

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL PROTECTION ANNUAL PROTECTED DISCLOSURES REPORT 2021

Protected Disclosures Act 2014

The Department is committed to fostering an appropriate environment for addressing concerns relating to potential wrongdoing in the workplace and to providing the necessary support for staff that raise genuine concerns. The Act requires public bodies to establish and maintain procedures for dealing with protected disclosures and to provide written information relating to these procedures to workers. The Department has such procedures in place which are published on gov.ie.

Five submissions were made to the Department under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 during 2021. Two of these are related to the same matter from two separate reporting persons.

Actions taken resulting from the submission was as follows: One case was assessed, and no further action was necessary following the assessment. The other four cases were under investigation at the end of the year.

Submissions under the protected disclosures procedures since introduction of the Act in 2014				
Year	B/f from prev. year	Received	Assessed & completed	C/f to next year
2014		1	0	1
2015	1	1	2	0
2016	0	1	0	1
2017	1	10	7	4
2018	4	16	20	0
2019	0	9	9	0
2020	0	1	1	0
2021	0	5	1	4
Total		44	40	