

University of Stirling Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

Statement for the financial year, ending 31 July 2017

Purpose of the Statement

This statement is made pursuant to Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 ('the Act'). It aims to inform the University Court, our staff, students and the general public about the steps the University has taken during the last financial year, ending 31 July 2017 in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking.

The University is subject to the Modern Slavery Act as its annual turnover exceeds £36m and operates in the UK.

Statement

The University is committed to preventing modern slavery and human trafficking from taking place in any part of its own business and in any of its supply chains.

Commitment

The University is a member of the Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges Ltd (APUC) and endorses the APUC Supply Chain Code of Conduct. Use of this code of conduct demonstrates our commitment to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place within our supply chains.

Every regulated procurement process undertaken by the University requires tenderers to disclose whether they, or any member of their organisation with decision-making powers, has been convicted in the last five years of any offence under Part 1 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 or under any provision referred to in the Schedule of the Act. Tenderers that confirm such a conviction are excluded unless they can provide evidence that they has taken sufficient measures to demonstrate compliance with this Act.

The University of Stirling

The University of Stirling is ranked fifth in Scotland and 40th in the UK for research intensity in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. Stirling is committed to providing education with a purpose and carrying out research which has a positive impact on communities across the globe – addressing real issues, providing solutions and helping to shape society. Interdisciplinary in its approach, Stirling's research informs its teaching curriculum and facilitates opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration between staff, students, industry partners and the wider community.

The University's scenic central Scotland campus – complete with a loch, castle and golf course – is home to more than 14,000 students and 1500 staff representing around 120 nationalities. This includes an ever-expanding base for postgraduate study.

The University's strategic objectives are:

To be one of the top 25 universities in the UK; to increase our income by £50m; to enhance our research profile by 100 percent and ensure internationalisation is at the heart of everything we do.

Overview for Financial Year ending 31 July 2017

The University included the APUC (Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges) Sustainable Procurement Code of Conduct ('the Code') in all regulated procurements. The Code was adopted in 2016 and focuses on social, economic and environmental considerations across the supply chain.

The University became an associate member of *Electronics Watch*, an independent monitoring organisation working to achieve respect for labour rights in the global electronics industry through socially responsible public purchasing in Europe.

Actions for Financial Year ending 31 July 2018

Strategic Procurement Objectives

One of our *broad* procurement objectives is 'to engage with the supply chains to ensure continued value, managed performance and minimisation of risk throughout the life of contracts for the benefit of customers and students'. This objective was approved by Court in December 2016.

Category Management

The University will increase its understanding of sustainability risks associated with spend under six broad categories (estates; information services; laboratory; human resources; professional services; libraries). Risk mitigation strategies will be developed, as appropriate, for spend categories and sub-categories.

Sustainable Procurement Tools

Procurement staff will utilise appropriate tools provided by the Scottish Government, including the Sustainability Public Procurement Prioritisation Tool (SPPPT). SPPPT assigns a risk score for each category/sub-category of spend and helps inform the formulation of appropriate risk mitigation strategies.

Training

University staff will receive supplementary sustainable procurement training from APUC and other parties, as appropriate. Key suppliers to the University will be encouraged to utilise the APUC's SUSTAIN database to ensure that *they* are compliant with the Act.

Awareness

Steps will be taken to further raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking among staff and students. A communication action plan will be formulated to support this objective.

Terms and Conditions

The University will consider revising its terms and conditions of purchase to include a clause which specifically addresses modern slavery and human trafficking.

This statement will be reviewed annually.

Professor Gerry McCormac, Principal and Vice-Chancellor