

Duty of Candour Report 2022-2023

All health and social care services in the UK have Duty of Candour responsibilities. 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 organisations learn how to improve for the future.

An important part of this duty is to provide an annual report about the duty of candour in our service. This short report describes how White House Care Home has operated the duty of candour during the period from 1st April 2022 to the 31st of March 2023. We hope you find this report useful.

White House Care Home in Letchworth Garden City opened the door to its first resident in November 2022. The White House can provide care for up to 50 individuals. Experienced staff work closely with individuals who require residential, nursing and dementia care. The care home strives to provide care and support in a homely and friendly atmosphere. The White House staff strives to ensure that all residents receive an excellent level of quality person-centred care and live happy and fulfilled lives.

Within the last 12 months, there have been no incidents at the home, to which the duty of candour applied. These are where types of incidents have happened which are unintended or unexpected, and do not relate directly to the natural course of someone's illness or underlying condition.

Types of Unexpected or Unintended incidents specified within the legislation.	The number of people affected
Someone's sensory, motor, or intellectual function is impaired for 28 days or more.	0
Someone has experienced pain or psychological harm for 28 days or more.	0
A person needed health treatment to prevent them from dying.	0
A person needed health treatment to prevent other injuries.	0
The structure of someone's body changes because of harm/injury.	0
Someone's treatment has increased because of harm.	0
Someone's life expectancy becomes shortened because of harm.	0
Someone has permanently lost bodily, sensory, motor, or intellectual functions because of harm.	0
Someone has died.	0



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If something was to happen that triggers the duty of candour, our staff are aware to report this to the Care Home Manager who has the responsibility for ensuring that the Duty of Candour procedure is followed. The manager records the incidents and reports them as necessary to the Care Quality Commission, the local contracting authority, and the Regional Director for the company. When an incident or accident has happened, the manager 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 staff as well as people who use care and their families.

This is the fifth year of the duty of candour being in operation and it has helped focus our learning and planning for improvements as a service and the company. It has helped us to remember that people who use care services have the right to know when things could be better, as well as when they go well.

As required, we have made this report available to the regulator but in the spirit of openness, we have published it to share with our residents and their relatives too.

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