

Duty of Candour Annual Report Template

Every healthcare professional must be open and honest with patients when something that goes wrong with their treatment or care causes, or has the potential to cause, harm or distress. Services must tell the patient, apologise, offer appropriate remedy or support and fully explain the effects to the patient.

As part of our responsibilities, we must produce an annual report to provide a summary of the number of times we have trigger duty of Candour within our service.

Name & address of service:	The Stockbridge Clinic – 47 Dean Street, Edinburgh, EH4 1LL	
Date of report:	5 th July 2026	
How have you made sure that you (and your staff) understand your responsibilities relating to the duty of candour and have systems in place to respond effectively? How have you done this?	Yes – mandatory training, discussion in team meetings	
Do you have a Duty of Candour Policy or written duty of candour procedure?	YES	

How many times have you/your service implemented the duty of candour procedure this financial year?	
Type of unexpected or unintended incidents (not relating to the natural course of someone's illness or underlying conditions)	Number of times this has happened (01 July 2025 - 01 July 2026)
A person died	0
A person incurred permanent lessening of bodily, sensory, motor, physiologic or intellectual functions	0
A person's treatment increased	0
The structure of a person's body changed	1
A person's life expectancy shortened	0
A person's sensory, motor or intellectual functions was impaired for 28 days or more	0
A person experienced pain or psychological harm for 28 days or more	0
A person needed health treatment in order to prevent them dying	0
A person needing health treatment in order to prevent other injuries as listed above	0
Total	0

Did the responsible person for triggering duty of candour appropriately follow the procedure? If not, did this result in any under or over reporting of duty of candour?	Yes
What lessons did you learn?	IPL patch testing not consistently taking place across all laser treatments performed.
What learning & improvements have been put in place as a result?	Mandatory patch testing now in place for all treatments.
Did this result in a change / update to your duty of candour policy / procedure?	No
How did you share lessons learned and with whom?	Patient involved in complication All team members in meeting
Could any further improvements be made?	No
What systems do you have in place to support staff to provide an apology in a person-centred way and how do you support staff to enable them to do this?	Face to face verbal apology made to patient. Patient provided given written copy of duty of candour report.
What support do you have available for people involved in invoking the procedure and those who might be affected?	Individual staff meetings Mandatory training All staff read policy and signed
Please note anything else that you feel may be applicable to report.	NA

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