



Duty of Candour Annual Report 2025 – 2026

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 Ardvreck School has operated the duty of candour during the time between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026. We hope you find the report useful. Whilst a school context may not have many incidents involving the Duty, it is important to have the correct structures in place to be able to identify any opportunities for learning and improvement through our adverse event process or following feedback from other health and social care services.

About Ardvreck School

Set in 40 acres of stunning grounds, Ardvreck School is the dream location in which to educate your children. At Ardvreck, we believe in environment-based education and are aware that life beyond the school gates presents challenges and so, being a prep school, we take the word 'preparatory' very seriously. Our terrific team of teachers are exceptionally well trained to develop confidence in our pupils to prepare them for a successful life.

Ardvreck is widely regarded as one of the best preparatory schools in Scotland. Our extensive academic and extra-curricular programme empowers all of our pupils to discover their talents and interests in an all-round learning environment.

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.

To what extent did Ardvreck School follow the Duty of Candour policy and procedure?

It was not necessary to follow the procedure established in our policy, other than the writing of this report, as there were no relevant incidents.

Information about our policy and procedures:

Our policy states that any event will be reported to the Care Inspectorate within the Notifications procedure on their E-forms platform. Staff are reminded of policy and procedures on an annual basis as part of our INSET Training Programme. All incidents notified in this period have required the School to state that Duty of Candour has not been required.

What has changed as a result?

There has been no need to make any changes to our policies and procedures as a result of the duty of candour.

Other information

As required, this is our annual report and it will be published on the School website.

If you would like further information regarding this report, please contact Peter Grant, Headmaster, office@ardvreckschool.co.uk.