

## **Kier Group plc ('Kier')**

### **Modern Slavery Act 2015 Statement**

**December 2019**

#### **Introduction**

Kier is a leading UK construction and infrastructure services group, operating across a range of sectors, including defence, education, health, housing, power, transport and utilities. A full description of the business and services we offer can be found in our 2019 Annual Report and Accounts at [www.kier.co.uk/annual-report-2019](http://www.kier.co.uk/annual-report-2019)

We have relationships with a large number of sub-contractors and, every day, a significant number of their employees will be working on our sites, in addition to our own employees. We also rely on a number of manufacturers, suppliers and distributors which, in turn, will source products from their respective supply chains.

#### **Our policies**

We have a number of policies which are designed to manage the risks relating to modern slavery and human trafficking issues, including our Code of Conduct, the Whistleblowing Policy and the Anti Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy.

These policies confirm our 'zero tolerance' approach to modern slavery and human trafficking in our business and supply chain. We are committed to acting ethically and with integrity and to maintaining systems and controls which are designed to prevent modern slavery and human trafficking from taking place in our business or across our supply chain. Our Whistleblowing Policy provides a mechanism for our employees and others working in our supply chain to report suspected breaches of these policies.

The risks relating to modern slavery and human trafficking can apply anywhere in our operations, whether through direct employment, sub-contracted employees or the supply of goods and materials. We expect our suppliers and sub-contractors to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in their supply chain. If issues are identified (including through our audit process) which are not resolved to our satisfaction, we review the relationship with the relevant organisation.

#### **Our approach to assessing and managing risk**

1. We have a Group-wide policy confirming our 'zero tolerance' approach to modern slavery and human trafficking.
2. Our policies require that our sub-contractors and suppliers acknowledge their responsibility for adhering to our policies relating to modern slavery and human trafficking.
3. We undertake periodic risk assessments to identify the key risks in our business and supply chain.
4. We have issued minimum procurement standards for certain high risk categories of materials and products. We keep these standards under review.
5. Our contractual terms include obligations on our sub-contractors and suppliers to comply with our policies, including our Anti Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy.
6. Our policies require our sub-contractors and suppliers to complete an assessment to confirm that they comply with Kier's 'zero tolerance' approach to modern slavery and human trafficking. We continue to work with three leading accreditation companies in the UK (namely Chas, Constructionline and Achilles Building Confidence) to develop the common standards applicable to our sub-contractors and suppliers.
7. We undertake checks on new recruits to ensure that they are eligible to work in the relevant country of employment.
8. We continue to deliver training to employees on the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking and how to take steps to mitigate these.
9. We monitor the effectiveness of our actions against the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking, for example by reviewing our policies and our procurement standards and implementing an audit programme (see point 10 below).
10. We undertake audits of certain key supply chain partners to assess their controls and learn from best practice. We undertake detailed reviews of a sample of those audits.
11. We have supported the development and launch of industry-wide training on modern slavery which is available through the Supply Chain Sustainability School.

12. We are signatories to the Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) construction protocol. We are working with the GLAA and others to drive awareness of modern slavery issues and best practice in the construction sector and in our business and operations.
13. Where we have sourced items directly from certain markets which are considered to have a higher risk of modern slavery or human trafficking, we undertake additional due diligence.

### **Next steps**

We will continue to monitor the effectiveness of our actions against modern slavery and human trafficking.

Next steps will include:

1. Continuing to review and update our Anti Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy (and related policies) and the related procurement standards.
2. Continuing to review our pre-qualification standards for the appointment of new suppliers and sub-contractors.
3. Continuing to train employees on identifying potential modern slavery or human trafficking within our operations and supply chain.
4. Continuing to assess the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our business and our supply chain.
5. Completing the follow-up actions arising from the review of the procedures adopted by our principal provider of temporary labour.
6. Training our high-risk suppliers.
7. Developing a programme to manage the modern slavery and human trafficking risks associated with high-risk goods and services.
8. Developing KPIs to assess the effectiveness of our management of the modern slavery and human trafficking risks associated with our business.

This statement is made in accordance with section 54(1) of the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes Kier's modern slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ended 30 June 2019. It was approved by Kier's board of directors on 18 December 2019.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors of Kier by:



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**Andrew OB Davies**

**Chief Executive  
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