



# MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT

## Introduction

This Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement is a response to Section 54(1), Part 6 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and relates to actions and activities for the financial year ending 31 March 2023.

The Bond Board is committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking violations in its own operations, its supply chain, and its products. We have zero-tolerance towards slavery and require our supply chain to comply with our values.

## Organisational structure

The Bond Board and has business operations in the United Kingdom.

We operate in the homelessness sector. The nature of our supply chains is as follows: We work with a number of key direct suppliers, who provide us with goods, such as equipment for our premises, and services, such as outsourced business processes, IT software and marketing services.

For more information about the organisation, please visit our website: <https://www.thebondboard.org.uk>

## Policies

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

These include the following:

- Recruitment and selection policy - We conduct checks on all prospective employees to verify that they are eligible to work in the UK. Certain roles require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check where employees may be working with vulnerable people.
- Whistleblowing policy - We operate this policy so that employees are able to raise concerns about how staff are being treated or practices within our business or our supply chains without fear of reprisal.
- Staff code of conduct - We are committed to the fair treatment of all staff. Our staff code of conduct reflects our core values and expected behaviours. The code of conduct makes it clear that we have a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery.
- Safeguarding policy - This policy highlights the potential risks of modern slavery and human trafficking, including how to identify signs of exploitation and how to report concerns.
- Diversity Policy - This policy describes how we have much to learn and profit from diverse cultures and perspectives and diversity will make our organisation more effective in meeting the needs of all of our employees, clients and stakeholders.

We make sure our suppliers are aware of our policies and adhere to the same standards.

## Due Diligence

As part of our efforts to monitor and reduce the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in our supply chains, we have adopted the following due diligence procedures:

- Internal supplier audits.

Our due diligence procedures aim to:

- Identify and action potential risks in our business and supply chains.
- Monitor potential risks in our business and supply chains.
- Reduce the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in our business and supply chains.
- Provide protection for whistleblowers.

## Risk and compliance

The Bond Board has evaluated the nature and extent of its exposure to the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in its UK supply chain through:

- Reviewing on a regular basis all aspects of the supply chain based on supply chain mapping.

We do not tolerate slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains. Where there is evidence of failure to comply with our policies and procedures by any of our suppliers, we will require that supplier to remedy the non-compliance.

## Effectiveness

The Bond Board uses internal monitoring to measure its effectiveness and ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in its business and supply chains. These measures are as follows:

- We will train our staff about modern slavery issues and increase awareness within the Company.

## Training our staff

The Bond Board requires its staff to complete training and ongoing refresher courses on slavery and human trafficking. The Bond Boards training covers:

- How to identify the signs of slavery and human trafficking.
- What initial steps should be taken if slavery or human trafficking is suspected.
- How to escalate potential slavery or human trafficking issues to the relevant parties within the Company.
- What external help is available.

## Next steps

In the next financial year, we intend to take the following steps to tackle slavery and human trafficking by:

- We will organise wider training for the internal team working on modern slavery and human trafficking issues.

The statement was approved by the Senior Leadership Team and Board of Trustees.

*A Beeput*

Andrew Beeput. Chief Executive Officer  
The Bond Board

Date: 22/06/23