

ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS

INQUIRY RE:

RICHARD JOHN HERBERT SUTCLIFFE MRCVS

CHARGES

That being registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons:

1. On 13 April 2017, at the Harrogate Magistrates' Court, you were convicted of;
 - (i) Common assault by beating, contrary to section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, in that on 3 December 2016 at Willow House Farm, Galphay, North Yorkshire HG4 3PA, you assaulted Master B;
 - (ii) Common assault by beating, contrary to section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, in that on 3 December 2016 at Willow House Farm, Galphay, North Yorkshire HG4 3PA, you assaulted Ms A;

in relation to which offences you were:

- Made subject to a community order, including a rehabilitation activity requirement to be completed by 17 May 2018;
- Made subject to a restraining order not to approach, contact or communicate with Ms A, Master B, or Miss C, directly or indirectly, by any means of communication, electronic social networking sites or a third party; and you were not to enter Bentham, North Yorkshire; the order to last until 17 November 2017;
- Fined £307 and ordered to pay a surcharge to fund victim services of £85 and costs of £620;

AND it is alleged that the above convictions, whether individually or in combination, render you unfit to practise veterinary surgery;

and/or

2. In or around August or September 2015 in relation Ms A, you;
 - (i) Undertook or attempted to undertake non-emergency surgery to Ms A's lower eyelid; and/or
 - (ii) Administered or attempted to administer a Prescription Only Veterinary Medicine, namely mepivacaine hydrochloride, to Ms A by way of injection; and/or
3. In or around August 2016, supplied Ms A a Prescription Only Medicine, namely codeine phosphate, other than in accordance with a valid prescription.

AND THAT in relation to the matters set out in 2 and 3 above, whether individually or in any combination, you are guilty of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.