



Policy on Preventing Hidden Labour Exploitation

Policy Statement

Fruitful Jobs Ltd commits to developing and adopting a proactive approach to tackling hidden labour exploitation. Hidden labour exploitation is the exploitation of job applicants or workers by third-party individuals or gangs other than the employer or labour provider, including rogue individuals working within these businesses but without the knowledge of the authorised organisations. It includes forced labour and human trafficking for labour exploitation; payment for work-finding services and work-related exploitation such as forced use of accommodation. It is understood that it is often well hidden by the perpetrators with victims, if they perceive themselves as such, reluctant to come forward.

Coverage

All employees, all approved third-parties and all sites to which Fruitful Jobs Ltd supplies workers.

Responsibility

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for this policy

Policy Commitments

Fruitful Jobs Ltd shall:

1. Accept that job finding fees are a business cost and will not allow these to be paid by job applicants. The Company will not use any individual or organisation to source and supply workers without confirming that workers are not being charged a work-finding fee.
2. Ensure that all staff responsible for directly recruiting workers are aware of issues around third-party labour exploitation and signs to look for and have received the appropriate training.
3. Ensure that labour sourcing, recruitment and worker placement processes are under the control of trusted and competent staff members or organisations.
4. Adopt a proactive approach to reporting suspicions of hidden worker exploitation to the Gangmaster and Labour Abuse Authority and police.
5. Provide information on tackling “Hidden Labour Exploitation” to our workforce through workplace posters and worker leaflets.
6. Encourage workers to report cases of hidden third-party labour exploitation, provide the means to do so and investigate and act on reports appropriately.
7. Positively encourage and support employees, seasonal workers and agency workers to report such exploitation which may be occurring within their communities through regular meetings with worker representation, where issues can be raised anonymously if required and by providing numerous ways of raising an issue.
8. Require labour providers and other organisations in the labour supply chain to adopt policies and procedures consistent with the above.