



## **Scottish Veterans' Residences Duty of Candour Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

### **Introduction**

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 our supported housing service has operated the duty of candour during the time between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025. We hope you find this report useful.

### **About Scottish Veterans' Residences.**

Scottish Veterans' Residences provides supported housing for former members of the UK Armed Forces and eligible members of the Merchant Navy, who are in need. We are a registered Scottish Charity. We operate three housing support services for up to 159 individuals in total. Our Residences are located at Whitefoord House in Edinburgh, Rosendael in Dundee and Bellrock Close in Glasgow. Our Residents can suffer from poor mental health, homelessness, alcohol dependency, the effects of advanced age, or, may be experiencing loneliness and isolation

### **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.

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

When something happens that triggers the duty of candour, our staff would report this to the Residence Manager in which the incident occurred. The Residence Manager has responsibility for ensuring that the duty of candour procedure is followed. The Manager records the incident and reports it to the Charity's Chief Executive and the Care Inspectorate. When an incident has happened, the Manager and Chief Executive set up a learning review. This allows everyone involved to review what happened and identify changes for the future. All new support staff learn about the duty of candour at their induction.

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