

# Witness appeal after child indecently assaulted in Portobello



Police are appealing for witnesses following a report that a child was indecently assaulted around 2.15pm on Saturday 26th July in Portobello.

A mother was on the beach with her 4-year-old daughter when a male approached and touched the youth inappropriately.

Officers have since been pursuing various lines of local enquiry to trace the male responsible and are now urging members of the public who believe they can assist with the investigation to come forward.

The male is described as white, mid to late thirties, around 6ft tall with dark hair and glasses. He was wearing a pink/orange t-shirt, dark blue shorts, white trainers and a black bum-bag around his waist.

Detective Inspector Dougie Moran said: "We are still trying to establish exactly what has happened during this incident and had been following up a number of lines of investigation since the matter was reported to us.

"We are now keen to hear from other members of the public who were on the beach at the time.

"Anyone who saw this male or who has any information relevant to our ongoing enquiries is asked to contact police immediately.

"In the meantime, we have a high-visibility presence in and around Portobello Beach to engage with the public, gather

information and offer reassurance to the local community.”

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