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<p><b>For Action by:</b></p> <p>Chief Executive of each HSC Body and NIFRS</p> <p><b>For Info to:</b></p> <p>Director of Finance of each HSC Body and NIFRS Director of HR of each HSC body and NIFRS</p> <p><b>Summary of Contents:</b></p> <p>DFP have issued a copy of the UK audit authorities publication; <i>“Whistleblowing in the Public Sector : A Good Practice Guide for Workers and Employers”</i></p> <p><b>Enquiries:</b></p> <p>Any enquiries about the contents of this Circular should be addressed your sponsor branch contact in the 1<sup>st</sup> instance;</p>	<p><b>Related documents:</b></p> <p><b>DAO (DFP) 02/15</b></p> <p><b>Superseded Documents:</b></p> <p>Not Applicable</p> <p><b>Expiry Date:</b></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><b>Status of Contents:</b></p> <p>For Information and action if appropriate</p>

## DAO (DFP) 02/15: Whistle blowing Guidance

### Purpose

1. This is to remind you that DFP has issued the following letter: **DAO (DFP) 02/15** Whistle blowing Guidance which draws your attention to the publication ***“Whistleblowing in the Public Sector : A Good Practice Guide for Workers and Employers”*** issued by the UK audit authorities.

Link to Letter: <http://www.dfpni.gov.uk/index/finance/afmd/afmd-key-guidance/afmd-daos/daodfp0215.pdf>

Link to publication: <http://www.dfpni.gov.uk/index/finance/afmd/afmd-key-guidance/afmd-daos/daodfp0215att.pdf>

### Additional Good Practice

2. The letter also contains a number of additional points, arising out of NI Assembly and Westminster PAC hearings, which DFP wish to highlight when organisations are dealing with whistle blowing concerns. These issues are detailed in para 6 of the letter.

### Action

3. Please ensure that this circular is brought to the attention of the appropriate staff within your organisation and that any relevant action points are noted.
4. Should you have any queries please contact your sponsor branch.

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