

Science Group Modern Slavery Statement: FY17

Introduction

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes Science Group plc's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 December 2017.

Our business and supply chains

Science Group is a global provider of science, technology, applied science, regulatory, advisory and product development consultancy services across a broad range of markets. Further information on Science Group's businesses can be found at <https://www.sciencegroup.com/>. All of Science Group's employees are based in the UK, EEA, or North America.

Our supply chain consists of subcontractors for applied science, regulatory, advisory and product development services, suppliers of scientific and engineering products, materials and services, facilities and maintenance contractors, and support and professional service providers. The majority of these suppliers are based in the UK, EEA, North America and other low risk countries.

Our policies and procedures

Science Group has a zero tolerance approach to slavery and human trafficking of any kind within our businesses or supply chains. Our internal policies reflect our commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure slavery and human trafficking is not taking place. These include:

Governance structure: We are committed to the highest principles of personal and professional conduct which includes a zero tolerance approach to modern slavery. Science Group is led by our Chairman who also leads the Board which is the main governance body of Science Group. The Board is responsible for ensuring that there is a satisfactory process in place for managing strategic, risk management, ethical and CSR issues including modern slavery.

Whistleblowing: Our whistleblowing policy applies to everyone working within Science Group including employees, contractors and other third parties acting on behalf of Science Group. This policy provides a mechanism for the reporting of concerns about suspected wrongdoing or dangers at work, including slavery and human trafficking violations, without fear of reprisals and it forms part of Science Group's mandatory training for all employees.

Recruitment and employment practices:

- Our recruitment procedures include mandatory documentation checks to ensure that all employees are over 16 and eligible to work in the UK, EEA, or North America as appropriate.
- As part of our recruitment policies and procedures, we only use reputable recruitment firms and comply with all relevant local laws and regulations.
- We review market related pay and rewards bi-annually.
- We implement initiatives to support our personnels' physical and mental wellbeing and stress. This includes cycling schemes and employee assistance programmes that provide work/life support services.

We are committed to fair employment practices in relation to our own people.

Approved suppliers: We operate approved supplier lists for scientific and technical service providers and product/equipment suppliers. All approved suppliers are subject to due diligence checks and regular reviews.

We foster long-term relationships with approved suppliers and we do not make demands nor issue instructions to suppliers that might lead to them violating human rights.

Risk assessments: We recognise that certain jurisdictions, sectors and services are considered high risk and therefore all such transactions are reviewed by the Science Group Executive Team who consider the risks and any mitigation required before approval is granted to proceed.

Ongoing assessment

Due to the nature of our business and the locations and sectors in which we operate, the Board considers that there is a very low risk of slavery and human trafficking in our business and supply chains. However we will continue to review our approach and the effectiveness of our policies and procedures on an ongoing basis.

For and on behalf of the Board

Martyn Ratcliffe
Chairman
Science Group plc
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