

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you information on Duty of Candour and Fire Safety training.

Duty of Candour

Recent communication from Scottish Government has confirmed that 1 April 2018 is the date when the Statutory Organisational Duty of Candour comes into force. (The purpose of the new duty of candour provisions is to support the implementation of consistent responses across health and social care providers when there has been an unexpected event or incident that has resulted in death or harm, that is not related to the course of the condition for which the person is receiving care.) They further advised that the associated regulations will be laid in the Scottish Parliament on 12 February and will be published by 13 February. National guidance is also being drafted which will be available by the end of February.

The principle of being open with patients when they may be harmed in our care is already well established in NHSGGC. The 'duty of candour' is in many ways simply a formalisation of our existing practice. However, because it is a legal duty, we need to ensure practice conforms to the legislative requirements and that we can confirm it is being appropriately maintained. A draft policy and guidance document is currently out for consultation and we remind staff of the opportunity to feedback views and comments before Friday 9 February. If you haven't yet seen the draft it can be accessed on [StaffNet here](#).

Fire safety training

All staff are reminded of the importance of fire safety training. Fire can happen anywhere and at any time and it is vital that all NHSGGC staff regularly carry out their fire safety training.

Fire safety training is **statutory** and can give you the skills needed to deal with fire safely. Our Fire Safety Policy requires clinical staff to undertake the LearnPro module one year and receive evacuation training the next year - alternating thereafter. All non clinical staff should undertake LearnPro training every two years.

Visit our online LearnPro module to find out more: <https://nhs.learnprouk.com/lms> (you will need your payroll number to log in).

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