

Duty of Candour Policy

In accordance with Scout POR, 7th Elland Scout Group adheres to the Duty of Candour Policy set out by the UK Scout Association. For convenience, a copy of this policy is reproduced below. Any future updates made at a national level will be considered to take effect immediately; however, this document may not be amended to reflect such changes until it has undergone our policy review process by the Trustee Board. To check the latest version of this policy, please visit scouts.org.uk.

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The detailed Duty of Candour Policy is available on scouts.org.uk.

2a.2.1.2 Policy Statement

The values of Scouts are Integrity, Respect, Care, Belief and Co-operation. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that we continue to live our values by being transparent, open, and accountable, especially when something goes wrong. It outlines the responsibilities and procedures related to our Duty of Candour when incidents occur that result in harm or unintended outcomes.

We will always endeavour to enact Duty of Candour unless directed not to do so by statutory agencies.

We aim to:

- Foster a culture of openness and learning within The Scout Association (TSA).
- Ensure that adverse events or mistakes are managed openly and honestly.
- Promote trust through transparency with our members, our communities, our partners and stakeholders.
- View incidents as opportunities for learning and improvement.
- Encourage a culture of continuous learning and reflection.

2a.2.1.3 Key Responsibilities

- a. All adult members of Scouts must know of the existence of the policy and our commitment to be open and transparent when things go wrong.
- b. Groups, Districts, Counties and Countries must support the Duty of Candour procedures when requested by, and under the guidance of, UK Headquarters.