

monzo

Modern slavery and human trafficking statement 2025



Modern slavery and human trafficking statement 2025

Our commitment to human rights and the ethical treatment of our colleagues, third parties and customers is fundamental to what we stand for. This includes making sure we meet our responsibilities under the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Modern slavery is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. It deprives someone's liberty to exploit them for personal or commercial gain. It's a real problem for millions of people around the world, including many in developed countries, who are being exploited in various forms of slavery. Every company is at risk of being involved in this crime through its own operations and supply chain.

We have a zero tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking in our business, including making sure there's no modern slavery or human trafficking in our direct and indirect supply chains.

About Monzo

Our company structure

Monzo Bank Holding Group Limited is our financial holding company, and sits at the top of the Monzo corporate structure. We made some changes to our corporate structure during FY2025, and have incorporated a new entity in Ireland, which has meant that Monzo Bank Limited, Monzo Inc. (incorporated in Delaware, USA) and MBEU Designated Activity Company (incorporated in Ireland) are now each a direct and wholly owned subsidiary of Monzo Bank Holding Group Limited. Monzo Support US Inc. (incorporated in Delaware, USA) remains a direct and wholly owned subsidiary of Monzo Bank Limited. Together, Monzo Bank Holding Group Limited, Monzo Bank Limited, MBEU Designated Activity Company, Monzo Inc. and Monzo Support US Inc. (expected to be wound up in Financial Year 2026) form the Monzo Group (the 'Group', 'Monzo', 'We', 'Us', 'Our').

Monzo Bank Limited is the Group entity that has to publish a modern slavery statement under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. Monzo Bank Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and regulated by the PRA and Financial Conduct Authority.

Monzo Bank Holding Group Limited, MBEU Designated Activity Company, Monzo Inc. and Monzo Support US Inc. are not required to publish a modern slavery statement under the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015. But, they are part of the Group and operate in a centralised governance framework, which means this statement covers actions related to each of them as well.

Our business

We're Monzo, a bank that lives on your phone and it's our mission to make money work for everyone.

More than 3,500 people work at Monzo, most of them in the UK. While we've outsourced some of our customer services operations to companies based in Romania and South Africa, we completed a full risk assessment, including an assessment of modern slavery risks. We also complete regular ongoing risk assessments of outsourced providers, and supplier due diligence, which we cover in the 'Assessing 3rd parties' section in this statement.

Our supply chains

Our supply chain is made up of around 720 third parties, from Small and Medium-sized enterprises to large multinational organisations. Given the nature of our business and the countries we operate in, we're at low risk of modern slavery and human trafficking.

We take our business relationships seriously and treat third parties in a way that reflects our values. We mainly work with technology companies, payment services and card manufacturers, as well as professional services firms like marketing and legal. Most of our third parties are based in the UK, Europe and the USA, many of which have their own supply chain which indirectly connects us to other businesses and employees worldwide. The industry types and locations of most of our third parties mean they're at low risk of involvement in modern slavery according to the Global Slavery Index. Where we've outsourced services in higher risk countries we've taken steps to reduce the risk through risk assessments, regular reviews and due diligence. To the best of our knowledge, there have been no incidents of modern slavery or human trafficking associated with businesses we work with.

Members of our Third Party Risk Team go to regular financial services events which discuss modern slavery.

Our policies on modern slavery and human trafficking

We don't have a standalone modern slavery and human trafficking policy but we've put measures into our day-to-day processes focused on the riskiest areas. We believe this embedded approach is more effective than a standalone policy. Our framework to combat modern slavery and human trafficking includes the following.

Our **Code of Conduct** sets out the principles and boundaries we have to make sure we always act with honesty, treat each other with respect, and keep our customers at the heart of everything we do. It guides us in our daily actions, making sure we're always doing what's right. By following the conduct principles we hold ourselves and each other accountable, creating a positive and supportive environment that helps us continue to deliver on our mission to make money work for everyone.

Our **People Policy** supports our commitment to preventing modern slavery by making sure we pay everyone at least the living wage for the area they live in.

Our **Financial Crime, Fraud and Anti-Bribery and Corruption** policies set out our approach to tackling modern slavery and the different forms this can take. We work with relevant authorities to take action where we spot instances of modern slavery or human trafficking.

Collectively, our **Outsourcing and Third Party Risk Management** and **Procurement** policies set out our standards for purchasing goods and services, and how we oversee and manage our third parties.

Before awarding a contract, we ask our third parties to attest to our **Third Party Code of Conduct**, which sets out the standards we expect our suppliers to meet, including on modern slavery.

Our **Speaking Up** (whistleblowing) policy and process lets anyone at Monzo raise concerns about a danger, risk of wrongdoing, or criminal activity (like modern slavery) which affects others, or impacts our reputation. Monzonauts (our employees) can speak to their line manager, people partner, any senior manager, VP of Compliance, Chief Risk Officer, or the Whistleblower's Champion, who's an Independent Non-Executive Director on our Board.

There's also the option to raise concerns anonymously internally, by email or by using our external provider, Safecall. This process gives all Monzonauts a way to raise concerns and be sure that they'll be investigated independently. We do our best to create an environment where people feel safe and empowered to raise concerns without fear of consequences for them. Our Board approves our Speaking Up policy. They also get updates on the effectiveness of the Speaking Up process throughout the year.

Risk assessment and due diligence

Protecting our colleagues

The people who work at Monzo are key to our success and we care deeply about their experiences. We promote their personal and professional growth with a range of benefits and development opportunities, which we improved in FY2024 with enhanced mental health and coaching support through a new provider. This builds on our investment in hybrid working, mental health support, and the focus on diversity and inclusion that's been part of our DNA since day one.

We believe diverse teams make better decisions. Because of that, we're committed to promoting an inclusive and empowering working environment to support each and every team member. Having a workforce that reflects the diversity of our customer base, and a working environment where a diverse workforce feel comfortable being themselves, are part of our values. We provide a healthy and safe workplace where mutual respect is key and discrimination isn't tolerated. We only use voluntary labour and we don't use child labour.

When we hire people at Monzo we make sure everyone is legally entitled to work, eligible for the role they're applying for and has the right background checks. To safeguard employees and customers we monitor this throughout their employment. Written employment contracts and the People Handbook clearly lay out people's rights and responsibilities, and we take care to make sure everyone at Monzo is aware of their rights to sick pay, holiday pay and other benefits. As part of attracting new people to Monzo and engaging our existing team we pay employees and contractors a fair, competitive salary and we're a Living Wage accredited employer.

Our customers

Modern slavery and any forms of human trafficking are crimes, meaning the benefits from this activity are considered the proceeds of crime. We have a responsibility to detect, discourage and prevent anybody using the financial system from laundering the proceeds of crime and we carry out due diligence accordingly. As we grow, we're investing heavily in our Financial Crime and Fraud Framework to make sure that everyone at Monzo has the tools they need to stop modern slavery, human trafficking and all types of financial crimes.

We check that customers are who they say they are when they apply for an account with us, which includes a customer risk assessment to spot financial crime risk so we don't onboard out-of-appetite customers. We review this assessment throughout their time as a Monzo customer. If we ever have any reason to believe there's an increased risk of modern slavery, we do enhanced due diligence, and if we find activity we think relates to modern slavery or human trafficking through transaction monitoring, we take action in line with our legal and regulatory obligations.

Over the past 12 months, we've continued to spend time improving our financial crime and fraud controls.

Our Financial Crime and fraud team works closely with various charities, law enforcement and government agencies in the following ways:

- Investigate law enforcement intelligence that can lead to arrests and freezing criminal assets;
- Contribute to efforts by the Home Office and law enforcement to increase awareness of sexual exploitation indicators and the risk of modern slavery; and
- Identify new trends in how organised crime gangs exploit victims linked to adult services and proactively share with law enforcement.

We've also been doing a lot of work internally in this space:

- Improved how we spot both victims and perpetrators of labour and sexual exploitation;
- Improved how we raise investigations and Suspicious Activity Reports to the National Crime Agency, which gives law enforcement timely and actionable intelligence so

they can better identify victims and pursue perpetrators; and

- Improved our mandatory and role-specific training to raise awareness of human rights and modern slavery.

Assessing third parties

Third parties play an active role in our success, so we see them as part of our 'extended enterprise'. It's important that we don't work with third parties that undermine our control environment, negatively impact our customers or our reputation.

Any third parties we work with must comply with all applicable laws, regulations and standards, and confirm that they (or any associated 4th party) haven't been involved in human trafficking or slavery activity as defined by the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Before entering into a contract with a new supplier, we ask them to attest to the standards in our Third Party Code of Conduct, which we launched in March 2022. Where we contract with third parties on our standard contract terms, we include modern slavery provisions. Where this isn't possible we take a risk-based approach on whether to add a modern slavery provision.

We conduct due diligence during third party onboarding to ensure effective and compliant partnerships with third parties throughout the lifecycle.

Our due-diligence processes ask third parties to attest to the following:

- The nature of the product or service they'll provide for us;
- The registered location of their company, and if they operate in any countries at high risk of modern slavery and human trafficking as defined in our Financial Crime Framework;
- That they'll follow our zero tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking;
- That their company or any associated party hasn't been involved in human trafficking or slavery; and
- That they do not engage in any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute UK or foreign tax evasion.

Where necessary, we review third party policies and procedures to ensure appropriate controls are in place to identify and manage modern slavery and human trafficking risks.

When due diligence identifies a third party as high-risk, our Financial Crime Assurance team performs enhanced assessments in collaboration with the third party. This helps us determine whether the relationship aligns with our risk appetite. If we decide a third party is outside our risk appetite, we don't work with them.

We take a risk based approach and reassess third parties as part of our ongoing oversight model.

Training and development

We're committed to training all of our colleagues on the issue of modern slavery and human trafficking. When they join, and every year after that, every Monzonaut gets mandatory training which includes content on:

- modern slavery and child labour;
- financial crime / fraud; and
- our Speaking Up (whistleblowing) policies and procedures.

To make sure all of our training stays fit for purpose, we've reviewed and updated all of our training content over the last year. We also publish regular newsletters in Slack (our internal communication tool) from the Financial Intelligence Unit to keep everyone up to date with the latest trends.

Measuring effectiveness

We recognise that modern slavery and human trafficking are often hidden risks. We currently track the following metrics to help us understand if our approach is working, and to spot opportunities to improve it.

Area	Metrics	2025 Result
Training	% of colleagues who completed their modern slavery training.	100%
Reporting	Number of reports raised as part of our Speak Up process related to modern slavery or human trafficking.	0

We also regularly complete a financial crime and fraud risk assessment and Risk and Control Self Assessments. This makes sure that as we grow, we're continually assessing the risk of modern slavery, financial crime and fraud. The risk assessments consider our risk exposure and control effectiveness for managing the risk.

Our commitments

We're always looking for ways to improve our modern slavery and human trafficking controls in the workplace, for our customers, or in the way we work with third parties.

We've focused on the highest risk areas by raising awareness, educating our colleagues, recording risks and putting the following controls in place:

- Improved training for people with roles specifically related to financial crime. With a focus on spotting suspicious activity, while all colleagues follow a clear process to escalate concerns;
- Confirmation from third parties that they or any associated party haven't been involved in human trafficking or slavery activity as defined by the Modern Slavery act;
- Using our vendor management tool to record any third party risks; and
- Continue to engage with law enforcement and financial services to make sure we're helping the fight against modern slavery.

In FY2026 we'll focus on:

- improving our detection rate and coverage; and
- working with law enforcement and other specialist units on modern slavery investigations.

We prepared this statement in line with section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and it constitutes our Group's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 March 2025. The Board approved it on 29 May 2025 and it was signed on the Board's behalf by:



Mark Newbery

Chief Financial Officer

Monzo Bank Limited

Date: 3 June 2025