



ANNUAL PROTECTED DISCLOSURES REPORT FOR 2022

1. Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act requires each public body subject to the Act to publish an annual report setting out the number of protected disclosures received in the preceding year and the action taken (if any). It is important that the report does not identify the individuals making the protected disclosures.
2. This annual Protected Disclosures Report of the University of Limerick covers the period of January to December 2022.
 - 2.1 The University received a protected disclosure submission in December 2021 and two anonymous communications, one in December 2021 and the second in January 2022. All three submissions related to complaints against an employee of the University. Based on legal advice that the three communications be treated as protected disclosure submissions, the University appointed a Protected Disclosures Group (PDG) to consider the allegations therein. An investigation commenced during the period and the investigator's findings have been published and was presented to the Audit & Risk Committee in April 2023.
 - 2.2 The University received a protected disclosure submission in March 2022 which relates to the Universities management of an operational matter. The University appointed a PDG in April 2022 to consider the allegations therein. An investigation commenced during the period and remains in progress.

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