



STAINLAND & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

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Introduction

In July 2015, the [Modern Day Slavery Act](#) (GOV.UK) came into force in the UK.

The key areas:

- Created two new civil orders to prevent modern slavery.
- Establishes an Anti-Slavery Commissioner.
- Made provision for the protection of modern slavery victims.

This Statement sets out what steps Stainland & District Parish Council (SDPC) has taken and what steps it will take in future to ensure that it will never knowingly allow modern slavery or human trafficking in any part of the Council's business.

What is Modern Slavery?

Modern slavery encompasses slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour, and human trafficking. Traffickers and slave drivers coerce, deceive and force individuals against their will into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment.

According to the Local Government Association (LGA), the term 'Modern Slavery' includes a range of different types of exploitations, that may or may not occur together. The different types of exploitations include but are not limited to:

- sexual exploitation;
- domestic servitude;
- forced labour;
- child exploitation;
- criminal exploitation;
- other forms of exploitation, e.g: organ removal; forced begging; forced benefit fraud; forced marriage and illegal adoption.

The Role of Local Authorities & Parish Council's

Within their [Tackling Modern Slavery: A Council Guide \(2017\)](#) document, the LGA highlight the following roles in tackling modern slavery:

1. Identification and referral of victims



2. Supporting victims – this can be through safeguarding children and adults with care and support needs and through housing/homelessness services
3. Community safety services and disruption activities SDPC procure from are free from modern slavery.

Existing Policies and Procedures

SDPC has a range of policies, processes, procedures and practices which help to ensure that we are acting ethically and with integrity to prevent slavery and human trafficking, including the following:

- **Safeguarding Policy**
- **Recruitment & Selection Policy**
- **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy**
- **Code of Conduct**

SDPC will, through its procurement procedures, use its best endeavours to ensure that suppliers of goods and services share its commitment to prevent modern slavery.

Any SDPC employee or Councillor affected by modern slavery, or who suspect someone may be at risk are advised to contact the Safeguarding Officer - parish.clerk@sd-pc.gov.uk

The advice to anyone affected by slavery, or who may suspect someone is at risk, is to:

- Call 999 if it is an emergency
- Call 101 for non-emergencies
- Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111
- Call the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700
- Report online via the [Modern Slavery Helpline](#)

How you can help – spot the signs

The signs are often hidden, which makes it very hard to see victims around us. There are some common signs to be aware of:

- Their physical look;
- Isolation;
- Poor living conditions;
- Few or no personal effects;



- Restricted freedom of movement;
- Strange travel times;
- Not willing to seek help.

