

Modern Slavery Act

We know that slavery, servitude, forced labour and human trafficking (Modern Slavery) is a global and growing issue from which no sector or economic area can be considered immune. Benenden Hospital has a zero tolerance approach to Modern Slavery of any kind within its operations and supply chain, and will take seriously any allegations that human rights are not properly respected.

During 2017, Benenden Hospital reviewed its standard supplier contractual terms to consider obligations on suppliers to: comply with the Modern Slavery Act, conduct regular Modern Slavery risk assessments within their own supply chains, implement appropriate controls to prevent Modern Slavery, and notify Benenden Hospital immediately if they become aware of any Modern Slavery within their supply chains. These obligations are being incorporated into the Hospital's standard terms and suppliers in breach of these obligations will face appropriate actions which could include termination of contracts.

This work continues during 2018, when Benenden Hospital will be assessing and amending key contracts already in existence to ensure standards are applied consistently across its supply chain.

Forced, bonded or compulsory labour is not used by Benenden Hospital: all employees are free to leave their employment after reasonable contractual notice. Employees are not required to lodge deposits of money or identity papers as a condition of employment.