



St Leonards
St Andrews, Fife

St Leonards School Duty of Candour Annual Report

01 January 2020 – 31 December 2020

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All health and social care services in Scotland have a Duty of Candour. This is a legal requirement which means that when unintended or unexpected events happen that result in death or harm as defined in the Act, 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 how the Duty of Candour is implemented in our services. This report describes how St Leonards has established a policy, ensured that all staff are aware with training and we have operated the Duty of Candour during the time between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020.

We hope that you find this report useful. Whilst a school context may not have many incidents involving the Duty, it is important to have the correct structures in place to be able to identify any opportunities for learning and improvement through our adverse event process or following feedback from other health and social care services.

1. About St Leonards School:

St Leonards is an independent day and boarding co-educational school for pupils aged 5-18 located in St Andrews, Fife. The School is registered with the Registrar for Independent Schools in Scotland and the Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland carry out regular inspections and publish reports on the School's provision.

2. How many incidents happened to which the Duty of Candour applies?

Between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020, there were no incidents where the Duty of Candour applied.

3. To what extent did St Leonards follow the Duty of Candour policy and procedure?

It was not necessary to follow the procedure established in our policy as there were no relevant incidents. The policy has been followed with the writing of this report.

4. Information about our policy and procedures:

Our policy states that any event will be reported to the Care Inspectorate within the Notifications procedure on their e-Forms platform. Staff are reminded of policy and procedures on an annual basis as part of our In-service training programme. All incidents notified in this period have required the School to state that the Duty of Candour has NOT been required.

5. Other information

As required, this is our annual report and it will be published on the School's website and the following summary statement will be added to our statutory accounts return:

“In line with St Leonards's policy to fully engage with our Duty of Candour responsibilities, an annual report is available on the School website. In the year 01 January 2020 – 31 December 2020, there were no incidents involving the Duty of Candour.”

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