

## **Duty of Candour Annual Report**

Service: Dr Naomi Dow, Breastfeeding Medicine

Reporting Period: 6 August 2025 – 31 December 2025

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### **1. Introduction**

This report is produced in accordance with the Duty of Candour Policy for Dr Naomi Dow, Breastfeeding Medicine. The Duty of Candour is a legal and ethical requirement that ensures openness, honesty, and transparency when an unintended or unexpected incident causes harm to a patient.

This annual report provides a summary of Duty of Candour activity for the reporting period stated above.

### **2. Summary of Notifiable Incidents**

During the reporting period 6 August 2025 to 31 December 2025, there were:

- Zero (0) notifiable Duty of Candour incidents identified.

No unintended or unexpected incidents occurred that resulted in death or harm to patients and therefore met the threshold for Duty of Candour notification.

### **3. Duty of Candour Actions**

As no notifiable incidents occurred during this period:

- No Duty of Candour notifications were required
- No apologies under the Duty of Candour process were issued
- No investigations related to Duty of Candour were undertaken
- No learning outcomes or improvement actions arose from Duty of Candour incidents

### **4. Learning and Improvement**

Although there were no notifiable incidents during this reporting period, Dr Naomi Dow remains committed to:

- Maintaining a culture of openness, transparency, and reflection

- Monitoring practice and responding promptly to any concerns or incidents
- Reviewing and updating policies annually to ensure continued compliance with legal and professional standards

## 5. Conclusion

This report confirms that there were no Duty of Candour incidents requiring reporting during the stated period. The service continues to operate in line with the Duty of Candour Policy and remains committed to patient safety, honesty, and continuous improvement.

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