

## **Annual Report of Protected Disclosures Received in 2018**

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Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of an annual report by public bodies about the number of Protected Disclosures received in the preceding year and of actions taken in response. This is the annual report of Tusla, the Child and Family Agency (“the Agency”) for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

The Agency’s procedures for protected disclosures are available here:

<http://www.tusla.ie/staff/protected-disclosures>.

In respect of 2018, the Agency reports the following:

- In response to a protected disclosure, a full investigation was launched, and a preliminary report in respect of the core matter is expected to issue to persons against whom there may be adverse conclusions in Q3 2019.
- In relation a disclosure relating to a vulnerable child, and upon preliminary evaluation by an independent investigator, a Trust in Care investigation was launched and was on-going at the time of writing.
- In response to third protected disclosure, an investigation by an independent barrister with expertise in the relevant area was on-going at the time of writing.

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