

Skool Is Out @ Bruntsfield Duty of Candour Report

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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 things go wrong and mistakes happen, 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 the duty of candour in our services. This short report describes how Skool Is Out has operated the duty of candour during the time between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021. We hope you find this report useful.

1. About Skool Is Out

Skool Is Out @ Bruntsfield operates a daycare service for children based in Edinburgh. We are registered to accommodate up-to 80 children per day at our Skool Is Out @ Bruntsfield provision.

2. How many incidents happened to which the duty of candour applies?

In the last year, there has been one incident to which the duty of candour applied. Reportable incidents are where types of incident have happened which are unintended or unexpected.

Type of unexpected or unintended incident	Number of times this has happened
Someone experienced pain for 28 days or more	1

3. To what extent did Skool Is Out follow the Duty of Candour procedure?

We followed the necessary procedures by informing the parent/carer of the child in question and making the necessary apology. We also arranged to meet with the parent/carer to discuss any concerns they may have and to go over our review of the incident. We also notified the Care Inspectorate as per our procedures.

The parents/carer was satisfied that we had followed the appropriate procedures for the management of the incident as well as our subsequent follow-up.

4. Information about our policies and procedures

Where something has happened that triggers the Duty of Candour, our staff would report this to the Childcare Manager, who has responsibility for ensuring that the Duty of Candour procedure is followed. The Childcare Manager records the incident and reports as necessary to the Care Inspectorate. When an incident has happened, the Childcare Manager and staff set up a learning review, allowing all staff involved to review what happened and identify learning outcomes and changes for the future. We established as part of the learning review that the fall and injury sustained by the child could not have been prevented, but that additional and enhanced risk assessment of tree climbing would be undertaken.

All employees have undertaken Duty of Candour training and information relating to the Duty of Candour is conveyed to all new employees as part of their induction. In any instance of a severe

incident we will seek occupational welfare support to help any member of staff who has been affected by a Duty of Candour incident.

In any instance where parents/carers, children or other service users are affected by the duty of candour, we have arrangements in place to provide welfare support as necessary.

5. What has changed as a result?

As a result of the incident that occurred we have reviewed and updated our risk assessments for tree climbing and have introduced mandatory safety talks for all children in advance of tree climbing in future.

6. Other information

As required, we have submitted this report to the Care Inspectorate but in accordance with our policies of transparency and openness, a copy of this report can also be viewed on our website.

If you would like more information about the Duty of Candour please do not hesitate to contact us, either by email to info@skoolisout.com or in writing to 11 Barclay Terrace, Edinburgh, EH10 4HP.