



Modern Slavery Act 2015

Slavery and Human Rights Violations Statement for Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. Our Policy

DCC Vital is opposed to slavery and human rights violations in any part of our activities or our supply chains. We are therefore committed to ensuring that we have adequate policies and procedures in place to identify and prevent these practices.

We met the turnover threshold applicable under section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 in the period covered by this statement.

2. Our Business

We distribute a broad range of own- and third party-branded medical devices, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to hospitals, pharmacies, GPs, laboratories, other healthcare providers and related industries in the UK, Ireland, Continental Europe and internationally. Seasonal work is not a feature of the industry in which we operate. More information on our business is available at <https://www.dcc.ie/healthcare/dcc-vital>.

We are the Patient Health business of DCC Healthcare; part of DCC Group. DCC is a leading international sales, marketing, and support services group with a clear focus on performance and growth. Its headquarters are in Dublin, Ireland. It is listed on the London Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the FTSE 100 Index.

DCC currently has operations in 22 countries and employs over 16,000 people. Additional information on the Group is available at <http://www.dcc.ie/>.

3. Organisational Structure & Supply Chains

In the period, our business was organised into the following Divisions:

- Medical Devices
- Primary Care
- Ireland
- Logistics

See Appendix for details of the companies within each Division.

Our primary supply chain partners are authorised medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. The large majority of these are reputable suppliers who are based in the UK, US, and European Union. Where we deal with suppliers in countries where this risk is higher, we have put more robust controls and due diligence in place.

The following table contains a summary of the activities that we consider present the highest risk of slavery and human rights violations in the industries in which we operate, with, in each case, a summary of the steps we have in place to avoid these affecting our activities or our supply chains.

Industry Risk	Steps Taken include
Appointing distributors and local country representatives in high risk countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Quality and ethical due diligence checks/reports – Risk based approach to desktop and site auditing including third party auditors or compliance schemes
Representing manufacturers, engaging contract manufacturing and sourcing from raw material/component suppliers based in high risk countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Robust agreements including quality and supply chain integrity clauses where applicable – Signed statements of compliance and/or acceptance to our Code of Practice
Appointing shipping third parties that assist in cross border processes including customs brokers, freight forwarders and transport companies involved in clearing customs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Open regular two-way communications on compliance expectations and performance – Provision of training to our partners where required – Agreeing mitigating controls and corrective actions where required – Terminating the relationship if mitigation not possible

4. Our Policies on Slavery and Human Rights Violations

The DCC Code of Conduct sets out our Group’s commitment to acting ethically and with integrity towards our employees and in all our business relationships. Specifically, Section 2 of the Code sets out our commitment to fair employment practices and Section 14 of the Code sets out our commitment to preventing, as far as practicable, slavery and human rights violations in our supply chains.

The DCC Group *Supply Chain Integrity Policy* sets out the approach taken by every business in the DCC Group to ensuring that all the products we sell meet applicable legal and ethical standards, including human rights and minimum labour standards.

In addition, the DCC *Human Rights Policy* sets out DCC’s specific commitment to operate to internationally recognised standards of human rights, including in relation to forced labour, child labour and unsafe working conditions.

These documents are available at <https://www.dcc.ie/sustainability/governance-and-compliance>.

Our policy on slavery and human rights violations is set out in Section 1 of this statement.

At DCC Vital, we have established our *Supply Chain Integrity and Anti-Bribery and Corruption Risk Assessment Procedure* and *Supply Chain Integrity Code of Practice* to reflect the requirements of these Group policies. These documents outline the detailed requirements we follow at DCC Vital and which have been integrated into local company procedures. A number of DCC Vital companies participate in third-party assessment and audit programmes such as

the NHS Labour Standards Assurance System and ECOVADIS. Our companies also participate in customer evaluations of our compliance to labour standards and modern slavery requirements.

5. Due Diligence and Assessing and Managing Risk

As part of our compliance with the policies and procedures referred to above, we take the following steps:

- Assess potential risk areas in our supply chains, including where partners or potential partners are located in countries where slavery or human rights violations are a particular risk. The risk assessment considers the industry or geographies in which they operate. Geographic risk, for this purpose, is informed by relevant independent indices such as the Corruption Perceptions Index or Global Slavery Index;
- Carry out enhanced due diligence on certain partners following this risk assessment. As a DCC Group business, we work mainly with Kroll, a leading supplier of integrity due diligence services, in this area. Where red flags are identified in this due diligence, senior management are involved;
- Mitigate the risk of slavery and human rights violations occurring in our supply chains, including by reviewing, where necessary, the controls that our partners have in place, asking partners to confirm that they meet certain standards and carrying out other suitable checks including audits;
- Monitor potential risk areas in our supply chains on a periodic basis and repeat due diligence where appropriate.

Steps we have taken in the period to enhance our process for identification of slavery and human rights violations risks in our supply chain are set out below:

- DCC Vital have completed timely and comprehensive risk assessments and due diligence of third parties associated with our acquisitions in line with our *Supply Chain Integrity and Anti-Bribery and Corruption Risk Assessment Procedure*.
- We have continued to develop our online due diligence portal to monitor, track and record our risk assessment and due diligence activities. This data is reported quarterly as part of the DCC Vital Compliance dashboard.
- We have conducted a review of our processes including engaging third-party support. Relevant procedures and documentation have been updated and rolled out to all businesses.

6. Assurance and Key Performance Indicators

Responsibility for ensuring that our policies and procedures are adequate and are adhered to in all areas of our activities rests with the senior management team of DCC Vital. Regular updates are provided to the DCC Vital Compliance Committee and DCC Vital Leadership Team for review and feedback. Our policies and procedures are audited periodically by internal auditors and by third parties to assure compliance and to identify areas for improvement. These audits address supply chain integrity risks including the abuse of human rights and employment rights. We utilise our online due diligence portal to enable metrics and monitoring of our activity and performance.

We report on compliance with the DCC Group *Code of Conduct* and *Supply Chain Integrity Policy* every six months.

7. Training & Awareness

In the period covered by this statement, we completed over 1800 compliance training sessions across our employee population, in particular for our newly acquired businesses covering our Code of Conduct, Data Privacy and Protection, Competition Law, Preventing Bribery & Corruption and Doing Business In High-Risk Countries, which covered the protection of human rights, including the prevention of slavery. This training is rolled out regularly to all employees.

We also provide training to relevant employees on supply chain risks, including the risk of slavery and human rights violations in accordance with our procedure requirements. Training in our updated procedure has been rolled out in the period.

Our participation in industry associations and our dealings with third party partners also provides DCC Vital with information regarding slavery and human rights violations risks in the industries where DCC Vital is active, and best practice in avoiding them.

8. Nature of this Statement

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our slavery and human rights violations statement for the financial year ending 31 March 2024.

This statement has been approved by the DCC Vital Leadership Team.



Conor Costigan
CEO DCC Healthcare
June 2024

Appendix

DCC Vital businesses include the following:

Medical Devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Asept InMed SAS- ENDO-FLEX GmbH- Fannin (UK) Limited- Medi-Globe GmbH- Medi-Globe Brasil Ltda- Medi-Globe s.r.o.- Medi-Globe Technologies GmbH- Medi-Globe Technology Beijing Co. Ltd.- Urotech GmbH- uroVision Ges. f. med. Techn.-Transfer mbH- Vac sax Limited
Primary Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- AMP-med GmbH- APM Praxisbedarf München-Land GmbH- City Labor-Service GmbH- Esamed GmbH- Klitra Praxisbedarf GmbH & Co KG- Medilab Medical Equipment AG- Medizin-Produkte-Service GmbH- RS Medicare GmbH- SP Services Limited- Williams Medical Limited- Wörner Medical GmbH- Wörner Medizinprodukte und Logistik GmbH GmbH
Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fannin Limited- Fannin (NI) Limited- Medisource Ireland Limited
Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The TPS Healthcare Group Limited