

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES POLICY®

DOCUMENT SUMMARY/KEY POINTS

NSW Ministry of Health Policy Directive

Public Interest Disclosures

- [Public Interest Disclosures](#) is a NSW Health Policy Directive (PD) and requires mandatory compliance.
- Reports of serious wrongdoing will be managed in accordance with the Policy.
- A public interest disclosure is a report of serious wrongdoing within the NSW Health Service (whether or not the wrongdoing occurred) – namely corrupt conduct, serious maladministration, serious and substantial waste of public money, a government information contravention, or a privacy contravention.
- Concerns that do not meet these criteria are still important and should be raised in line with other relevant policies.
- All reports will be assessed, and appropriate action will be taken in response to the report.
- Under the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022, staff, witnesses, and other persons will be protected from detrimental action that might arise from reporting that serious wrongdoing.
- To be considered a Public Interest Disclosure, a report of serious wrongdoing must:
 - Be made by a public official.
 - Be made to your manager/supervisor, a [disclosure officer](#) or other parties as noted in the policy.
 - Disclose information that the person honestly and on reasonable grounds believes shows, or tends to show, serious wrongdoing.
 - Be voluntary.
- All staff can use the [SCHN Suspected serious wrongdoing report form](#)
- You can remain anonymous.
- A person who has made a public interest disclosure is required to maintain confidentiality and should only discuss the matter with your supervisor / manager or disclosure officers.

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CHANGE SUMMARY

- Updated to reflect new PID Act 2022 and PD2023_026.

READ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- All SCHN staff should be aware of this document.
- Managers and supervisors should read and acknowledge this document.

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