



Social Care Alba LTD
Duty of Candour
Annual Report
Jan to Dec 2023

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1. About Duty of Candour (definition)

The organisational duty of candour provisions of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine Etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 and The Duty of Candour Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2018 set out the procedure that organisations providing health and social care services and social work services in Scotland are required by law to follow when there has been an unintended or unexpected incident that results in death or harm (or additional treatment is required to prevent injury that would result in death or harm.)

Enabling and managing risk is a central part of delivering high quality health and social care services. Candour promotes responsibility for developing safer systems, better engages staff in improving services and creates greater trust in people who use these services, either firsthand or on behalf of someone else. Personalised discussions and communication, review processes that take account of what matters most to those affected and supportive responses following an unintended or unexpected incident all help to support and promote a culture of learning within the organisation.

Putting people at the centre of organisational responses to unintended or unexpected incidents resulting in death or harm also helps create the conditions where people feel psychologically safe to contribute to such discussions. Social Care Alba is committed to providing a truly personalised organisational response when things go wrong which requires a commitment to the provision of support and training for everyone involved in meetings, reviews and actions arising from a duty of candour incident.

2. About the organisation (history/background)

Social Care Alba was established in 2010 and was registered to provide Care at Home and Housing Support services. We currently work across the City of Edinburgh and have been the City of Edinburgh's Partner Provider for over 10 years. We provide a range of services to people from social visits to 24-hour care.

3. Incident Reporting

All Health and Social Care providers in Scotland must provide an annual Duty of Candour report for their services. During this reporting period no incidents have triggered the Duty of Candour procedure.

Type of Unexpected or Unintended Incident	No of incidents
Someone has died	0
Someone has permanent less bodily, sensory, motor, psychological or intellectual functioning	0
Someone's treatment has increased because of harm	0
The structure of someone's body has changed because of harm	0
Someone's life expectancy has become shorter because of harm	0
Someone's sensory, motor, or intellectual functioning has been impaired for 28 days or more	0
Someone has experienced pain or psychological harm for 28 days or more	0
A person required health treatment in order to prevent them dying	0
A person required health treatment in order to prevent other injuries	0

4. Our Procedure and Processes

We have had no Duty of Candour incidents in the reporting period Jan 2023 — Dec 2023.

5. Procedure Followed

Not applicable

6. Learning Outcomes

Not applicable

7. Other Information

Over the last year (Jan 2023 - Dec 2023) we have reviewed our procedures around Duty of Candour to ensure that we are fully compliant with the legislation and in our ability to deal with a Duty of Candour incident. Our management team have undertaken Duty of Candour training, and we will support our frontline staff to complete on-line training in relation to Duty of Candour as part of our staff development programme.

8. Publication date

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