

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 is designed to consolidate various offences relating to human trafficking and slavery. The provisions in the Act create a requirement for an annual statement to be prepared that demonstrates transparency in supply chains. In line with all businesses with a turnover greater than £36million per annum, the NHS is obliged to comply with the Act.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Act 2015 Annual Statement – 2019/20

Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust provides services from its main hospital site at Crown Street Liverpool and a range of midwifery and gynaecology services at Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Fazakerley, Liverpool and in the community at health centres and general practices (GPs). The Trust's annual turnover for 2019/20 was over £113 million. The Trust employs over 1,500 permanent and fixed term contract staff.

All staff have a responsibility to consider issues regarding modern slavery and incorporate their understanding of these issues into their day to day practice. Front line NHS staff are well placed to be able to identify and report any concerns they may have about individual patients who present for treatment. Modern slavery is part of the safeguarding agenda for children and adults and embedded in training and Policy.

The Trust is fully aware of the responsibilities towards patients, employees and the local community and as such, it has a strict set of ethical values that we use as guidance with regard to our commercial activities. The Trust therefore expects that all its suppliers adhere to the same ethical principles.

In compliance with the consolidation of offences relating to trafficking and slavery within the Modern Slavery Act 2015, the Trust works to current NHS supply chain ethos and code of conduct which encompass the Laws and Ethical standards when transacting with or on behalf of the NHS.

Any breach of the obligations stipulated in this Supplier Code of Conduct is considered a material breach of contract by the supplier.

The Trust will continue to manage and monitor its transactions using the guidance of NHSSC, the standard terms and conditions and PQQ documentation and updates / press releases to ensure overall compliance.

More information on Modern Day Slavery can be found by visiting:
<https://modernslavery.co.uk/>