

## **Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust's Response to the Requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015**

The Modern Slavery Act makes provision about slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour and about human trafficking; including provision for the protection of victims; it also makes provision for an Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner; and for connected purposes.

Slavery is not an issue confined to history or an issue that only exists in certain countries – it is something that is still happening today. It is a global problem and the UK is no exception.

Modern slavery is part of the safeguarding agenda for children and adults.

All staff at Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, be they in clinical or non-clinical roles, have a responsibility to consider issues regarding modern slavery, and incorporate their understanding of these issues into their day to day practice. Front line NHS staff are well placed to be able to identify and report any concerns they may have about individual patients who present for treatment and their families.

Modern slavery is a real issue.

It is also a serious concern for public services.

As a Trust we are committed to working in partnership with local authorities to identify cases of modern day slavery and to intervene to protect vulnerable adults and children and young people when they are identified.

### **Who is affected?**

Victims found in the United Kingdom come from many different countries, including but not limited to, Romania, Albania, Nigeria, Vietnam and the United Kingdom itself.

Social and economic deprivation, limited opportunities at home, lack of education, unstable social and political conditions, economic imbalances and war are some of the key drivers that contribute to the trafficking of victims.

Victims can also face more than one type of abuse and slavery, for example if they are sold to another trafficker and then forced into another form of exploitation.

For further information or to raise a concern please contact the Trust's Safeguarding Team via [SafeguardingNurses@alderhey.nhs.uk](mailto:SafeguardingNurses@alderhey.nhs.uk)

More information on Modern Slavery can be found by visiting: <https://modernslavery.co.uk/>