

## Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes the Trust's Slavery and Human Trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 March 2019.

## ABOUT UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS BIRMINGHAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST ('THE TRUST')

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust ('The Trust') is recognised as one of the leading hospitals in Europe and has an international reputation for quality of care, informatics/IT, clinical training and research. It provides direct clinical services to over 2 million patients every year, serving a regional, national and international population. It is a regional centre for cancer, trauma, renal dialysis, burns and plastics, and has the largest solid organ transplantation programme in Europe.

The Trust had an annual turnover of £1.6 billion (subject to audit) for 2018/19.

## **THE TRUST'S COMMITMENTS**

The Trust supports and respects the protection of human rights for all its employees and workers within its supply chain. We believe in treating individuals with respect and dignity, and do not condone the use of our products or services which infringe the basic human rights of others. We expect our suppliers and business partners to adhere to the same high standards and to take all reasonable steps to combat slavery and human trafficking.

The Trust has in place due diligence procurement and tendering processes to ensure all its selected suppliers and any third parties are compliant with the Model Slavery Act (2015).

Accordingly, we are committed to ensure that:

- We are not complicit in human rights' abuses of any kind and that slavery and human trafficking are not taking place in our supply chain or any part of the Trust's business; this includes our subsidiaries Pharmacy@QEHB Ltd, UHB Facilities Ltd and Birmingham Systems Ltd;
- Employment with the Trust and our suppliers is voluntary;
- Our workplace and those of our suppliers are free from discrimination or harassment based on race, colour, religion, gender (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity, national

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origin, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law;

- Our workplaces are safe and healthy;
- Corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery is prohibited;
- Our policies and procedures are devised to reflect we take all reasonable steps to achieve these commitments. This includes, but is not limited to, the following policies:
  - Procurement Policy;
  - Counterfraud and Corruption Policy;
  - Equality and Diversity in Employment Policy;
  - Gifts, Hospitality and Sponsorship Policy;
  - Policy for the Safeguarding of Adults at Risk of Abuse.

All Trust policies are publicly available on the Trust's internet site:

https://www.uhb.nhs.uk/foi-policies-and-procedures.htm

Approved by	the	<b>Board</b>	of	<b>Directors</b>
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Signed by: David Rosser

**University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust** 

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