

Our slavery and human trafficking statement 2017/18

Network Rail own, operate and develop Britain's railway – 20,000 miles of track, 40,000 bridges, tunnels and viaducts, and thousands of signals, level crossings and stations. We're also responsible for devising the national rail timetable.

Our supply chain is vast and is essential in helping us run a safe and efficient railway. We spend over £7 billion with our supply chain each year, and since April 2015, we've worked directly with over 4,000 suppliers.

We're committed to doing business in a responsible way. This includes a commitment to do all that we reasonably can to prevent all forms of modern slavery in any part of our own business and our supply chain, and we expect our customers and suppliers to do the same.

Modern slavery is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights, which won't be tolerated at Network Rail. During 2017/18, we will:

- Amend our [Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking policy](#) to make it clearer and easier to understand
- Update our supplier [Code of Conduct](#) to include our expectations in relation to modern slavery
- Update our company contract requirements to include specific requirements in relation to modern slavery. These include complying with Network Rail's Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking policy and completing modern slavery training, as requested by Network Rail
- Begin to risk assess our suppliers to identify those of higher risk. High risk suppliers will be identified by considering:
 - (i) our total spend with the supplier per annum
 - (ii) the geographical location in which the supplier operates; and
 - (iii) whether the types of goods/service the supplier provides to Network Rail are known to be within a high risk industry. High risk industries include the construction, electronics and textiles industries, and low-skilled labour.
- Write to our suppliers setting out Network Rail's approach to modern slavery and our expectations that our suppliers will comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015
- Provide modern slavery training to relevant Network Rail employees. In 2016/17 we identified the highest risk areas of our business. As a result, in 2017/18 we will focus on training those involved in the procuring of business goods and services and we will monitor completion rates in these areas.

Signed by

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