## Plenary

# MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT FY 2023

Plenary Health (NFH) Pty Ltd as trustee for the Plenary Health (NFH) Unit Trust

Plenary Health (NFH) Holdings Pty Ltd as trustee for the Plenary Health (NFH) Holdings Unit Trust

### INTRODUCTION

#### What is modern slavery?

"Modern slavery" refers to various forms of exploitation and coercive practices that deprive individuals of their freedom, rights, and dignity. It encompasses situations where individuals are forced or coerced into labour, servitude, or human trafficking against their will. Walk Free assesses that 49.6 million people were living in modern slavery in 2021, which is an increase of 10 million people in comparison to 2016.<sup>1</sup> In times of crisis (be it the COVID-19 pandemic, the growing climate crisis or ongoing armed conflict) the world's most vulnerable people are hit hardest and fastest.<sup>2</sup>

1 Walk Free 2023, The Global Slavery Index 2023, Minderoo Foundation. Available from: https://walkfree.org/global-slavery-index/ 2 *Ibid.* 

#### **Our vision**

Plenary Health (NFH) is focused on working with the Victorian Government and Western Health to ensure the best health outcomes for the community in Melbourne's West through the delivery of the new Footscray Hospital. Plenary Health (NFH) conducts its business with high levels of ethical and professional standards and is committed to recognising and respecting human rights while working on the new Footscray Hospital project.

Plenary Health (NFH) recognises that the nature of its business means that it might be exposed to instances of modern slavery in its supply chains.

We are committed to undertaking further work to improve visibility of our supply chains and to continue to engage with our stakeholders to better collaborate in respecting human rights and to identify and take steps to prevent modern slavery.

#### **Reporting entities**

This joint statement covers:

- Plenary Health (NFH) Pty Ltd as trustee for the Plenary Health (NFH) Unit Trust; and
- Plenary Health (NFH) Holdings Pty Ltd as trustee for the Plenary Health (NFH) Holdings Unit Trust (together, **Plenary Health (NFH)**).

This joint Modern Slavery Statement covers the reporting period of 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 for both reporting entities.



## OUR STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAINS

#### **Our structure**

Plenary Health (NFH) is a special purpose vehicle (SPV) incorporated specifically to deliver and maintain the new Footscray Hospital during a concession period of 25 years (to 2050).

The structure of the SPV is as follows:



The shareholders in the SPV company are Plenary and Sojitz.

#### **Our Operations**

The Plenary Health (NFH) consortium has been contracted by the Victorian Government, as part of a Public Private Partnership (PPP), to deliver the \$1.5 billion new Footscray Hospital. As part of this Project, Plenary Health (NFH) will design, construct, finance and maintain the new hospital for 25 years.

The Plenary Health consortium is comprised of Plenary (as project sponsor and investor), Multiplex (as builder), Honeywell and Compass (as the facilities and maintenance managers) and Sojitz Corporation (as investor). The management of Plenary Health (NFH) has been contracted to Plenary Asset Management Pty Ltd via a Management Services Deed for the duration of the concession.

The new Footscray Hospital will provide significant community benefits by reducing wait times (across the emergency department, elective surgery and outpatient clinic services), treating more patients and providing better patient outcomes.

Plenary Health (NFH) has a management team of nineteen people who are dedicated to the delivery and management of the new Footscray Hospital.

#### **Our Supply Chains**

Our major direct (tier 1) suppliers for FY 2023 were:

- Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd
- Compass Group Healthcare Hospitality Services
  Pty Ltd
- Honeywell Ltd
- Plenary Asset Management Pty Ltd

These major tier 1 suppliers operate in the following sectors:

- Accommodation and food service activities
- Construction
- Facilities Maintenance
- Mining and quarrying
- Transportation and storage
- Professional and scientific services



Our key suppliers operate in many locations in the world, including:

- Australia
- Canada
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

### RISK OF MODERN SLAVERY PRACTICES IN OUR OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAINS AND IN THE **OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAINS OF THE** ENTITIES WHICH WE OWN OR CONTROL

As part of our analysis to consider the risk of modern slavery practices in our supply chains, we referred to resources such as the Global Slavery Index 2023<sup>3</sup>, materials and information on risks of modern slavery produced by the International Labour Organization and the Property, Construction & Modern Slavery report.<sup>4</sup>

We also sought external advice and considered relevant risks of modern slavery practices by reference to a range of intersecting factors such as the risk in the property and construction sector, business activities, labour force structure and social, political and environmental conditions in the countries in which we and our suppliers operate.

We used a third-party tool, the iPRO Modern Slavery Assessment Tool (**iPro Tool**), to assess modern slavery risks in our supply chain. We engaged iPRO during the reporting period to conduct a bulk assessment of our tier 1 suppliers.

#### **Our Operations**

In 2023 Plenary Health (NFH)'s operations still mainly involved delivery activities, consisting of design management, project management and further site works.

The D&C contractor is an Australian based entity who has an obligation to comply with all relevant Australian legislation. The D&C contractor subcontracts all design and construction works as it operates on a subcontractor model.

Subcontractors are all Australian based entities, who need to comply with local legislation, which ensures a safe working environment for staff working on the new Footscray Hospital. Plenary Health (NFH) therefore considers the risk of modern slavery across its operations to be low.

The iPro Tool that was used to assess modern slavery risks in our supply chain, supported this assessment as the D&C contractor has implemented adequate risk controls to manage the risk of modern slavery.

### **Our Supply Chains**

Our suppliers operate, produce, and source across several/different sectors. Some of these sectors can be described as high-risk. High-risk sectors are those in which human trafficking activities are known to occur and were identified in the Global Estimates of Modern Slavery and child labour exploitation that were separately identified in Child Labour: Global Estimates 2020 Trends and the Road Forward.<sup>5</sup>

#### **High-risk Sectors of Operation**





Accommodation and food service activities

### **Production of goods in High-risk Sectors**

After detailed assessment of our supply chain, to the best of our knowledge our suppliers do not produce goods in high-risk sectors.



Accommodation and food service activities





Transportation and

storage



Walk Free 2023, The Global Slavery Index 2023, Minderoo Foundation. Available from: https://walkfree.org/global-slavery-index/
 KPMG, Australian Human Rights Commission, Property, construction & modern slavery – Practical responses for managing risk to people

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The below graphics show the high-risk sectors of operation, production, and sourcing for our suppliers. The numbers in the following graphics describe how many assessed suppliers are in the corresponding sectors.





Mining and guarrying





Some countries or regions where our suppliers operate, as well as some goods produced and sourced by our suppliers, can be described as high-risk due to the possibility of a link to modern slavery practices.

The geographical regions where our supply chain partners operate are shown in the map below.



The tier 1 suppliers that participated in the assessment all have low-risk for incidences of modern slavery.



### ACTIONS TAKEN BY PLENARY HEALTH (NFH) TO ASSESS AND ADDRESS MODERN SLAVERY RISKS, INCLUDING DUE DILIGENCE AND REMEDIATION PROCESSES

#### Assess

As set out above Plenary Health (NFH) used a thirdparty tool, the iPRO Modern Slavery Assessment Tool, to assess modern slavery risks in our supply chain.

Participating suppliers were asked to complete a self-assessment questionnaire online. After each supplier completed and submitted the questionnaire, their responses were assessed to determine their modern slavery risk scores and associated risk category.

Each supplier that completed the assessment was assigned one of the following risk categories:

- High-risk (high levels of inherent risk)
- High-risk (inadequate risk control)
- Medium-risk (partial risk control)
- Low-risk (adequate risk control)
- Low-risk (low levels of inherent risk)

The self-assessment questionnaire completed by the selected suppliers allowed us to determine the appropriate risk category of the modern slavery risk for each supplier.

The Inherent Risk Score was determined by evaluating the risks inherent to a supplier's operations, production and sourcing. The Inherent Risk Score was calculated based on the geographical, type of goods, industry sector, and workforce parameters that the supplier indicated in the Modern Slavery Assessment Tool (MSAT).

Next, the Unmitigated Risk Score was evaluated. This score was calculated based on the policy and procedure responses on the questionnaire. A supplier's Unmitigated Risk Score determined whether they were categorised as having inadequate, partial, or adequate risk control.

Then, the risk scores for each assessed supplier were aggregated and averaged, resulting in an Aggregated Inherent Risk Score and an Aggregated Unmitigated Risk Score for the overall supply chain.

#### Address

Suppliers that completed the self-assessment were given action items to complete post-assessment. The action items provided to each supplier were based on their responses to the questionnaire, and if implemented, will reduce the unmitigated risks identified during the assessment. Action items were also aggregated, giving Plenary Health (NFH) a focused view of the most impactful actions that could be taken by suppliers across the supply chain.

Plenary Health (NFH) aims to continue working with its suppliers and the further supply chain to ensure continued awareness of risks of modern slavery and will check in with its supply chain to see whether any of the suggested action items from the assessment have or will be implemented in the future.

#### **Remediation processes**

The reporting entities are committed to investigating any report of potential incidences of modern slavery occurring anywhere in our operations or supply chains.

In line with our vision and values we confirm that we would take all appropriate steps to rectify any confirmed incidences of modern slavery in our operations or supply chains. We would work collaboratively with our suppliers and, if necessary, their suppliers, to achieve these goals. If, for any reason, progress in this regard was not possible, we would take steps to sever the connections to the offending supplier or sub-supplier.

### Assessing the effectiveness of actions taken to assess and address modern slavery risks

We utilise the benchmarking and KPI's in the iPRO Modern Slavery Assessment Tool to assess the effectiveness of our actions.

As this is the first year we have used the platform to conduct our assessments and due diligence, we will be able to objectively measure the effect when the assessments are completed during the next reporting period.

The main KPI's we are using to benchmark our efforts are the risk scores that are generated as part of the assessment process.

Each organisation who completed the assessment questionnaire was assessed and given 2 risk scores.

- Inherent Risk Score
- Unmitigated Risk Score

The Inherent Risk Score measures modern slavery risks that are intrinsic/built-in to the operations of an organisation. This is determined by asking which countries, regions, sectors, and high-risk goods are part of their operations, production, or supply chain.

The Unmitigated Risk Score measures the organisations risk that is still present (remains) after accounting for modern slavery risk controls that have been implemented. This is determined by asking suppliers about the policies, processes, and procedures in place to reduce modern slavery risks.

Plenary Health (NFH) is provided with an aggregated risk score of all the assessed suppliers, and we use this aggregated score to measure the risk on an overall supply chain level.

We aim to continuously improve on these KPI's.

As we take actions within our organisation, and with our suppliers, we will be able to assess the effectiveness of our modern slavery action plan to reduce the Unmitigated Risk Score by introducing relevant policies and procedures.

We also measure the effectiveness of our engagement with suppliers and will continue to encourage participation in our assessment programme to better identify and mitigate modern slavery risks in our supply chain.

Aggregated Supply Chain Risk Scores	
Inherent Risk Score	48.3/100
Unmitigated Risk Score	7/100

#### Consultation

Plenary Health (NFH)'s structure is set out earlier in this Statement.

The relevant Plenary Health (NFH) entities are integrated and have the same Company Secretary. Their legal, finance and communications functions have all been involved in the preparation of this Modern Slavery Statement and have provided relevant information which is included in this Statement.

#### **Additional information**

We are committed to working to improve our assessment and addressing of modern slavery risks and will continue to engage on awareness for modern slavery risks with current stakeholders during 2024.

This will allow Plenary Health (NFH) to better assess and address:

- further supply chain risks based on the findings from the previously implemented measures;
- engagement with suppliers on actions to further reduce their risk of incidences of modern slavery;
- the possibility of partnering with industry groups; and
- potential inclusion of modern slavery clauses in new contracts with relevant stakeholders to ensure Plenary Health (NFH) has sufficient leverage to influence stakeholders

#### Approval

This joint Modern Slavery Statement is made in accordance with section 14 of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth).

This statement was prepared by Plenary Health (NFH) Pty Ltd (as trustee of the Plenary Health (NFH) Unit Trust and Plenary Health (NFH) Holdings Pty Ltd (as trustee of the Plenary Health (NFH) Holdings Unit Trust).

This statement has been approved by the Board of Directors of both Plenary Health (NFH) Pty Ltd and Plenary Health (NFH) Holdings Pty Ltd.

Signed for and on behalf of Plenary Health (NFH) Unit Trust and Plenary Health (NFH) Holdings Unit Trust



Kelvyn Lavelle Chair

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