

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-538**

12 September 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. 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) - [Modern Slavery statements are required during relevant tender processes where the Standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ) is applied].
2. In the calendar year 2017, how many suppliers in your supply chain did Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 apply to?  
[The Trust does not hold this information]
3. In the calendar year 2018, how many suppliers in your supply chain did Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 apply to?  
[The Trust does not hold this information]
4. How often are due diligence checks carried out in compliance with Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act and by whom (job title)?  
Due diligence checks are conducted at contract review where required and appropriate by the organisation's purchasing specialists.
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?  
Staff uniforms. The Trust is using a major national supplier procured using a national NHS Supply Chain framework.
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

Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act is not applicable to the Trust as it does not constitute a "commercial organisation".

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: [            ]

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?

This question is seeking an opinion rather than a factual reply and the Trust is not obliged to respond according to the FOI Act.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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