

Information for Patients

Safeguarding children and young people attending with dog bites



Dangerous Dogs Act

The Act says all dog owners should be responsible for their dog's behaviour with other people and animals. This applies whether you own a large dog breed or a tiny one. The Act applies to every dog no matter how friendly it is.

It is against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere, even in their own home.

If a dog bites a person, it will be assumed to have been dangerously out of control. Even if the dog does not bite but makes a person feel like they may injure them the law still applies.

Out of control

A dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- Injures someone
- Makes someone worried that they might be injured

A court could decide that a dog is dangerously out of control if:

- It injures another animal
- The owner of the dog thinks they could be injured if they try to stop their dog attacking another animal

Children and young people

The child or young person you care for has come to hospital with a dog bite injury. We must tell the Police and Children's Social Care if the dog is known to you. This is to try and stop further injuries happening.

If you have been to another hospital or your GP first and they reported the injury, we will ask for the police reference number.

If a stranger's dog has bitten the child, please contact the Police on 101 to report it.

References

Gov.uk - www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/overview

Dangerous Dog Act 1991

This leaflet has been written in conjunction with:



Telford & Wrekin
Co-operative Council



West Mercia
POLICE



Further information is available from:



Feedback

We appreciate and encourage feedback which can be shared in a number of ways through the hospital website. Scan the QR code to give feedback. www.sath.nhs.uk/patients-visitors/patient-experience/feedback-hub/

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS will act on your behalf when handling patient and family concerns, they can also help you get support from other local or national agencies. PALS, is a confidential service.

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Tel: [0800 783 0057](tel:08007830057) or [01743 261691](tel:01743261691)

Princess Royal Hospital, Tel: [01952 282888](tel:01952282888)

Other Sources of Information

NHS 111

A fast and easy way to get the right help, whatever the time. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

111 (free from a landline or mobile) www.nhs.uk

Self Help & Support Groups

A selection of websites providing access to good quality health information, local organisations and community groups is available from the library. www.library.sath.nhs.uk/find/patients/

Information in Other Languages or Formats

If you require this information in a different way such as easy read, a different language, larger print, audio or braille please tell a member of staff or contact the Patient Experience Team;

sath.patientexperience@nhs.net or [01743 261000](tel:01743261000) ext. 2503.

Your information

Information about you and your healthcare is held by the NHS. You can find out more about how we hold your information and how it is used on our website: www.sath.nhs.uk

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