM

- inbound flight to Edinburgh International airport arrived at 1:30 AM this morning.
- Direct flight from Las Palma in Gran Canaria
- Jet2.com flight
- 193 passengers in total on flight. No number of crew.
- Edinburgh International airport took decision not to allow passengers off the plane for what is now 2 hours. Being held on the aircraft pending advice from Port Health / HPT
- ■ has had a telephone conversation with ■ AOM of Edinburgh International airport.
- ■ made a detailed assessment of circumstances on the information available. Discussed. This includes 4 persons in total formatted and felt sick on the aircraft during the flight. All were children. Two children were aged 2 years old. Two children aged 11. Three different families involved. All three families were dotted across the aircraft, families not sitting together. The country of departure is not deemed a high-risk country. It was a direct flight. No known illness at accommodation or airport of departure. No fever, diarrhoea, rash or other concern. No symptoms or concerns about Ebola, MERS, etc. No symptoms of respiratory illness. Initially suspected potential food poisoning/NV. However, all four in the party are now feeling well having landed. There was a period of turbulence during the flight which may have led to vomiting. Children were well before flight.
- ■ sees no need to continue to detain passengers. However, will request a copy of the plane seating plan, passenger list with full contact details. Advice to be given to passengers by Edinburgh International Airport / Jet 2 about any future

illness and who to contact in that instance. Also, carrier advised to C&D the aircraft in accordance with their infection control procedures.

- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reviewed the criteria outlined in Port Health procedure for managing illness aboard an inbound aircraft, focusing on the potential for high-risk illness as a basis for the continued detention of passengers. Agreed two or more of the essential criteria have not been met. Agreed decision taken by [REDACTED] seems reasonable in the circumstances. Environmental Health will reinforce the need for C&D in line with good practice before re-occupation. This is a precaution because we cannot be entirely certain that all passengers were free from infectious illness.
- [REDACTED] writing to [REDACTED] at airport to confirm passengers can be released and advice given over the telephone, information needed.
- All information from Edinburgh International airport to be copied to the Health Protection team e-mail address. [REDACTED] to be copied into that e-mail.
- Shared contact details with [REDACTED].
- Contact details for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] e-mail address will be provided when [REDACTED] is copied in to her e-mail to the airport. [REDACTED] is duty CPH until 9:00 AM today. On all week -stand by.
- Environmental Health will touch base with HPT day time team later today to see if any follow up work is required.

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