

Cyclist dies following collision with lorry in Portobello



A 40-year-old male cyclist has died following a collision in Portobello.

Officers were called to Sir Harry Lauder Road, at the junction with Portobello High Street, around 10.05am this morning following a report of a collision involving a lorry and a cyclist.

The man was sadly pronounced dead at the scene by the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Sir Harry Lauder Road was closed in both directions, between Portobello High Street and Fishwives Causeway, with a diversion put in place eastbound on Seafield Road until around 2pm.

Portobello High Street remained closed between Portobello Road and Bath Street until 3.30pm while collision investigations continued and the lorry was recovered.

Sergeant John Easton of Edinburgh's Road Policing Unit said: "We've now contacted the cyclist's family and our thoughts are with them at this very difficult time.

"Extensive road closures and diversions were put in place in the Portobello area to allow emergency services safe access to the scene, and I want to thank motorists and the local community for their co-operation.

"I'd urge anyone who may have witnessed this or who has information that could be relevant, especially those travelling in the area at the time with dashcam footage, to contact us as soon as possible if they have not already spoken to officers."

Those with information can call Police Scotland on 101, quoting incident number 1001 of 13th March 2019.