



ANTI-SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT



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Introduction

At NCC Group, we uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct and take responsibility for the impact on the communities and clients we serve. Our colleagues and our supply chain partners play a critical role in upholding these standards, and we take steps to ensure that everyone contributing to our business operations recognises and takes appropriate steps to prevent and combat the challenges posed by modern slavery and human trafficking.

This statement outlines our approach and efforts in this regard and covers the reporting period of 1 June 2023 to 30 September 2024, in accordance with the requirements of the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015. This is a 16-month period due to a change in NCC Group's financial year end in 2024, and going forward will be reported from 1 October to 30 September. This statement applies to NCC Group's UK business covered by the Act and is applied in principle and in line with local legislation for all NCC Group's global businesses to address the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chain.

Our global business

NCC Group is a global cyber security and software escrow business operating across multiple sectors, geographies, and technologies. We operate as one global business, with in-country delivery tailored to local needs and cultures, as well as a global delivery team to respond quickly to our client's challenges.

We have a significant market presence in the UK, Europe and North America, and a growing footprint in Asia Pacific, with offices in Australia, the Philippines, and Singapore.

In NCC Group's UK business the following trading entities are covered by this statement:

- NCC Group Security Services Limited
- NCC Group Corporate Limited
- NCC Group Accumuli Security Limited
- NCC Services Limited

The supply chains NCC Group engage with range from, but not limited to, global technical and distribution organisations, professional services, marketing firms and real estate for our leased office assets.

Policies and controls in relation to slavery and human trafficking

NCC Group has embedded ways of working that ensure slavery and human trafficking is not taking place across our business and conducts annual training with colleagues, supported by policies and procedures for colleagues and suppliers. Policies are available on our website, embedded links below:

- NCC Group's <u>Code of Ethics</u> outlines the values and principles that underpin everything we do and the responsibility our colleagues have in upholding these
- Our <u>Supply Chain Code of Conduct</u> clearly outlines the standards we expect from our suppliers, and supplier onboarding is managed by our global Procurement team to ensure compliance

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- NCC Group deals responsibly and professionally with any genuine concern about any wrongdoing in our business. Our <u>Whistleblowing policy</u> is available publicly in seven languages, which represent the operating requirements in our global operations
- Our Code of Ethics states "We believe in the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Labour Organisation Fundamental Conventions. We have zero tolerance to modern slavery and make our ethical values and principles clear to all." We support freedom of association, the abolition of forced labour, and the elimination of child labour. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination or victimisation and our commitment to Human Rights ensures equality and fairness for all within our environment.

NCC Group contracted colleagues in the UK are paid at least the National Living Wage.

All our colleagues undergo identity and right to work checks as part of the recruitment process and prior to commencing employment with us. Reference checks and, where appropriate, criminal background checks also take place. We employ a large proportion of people directly or on a fixed-term basis with checks in place to ensure that the payment of salary is made directly to that person.

Supply Chain due diligence

NCC Group has a global Procurement Policy, which sets out the practice for responsible and ethical supplier onboarding. All eligible outsource partners or suppliers are required to publish their modern slavery and human trafficking statement, those out of scope are sent our <u>Supplier Code of Conduct</u> to confirm their commitment to the principles of the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Adherence to the Procurement Policy and all other policies in place across the Group are managed through internal and external audits. Additionally, NCC Group is regularly audited by clients to provide assurance and to support their supply chain and vendor management programmes. Our internal audit function is embedded into our global governance function and split into two key areas:

- Financial: focused on auditing all processes related to the integrity of our financial and accounting records and reporting
- Global standards and support: focused on auditing adherence to the policies, processes, and procedures, which support our ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) 27001:2022, 9001:2015 certifications.

As part of the supplier onboarding process, NCC Group conducts screening for all new suppliers dependent upon the risk profile associated with the goods/services being provided, the commercial risk, the data protection and information security risk or health and safety risk. The Global Governance team review the screening results for high-risk suppliers and any items for concern are escalated to the named supplier for action.

Areas of risk within our supply chain and the steps to assess and manage that risk

Areas of traditionally low paid labour such as cleaning, catering and security are our highest risk areas. This requires regular communication with our facilities management supplier and local landlords, and will remain a focus for our internal audit.

We do not have a specific ethics helpline; however, our Whistleblowing helpline is available to all contracted and subcontracted colleagues working in our business. In FY24 we did not receive any

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reports of violations of human rights or cases of modern slavery. Any cases raised would be investigated in line with our <u>Whistleblowing policy</u>.

Ensuring slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in our business

All suppliers onboarded are checked and made aware of our Supplier Code of Conduct conditions. This is further reinforced through our Standard Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, where suppliers must comply with applicable laws prohibiting modern slavery and human trafficking, including the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Slavery and human trafficking training

Our annual and new starter compliance training is the foundation for our Code of Ethics. All eligible NCC Group colleagues / contractors are required to certify they understand and will abide by our Code of Ethics, global policies, and applicable local policies. In FY24 100% of eligible colleagues completed the annual compliance training.

By completing this training NCC Group colleagues acknowledged our commitment to human rights as well as other ethical and operational requirements that underpin our Code of Ethics to ensure responsible business conduct.

This statement, dated 24 March 2025, has been review and approved by the NCC Group plc Board and signed by:

Mike Maddison Chief Executive Officer NCC Group plc