



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Annual Report of the Policing Authority for 2017 in accordance with Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of a report by public bodies each year relating to the number of Protected Disclosures made in the preceding year and of actions taken in response to protected disclosures made. This report must not result in persons making disclosures being identifiable. This report covers the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

The Policing Authority has put in place procedures for the making of protected disclosures in line with the Protected Disclosures Act which were adopted in January 2017. These set out in detail the process by which a worker of the Authority can make a protected disclosure, what will happen when a disclosure is made and what the Authority will do to protect the discloser. The process supports the Authority's commitment to fostering an environment where everyone who works at the Authority feels able to "speak-up".

There were no Protected Disclosures made to the Policing Authority in 2017.

In the course of 2017 the Authority received communications from a number of persons who stated that they were serving or former workers in the Garda Síochána and who alleged wrongdoing in the Garda Síochána. In such cases, the Authority has provided information in relation to the Protected Disclosures Act and the contact details for GSOC, as the prescribed person for protected disclosures by workers in the Garda Síochána.