

Report on Protected Disclosures 2015

Report of the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner

The policy introduced by the DPC under the terms of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 is designed to facilitate and encourage all workers to raise internally genuine concerns about possible wrongdoing in the workplace so that these concerns can be investigated following the principles of natural justice and addressed in a manner appropriate to the circumstances of the case.

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosure Act 2014 requires public bodies to prepare and publish, by 30th June in each year, a report in relation to the previous year in an anonymised form.

Pursuant to this requirement, the DPC confirms that in 2015

- No internal protected disclosures (from staff of the DPC) were received.
- One protected disclosure (set out in the table below) was received from an individual external to the DPC in relation to issues pertaining to data protection within another entity. This case was raised with the DPC in its role as a 'prescribed person' as provided for under Section 7 of the Protected Disclosures Act (listed in SI 339/2014 as amended by SI 448/2015).

Reference No	Type	Date Received	Status	Outcome
1/19/5/1	Section 7 (external, to 'prescribed person')	28 April 2015	Closed	Rejected - non data protection issue