

Police investigate serious assault in city centre



Police are appealing for the public's assistance into a serious assault which took place around 1.40am on Sunday 21 April on the corner of Hanover Street and Thistle Street.

A 24-year-old man left a premises on Hanover Street with a friend and walked north. He was approached by a man who assaulted him, leaving him with a serious head injury.

The man was assisted by a friend and was later taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary before being transferred to the Western General Hospital where he remains receiving treatment.

The suspect is believed to have approached the victim from a premises on Hanover Street, and made off on foot following the assault in the direction of Queen's Street.

He is described as a white man, aged in his twenties, around 6ft tall and of a broad, muscular build.

He had short dark coloured hair and was wearing a grey or green coloured jumper.

Detective Constable Andy Cory from Gayfield CID said: "The victim was standing on the pavement on the corner of Hanover and Thistle Street with a friend when he was subjected to an unprovoked attack.

"As part of our inquiries we're eager to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the assault, or who saw the suspect immediately prior to, or after, the attack. Hanover Street was busy at the time and we'd urge anyone who saw what happened to come forward.

"Anyone with any information to help us identify and trace the suspect is asked to come forward as soon as possible."

Those with information should contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting incident number 0709 of 21 April, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.