

Duty of Candour

Hugo Wellesley

November 2016



Professional Duty of Candour

Statutory Duty of Candour





Section 55

- 1. Put matters right
- 2. Offer an apology
- 3. Explain fully & promptly



Good medical practice

Working with doctors Working for patients

General Medical Council









Doing it already

Deprofessionalisation











STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 2936

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

SOCIAL CARE, ENGLAND

PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND

The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014

Made - - - 6*th November* 2014





2. Provide reasonable support







2. Provide reasonable support

3. Written notification



2. Provide reasonable support

3. Written notification

4. (Further follow up)







Saying Sorry

Notifiable safety incident

Any unintended or unexpected incident...

Notifiable safety incident

Any unintended or unexpected incident...

Death

- Serious harm
- Moderate harm
- Prolonged psychological harm



• 1. Moderate increase in treatment

and

2. Significant, but not permanent harm

Notifiable safety incident

Any unintended or unexpected incident...

Death

- Serious harm
- Moderate harm
- Prolonged psychological harm

Notifiable safety incident

Any unintended <u>or</u> unexpected incident...

- Death
- Serious harm
- Moderate harm
- Prolonged psychological harm







CVA during CABG – death



• CVA during CABG – death

Pneumothorax from CVC



• CVA during CABG – death

Pneumothorax from CVC

Extravasation injury



CVA during CABG – death

- Pneumothorax from CVC
- Extravasation injury
- Grade II pressure ulcer



• CVA during CABG – death

- Pneumothorax from CVC
- Extravasation injury
- Grade II pressure ulcer
- Op delayed warfarin not stopped



- Grade 1 any deviation from normal
- Grade 2 plus drugs / blood / PN
- Grade 3 intervention +/- GA
- Grade 4 life threatening / organ failure
- Grade 5 death

www.surgicalcomplication.info Katayama *Surgery Today* 2016





- Legal obligation
- Apologise in person
- Follow up with letter
- Based on harm NOT error
- Threshold is LOW