

## KIDS Quick Guide to Dangerous Dogs and Safeguarding Children and Young People

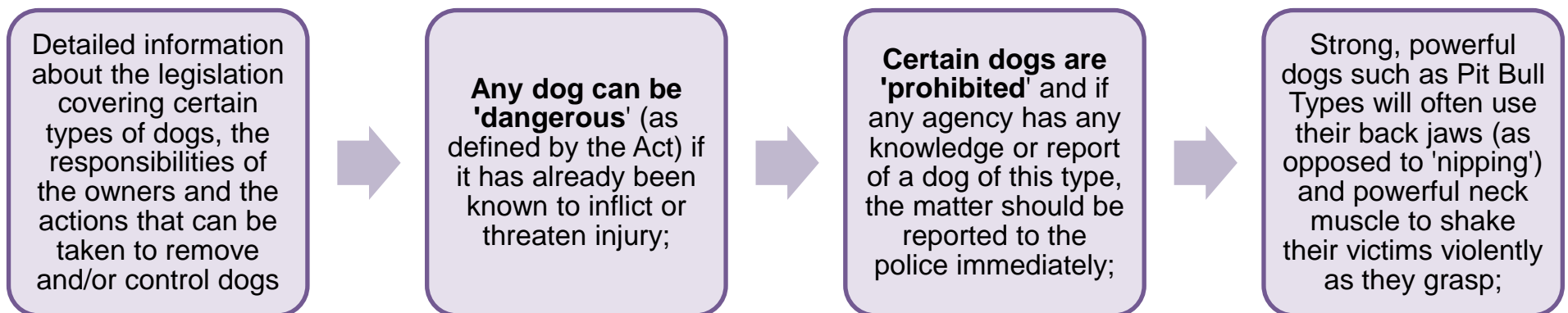
KIDS Quick Guides provide a brief overview of key information regarding one specific topic or issue relevant to safeguarding children and links for further information

### SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD - [sunderlandscb.com](http://sunderlandscb.com)

SSCB undertook a serious case review in respect of Baby A who died at 20 days old following an attack by the family dog.

The **Serious Case Review Report** was published on Tuesday 27th February 2018 on the SSCB Website alongside a multi agency Learning Bulletin and this "Quick Guide" to support agencies to embed the learning from the Review into front line practice

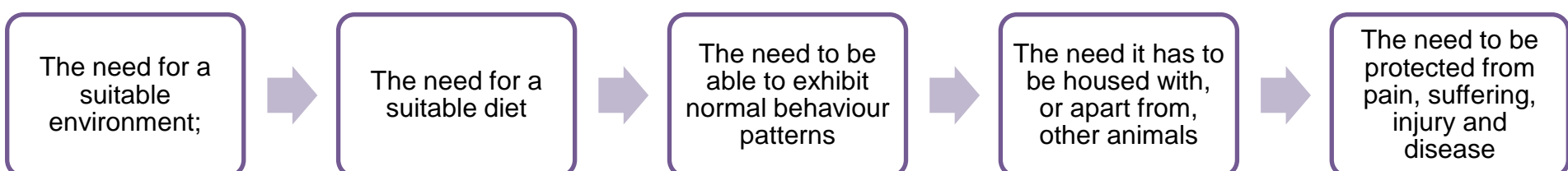
### Legislation - Dangerous Dogs Act (1991)



When reports of 'prohibited' dogs and known or potentially dangerous dogs are linked to the presence of children, all agencies should be alert to the possible risks and consequences. Any agency that becomes aware of a dog that could be prohibited or considered dangerous, should get the following information as a minimum, the dog's name and breed; Information about the owner; reason for keeping the dog and information about other family members, [particularly young children](#)

### KEY TIPS TO PROMPT PROFESSIONALS' CURIOSITY<sup>1</sup> -

The following are what a responsible carer is required to satisfy for their dog



When undertaking a home visit where children and dogs are in the household, the practitioner should consider whether the presence of the dog/s may present any kind of [risk to the welfare of the child/ren](#).

Ask if there is a dog in the property including the back garden. If there is, and the dog isn't in the same room as you, ask to see him."

### SSCB PROCEDURES AND USEFUL GUIDANCE

SSCB Procedure and further information on [Dangerous Dogs and Safeguarding Children](#)

<sup>1</sup> RSPCA advice to all professionals who are in contact with a household where there is a dog(s) present