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Dear [REDACTED]

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 request: Modern Slavery Act 2015

With reference to your request for information, dated 13 April 2016, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to inform you of the outcome of your information request.

You asked the following:

(1) Are staff in your Trust made aware (through circulated information, training, or any other mechanism) that, in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 s52 and Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Duty to Notify) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/1743) (Regulations), they are encouraged to submit any suspected cases of modern slavery and human trafficking using the MS1 form to the National Crime Agency?

If YES:

(2)(a) Do you provide any training to staff on undertaking this voluntary submission process, including any training that takes place in conjunction with the National Referral Mechanism and Safeguarding requirements?

(2)(b) If recorded, how many MS1 form were submitted by persons in your Trust to the National Crime Agency since the inception of the Modern Slavery Act last year?

If NO:

(3)(a) Is the development of advice on the process of using the MS1 form alongside the National Referral Mechanism and Safeguarding forthcoming?

(3)(b) Are you planning on requiring staff to complete the Human Trafficking Programme for NHS healthcare staff via the Electronic Staff Record (ESR)?

Our response:

Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust (CLCH) acknowledges the growing issue of Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) all of which are included in CLCH safeguarding training packages, which are accessed by CLCH staff.

Since November 2015, NHS organisations have a duty to cooperate with reporting cases of Trafficking / Modern Slavery. CLCH has not identified any cases of Trafficking / Modern Slavery since November 2015 until May 2016. Should concerns arise, a referral would be made to the local authority to investigate and the Home Office would be notified if the situation was substantiated. The Commissioners / NHS England would be advised about a case as well.

The National NHS England Safeguarding Team is working with the Anti-Slavery Commission to develop a short film for frontline clinical staff to make them aware of the issues surrounding Modern Day Slavery: what this is about, the signs and symptoms of

people who have been trafficked (or indeed are traffickers), what to do if you come across someone in your daily work etc. This will include case studies. CLCH Head of Safeguarding / Safeguarding team members attend NHS England meetings and so will include these training resources when available.

With regard to CSE: CLCH staff are active members of the multiagency forum that work in partnership to protect vulnerable young people from exploitation in line with learning from national inquiries and legislation.

Links to NSPCC Child Trafficking Advice Centre and Modern Slavery helpline / resources are on the CLCH Hub for staff to access <https://modernslavery.co.uk/contact.html>

This completes our response to your request for information. If you are unhappy with our response, please write to us giving your reasons and we will address them. If you remain dissatisfied you are entitled to appeal to the Information Commissioner:

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
http://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/report_concern_foi

Yours sincerely,

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