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Dear Colleagues,

The non-statutory guidance which underpins the organisational duty of candour provisions of the [Health \(Tobacco, Nicotine etc. & Care\)\(Scotland\) Act 2016](#)<sup>1</sup> and [The Duty of Candour \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018](#)<sup>2</sup> has been published today and is available here:  
<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/03/1321>

We are grateful for the comments received from colleagues across health, care and social work services on prior drafts of the guidance and Regulations. The content of the guidance will be continuously improved and refined as ongoing collaboration and discussion occurs over the next year. I would also appreciate it if you could cascade this letter within your organisation and across relevant professional and service networks. [The Scottish Government webpage](#)<sup>3</sup> has links to a range of implementation support resources including the [e-learning module](#)<sup>4</sup>.

Please encourage your staff and colleagues to engage with us if there are specific areas where we can assist or signpost to colleagues working on this area within Healthcare Improvement Scotland, the Care Inspectorate, Scottish Social Services Council and/or NHS Education for Scotland. Updates will be posted on our Twitter feed: @candourdutyscot. The team will also continue to support all incoming enquiries to the dedicated mail account at: [dutyofcandour@gov.scot](mailto:dutyofcandour@gov.scot).

Thank you for your contribution to this work over the last two years.

Best wishes

**Professor Craig White**

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/14/part/2/enacted>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2018/57/made/data.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Policy/Duty-of-Candour>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/scormplayer.aspx?pkgurl=%2fecomscormplayer%2fdutyofcandour%2f>

