



## BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Saumarez Park – incident

Just before midday we received multiple 999 calls about a loose dangerous dog in Saumarez Park attacking members of the public and other dogs.

Five people have been injured and are in the Emergency Department with non-life threatening injuries.

Two dogs are at the vet, at least one with serious injuries.

Given the significant ongoing threat to the public, both armed and unarmed officers were deployed.

Upon arrival officers took over from the members of the public in containing the dog – but it was still behaving in an extremely aggressive manner and presenting an ongoing risk.

The States vet attended and on his advice, and to prevent further risk and harm to members of the public and first responders – including those close by in the children’s playground – authorisation was given to firearms officers to dispatch the dog and neutralise the threat it posed.

A Bailiwick Law Enforcement spokesman said:

“We are establishing the circumstances around how the dog came to be attacking people in the park. We are liaising with the owner of the Staffordshire, and anyone with information is asked to contact us on 725111.

“We would like to commend the brave actions of the public who intervened by restraining the dog as emergency services were en route – their actions undoubtedly prevented further injury.”

There will be a police presence within the vicinity of the park this afternoon.