

Protected Disclosures Report 2024

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act (as amended), requires public bodies to publish an annual report setting out the number of protected disclosures received in the preceding year and the action taken (if any). This report must not result in persons making disclosures being identifiable.

This report covers the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

During the period, four disclosures were received. Upon review, three disclosures were not deemed protected disclosures, as the disclosures did not meet the criteria of a relevant wrongdoing under the legislation. The fourth disclosure was under assessment at year end.

South East Technological University (SETU) is fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity and probity and ensuring that the culture and working environment of SETU encourages, facilitates and supports any worker of the University to 'speak up' on any issue that could impinge on the University's ability to carry out its roles and responsibilities to the high standard expected.

SETU is also committed to ensuring that any issue raised by workers of SETU will be dealt with professionally and appropriately, adhering to standards and principles as outlined in the Act.

The University has established internal reporting channels and procedures in accordance with the Act.

SETU confirms it has, as required, reported to the Minister in respect of reports received internally. A copy of the PDA 1 is located here.

SETU Protected Disclosure Policy is located here.

SETU dedicated webpage to advise workers of the internal reporting channels is located <u>here</u>.

