

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22 OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014

Each public body is required under Section 22 of the Act to publish an annual report setting out the number of protected disclosures received in the preceding year and the action taken (if any). This report must not result in persons making disclosures being identifiable.

This is the first annual report of the Department of Health. It covers the period 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2015.

There have been three protected disclosures made to the Minister/Department under Sections 6 and 8 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, i.e. they are not from employees of the Department and instead relate to a worker or workers employed in a public body under the Minister/Department's remit, in the period covered by this report.

One of the protected disclosures was already being investigated by another body and it was agreed that it was appropriate that that body would conclude the investigation. The person who made the disclosure was informed of this decision.

A second is still under investigation.

A third has been concluded following investigation.

30 June, 2016