



Cardross Early Learning Centre (ELC)

Duty of Candour Report

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 Cardross ELC has operated in the duty of candour during the time between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

1. Cardross ELC

Cardross Early Learning Centre is a children's day care service in Cardross, Argyll and Bute, for up to 30 children aged 3-5 at any one time. We provide day care to children from 8.45 – 14.45. We are a local authority ELC and offer funded 1140 hours. We aim to ensure that we care for children in a way which supports them to grow and develop.

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

In the last year there has been no incidents to which the duty of candour applied.

3. Information about our policies and procedures

Where something has happened that triggers the duty of candour, our staff report this to the Head Teacher who has responsibility for ensuring that the duty of candour procedure is followed. The Head Teacher records the incident and reports as necessary to the Care Inspectorate. When an incident has happened, the Head Teacher and staff set up a learning review. This allows everyone involved to review what happened and identify changes for the future.

All new staff learn about the duty of candour at their induction. We know that serious mistakes can be distressing for all staff as well as people who use care and their families. We have occupational welfare support in place for our staff if they have been affected by a duty of candour incident.

Where parents or children are affected by the duty of candour, we have arrangements in place to provide welfare support as necessary.

If you would like more information about our ELC, please contact us using these details:

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