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.

Ten submissions were made to the Department under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 resulting in the following:

4 cases: No action necessary following initial assessment
1 case: Passed to another Dept. following assessment
1 case: Investigated
2 cases: Awaiting further information
2 cases: In progress at end of year.