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Thank you for your request received on 3 September 2019, for the following information:

Pursuant to the Freedom of information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide information relating to the following survey questions.

Introductions

Under section 54 (Transparency in Supply Chains) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, relevant commercial organisations must publish an annual statement setting out the steps they are taking to prevent modern slavery in their supply chains. This statement is referred to as a Modern Slavery Statement.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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The purpose of this survey is to collate data on how well UK public authorities enforce the legislation.

Survey Questions

Is your authority's supply chain checked for adherence to Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015? ()Yes ()No ()Not Sure Other (please specify)

Contract management is devolved to service areas; discussions on modern slavery may take place through individual contract monitoring but the extent of this is not

collated centrally. Each contract contains clauses relating to modern slavery: namely that the service provider will make a statement under Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act if required to do so and will report this to the Authority; that they warrant no activity constituting an offence under the Modern Slavery Act is occurring within their business or supply chain; if an offence occurs they will notify the Authority and that their contract may be terminated; and that they cooperate with the Authority in respect of S52 of the Modern Slavery Act (Duty to notify Secretary of State about suspected victims of slavery or human trafficking).

2. In the calendar year 2017, how many suppliers in your supply chain did Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 apply to? Clauses in relation to Modern Slavery are included in all contracts awarded.

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4. How often are due diligence checks carried out in compliance with Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act and by whom (job title)?

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5. Which area of your supply chain do you think is particularly vulnerable to risks of modern slavery and human trafficking and what steps have you taken to manage these risks?

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6. How compliant is your authority to enforcing the requirements of section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015? () Full compliance (X) Partial / some compliance () Not sure () Very little compliance () No compliance

7. Have there been any reports of incidents of Modern Slavery in your supply chain. If your answer is "yes" please provide details. () Yes () No (X) Not sure () Not applicable If "Yes" provide details here: []

8. How well do you think staff managing contracts on behalf of your authority are trained to spot and tackle Modern Slavery within your supply chain?

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9. Name of Authority

Barnet Council

10. Does your authority publish a Modern Slavery statement? If "Yes", please provide a link to your Modern Slavery Statement otherwise enter "Not applicable" or "Not sure".

Work on this is being taken forward.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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