

# Modern Slavery statement 2023-24 reporting year

#### Introduction

Cornerstone Medical Recruitment Pty Ltd (cmr) ABN 70 605 575 531, operating from Level 3/100 Brookes Street, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006, recognises that all businesses have an obligation to prevent slavery, slavery like practices and human trafficking and is committed to taking all reasonable steps in our control to prevent slavery, slavery like practices and human trafficking within its business and the supply chains through which it operates.

This statement addresses cmr's obligations and compliance in relation to the *Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)*, the *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)* and the *Labour Hire Licensing Act 2017 (Qld)* and highlights the steps we take to ensure as far as practicable that there is no slavery or human trafficking occurring within cmr or our supply chains. Our core values of Respect, Explore and Community define how we do business, and we continually ensure we do the right thing by our stakeholders as this enhances and protects our reputation and ensures we are protecting the rights of others.

#### cmr Structure and Operations

cmr is a privately owned Australian company, incorporated in Queensland and operates within Australia. cmr became a reporting entity for modern slavery effective 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

cmr is a leading medical and health recruitment firm, specialising in the supply of professional and skilled health workers throughout Australia. cmr operates across the private, not-for-profit and public sectors, delivering recruitment solutions for permanent positions, contract roles and temporary placements.

Our health recruitment services encompass recruitment placement and temporary Labour Hire services into the following health industry areas: Nursing, Midwifery, Aged Care, General Practitioners, Medical Officers, Junior Doctors, Senior Specialists, Dental, Medical Imaging, Pharmaceutical, Psychology, Social Workers, Psychiatry, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Pathology.

cmr is aware that in the delivery of our recruitment services, modern slavery may occur, including the trafficking of people, forced labour, child labour, servitude and slavery. Being one of Australia's leading health recruiters, we take our responsibility for supplying the Australian health industry with staff very seriously. Our own processes around candidate engagement ensure our employees are aware of the signs of exploitation, so that we may take the necessary action promptly and effectively should it be identified.

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## cmr Supply Chains and risks of Modern Slavery

#### Recruitment supply

cmr undertakes all sourcing of candidates internally and does not at this stage use any third-party suppliers to source any candidates.

Labour hire licensing is held under the various state and territory schemes and cmr does not place any workers into high-risk areas of modern slavery.

#### Suppliers to cmr

cmr contracts with third parties to provide services to assist cmr to operate our recruitment services and everyday business such as credentialling, travel booking, IT service providers, property management (cleaning services, repairs and maintenance and office plant hire), office supplies, marketing and merchandise which is distributed to our temporary staff.

We acknowledge the risks of modern slavery when engaging with third parties and we expect our suppliers to have high ethical standards and to operate in a legally compliant and professional manner by adhering to our supplier code of conduct. We also expect our suppliers to uphold similar standards in their own supply chain.

# Actions to assess and address Modern Slavery risks:

#### Candidate Engagement

cmr has strict compliance checks which are carried out for all candidates we supply to health work sites. The identity of each candidate is verified together with their right to work prior to any placements being confirmed. We have systems and controls in place to ensure our temporary workers are paid correctly and in accordance with the relevant modern award they are engaged under.

### Supplier code of conduct

cmr has developed a supplier code of conduct which will be sent to all our suppliers and will require acknowledgment of adherence to matters including human rights, anti-bribery and corruption, and modern slavery and human trafficking. We will also be requesting suppliers confirm their own policies, recognising, respecting and protecting human rights of their employees, those of their suppliers and business partners and the communities affected by the suppliers' operations.

#### Cooperation with client due diligence

Our clients in the private, not-for-profit and government sectors all operate in the health industry within Australia. cmr adheres to and participates in our clients' audits of their supply chains.

#### Engagement with suppliers

cmr has become a reporting entity effective 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and leading into the 24-25 financial year, we will be providing copies of cmr supplier codes of conduct and enquiring about their modern slavery practices through the provision of our request for information.

#### Raising concerns at work

All cmr staff have access to our whistleblowing policy and may voice their concerns through various methods such as to our People and Culture team, our Health and Safety Specialist, or for our temporary workers,



through their recruitment specialist. All disclosures are confidential and supported by our whistleblowing policy. We regularly send out anonymous surveys to gauge engagement and seek feedback on any concerns they have experienced or observed. cmr has also developed an advisory group consisting of temporary staff to raise any concerns and provide feedback on our recruitment services.

#### **Training**

cmr provides learning platforms to all staff, including our temporary workforce. The learning platforms are utilised for all mandatory and optional training including acceptance of our policies and procedures and will shortly include mandatory training for all employees to complete.

#### **Employee Engagement survey**

cmr conducts an Employee Engagement survey forum twice a year specifically for our Temporary staff to enable them to provide feedback and raise concerns they are having at their client work site, directly with cmr as an employer and also their recruitment agency.

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Please note, this statement is under review and has not been officially published on the Register.

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