

Audit Committee

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 29 May 2018
Paper Title	Annual Update on Whistleblowing
Agenda Item	19
Paper Number	AC4-0
Responsible Officer	Penny Davis, Board Secretary
Recommended Status	Disclosable
Action	For Information

1. Report Purpose

- 1.1. The report provides the Committee with an annual update on whistleblowing activity, to enable the committee to monitor the level and GCRB handling of activity in this area.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The report is provided for **information**.

3. Report

- 3.1 GCRB is required under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 to have arrangements in place to allow workers to make protected disclosures.
- 3.2 In 2017, GCRB reviewed and approved the arrangements in place, to ensure that these were consistent with best practice guidance.
- 3.3 There have been no concerns raised under GCRB whistleblowing policy and procedures during the 2017-18 academic year, to date.

4. Risk Analysis

- 4.1. This report supports mitigation of risk 0012: There is a breach of legislation/guidance/code of practice and this results in a failure of governance.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no legal implications arising from this paper.

6. Resource Implications

- 6.1 There are no resource implications arising from this paper.

7 Strategic Implications

- 7.1** Robust and compliant governance and control arrangements are essential to the effective delivery of GCRB's strategic objectives and the confidence of stakeholders in the organisation.