



**ANTI-SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING
STATEMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR
1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026**

WHAT IS MODERN SLAVERY?

Someone is generally considered to be in slavery if they are threatened to undertake work, are being held and made to work against their will, undertake work they are not free to choose to do, or otherwise have no control over, and can't end, their employment without risking harm to themselves or their family.

Thera has a responsibility to be alert to the risk of modern slavery both in our own activities and those of our suppliers and to act upon any concerns we may have.

Of particular concern to Thera is the potential risk of modern slavery and its impact on people with learning disabilities whose vulnerability puts them at higher risk of being subject to control.

OUR ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

Thera Group, ("The Group"), is a large and complex charitable group of companies. The Group consists of 28 companies, led by parent charity, Thera Trust, providing a range of care, support and services to adults with a learning disability to live the life that they choose.

Thera employs over 3,200 staff across the UK and has a turnover of over £91m.

OUR SUPPLY CHAINS

Our supply chains relate to the provision of social care and include the sourcing and purchase of products such as capital equipment, equipment purchasing, hotel accommodation, travel, goods and services, including the provision of agency staff.

OUR POLICY AND APPROACH

Thera is committed to working ethically and with integrity, and we seek to work only with those organisations who can demonstrate that they work in that way, and who share our Vision and values.

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in any part of our own work. In particular, we are committed to ensuring, through our delivery of care, support and services, that vulnerable people with a learning disability are not being exploited or controlled or are unable to speak out.

Our staff work under Thera's Code of Conduct, together with the code of conduct for adult social care workers and healthcare workers that is created by Skills for Care.

Thera has a range of policies which reflect our commitment to act against modern slavery and human trafficking, including but not limited to, areas such as bullying and harassment, equality and diversity, recruitment and selection, safe-guarding and whistleblowing.

We operate safe recruitment practices to ensure that our staff are competent and capable, and also eligible to undertake work freely on our behalf.

The procurement and use of agency staff is overseen at board level, managed effectively and risks are mitigated by specific due diligence and contract management processes. Thera uses only specified, reputable employment agencies and verifies the practices of any new agency before accepting workers from them.

In the purchase of equipment, accommodation, travel, goods and services, we expect the companies in the Group to source goods and services from reputable and recognised organisations.

Where appropriate, we aim to carry out due diligence in our purchasing activities across the Group, with the intention of gaining assurance regarding supplier compliance with relevant legislation, including their processes for assessing their own supply chains to support ethical procurement practices.

We expect our suppliers to adhere to the highest standards of ethics and demonstrate that they provide safe working conditions and treat workers with dignity and respect, and act ethically and lawfully in their use of labour.

As far as possible, we utilise suppliers that we are satisfied meet ethical purchasing requirements, for example using Fair Trade items.

We ensure our human resources and payroll systems are effective in identifying and reporting on any actual or potential breach of minimum wage legislation.

TRAINING

We ensure that managers, and those who procure goods and services for the organisation, have undertaken an e-learning module to ensure that they are aware of legislation, risks and responsibilities in this area and that they are able to act and report accordingly.

REPORTING

Anyone across the Group who has any concerns about modern slavery and human trafficking can report those concerns either to their immediate line manager or can utilise our Whistleblowing Policy to report them.

Thera's Whistleblowing policy encourages people to report any concerns related either to Thera's own activities or within our supply chains. The policy and procedure are designed to ensure that it makes it easy for people to raise concerns without fear of victimisation.

Where concerns are raised about suppliers or contractors, we will consider whether it is appropriate to terminate the relationship or contact where we believe that our concerns have not been adequately explained or addressed.

This statement has been approved by the Thera Trust board on 13 June 2025 pursuant to the Modern Slavery Act 2015 s54(1) and constitutes our group statement for the financial year 2025-2026.

ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 54 OF THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2015

This document has been signed by:

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Date: 13 June 2025