



## **Perth and Kinross Council, Adoption and Fostering Services Duty of Candour Report 2020/2021**

### **1. How many incidents happened to which the duty of candour applies?**

In the last year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021), there have been **0** incidents to which the duty of candour applied.

### **2. Information about our policies and procedures**

In the event of an incident occurring that triggers a duty of candour, our staff would report this to the Team Leader, Adoption or Fostering Team, who has responsibility for ensuring that the duty of candour procedure is followed. Where required, the Care Inspectorate will be notified. When an incident has occurred, we will ensure that subjects are informed, that we meet with them to discuss the incident and apologise.

In terms of support for staff, we do understand that serious mistakes can be distressing for the staff, families, carers, children and young people. Anyone affected will be provided with support from social work services and partner agencies or organisational HR processes.

Within the Adoption and Fostering Teams the Team Leaders will have completed the Duty of Candour E module via the Care Inspectorate training section. This enables us to respond effectively to all incidents that are captured under the legislation. At our regular Service Group Meetings and Team Meetings meeting we discuss any notifiable events and any identified learning.

If you would like more information about our service, please contact us by telephoning 01738 477806.

**Signed:**

**Designation: Senior Manager**

**Date: 09 March 2022**