

Annual Duty of Candour Report

FOR CARE VISIONS CHILDREN'S SERVICES



ANNUAL REPORT ON DUTY OF CANDOUR

Purpose

All health and social care services in Scotland have a duty of candour. This is a legal requirement which means that when things go wrong and mistakes happen, the people affected understand what has happened, receive an apology, and that organisations learn how to improve for the future.

An important part of this duty is that we provide an annual report about the duty of candour in our services. This short report describes how we have operated the duty of candour during the period of 01 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.

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 86 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 Workers offer additional supports to carers and young people, including Theraplay support.

Care Visions Residential over the reporting period consisted of 29 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 reported to senior management and 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

Duty of candour incidents are defined as those where incidents have happened which are unintended or unexpected, and do not directly relate to the natural course of someone's illness or underlying condition.

In the last year, there have been **no** incidents to which the duty of candour applied.

Type of Unexpected or Unintended Incident	Number of Times this Happened
Someone has Died	0
Someone has permanently less bodily, sensory, motor, physiologic or intellectual functions	0
Someone's treatment has increased because of harm	0
The structure of someone's body changes because of harm	0
Someone's life expectancy becomes shorter because of harm	0
Someone's sensory, motor, or intellectual functions is impaired for 28 days or more	0
Someone experienced pain or psychological harm for 28 days or more	0
A person needed health treatment in order to prevent them dying	0
A person needing health treatment in order to prevent other injuries	0
Total Incidents	0

There have been no instances of implementing Duty of Candour in the above-noted circumstances in this past reporting year.

However, all our staff have a responsibility to report incidents, be honest and communicate effectively when things may go wrong. Following any incident a review is completed and where applicable an investigation is carried out as an outcome of incident reviews; the risk assessments and care plans are updated as appropriate

What has Changes as a Result of This?

There were no reportable incidents this year, however all Care Visions policies and procedures are reviewed and updated regularly as required.



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