

Witness appeal after toddler sexually assaulted in Muirhouse area



Police are appealing for information to help trace a man who inappropriately touched a toddler in the Muirhouse area of the city yesterday.

The young boy had been with his mother on Pennywell Gardens at around 6:45pm when he was approached by a man and subjected to a sexual assault.

Police are extremely keen to trace the individual and are urging members of the public to come forward with any relevant information.

He is described as 5ft 6inch to 6ft tall, stocky build, unshaven, wearing a brown leather jacket, dark coloured woolly hat and dark coloured trousers.

He was last seen walking in the direction of Millennium Public Park.

Detective Chief Inspector Alwyn Bell said: "We are extremely keen to apprehend this individual as quickly as possible and I would encourage anyone who remembers seeing this man in the area of Pennywell Gardens to contact police immediately.

"He was wearing a woolly hat, which could be seen as unusual in warm temperatures.

"Understandably, the assault has shocked the family and they, like us, want to see the man brought to justice."

Police can be contacted on the non-emergency number 101 or,

alternatively through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.