

PSI Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2021

The Protected Disclosures Act provides for the protection of persons from action being taken against them in respect of disclosures made by them in the public interest. This report covers protected disclosures made to the PSI under the legislation during the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Section 6

No protected disclosures were received under section 6 of the Act, which relates to the PSI's role as an employer.

Section 7

Statutory Instrument No. 339 of 2014 has provided that the Registrar of the PSI is the prescribed person to receive disclosures under the Protected Disclosures Act in respect of all matters relating to the regulation of pharmacists and pharmacies in the State, including the PSI's responsibility for supervising compliance with the Pharmacy Act 2007.

In 2021, seven protected disclosures were received by the PSI under section 7 of the Act, which relates to the Registrar's role as the prescribed person for pharmacies and pharmacists.

The information disclosed in each case was reviewed and dealt with in accordance with PSI policy and procedures, and in compliance with the Protected Disclosures Act 2014. In accordance with section 16 of the Act, the PSI did not disclose to another person any information that might identify those who made protected disclosures.

Reporting on the Protected Disclosures Act is also included within our annual reports. It is covered on page 44 of our <u>Annual Report for 2021</u>.