

# Indecent assault at Ratho Station – appeal for witnesses

☒ Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses after a teenager was indecently assaulted at a bus stop in the west of the city last weekend.

The incident happened around 4pm on Saturday 21 November on Glasgow Road, Ratho Station.

A 14-year-old boy was waiting with friends on a bus to take them towards town when a man walked past the bus stop.

At this time the suspect assaulted the youth before continuing to walk on towards Newbridge.

The victim was uninjured and reported the matter to his parents later that evening before contacting police.

Officers have since been carrying out extensive CCTV and door-to-door inquiries in the area to identify the male responsible and are now urging any member of the public who can assist with their investigation to come forward.

The suspect is described as white, between 40 and 60-years-old with short grey hair. He was wearing a dark purple and grey waterproof anorak, a tartan scarf and dark trousers.

Detective Sergeant Jonathan Pleasance said: “The young victim was not injured during this incident, but it was obviously an unpleasant experience and we are keen to hear from anyone who can help us trace the suspect.

“If you remember seeing any suspicious activity in Glasgow Road last Saturday afternoon or remember seeing a male matching this description then please contact police

immediately.”

“In addition, anyone with any further information relevant to this investigation is also asked to get in touch.”

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