

Duty of Candour Annual Report

FOSTERING RELATIONS



Name of Service: Fostering Relations
Number of Duty of Candour Incidents reported between April 2020 and April 2021
Nature of Incidents: 0
<p>Information on Policies and Procedures</p> <p>Enabling and managing risk is a central part of National Fostering Group Scotland to deliver high quality care for our service users. Candour promotes responsibility for developing safer systems; better engages staff in improving services; and creates greater trust in people who use these services, either first hand or on behalf of someone else.</p> <p>The Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 received Royal Assent on 6 April 2016 and introduced a new organisational duty of candour on health, care and social work services. The procedure to be followed is set out in the Duty of Candour Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2018.</p> <p>The Duty of Candour procedure applies to incidents that the responsible person becomes aware of after 1 April 2018. The National Fostering Group Scotland is responsible to activate the Duty of Candour procedure, in the event of unexpected psychological harm occurred because of care provided to the relevant person.</p> <p>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 death or harm, as defined in the Act.</p> <p>(i) Procedure for identifying and reporting incidents: -</p> <p>Any incident triggering a Duty of Candour should be reported immediately to the Agency. Reporting and recording of the incident will be escalated to our Central Complaints Board, and reported via e forms to Care Inspectorate from Managers, and the Registered Manager. A clear record of the incident will be recorded noting actions and follow up in line with Policy and Procedure.</p> <p>(ii) Training support available to staff, and what support was given to anyone affected by duty of candour:</p> <p>Guidance regarding Duty of Candour is communicated to the staff team. Online training is being rolled out to all staff.</p>
<p>Were there any changes made to the Policies and Procedures as a result of the incidents?</p> <p>N/A</p>

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Any other information

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