

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 our care service has operated the duty of candour during the time between 1st of January 2024 and 31st of December 2024.

1. Edinburgh Steiner School Early Years provides care and education for children aged 2 to 7 years old. We are registered for up to 80 children and are open from 8.40am to 5.30pm every day, term time only. We are a Steiner School and base our pedagogical aims and understanding of young children on the principles of the internationally recognised Steiner Waldorf curriculum. We are also a Council Partnership Provider, and provide funded places for 3 to 5 year olds.
2. In the last year, there have been no incidents to which the duty of candour applied.
3. If there is an incident which triggers the duty of candour, our staff report this to the Early Years Coordinator, who has responsibility for ensuring that the duty of candour procedure is followed. The Coordinator will record the incident and report as necessary to the Care Inspectorate. When an incident has happened, the Coordinator and staff set up a learning review. This allows everyone involved to review what happened and identify changes for the future.