

This statement is made pursuant to section 54 (1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes Buckinghamshire New University's (Bucks) slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending July 2016.

Organisational Structure

Bucks is a new generation university established in accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988; its core business is education, research and enterprise. The University comprises two academic faculties: Society & Health and Design, Media & Management, supported by a number of professional services directorates. The University has a wholly owned subsidiary company, Missenden Abbey which provides a centre for adult education, conferences and management training. It jointly owns Buckinghamshire Education, Skills and Training (BEST) with Aylesbury College.

Supply Chains

The University's supply chains mainly fall within the following 'top-level' categories: Estates and facilities management (work, services and goods)

- ICT equipment and services
- Professional services
- Teaching materials

The principal areas that carry material risks in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking are office supplies, laboratory consumables, ICT and AV equipment and some estates and facilities management services.

A proportion of the University's procurement activity is fulfilled through the use of national and regional agreements made available by the Higher Education Purchasing Consortia. The Consortia requests that many suppliers of laboratory consumables and office supplies commit to the Base Code of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) and is working to persuade all suppliers in these categories to support this Initiative. In relation to ICT equipment and products, the Consortia supports the principles of Electronics Watch, an independent monitoring organisation working to achieve respect for labour rights in the global electronics industry, and includes their contract monitoring clauses in relevant agreements awarded by the Consortia.

Policies on Slavery and Human Trafficking

The University is committed to endeavouring to ensure that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in its supply chains or in any part of its business. It already has in place a framework comprising core values, policies and processes that demonstrate its commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in its business relationships. The University will continue to keep this framework under review, together with its procurement and supplier management procedures, to assess their effectiveness in identifying and tackling human trafficking and modern slavery issues and refine where relevant.

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