

Annual Whistleblowing Report

Purpose of paper	This paper provides details of the combined annual report on whistleblowing concerns raised with the health regulators, including the GDC, between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019.
Action	For noting
Corporate Strategy	Performance – Objective 1: To improve our performance across all our functions so that we are highly effective as a regulator. Performance - Objective 3: To be transparent about our performance so that the public, patients, professionals and our partners can have confidence in our approach
Business Plan	N/A.
Risk register	N/A
Decision Trail	N/A
Next stage	N/A
Recommendations	Council is asked to note the content of the Joint Healthcare Regulators Whistleblowing Disclosures report 2019.
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Appendices	Appendix 1 – Joint Healthcare Regulators Whistleblowing Disclosures report 2019

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The GDC has additional whistleblowing responsibilities in relation to its role as a “prescribed person” (external whistleblowing). There are over 60 organisations who are prescribed persons. These organisations have been chosen because they have an authoritative or oversight relationships with their sector. Being a prescribed person means that the GDC is an alternative route for a worker or former worker who wishes to blow the whistle in relation to matters concerning the GDC’s statutory functions.
- 1.2. From April 2017 there has been a requirement for prescribed persons to publish an annual report. The report must detail the number of qualifying disclosures that have been raised and the action that the GDC has taken in relation to them.
- 1.3. The healthcare regulators, led by the GMC, agreed to prepare a joint report in relation to this requirement each year. The third joint report was published on 11 September 2019.
- 1.4. This is a joint report with seven other health regulators: GMC, NMC, GPhC, HCPC, GCC, GOC and GOsC.

2. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to **note** the report. in Appendix 1.