

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2016 IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 22 OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014**

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014 requires public bodies 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 second annual report of the Department of Health. It covers the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016.

There have been six protected disclosures made to the Minister/Department under Sections 6 or 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 was deemed not to be a protected disclosure.

Two have concluded following investigation.

Three of the protected disclosures are active and ongoing and have been referred to a State Body under the aegis of the Department for investigation.

In addition, one of the protected disclosures received in the reporting period July 2014 – December 2015 remains active and ongoing.

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