

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS FOR 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22 OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014

Under Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014 each public body is required 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 Education and Skills and it covers the period 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2015.

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

- One was investigated by another body and has been concluded
- Two are still ongoing:
  - One is being investigated by another body.
  - o One is being investigated by the Department.

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