



Commissioner for Ethical Standards
in Public Life in Scotland

Whistleblowing
2017/18

OVERVIEW

The Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland “(CESPLS)” is a 'prescribed person' under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998. The Act provides protection for employees who pass on information concerning wrongdoing in certain circumstances. The protection only applies where the person who makes the disclosure reasonably believes:

1. that they are acting in the public interest, which means that protection is not normally given for personal grievances; and
2. that the disclosure is about one of the following:
 - criminal offences (this includes financial improprieties, such as fraud),
 - failure to comply with duties set out in law,
 - miscarriages of justice,
 - endangering someone's health and safety,
 - damage to the environment, or
 - covering up wrongdoing in any of the above categories.

The Prescribed Persons Regulations 2017 came into force on 1 April 2017. Prescribed persons are required to report annually on whistleblowing disclosures made to them.

BACK GROUND READING / EXTERNAL SERVICES

[Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998](#)

[The Prescribed Persons \(Reports on Disclosures of Information\) Regulations 2017](#)

Reporting

During the reporting period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 CESPLS received no whistleblowing disclosures. The statutory template of reporting is published below:

Category	Number of disclosures
Number of non-qualifying disclosures	0
Number of qualifying disclosures	0
Number of qualifying disclosures requiring no further action	0
Number of qualifying disclosures requiring further action	0

Investigations

No investigations carried out in this reporting period.

Actions

No actions required during this investigations period.

Improvement objectives

No improvement objectives required during this investigations period.

The Commissioner intends to incorporate the report for future years in the Annual Report which is published in October.



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