

## **EVENING STANDARD MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT**

The Evening Standard is committed to combatting slavery and human trafficking. This statement sets out details of the steps which it is taking to eradicate slavery and human trafficking in its business and supply chains.

For the purposes of this statement, slavery and human trafficking are based on the definitions set out in the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (MSA). This statement relates to actions and activities during the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### **Business overview**

The Evening Standard is published by Evening Standard Limited. It is a company registered in England and Wales with company number 6770098 and has its registered office at 2 Derry Street, London, W8 5TT, United Kingdom.

The Evening Standard is one of the highest-circulating quality free daily newspaper in the UK. An iconic London brand, the Standard's paper, website and apps keep the capital up-to-date on the latest news, business, sport, features and entertainment. The Evening Standard is famous for its campaigning to improve life in the capital.

All of its staff are engaged in the UK.

### **Supply chain**

The Evening Standard receives services from third party suppliers of:

- editorial content, such as freelancers and picture agencies
- digital infrastructure, such as website hosting and maintenance companies
- paper and newspaper printing services (based in the UK)
- newspaper distribution services (based in the UK)
- event management services (based in the UK)
- other business services

### **Supply chain risks**

The Evening Standard has assessed the overall risk of contracting with organisations that engage in slavery or human trafficking as relatively low. However, it has recognised that a risk does exist in relation to smaller suppliers involved in the distribution of newspapers and delivery of events.

## **Managing risks**

The Evening Standard undertakes the following activities to assess and address risks:

- Identify suppliers that are most likely to manufacture goods or provide services in countries and/or sectors where modern forms of slavery are more likely to be prevalent
- Consult with those suppliers identified and require them to certify their compliance with the MSA
- Review supply agreements and identify ways these can be strengthened to further reduce the risk of slavery and human trafficking
- Encourage best practices around due diligence when selecting new suppliers

## **Whistleblowing**

The Evening Standard encourages all its workers, customers and other business partners to report any concerns they may have in relation to the activities of its suppliers or within the organisation. This includes any circumstances that may give rise to an enhanced risk of slavery or human trafficking.

This statement was approved on 14 April 2021.

Signed

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Charles Yardley, Chief Executive