

CCG27. Duty of Candour Annual Report 2019 - 2020

The committee considered a report by the Chief Social Work Officer and Medical Director which presented the Duty of Candour Annual Reports for NHS Forth Valley (appendix 1) and Social Work Adult Services (appendix 2).

All health and social care services in Scotland had a Duty of Candour, which came into effect on 1 April 2018. This was a legal requirement which meant that, when unintended or unexpected events happened that resulted in death or harm as defined in the Act, the people affected understood what had happened and received an apology, and that organisations learned how to improve for the future.

A key part of this duty was to provide an annual report about how the Duty of Candour was implemented in the services. The annual reports for NHS Forth Valley and Falkirk Social Work Adult Services were provided for scrutiny. It was intended that in future a single report format was developed subject to legislative requirements.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- 1) the report, and**
- 2) the intention of officers to develop the report format for Duty of Candour reports to cover HSCP services.**