

Anti-slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

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Lead Manager	CEO
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes the College's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 July 2022.
- 1.2 Greater Brighton Metropolitan College is committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in its supply chains or in any part of its services. This statement sets out the preventative steps that the college is taking (and intends to take) to avoid the risk of modern slavery occurring within college services.

2. Organisational structure

- 2.1 The college is a General Further Education College that employs approximately 1,000 members of staff, operating in the United Kingdom. Its core business is teaching a learner population of approximately 13,000.
- 2.2 The college has an annual turnover of c£34m of which approximately £10m is spent on goods and services to support the running of the College.

3. Due diligence processes

- 3.1 As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate the risks of modern slavery occurring in any part of college services, the College will adopt due diligence processes that are proportionate to any risk areas identified (dependent on the severity of the risk and other relevant factors). These processes will be subject to on-going assessment and review.
- 3.2 The college will put in place systems to:
 - Identify and assess the potential risk areas in our supply chains.
 - Mitigate the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in our supply chains.
 - Monitor potential risk areas in our supply chains.
 - Protect whistleblowers.
- 3.3 The College identifies the following as the principal areas of potential risk: *Supply chains and Procurement*

4. Supply chains

- 4.1 In its supply chains, the college has identified the following business areas as carrying material risks of modern slavery occurring:
 - *IT Equipment*
 - *Estates and Construction*
 - *Hospitality and Catering provision*
 - *General Procurement*

- 4.2 When procuring any types of goods or services, the College will require any potential third-party suppliers to evidence that they operate a high level of corporate social responsibility during any tendering and selection process.
- 4.3 Any supplier or potential supplier that does not comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, or the college's own policies and procedures, will be removed from the college's list of suppliers and will not be considered for future supply to the college unless they can demonstrate that these compliance requirements are met.
- 4.4 In terms of future steps, the College will review the viability of introducing other due diligence processes for monitoring and managing identified risks, including risks associated with particular countries and products.

5. Training

- 5.1 To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains and our business, we will provide appropriate training to our staff. We will also require our key business partners to provide training to their staff and suppliers and providers.

6. Recruitment practices

- 6.1 Temporary staff and staff recruited indirectly by the College are recruited through agreed, reputable recruitment agencies. To mitigate the risk of any potential occurrences of modern slavery, the College will conduct checks on such agencies before they are approved.
- 6.2 Through its recruitment processes, the College ensures that all approved recruitment agencies conduct all relevant pre-recruitment checks and provide evidence that all such checks have been conducted.

7. College policies

- 7.1 The College already implements the following policies, which embed good practice and providing remedies for individuals concerned about any potential instances of modern slavery in any part of college business:

Grievance and Whistleblowing policies – these policies allow employees, students and others to raise concerns, which would include circumstances giving rise to a risk of modern slavery, without fear of repercussions.

Employee Code of Conduct – this code sets out the actions and behaviour expected of staff whilst employed by the college. The college takes all reasonable steps to maintain the highest standards of employee conduct and ethical behaviour when managing its supply chain

Anti-bribery and corruption policy – the College is committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity in its business activities. The college will not tolerate any form of bribery or corruption by its employees or any person or body acting on its behalf

Procurement policy – this policy reflects the College’s commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in its business relationships, as well as implementing and enforcing effective and proportionate safeguards and controls.

Recruitment policy – this policy ensures that the College follows transparent recruitment processes, including measures to prevent illegal working and compliance with other relevant statutory requirements.

Safeguarding policy – this policy operates in conjunction with the College’s Safeguarding & Prevent procedures/guidance notes, Recruitment of Staff policy and Professional Boundaries procedures.

8. Performance indicators and Monitoring

8.1 Where the College has identified risks of modern slavery occurring in any part of its services, it will aim to introduce performance indicators (KPIs) to measure progress against reducing such risks. The college will consider setting and reviewing KPIs in the following contexts:

- training and awareness-raising amongst staff including risk management; appropriate decision-making and timely remedial action
- oversight of third-party suppliers of relevant goods and services supply chains

8.2 This statement will be made available to all staff members, stakeholders and the general public by publication on our website. We will also seek to raise awareness of the risks of modern slavery amongst staff by other measures, including discussion of this statement during the induction process for new employees.

8.3 Having assessed the training needs for staff operating in different parts of the college, the college will look at devising and implementing training and awareness-raising methods attuned to relevant staffing groups. Training courses may be devised in cooperation with external, specialist training providers.

8.4 Monitoring will be undertaken by the College’s HR and Remuneration Committee.

This statement has been approved by the College’s Board and will be reviewed annually.



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