Investigation underway after human remains found near Gosford House

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An investigation is underway after human remains were found near Longniddry.

Officers were alerted to the discovery by a member of the public yesterday evening, Sunday 2nd April, near to the entrance to Gosford House.

Experts have now positively identified the remains as human, and their recovery and detailed examination of the area will now take place.

The death is being treated as unexplained.

Detective Superintendent Pat Campbell said: "We are in the very early stages of this investigation, to recover the remains, identify the deceased and inform their family, and establish the circumstances of the death. The recovery will be a painstaking process and officers and scientific experts will be in the area doing this work over the coming days.

"I would not wish to cause any unnecessary distress to families or anyone who is waiting for news of a missing loved one, and my officers will be in contact with the next of kin of any person who becomes relevant to the investigation.

"The area where the remains have been found, including the A198, will remain cordoned off whilst we conduct our inquiries and I would like to thank the public for their patience during this time."