

Witness appeal following serious assault in Cowgate



Police are appealing for information following a serious assault on a man in the Cowgate area of Edinburgh in the early hours of Easter Monday.

Enquiries are ongoing after a 26-year-old male was attacked as he walked under George IV Bridge heading towards the Grassmarket about 0300 hrs on Monday 21st April.

The man was struck on the head from behind and received facial injuries which required stitches. He was also treated for a broken collar bone after being taken to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

The area was very busy at the time and as a result of reviewing CCTV, the suspect is described as being a white, heavy male in his late teens to early 20s, with dark blonde hair which is short at the back and sides and longer on top. He was wearing a short-sleeved light coloured checked shirt. He was in the company of four other males, all around the same age, one of which was wearing a pink t-shirt and thick black-framed spectacles.

Detective Sergeant Lynsey Thomson said: "This was a very serious incident, which happened at a very busy area of the Cowgate early on Easter Monday.

"We are eager for people to come forward with any details which may assist police."

Anyone with information on this crime can contact Police Scotland on 101 or, alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.