



York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Act 2015 Group Annual Statement 2021

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and York Teaching Hospital Facilities Management LLP offers the following statement regarding its efforts to prevent slavery and human trafficking in its supply chain.

The Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 requires all organisations to set out the steps the organisation has taken during the financial year to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any of its supply chains, and in any part of its own business.

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and York Teaching Hospital Facilities Management LLP provide a comprehensive range of acute hospital and specialist healthcare services for approximately 800,000 people living in and around York, North Yorkshire, North East Yorkshire and Ryedale - an area covering 3,400 square miles. The annual turnover is approximately £0.5bn. We manage 8 hospital sites, 1,127 beds (including day-case beds) and have a workforce of over 9,000 staff working across our hospitals and in the community.

The Group have internal policies and procedures in place that assess supplier risk in relation to the potential for modern slavery or human trafficking. There are robust recruitment policies and processes in place, including conducting eligibility to work in the UK checks for all directly employed staff and agencies on approved frameworks.

There are a range of equal opportunities controls in place to protect staff such as a Freedom to Speak Up Guardian, Fairness Champions and a Raising Concerns and Whistleblowing Policy.

The Group has in place a Standards of Business Conduct Policy which covers the way in which the organisation and staff behave.

The Procurement Department's senior team are all Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) qualified and abide by the CIPs code of professional conduct. The intranet includes a link to an ethical procurement training module which is available to all members of staff. Competency assessments are currently being developed for all bands in the department some of which will include requirements around modern slavery.

The top 50% of suppliers nationally, affirm their own compliance with the modern slavery and human trafficking act within their own organisation, sub-contracting arrangements and supply chain. The Group has written to its top supplier requesting them to affirm their compliance with the legislation.

Modern Slavery is referenced in the Safeguarding Adults Policy and features as part of the safeguarding adults training following the changes in the Care Act. The Safeguarding Adults Staff intranet resource includes signposting to help and advice for patient's affected by Modern Slavery. In addition the safeguarding adults team has a delegated Modern Slavery Lead to ensure that all relevant national, regional and local context is embedded in processes in a timely manner. In the last year the Safeguarding Adults team have developed networking relationships with Trading Standards where concerns can be raised with them without breaching patient confidentiality.

The Group has evaluated the principle risks related to slavery and human trafficking and identify them as:

- Reputational
- Lack of assurances from suppliers
- Lack of anti-slavery clauses in contracts
- Training staff to maintain the Group's position around anti-slavery and human trafficking.

Aim

The aim of this statement is to demonstrate the Group follows good practice and all reasonable steps are taken to prevent slavery and human trafficking.

All members of staff have a personal responsibility for the successful prevention of slavery and human trafficking with the procurement department taking responsibility lead for overall compliance.

The Board of Directors has considered and approved this statement and will continue to support the requirements of the legislation.



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