

## **Modern slavery statement**

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

Modern slavery encompasses slavery, servitude, human trafficking and forced labour. WMS Recruitment have 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.

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

- 1. Anti-slavery policy. This policy sets out the organisation's stance on modern slavery and explains how employees can identify any instances of this and where they can go for help.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

## Our suppliers

WMS Recruitment 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 organisation has never been convicted of offenses relating to modern slavery as well as our own audits and checks 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.

- 1. (For UK based suppliers) They pay their employees at least the national minimum wage / national living wage (as appropriate)
- 2. (For international suppliers) They pay their employees any prevailing minimum wage applicable within their country of operations
- 3. We may terminate the contract at any time should any instances of modern slavery come to light