

**Protected Disclosure Period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017**

Under Section 21 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, the ERC, as a public body, has a legal obligation to establish and maintain procedures for the making of protected disclosures by workers who are or were employed by the ERC, and for dealing with such disclosures.

Written information in relation to those procedures must be provided to workers employed by the ERC. A report on protected disclosures in accordance with section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 is to be issued not later than 30 June in each year.

The ERC's second disclosure report covers the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

The CEO and the Board of the ERC are responsible for dealing with disclosures. With its first board appointed in September 2016, the ERC is now in the process of producing a suite of policy documents to fulfil all governance obligations under the Code of Practice 2016 as an independent body.

During 2017 the ERC continued to be guided by SPD policies and procedures, as they stood prior to its establishment as an independent body in September 2015 and by the 2016 Code of Practice. This was confirmed at Board level and to all members of staff. An ERC protected disclosure policy was approved by the ERC Board in January 2018, has been announced to staff and is accessible to all via [www.erc.ie](http://www.erc.ie).

The ERC has no protected disclosure to report for the aforementioned period.



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