

MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT AND COMMITMENT 2019-2020

Introduction from the Governing Body

NHS City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is committed to working with local partners to improve our practice in combatting slavery and human trafficking and to raise awareness, disrupt and respond to Modern Slavery.

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 introduced changes in UK law focused on increasing transparency in supply chains, to ensure our supply chains are free from modern slavery (that is, slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking).

As a local leader in commissioning health care services for the population of City and Hackney Borough and as an employer, NHS City and Hackney CCG provides the following statement in respect of its commitment to, and efforts in, preventing slavery and human trafficking practices in the supply chain and employment practices.

2019 - 2020 Statement

City and Hackney CCG is responsible for the commissioning of health services for the local population of some 312,000 people. We fully support the government's objectives to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking. In collaboration with local partners, we will focus on the following goals as defined by the local government association. These apply across the local partnership through the London Borough of Hackney (LBH), City of London Corporation, City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (CHSAB) and CHSCB Safeguarding Children Board/Partnership.

- Identification and referral of victims.
- Supporting victims – this can be through safeguarding children and adults with care and support needs and through housing/homelessness services.
- Community safety services and disruption activities.
- Ensuring that the supply chains the Local Authority and CCG procure from, are free from modern slavery.

The CCG will call upon all organisations we engage with to influence their global supply chains by improving transparency and accountability in order that together we can help the government eradicate the injustice of modern slavery and human trafficking.

Our Approach

Our overall approach is governed by compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements and the maintenance and development of good practice in the fields of contracting and employment including:

1. The CCG adheres to the National NHS Employment Checks/Standards. These include checks regarding employees' UK address, right to work in the UK, and obtaining suitable references.
2. Our procurement approach follows the Crown Commercial Service standard.

When procuring goods and services, we apply NHS Terms and Conditions (for non-clinical procurement) and the NHS Standard Contract (for clinical procurement).

3. The CCG expects commissioned organisations and other companies it engages 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.
4. The CCG encourages commissioned organisations and other companies it engages with to read and apply as appropriate the 'Transparency in Supply Chains Document (Feb 2015) and Government Response (July2015).'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/modern-slavery-and-supply-chains>

During 2019/20, we will continue to raise awareness of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 across the borough partnership and, as part of, our procurement approach, we will only award contracts to those providers which are able to demonstrate their compliance with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 March 2020.