

This statement is published in accordance with Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 Act and the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Transparency in Supply Chains) Regulation 2015 (the “Act”). It sets out the steps taken by [Smithridge Healthcare Limited](#), to prevent modern slavery and human trafficking in its business and supply chain.

[Smithridge Healthcare Limited](#) fully supports the Government’s objectives to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking and recognises the significant role we can play in both combatting it and supporting victims. In particular, we are strongly committed to ensuring our supply chains and business activities are free from ethical and labour standards abuses.

We recognise that being in the healthcare industry, we are exposed to risks relating to the potential violation of human rights in areas including modern slavery and human trafficking. We are conscious that such risks can arise in certain areas of the sector, in particular nursing, aged care provision, as well as in the manufacturing of healthcare equipment. We are committed to monitoring such risks in our business and in our wider supply chain and to mitigating them.

Steps taken to date include:

### **People**

We promote a workplace environment that is fair, open and respectful, and one that protects the rights and dignity of all employees. We operate people practices, contracts of employment and collective agreements that are lawful and aligned to our Code and values.

- We confirm the identities of all new employees, temporary workers and contractors and their right to work in the United Kingdom, and pay all our employees above the National Living Wage
- Our Respect at Work, Grievance and Voicing your Concerns for Staff policies additionally give a platform for our employees to raise concerns about poor working practices.
- We use social media to raise awareness and invest in training to ensure front line staff are aware of and able to respond to incidents of modern slavery

### **Whistleblowing**

Our whistleblowing policy sets out our commitment to ensure people are free to question things and raise anything they are concerned about and specifically modern slavery and human trafficking. We encourage people to speak up by raising matters with their Line Manager at Smithridge Healthcare Limited.

### **Procurement and our supply chain**

- Our current due diligence process includes a modern slavery assessment.
- When procuring goods and services, we additionally apply specific Terms and Conditions that require suppliers to comply with relevant legislation.

### **Review of effectiveness**

We intend to take further steps to identify, assess and monitor potential risk areas in terms of modern slavery and human trafficking, particularly in our supply chains.

In 2020/21, our anti-slavery programme will also:

- continue to support all staff to understand and respond to modern slavery and human trafficking, and the impact that each, and every individual working in the healthcare sector can have in keeping present and potential future victims of modern slavery and human trafficking safe
- ensure that staff have access to training on how to identify those who are victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. This training will include the latest information and will help staff develop the skills to support individuals who come into contact with health services
- review our safeguarding policies and training programmes to ensure that Modern Slavery and human trafficking reflect potential requirements in pending reforms relating to the pre-criminal needs of people involved in human trafficking and modern slavery
- undertake a risk assessment on transparency in supply chain including an overview of products, services and suppliers procured.

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Job Title:.....