



## **Modern Slavery / Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy**

### **Purpose**

Modern slavery is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. It takes various forms, such as slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking, all of which have in common the deprivation of a person's liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain.

Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists has a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery, and we are committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure modern slavery is not taking place anywhere in our own business or in any of our supply chains.

Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists are also committed to ensuring there is transparency in our own business and in our approach to tackling modern slavery throughout our supply chains, consistent with our disclosure obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. We expect the same high standards from all of our contractors, suppliers and other business partners. As part of our contracting processes, we include specific prohibitions against the use of forced, compulsory or trafficked labour, or anyone held in slavery or servitude, whether adults or children, and we expect that our suppliers will hold their own suppliers to the same high standards.

### **To Whom this Policy Applies**

This policy applies to all persons working for or behalf of (in any capacity) Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists, including employees at all levels, directors, recruitment consultants, third party representatives, administrators, and business partners.

This policy is not part of any employee's contract of employment and Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists may amend it any time.

### **Related Policies**

This Policy interacts with the following internal policy which can be accessed internally. Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists request that all of their employees familiarise themselves with the policy detailed below:

- Whistleblowing policy



## Responsibility for this Policy

Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists has overall responsibility for ensuring this policy complies with our legal and ethical obligations, and that all those under our control comply with it.

Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists has primary and day-to-day responsibility for implementing this policy, monitoring its use and effectiveness, dealing with any queries about it, and auditing internal control systems and procedures to ensure they are effective in countering modern slavery.

Management at all levels are responsible for ensuring those reporting to them understand and comply with this policy and are given adequate and regular training on it and the issue of modern slavery in supply chains.

You are invited to comment on this policy and suggest ways in which it might be improved. Comments, suggestions and queries are encouraged and should be addressed to the Managing Director.

## Compliance with this Policy

Every employee of Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists must ensure they have read, understood, and comply with this policy.

The prevention, detection and reporting of modern slavery in any part of our business or supply chains is the responsibility of all those working for us or under our control. Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists require you to avoid any activity that might lead to, or suggest, a breach of this policy.

You must notify your line manager or a company Director as soon as possible if you believe or suspect that a conflict with this policy has occurred or may occur in the future.

You are encouraged to raise concerns about any issue or suspicion of modern slavery in any parts of our business or supply chains of any supplier tier at the earliest possible stage.

If you believe or suspect a breach of this policy has occurred or that it may occur you must notify your manager or the company Director or you may report it in accordance with our Whistleblowing Policy as soon as possible.

If you are unsure about whether a particular act, the treatment of workers more generally, or their working conditions within any tier of our supply chains constitutes any of the various forms of modern slavery, raise it with your line manager or company Director.

We aim to encourage openness and will support anyone who raises genuine concerns in good faith under this policy, even if they turn out to be mistaken. Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists are committed to ensuring no one suffers any detrimental treatment as a result of reporting in good faith their suspicion that modern slavery of whatever form is or may be taking place in any part of our own business or in any of our supply chains. Detrimental treatment includes dismissal, disciplinary action, threats or other unfavourable treatment connected with raising a concern. If you believe that you have suffered any such treatment, you should inform the compliance manager immediately. If the



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matter is not remedied, and you are an employee, you should raise it formally using the Grievance Procedure.

### **Communication and Awareness of this Policy**

Training on this policy, and on the risk our business faces from modern slavery in its supply chains will be provided, as necessary.

Linq Healthcare Recruitment Specialists' zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery must be communicated to all suppliers, contractors and business partners at the outset of our business relationship with them and reinforced as appropriate thereafter.

### **Breaches of this Policy**

Any employee who breaches this policy will face disciplinary action, which could result in dismissal for misconduct or gross misconduct. We may terminate our relationship with other individuals and organisations working on our behalf if they breach this policy.