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# Modern Slavery Statement

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This statement is made pursuant to the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and sets out the steps that University Centre Quayside (UCQ) has taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking are not taking place through our service contracts or in any part of our business.
- 1.2 UCQ is a private limited company operating in England with two Directors. Established in 1994, we are a financially robust, independent provider of further and higher education with many years' experience of delivering adult and work-based learning provision. We are a registered provider with the Office for Students, an Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) contract holder, Devolved Authority contract holder and a registered provider on the Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers and Register of Training Organisations in England.
- 1.3 We deliver the BA (Hons) Professional Management to employers across England; professional learning centres are located across six locations; Newcastle (Head Office and company registration), Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and London.
- 1.4 We also deliver further education through our Essential Work Skills programmes for 19+ learners under direct contracts with the ESFA and Devolved Authorities, as well as acting as a further education subcontractor for other lead providers across the North East and Tees Valley.

## 2. Our Commitment

- 2.1 We are committed to ensuring that slavery and human trafficking have no place in our business or stakeholders with whom we work
- 2.2 This statement has been approved by the Academic Council. It is reviewed every two years as a minimum.

## 3. Modern Slavery Statement

- 3.1 Our core values are at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to running our business responsibly and in accordance with the high standards embedded within our core values.
- 3.2 'Individual liberty', 'respect for the rule of law' 'equality' and 'mutual respect' are British Values we embed within our staff and provision of services. Slavery and human trafficking are very plainly incompatible with these values.
- 3.3 We expect the same high standards from all external stakeholders with whom we work. We have in place employer agreements which set out the responsibilities and expectations related to our work-based learning provision.
- 3.4 We have policies and procedures in place to protect whistle blowers.
- 3.5 As we are a private limited company we are not in scope under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, however, stakeholders wishing to access their personal data held by UCQ should refer to our Data and Privacy Policy.

- 3.6 We will work with our principal stakeholders to ensure that our approach to slavery and human trafficking is reflected in all our transactions of goods and services, and, so far as reasonably practicable, that neither we nor they are involved, either directly or indirectly, in slavery and human trafficking.