## <u>Man who sexually assaulted 5 year old</u> jailed for longer

A man who sexually assaulted a 5 year old has had his sentence increased by the Court of Appeal following intervention by the Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP.

James Green who was 21 years old at the time sexually assaulted the 5 year old, making the victim promise not to tell anyone and threatening that they would get in trouble if they did.

However, in pain as a result of Green's assault, the victim told a family member of Green's actions who reported Green to the police.

At the time of the offence, Green was on a suspended sentence for a previous charge of sexual assault of a child under 16. He was also prohibited from having any contact with girls under the age of 18 or residing at any address where any girl under the age of 18 also lived.

On 8 November 2019 Green was sentenced at Isleworth Crown Court to 8 years' imprisonment and 2 years' extended licence.

Today, the Court of Appeal increased this 12 years' imprisonment with 3 years' extended licence, after the sentence was referred as being unduly lenient by the Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP.

After the hearing the Solicitor General said:

"Green has on more than one occasion committed sexual offences against vulnerable children and therefore poses a high risk to society. He took actions to deter the child from telling anyone about the heinous crimes he had committed, and it is because of the incredibly brave victim that this offender has been brought to justice."