



Modern Slavery Act 2015

Modern slavery and human trafficking statement

Introduction

Modern slavery is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. It takes various forms, such as slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking, all of which have in common the deprivation of a person's liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain.

HUC are committed to improving our practices to combat modern slavery and human trafficking.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes HUC's modern slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending March 2019.

Organisational structure

We are a Social Enterprise providing commissioned Primary and Urgent Healthcare Services to almost 3.5 million people.

HUC's core business is to deliver highly responsive and effective integrated healthcare for patients with urgent but non-life-threatening conditions. We currently provide our Integrated Urgent Care Services (IUC), which includes; NHS111, Clinical Assessment Service (CAS) and Out of Hours GP services across Cambridge and Peterborough, Luton and Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and West Essex. Patients are able to speak to a wide range of clinicians within our CAS, including pharmacy services, and NHS111 also enables access to specialist mental health services. This range of specialist advice means that more patients can make one phone call to get the 'right service, right place, first time'.

HUC's other services include Primary Care Extended Access, Primary Care GP Practices and Minor Injury units. In East and North Herts, we also provide the Acute in Hours Visiting Service (AIHVS) as part of the IUC.

HUC currently employs approximately 1,000 staff and has an annual turnover of £43m.

Our policies on modern slavery and human trafficking

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains or in any part of our business.

In light of the obligation to report on measures to ensure that all parts of our business and supply chain are modern slavery free, we have reviewed our workplace policies and procedures to assess their effectiveness in identifying and tackling modern slavery issues.

Our workplace policies and procedures demonstrate our commitment to:

- acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships
- implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure modern slavery and human trafficking is not taking place anywhere in our supply chains.

HUC have in place policies, due diligence and risk assessment processes detailing risk management, safeguarding, whistleblowing, allegations, complaints and procurement. We are aware of the responsibilities we have towards our service users, carers and staff and encourage staff to report any concerns. Our Vulnerable Adults and Safeguarding Children policies have been developed in accordance with national and local safeguarding legislation and guidance. They include guidance on recognising a suspected human trafficking victim. Our safeguarding training includes information on modern slavery awareness.

Due diligence processes for modern slavery and human trafficking

As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in our organisation and our supply chain we:

- adhere to the National NHS Employment Checks/Standards. These include checks regarding employees' UK address, right to work in the UK and obtaining suitable references. We also ensure agencies are on our approved suppliers list.
- ensure our staff receive fair pay rates and contractual terms through our Employment and Remuneration Committees
- ensure all procurement and purchasing is conducted in line with HUC policies.
- protect whistle blowers.
- expect companies we engage with to ensure their goods, materials and labour-related supply chains fully comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and are transparent, accountable and auditable.

Training

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains and our business, we provide and will continue to provide training to our staff.

The Modern Slavery Act and its explanatory notes are available at:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/30/contents/enacted>

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

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