

Gartconner Early Years Centre



Duty of Candour Report January 2020

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 Gartconner Early Years Centre has operated the duty of candour during the time between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020. We hope you find this report useful.

1. About Gartconner Early Years Centre

Gartconner Early Years Centre is a local authority run children's daycare service joined to Gartconner Primary School. It is registered for 48 3-5 year olds and 10 2-3 year olds at any one time. We provide day care to children between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

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

In the last year, there have 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 HT/ DHoC who has responsibility for ensuring that the duty of candour procedure is followed. The HT/DHoC records the incident and reports as necessary to the Care Inspectorate. When an incident has happened, the HT/DHoC 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. 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.

4. Other information

As required, we have submitted this report to the Care Inspectorate but in the spirit of openness we have placed it on our website and shared it with our parents too.