

# Police activity in Morningside area following serious assault



Police in Edinburgh will be revisiting the area around Morningside Grove, following the serious assault of an elderly woman last Friday (11th July).

The 85-year-old woman received life-threatening injuries when she was seriously assaulted in her home between 3pm and 5pm, while her husband had left the house to visit the shops.

She remains in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary in a serious but stable condition.

Officers will return to the area this afternoon between 2.30pm and 4.30pm (Friday 18th July) to carry out further enquiry.

They will be stopping buses and motorists, engaging with members of the public who may have seen something suspicious and will carry out further door-to-door enquiries around businesses and homes.

As well as a dedicated enquiry team investigating this incident, officers have been carrying out high-visibility patrols in Morningside to offer reassurance and to deal with any concerns local people may have.

Detective Chief Inspector Keith Hardie said: "This was a brutal assault on an elderly lady and we are treating it as attempted murder. We have been examining CCTV in the area and from the buses that pass through, and by revisiting the area we hope we can jog people's memory who may have noticed something suspicious around Morningside Grove last Friday.

We are keen to trace a man who was seen standing near the locus around 3.30pm on Friday afternoon. He is described as 18 to 30 years old, average height and build, and with short dark hair. This is a crucial time as this is when the victim was alone in the house."

Anyone with information that can assist in the enquiry should contact Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.