

## **Annual Report of Protected Disclosures Received/Processed in 2024**

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Section 22 of the *Protected Disclosures Act 2014*, (as amended by the *Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act, 2022*) requires the publication of an annual report by public bodies and Prescribed Persons containing certain prescribed information in relation to protected disclosures received or processed by the public body or the Prescribed Person in respect of the immediately preceding calendar year.

This Annual Report sets out the prescribed information for the calendar year 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, in respect of the Chief Executive Officer of Tusla, Child and Family Agency (who is a Prescribed Person (“PP”) pursuant to S.I. 367 of 2002 in respect of early years services, alternative care services in the private and voluntary sector and alternative education settings), and Tusla Child and Family Agency (“the Agency”).

### **1 Statement Confirming Reporting Channels and Procedures**

The PP and the Agency confirm that there are both internal and external reporting channels and procedures in place.

### **2 The number of reports made to the PP/Agency for the calendar year 2024.**

16

### **3 The number of reports transmitted to the Commissioner under Section 8.**

0 – Not applicable.

### **4 The number of reports transmitted to the PP/Agency under Sections 6, 7, 10B, 10C and 10D.**

Section 6: 7

Section 7: 4

Section 10B: 0

Section 10C: 5

Section 10D: 0

**5 In respect of each report referred to in paragraphs 2 to 4 above, whether the relevant wrongdoing concerned was a breach.**

The relevant wrongdoing was considered a breach in 2 cases.

**6 The number of investigations and proceedings opened by the PP/Agency in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in paragraphs 2 to 4 above.**

5 investigations opened.

**7 The number of investigations and proceedings opened by the PP/Agency in the years preceding the year in respect of this Annual Report in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned that remain open.**

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**8 The number of investigations and proceedings closed by the PP/Agency in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in paragraphs 2 to 4 above.**

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**9 In respect of each closed investigation or proceedings referred to in paragraph 8 above, the outcome of the investigation or proceedings and the decision taken by the PP/Agency.**

- a. 35 IIU 24 - Screened out at PE stage– Tusla was not the prescribed/responsible person or employer .
- b. 47 IIU 24 - Screened out at PE stage – insufficient information (anonymous) .
- c. 42 IIU 24 - Informal investigation undertaken and concerns addressed (anonymous)
- d. 53 IIU 24 - Screened out - OPDC referral rejected – Tusla was not the prescribed person.

**10 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 8 above.**

Not applicable.

March 2025

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