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Police dog bites 14-year-old boy

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A boy had to be taken to hospital after being bitten on the arm by a police dog while officers were trying to arrest him in Carlisle.

An internal police investigation will be carried out after the 14-year-old, from the city, was wounded.

The attack happened after police were called to reports of a young male being assaulted by two youths close to Deer Park, Belah, at 9.55pm on Thursday.

He suffered what police described as low level injuries. No weapons were used.

The spokesman said officers, a dog and handler were dispatched and they began to search for the attackers.

The 14-year-old was bitten on a riverside path in Etterby after being identified as a suspect.

After receiving treatment, the boy was arrested on suspicion of assault causing actual bodily harm. He was later released without any further action being taken.

It is understood police dogs, used to search and find suspects, are trained to grab someone's arm in self defence or if they are trying to evade capture.

Internal inquiries are automatically carried out when a suspect is injured.

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