

# Departments publish modern slavery statements for the first time

## News story

Ministerial government departments have published their annual modern slavery statements alongside a progress report on the 2020 modern slavery statement goals.



Ministerial government departments have today (Thursday 25 November), for the first time ever, voluntarily published their first annual modern slavery statements setting out how they are tackling the potential risk of modern slavery in their supply chains.

The statements, including the [Home Office's statement](#), can be found on [GOV.UK](#) and the [modern slavery statement registry](#). The government has also published a progress report which highlights how government has met the goals set out in the [2020 UK government modern slavery statement](#).

The [progress report](#) sets out what government has successfully delivered including:

- the appointment and upskilling of director-level anti-slavery advocates across government to tackle potential risk of modern slavery in their supply chains
- work with over 3,000 suppliers to strengthen their modern slavery due diligence as of 1 October 2021, compared to 1,104 as of March 2020
- the launch of the Social Value Model (SVM) in January 2021, which sets out how new central government procurements need to take account of social value criteria in the award of contracts
- successfully reaching over 1,000 public sector officials through workshops and events on the key steps to tackle modern slavery

Additionally, the government has also published the [modern slavery annual report](#), which covers key developments across the UK to tackle modern slavery.

The annual report highlights the government's response to modern slavery in

the period between October 2020 to the end of September 2021, under 5 key areas including law enforcement, prevention, supply chain transparency, victim support and international engagement.

The report highlights key achievements this year, in addition to the modern slavery statements including:

- the launch of a government registry for transparency statements
- a further investment of £1.4 million into the policing response, bringing the total to £15 million since 2016
- agreement by G7 members to join action on forced labour in global supply chains
- the roll out of the Independent Child Trafficking Service to two-thirds of local authorities

These actions demonstrate the government's relentless commitment to addressing modern slavery. The government has committed to publishing a new modern slavery strategy in 2022 to ensure we continue to lead the way in ending this crime.

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