

## Modern Slavery Act 2015 – Statutory Statement

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust is a large acute hospital organisation serving the population of South Cumbria and North Lancashire. The Trust operates from three main hospital sites, Royal Lancaster Infirmary (RLI) in Lancaster, Furness General Hospital (FGH) in Barrow and Westmorland General Hospital (WGH) in Kendal serving a population of circa 363,000 spread across an area of over 1,000 square miles.

Each hospital has a range of 'General Hospital' services, with full Accident and Emergency Departments, Critical / Coronary Care units and consultant led beds at Barrow and Lancaster plus a Primary Care Assessment Service with GP led inpatient beds in Kendal. All three sites provide a range of planned care, including outpatients, diagnostics, therapies, day case and inpatient surgery. In addition a range of local outreach services and diagnostics are provided from a number of community facilities.

The Trust employs approximately 5,000 staff (4,300 WTE's) and had a total income in 2013/14 of approximately £380m.

The Trust is fully aware of the responsibilities it bears towards patients, employees and the local community and as such, we have a strict set of ethical values that we use as guidance with regard to our commercial activities. We therefore expect that all suppliers to the Trust 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 is currently reviewing its supply chains with a view to confirming that such behaviour is not taking place.

To date we have:

- Reviewed our supply chain and identified general potential areas of risk including:
  - Provision of Food
  - Construction
  - Cleaning
  - Clothing (work wear)

We have contacted the suppliers within these Supply Chains and have asked them to confirm that they are compliant with the Act.

- Contacted our key suppliers and requested confirmation from them that they too are compliant with the Act.

We will also be:

- Introducing a 'Supplier Code of Conduct' and asking all existing and new suppliers to confirm their compliance.
- Adding evidence gathering questions into our tendering procedures.

Advice and training about slavery and human trafficking is available to staff through the Safeguarding Team