

Annual Report of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC) for 2017 in accordance with section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

Under section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 each public body is required to publish an annual report outlining the number of protected disclosures received in the preceding year and the action taken (if any). This report must not result in the identification of persons making disclosures.

This is the second annual report of GSOC and it covers the period of 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

There have been 22 disclosures made to GSOC under sections 7 and 8 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, in the period covered by this report. We previously reported in 2016, that there were 9 open disclosure cases bringing the total number of cases on hand to 31.

Of these cases, six were closed, taking into consideration all of the circumstances and the information gathered in each disclosure. The Ombudsman Commission, regarding these six disclosures, considered that further examination was not necessary or reasonably practicable.

The remaining 25 are undergoing examination or investigation.

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