

Modern Slavery Statement for Financial Year 2020/21

This statement is made pursuant to s.54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and sets out the steps that Accelerate has taken and is continuing to take to ensure that modern slavery or human trafficking is not taking place within our business or supply chain.

Modern slavery encompasses slavery, servitude, human trafficking and forced labour. Accelerate has a zero tolerance approach to any form of modern slavery. We are committed to acting ethically and with integrity and transparency in all business dealings and to putting effective systems and controls in place to safeguard against any form of modern slavery taking place within the business or our supply chain.

Our Business

Accelerate was founded in 2002 as a professional services organisation providing service solutions to all levels of the industry. Through concentrating our efforts on fulfilling our client's cleaning and support service requirements we deliver a service that provides professional consistent quality and value for money.

Our core service is cleaning based service support, however over the past three years we have expanded our portfolio to include both hard and soft facilities management support services. Our focus over the next 24 months is to further develop our capabilities and in turn our client base within the facilities management services arena.

Our company strategy and ethos is based on delivering the highest quality services to our clients, enabling them to provide high standards of welfare to their employees and customers, as well as protecting their business environment. By providing a consistent quality support service we aim to improve our customer performance each year through monitoring performance and implementing programmes, processes, and establishing procedures that promote good practice under the wider umbrella of Facilities Support Services.

Our Policies

We operate a number of internal policies to ensure that we are conducting business in an ethical and transparent manner. These include:

1. Recruitment policy. We operate a robust recruitment policy, including conducting eligibility to work in the UK checks for all employees to safeguard against human trafficking or individuals being forced to work against their will.
2. Whistleblowing policy. We operate a whistleblowing policy so that all employees know that they can raise concerns about how colleagues are being treated, or practices within our business or supply chain, without fear of reprisals.
3. Code of Business Conduct. This code explains the manner in which we behave as an organisation and how we expect our employees and suppliers to act.

Our Suppliers

Accelerate operates a supplier policy and maintains a preferred supplier list. We conduct due diligence on all suppliers before allowing them to become a preferred supplier. This due diligence includes an online search to ensure that particular organisation has never been convicted of offenses relating to modern slavery and on site audits which include a

review of working conditions. Our anti-slavery policy forms part of our contract with all suppliers and they are required to confirm that no part of their business operations contradicts this policy.

In addition to the above, as part of our contract with suppliers, we require that they confirm to us that:

1. They have taken steps to eradicate modern slavery within their business
2. They hold their own suppliers to account over modern slavery
3. (For UK based suppliers) They pay their employees at least the national minimum wage / national living wage (as appropriate)
4. (For international suppliers) They pay their employees any prevailing minimum wage applicable within their country of operations
5. We may terminate the contract at any time should any instances of modern slavery come to light

Training

We regularly conduct training for our procurement/buying teams so that they understand the signs of modern slavery and what to do if they suspect that it is taking place within our supply chain.

Our Performance Indicators

We will know the effectiveness of the steps that we are taking to ensure that slavery and/or human trafficking is not taking place within our business or supply chain if:

- No reports are received from employees, the public, or law enforcement agencies to indicate that modern slavery practices have been identified.

Signed on Behalf of the Directors



Mr Gary Morgan

Managing Director

01/01/2020

Next Review Date: 01/01/21