

***Annual Report of HEAnet CLG ("HEAnet")
in accordance with Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, as amended.***

Background

The Protected Disclosures Act 2014, as amended, sets out under Section 22 (1):

22. (1) Each public body, prescribed person and the Commissioner shall, not later than 1 March in each year, provide the following information to the Minister in respect of the immediately preceding calendar year in a form which does not enable the identification of reporting persons or persons concerned:

- (a) the number of reports made to the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner, as the case may be;
- (b) in the case of the Commissioner, the number of reports transmitted to the Commissioner under section 8;
- (c) in the case of the Commissioner, the number of reports transmitted by the Commissioner under section 10C(1)(b) or 10D(1)(b)(ii) to an other suitable person (within the meaning of section 10C or 10D, as the case may be);
- (d) the number of reports transmitted to the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner, as the case may be, under sections 7, 10B, 10C and 10D;
- (e) in respect of each report referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d), whether the relevant wrongdoing concerned was a breach;
- (f) the number of investigations and proceedings opened by the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d);
- (g) the number of investigations and proceedings opened, in the years preceding the year in respect of which the report is being made, by the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned that remain open;
- (h) the number of investigations and proceedings closed by the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d);
- (i) in respect of each closed investigation or proceedings referred to in paragraph (h), the outcome of the investigation or proceedings and the decision taken by the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner;
- (j) where relevant and in so far as it can be ascertained, the estimated financial damage and the amounts recovered following any investigation and proceedings referred to in paragraph (h);
- (k) such other information relating to the performance of the functions of public bodies, prescribed bodies or the Commissioner, as the case may be under this Act, as may be requested by the Minister.

The Protected Disclosures Act 2014, as amended, sets out under Section 22 (5):

22. (5) Each public body, prescribed person and the Commissioner shall prepare and publish in such form and manner as the body, person or Commissioner, as the case may be, considers appropriate, including on a website maintained by or on behalf of the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner, as the case may be, not later than 31 March each year a report in respect of the immediately preceding calendar year containing—

- (a) a statement confirming that the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner has in place either or both of the following:
 - (i) internal reporting channels and procedures;
 - (ii) there are external reporting channels and procedures
- (b) the information provided to the Minister under subsection (1).

Confirmation

HEAnet confirms for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 (the “Period”):

- No reports were made to HEAnet in the Period under Section 22 (1) (A);
- HEAnet has nothing to report for the Period under Section 22 (1) (B) – (J)
- HEAnet confirms that it has internal reporting channels and procedures in place, as set out in Section 22 (5) of the Act.