

**Duty of Candour Report**

**2019**



Annual Report on Duty of Candour

**Introduction**

The Duty of Candour Provisions in the Health (Scotland) Bill were given Royal Assent on the 6th April 2016. The implementation date for the Duty of Candour Provisions was 1st April 2018.

The overall purpose of the duty 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.

**Our Provision**

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

Care Visions Fostering, had an average of 106 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. Fostering support workers offer additional supports to carers and young people, including Theraplay support.

Care Visions Residential over the reporting period consisted of 30 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.

**Our Policy & Processes**

Care Visions,Children’s Services have a stand-alone policy on Duty of Candour to ensure we meet all statutory requirements. The policy sits within the Care Visions, Children’s Services, suite of policies.

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.

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.

Our internal and external governance processes oversee the reporting throughout the year, with a formal report being submitted to the Professional Standards Committee on an annual basis.

**Duty of Candour**

For the reporting period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, there were no incidents or accidents which resulted in harm or death as defined in the Act.



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