

Bidvest Noonan names Unseen UK as its charity partner in Great Britain

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<u>Bidvest Noonan</u> has named Unseen UK as its charity partner in Great Britain. Unseen provides safehouses and support in the community for victims of trafficking and modern slavery.

The charity runs the Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline, a UK-wide, free, 24/7 service for potential victims, members of the public, frontline workers, and law enforcement agencies. Unseen UK works with individuals, communities, businesses, governments, and statutory agencies to bring slavery to an end.

Employing more than 27,000 people and operating nationwide, Bidvest Noonan is a market leader for services such as cleaning, security, and front-of-house solutions. Today's announcement signals Bidvest Noonan's commitment to supporting significant social causes in the UK.

Commenting on the announcement, Bidvest Noonan's ESG Director John King said, "After careful consideration, we selected Unseen UK because of the clear alignment between their vision and values and our own Environmental, Social, and Governance agenda. We look forward to working with Unseen UK to deliver on its goal of achieving a world without modern slavery."

Andrew Wallis, Unseen UK CEO added: "At any one time, there are around 100,000 people in modern slavery in the UK. Enlightened businesses such as Bidvest Noonan have enormous power to not only raise awareness of this issue, but to help tackle exploitation. I'm delighted with this partnership and look forward to us working together."

Guy Packenham, Chair of Bidvest Noonan's ESG council in GB said "Working together, we will raise awareness of the prevalence of slavery, forced labour, and trafficking in the UK, and implement fundraising activities to support the vital work that goes on to help victims and eradicate these crimes from society."