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Our Ref: MB/SS FOI 4016

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4016

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 03rd September 2019.

Your request was as follows:

Is your authority's supply chain checked for adherence to Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Other (please specify)[]

Yes

2. In the calendar year 2017, how many suppliers in your supply chain did Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 apply to?

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In 2017 the Procurement team contacted all suppliers from the Trust database and issued them with a letter with regards to Section 54

815 suppliers were contacted and the Trust Purchase Orders were changed in 2017 to include details stipulating that all suppliers (where applicable) must comply with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act

3. In the calendar year 2018, how many suppliers in your supply chain did Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 apply to?

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As above, the Trust Purchase Orders were changed in 2017 to include details stipulating that all suppliers (where applicable) must comply with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act.

The national Standard NHS Terms and Conditions were updated to include a section on Modern Slavery compliance (where applicable)

4. How often are due diligence checks carried out in compliance with Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act and by whom (job title)?

The standard NHS terms and conditions set out our Trust requirements to Section 54 of Modern Slavery Act. Our responsible person within the Trust is Debbie Lee (Safeguarding Matron)

5. Which area of your supply chain do you think is particularly vulnerable to risks of modern slavery and human trafficking and what steps have you taken to manage these risks?

- Facilities Management
- Non-EU manufacturers
- Taxi services
- Agency Staff

As above steps (e.g. contacting suppliers, due diligence as part of tendering processes - direct questions are asked in our tender packs regarding Section 54)

6. How compliant is your authority to enforcing the requirements of section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?

- Full compliance
- Partial / some compliance
- Not sure
- Very little compliance
- No compliance

Partial / some compliance - Not all suppliers responded to communications sent out after multiple attempts

7. Have there been any reports of incidents of Modern Slavery in your supply chain. If your answer is "yes" please provide details.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Not applicable

If "Yes" provide details here:[]

No

8. How well do you think staff managing contracts on behalf of your authority are trained to spot and tackle Modern Slavery within your supply chain?

CIPS code of conduct is adhered and staff encouraged to complete e-modules in regards to Modern Slavery when issued by CIPS. Suggestion to have National training regarding the Modern Slavery Act.

9. Name of Authority

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The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust

10. Does your authority publish a Modern Slavery statement? If "Yes", please provide a link to your Modern Slavery Statement otherwise enter "Not applicable" or "Not sure".

Yes - Governance and Executive team publish statement this can be found on The Walton Centre Foundation Trust Website.

<https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/474/modern-slavery.html>

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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