

An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health
Secretary General



Ms Éilis Fallon
 Committee Secretariat
 Committee of Public Accounts

By email: PAC@oireachtas.ie

4 May 2021

Dear Ms Fallon,

All the Protected Disclosures made to the DoH since the enactment of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014 bar one, have related to organisations that come under the aegis of the Minister for Health. One protected disclosure was received from an employee of the Department.

The number of Protected Disclosures made to the end of December, 2020 and the outcomes are set out in the table below.

31/12/2020	Protected Disclosures Report	Total Disclosures Received to Date
Disclosures Received	Disclosures received	70
	Duplicate Disclosure - Joined with previous Disclosure:	6
	Number of Individual Disclosures received	64
Of the NET disclosures received	Disclosures relating to DOH	1
	Disclosures Relating to a Body under the Aegis of DoH (Not INCL Duplicates)	63
	Deemed not to be a Protected Disclosure as defined in legislation/not a disclosure for this Dept.	22

	Number of VALID Disclosures received in Current Year	42
Of the VALID disclosures received	Legal/Other Advice Sought	1
	Referred to another Agency	19
	Referred to a Statutory Commission of Investigation/ Courts	2
	Under Consideration/ was Considered at Divisional / Unit Level	15
	Independent Review by DoH	5
Summary Of Outcomes / Current Status for Valid Disclosures	Closed / no response required	20
	Active & Ongoing	21
	Not Upheld following investigation	0
	Upheld following Investigation	1

I can confirm that the Department has complied with Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014. The annual reports for the years 2015-2019, published in English and Irish, can be <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/645d81-protected-disclosures/>. The annual report for 2020 is currently being compiled and will be published before the 30th June, 2021 in line with Section 22 of the Act.

Yours Sincerely,



Robert Watt
Secretary General