

# NHS WESTERN ISLES

## BOARD MEETING



**Meeting date:** 30 November 2022

**Item:** 9.1.2

**Title:** Duty of Candour Annual Report 01.04.22 – 31.03.22

**Responsible Executive/Non-Executive:** Fiona C MacKenzie, Nurse / AHP Director and Chief Operating Officer

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### 1 Purpose

**This is presented to the Board for:**

- Awareness

**This report relates to a:**

- Legal requirement - Duty of Candour Procedure ( Scotland Regulations 2018) which highlights the procedure to be followed whenever a Duty of Candour adverse event has been identified

**This aligns to the following NHSScotland quality ambition(s):**

- Safe
- Effective
- Person Centred

### 2 Report summary

#### 2.1 Situation

The Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) Scotland Act 2016 ("The Act") introduced an organisational Duty of Candour on health, care and social work services. The Act is supplemented by the Duty of Candour Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2018, which highlights the procedure to be followed whenever a Duty of Candour adverse event has been identified.

An important part of this duty is that NHS Boards provide an annual report about how the Duty of Candour is implemented in our services. This short report describes how NHS Western Isles has operated the Duty of Candour during the reporting period 1st April 2021 and 31 March 2022. During this period there were no adverse events reported in NHS Western Isles that triggered the Duty of Candour criteria or procedure.

## **2.2 Background**

As part of the Duty of Candour legislation all NHS Boards are asked to publish an annual Duty of Candour report.

## **2.3 Assessment**

### **2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care**

All adverse events reported on a Datix are reviewed to consider if they meet the Duty of Candour Criteria.

### **2.3.2 Workforce**

N/A

### **2.3.3 Financial**

N/A

### **2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management**

To ensure that the recommendations for the Duty of Candour included in the Framework for Adverse Event Reporting, Management and Learning are met.

### **2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities**

N/A

### **2.3.6 Other impacts**

N/A

### **2.3.7 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation**

N/A

### **2.3.8 Route to the Meeting**

This has been previously considered by the following groups as part of its development. The groups have either supported the content, or their feedback has informed the development of the content presented in this report.

- Presented to the Corporate Management Team 11.11.22

## **2.4 Recommendation**

- **Awareness** – For Members' information only.

### **3 List of appendices**

The following appendices are included with this report:

- Duty of Candour 1st April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 Annual Report.