

Modern Slavery Act 2015 - annual statement

In accordance with the [Modern Slavery Act 2015](#), Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust makes the following statement regarding the steps it is taking to ensure that modern slavery i.e. slavery and human trafficking, is not taking place in any part of its own business or any of its supply chains.

Organisational structure and business

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust provides health and social care services that make a real difference to peoples' lives.

Across Devon, our teams of care professionals work with patients and their families to support their independence, health and well-being. We provide support which avoids hospital admissions, or if an admission is necessary, makes your stay in hospital as short and effective as possible before working with you on a safe discharge home.

In any 24 hours, our health and social care community teams visit 300 patients in their own homes to help them rehabilitate after illness or injury. At any one time, they are overseeing approximately 2500 people's care.

In 2016/17, we treated 28,122 inpatients, 21,804 day cases, saw 353,650 outpatients and delivered 1,548 babies. We also saw 45,050 people in our accident and emergency department, and 25,413 in our minor injuries units.

The Trusts's position on modern slavery is to:

- Comply with legislation and regulatory requirements
- Make suppliers and service providers aware that we promote the requirements of the legislation
- Develop an awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery within our workforce
- Consider human trafficking and modern slavery issues when making procurement decisions

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust's action on modern slavery

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in any part of our business and, insofar as is possible, to requiring our suppliers hold a corresponding ethos.

In addition, all other external agencies providing staff have been approved through Government Procurement Suppliers (GPS). The Trust will audit and monitor agencies (via GPS) who provide staffing for the Trust once a year to ensure that they are able to provide evidence of identification, qualification and registration.

In addition, Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust has a number of controls in place to ensure compliance with employment legislation.

Modern slavery is incorporated within our safeguarding children and safeguarding adults policies. In addition, modern slavery is referenced within the safeguarding children and adults mandatory training from levels 1-3, which applies to all staff employed by Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust.

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust people must:

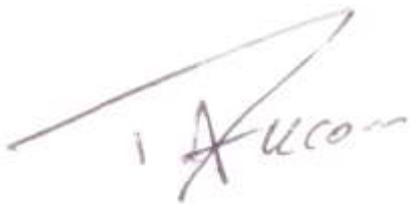
- Undertake safeguarding training appropriate to their roles and responsibilities.
- Work with the procurement department when looking to work with new suppliers so appropriate checks relating to modern slavery can be undertaken.

Working with suppliers

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust's procurement department will ensure its supplier base and associated supply chain, which provides goods and/or services to Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust, have taken the necessary steps to ensure modern slavery is not taking place.

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust follows good practice, ensuring all reasonable steps are taken to prevent slavery and human trafficking and will continue to support the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and any future legislation.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darryn Allcorn', with a long horizontal stroke above the name.

Darryn Allcorn
Director of nursing, quality and workforce
On behalf of Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust