



Duty of Candour Report 2020 - 2021

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Purpose

The overall purpose of the duty of candour is to ensure that organisations are open, honest and supportive when there is an unexpected or unintended incident resulting in harm or death as defined by the Act.

Overview of our organisation

Care Visions Children's Services, is made up of Care Visions Fostering and Care Visions Residential.

Care Visions Fostering, had an average of 103 foster care families over the reporting period, looking after between one and three young people, from birth to 18 years of age. There is a young adult provision which allows young people to remain with their foster families after the age of 18 years in a continuing care arrangement. Each fostering family has a Supervising Social Worker who offers support to the family and ensures all fostering regulations are adhered to. Therapeutic Family Support Workers offer additional supports to carers and young people, including Theraplay support.

Care Visions Residential over the reporting period consisted of 31 residential children's homes, with between one and five young people living at each home. Each home has a manager and a dedicated team of staff who support the young people into adulthood. The staff teams provide homely environments and consistent stable relationships for the young people. All staff have a comprehensive induction and are offered regular learning and development opportunities.

Training

Care Visions, Children's Services have trained all staff in Duty of Candour requirements and offer reflective opportunities to learn from their own and others practice.

Incident Reporting

Care Visions have adapted their incident and accident reporting procedures to ensure any incidents or accidents are assessed against the Duty of Candour guidance when being recorded and reported.

Governance

Our internal and external governance processes oversee the reporting throughout the year, with a quarterly report being submitted to the Professional Standards Committee.

Duty of Candour Incidents

For the reporting period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, there were no incidents or accidents which resulted in harm or death as defined in the Act.

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