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Galway and Roscommon
Education and Training Board

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Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and Protected Disclosure (Amendment) Act 2022

The Protected Disclosures Act 2014 came into effect on 15 July 2014. GRETB acknowledges the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022 commenced on 1st January 2023 and updates the original act.

This Act provides a framework within which workers can raise concerns regarding potential wrongdoing that has come to their attention in the workplace in the knowledge that they can avail of significant and other protections if they are penalised by their employer or suffer any detriment for doing so.

GRETB has put in place a policy, which in tandem with the legislation, will encourage workers to report potential wrongdoing in the knowledge that their concerns will be taken seriously and investigated, where appropriate, and that their confidentiality will be respected.

The policy highlights that it is always appropriate to raise concerns when they are based on a reasonable belief, irrespective of whether any wrongdoing is in fact subsequently identified. The policy also provides workers with guidance on how to raise concerns.

This policy applies to all GRETB workers including contractors, consultants, agency staff, former employees and interns/trainees.

In accordance with the provisions of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, GRETB has appointed Diarmuid Hayes to receive protected disclosures. The acting designated officer can be contacted by telephone at (091) 874571, by email at diarmuid.hayes@gretb.ie or by post to GRETB Head Office, An Coiléar Bán, Athenry, Co. Galway.

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Annual report of GRETB as required by section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014.

GRETB confirms that no protected disclosures were received to the end of 2023.

Consequently, no action was required to be taken by GRETB in relation to Protected Disclosures.