

Blowing the whistle to a prescribed person

The prescribed bodies or persons

If you decide to blow the whistle to a prescribed person rather than your employer, you must make sure that you have chosen the correct person or body for your issue. For example, if you are blowing the whistle on broadcasting malpractice you should contact the Office of Communications.

Below is a list of the prescribed people and bodies who you can make a disclosure to. If you want to blow the whistle then you should write down the malpractice you have discovered and the evidence to support this and send it to the correct body.

In addition, you could also blow the whistle to your legal adviser, in the course of obtaining legal advice, or to a government minister or member of the Scottish Executive if you are a public sector employee.

More information on whistleblowing can be found on the Directgov and Business Link websites:

www.direct.gov.uk
www.businesslink.gov.uk

Broadcasting and communications

The Office of Communications

about broadcasting, radio and TV services and media ownership

Chairman
The Office of Communications
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road
London
SE1 9HA
Tel: 020 7981 3000
Fax: 020 7981 3333

Business, finance or fraud

The Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC)

about the following areas:

- tax
- excise duties
- import and export of restricted goods
- stamp duties
- national insurance contributions

- statutory maternity pay
- statutory sick pay
- tax credits
- child benefits
- collection of student loans
- enforcement of the national minimum wage

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HM Revenue and Customs
Tax Evasion Hotline Team
Albert Bridge House
1 Bridge Street
Manchester
M69 9DX HM

Tel: freephone 0800 788 887
Online: [Tax evasion hotline](#)
Fax: free fax 0800 783 0879
Textphone: 0845 915 3296

The Audit Commission for England and Wales
about the following areas:

- the conduct of public business
- value for money
- fraud and corruption in local government and health service bodies

The Audit Commission
1 Vincent Square
London
SW1P 2PN
Tel: 020 7630 1019

The Comptroller and Auditor General of the National Audit Office
about public businesses in England, this includes value for money, fraud and corruption in providing centrally funded public services

The Comptroller and Auditor General
National Audit Office
157-197 Buckingham Palace Road
Victoria
London
SW1W 9SP
Tel: 020 7798 7999

The Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
about insider dealing or fraud and other misconduct in relation to companies, investment business, insurance business, or multi-level marketing schemes (and similar trading schemes)

Vetting Section
Companies Investigation Branch
Ground Floor
21 Bloomsbury Street
London
WC1B 3QW
Tel: 020 7596 6100
Email: vetting.section@bis.gsi.gov.uk

The Director of the Serious Fraud Office
about serious or complex fraud in England or Wales

The Director of the Serious Fraud Office
Elm House
10-16 Elm Street
London
WC1X 0BJ
Tel: 020 7239 7272
Fax: 020 7837 1689

The Auditor General for Wales
about public businesses in Wales; including value for money, fraud and corruption in providing public services

The Auditor General for Wales
Pierhead Building
Capital Waterside
Cardiff
CF1 5TH

Accounts Commission for Scotland
about conduct of public business, value for money, fraud and corruption in local government in Scotland

The Controller of Audit
Accounts Commission for Scotland
18 George Street
Edinburgh
EH2 2QU
Tel: 0131 477 1234
Fax: 0131 477 4567

The Lord Advocate, Scotland

about serious or complex fraud in Scotland

The Head of the International and Financial Crime Unit

Crown Office

25 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LA

Tel: 0131 226 2626

Fax: 0131 226 6861

Audit Scotland

about public businesses in Scotland, including value for money, fraud and corruption in public bodies

The Director of Audit Review

Audit Scotland

18 George Street

Edinburgh

EH2 2QU

Tel: 0131 477 1234

Fax: 0131 477 4567

The Auditor General for Scotland

about public businesses in Scotland, including value for money, fraud and corruption in providing public services

The Auditor General for Scotland

Audit Scotland

110 George Street

Edinburgh

EH2 4LH

Tel: 0131 477 1234

Fax: 0131 477 4567

Email: info@audit-scotland.gov.uk

www.audit-scotland.gov.uk

The Financial Services Authority (FSA)

about the operation of banks, building societies, investment or insurance businesses or any other activities regulated by the FSA, for example financial crime

Director, Authorisation

Financial Services Authority

25 The North Colonnade

Canary Wharf

London

E14 5HS

Tel: 020 7676 4646

Fax: 020 7676 9727

Email: whistle@fsa.gov.uk

Serious Organised Crime Agency

about money laundering and major financial crimes

SOCA
PO Box 8000
London SE11 5EN
Tel: 0800 234 6657
www.soca.gov.uk

The competent authority under Part IV of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

about the listing of securities on a stock exchange; prospectuses on offers of transferable securities to the public

Head of Listing Department
London Stock Exchange
Old Broad Street
London
EC2N 1HP
Tel: 020 7797 3884
Fax: 020 7334 8976

Financial Reporting Council Limited and its operating bodies the Professional Oversight Board, the Financial Reporting Review Panel and the Accountancy and Actuarial Discipline Board

matters relating to the independent oversight of the regulation of the accountancy, auditing and actuarial professions

Financial Reporting
Council 5th floor
Aldwych House
71-91 Aldwych
London
WC2B 4HN
Tel: 020 7492 2300

Charities

The Charity Commissioners for England and Wales

about the administration of charities in England and Wales or for funds given or held for charitable purposes

Charity Commission
Head of Operations
2nd Floor
20 Kings Parade
Queens Dock
Liverpool
L3 4DQ
Tel: 0870 3330123
Fax: 0151 703 1556

The Scottish Ministers

about the administration of charities in Scotland or for funds given or held for charitable purposes

Director of Scottish Charities
Crown Office
25 Chambers Street
Edinburgh
EH1 1LA
Tel: 0131 226 2626
Fax: 0131 226 6912

The Chief Executive of the Criminal Cases Review Commission

about actual or potential miscarriages of justice in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Criminal Cases Review Commission
Alpha Tower
Suffolk Street
Queensway
Birmingham
B1 1TT

Chief Executive of the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission

about actual or potential miscarriages of justice

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission
5th Floor, Portland House
17 Renfield Street
Glasgow
G2 5AH
Tel: 0141 270 7030
Fax: 0141 270 7040

Children's interest

Children's Commissioner

about the views and interests of children in England

Children's Commissioner
11 Million
1 London Bridge
London
SE1 9BG
Tel: 08444 8009113
Email: info.request@11million.org.uk

Children's Commissioner for Wales

about the rights and welfare of children in Wales

Children's Commissioner for Wales
Oystermouth House
Phoenix Way
Swansea Enterprise Park
Llansamlet
Swansea
SA7 9FS
Tel: 01792 765600
Fax: 01792 765601
Email: post@childcomwales.org.uk

Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland

about promoting and safeguarding the rights of children and young people in Scotland

Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland
85 Holyrood Road
Edinburgh
EH8 8AU
Tel: 0131 556 3378
Email: info@sccyp.org.uk

Consumer protection

The Office of Fair Trading

about the sale of goods or the supply of services

Office of Fair Trading
Fleetbank House
2-6 Salisbury Square
London
EC4Y 8JX
Tel: 020 7211 8000
Fax: 020 7211 8800

Consumer Product and Services Safety

about consumer and product safety

Head, Consumer Product and Services Safety
Consumer and Competition Policy Directorate
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET
Tel: 020 7215 0371
Fax: 020 7215 0357

Local authority

about enforcement and compliance of consumer protection

Data protection and freedom of information

The Information Commissioner

about data protection freedom of information rights and duties in England and Wales

The Office of the Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545700
Fax: 01625 524510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

The Scottish Information Commissioner

about freedom of information in Scotland

Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
KY16 9DS
Tel: 01344 464610
Fax: 01344 464611
Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Environment and pollution

The Environment Agency

about environmental issues in England or Wales including pollution, abstraction of water, flooding, the flow of rivers, inland fisheries and migratory salmon or trout

The Environment Agency

Rio House

Waterside Drive

Aztec West

Almondsbury

Bristol

BS12 4UD

Tel: 0800 807060 (24 hour line) or enquiries 01454 624400

Fax: 01454 624409

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency

about environmental issues in Scotland including flood warning systems and pollution

Scottish Environment Protection Agency

Erskine Court

Castle Business Park

Stirling

FK9 4TR

Tel: 01786 457700

Fax: 01786 446885

Email: info@sepa.org.uk

Food standards

The Food Standards Agency (FSA)

about the protection of consumers any member of the public in relation to food

Personnel and Establishments Division

Food Standards Agency

Room 111C

Aviation House

125 Kingsway

London

WC2B 6NH

Tel: 020 7276 8120

Fax: 020 7276 8132

Your local authority

about the enforcement and compliance of food standards and safety

Health and safety

The Health and Safety Executive

about health or safety at work or the health and safety of the public in connection to workplace activities

Health and Safety Executive
Information Services
Caerphilly Business Park
Caerphilly
South Wales
CF83 3GG
Tel: 0845 345 0055
Fax: 0845 408 9566
Email: hse.infoline@natbrit.com

Your local authority

about the health or safety of any individual at work or the health and safety of the public in connection to a workplace.

Healthcare

Care Quality Commission

about the provision of health care on the NHS or independent health care services

CQC National Correspondence
Citygate
Gallowgate
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4PA

Tel: 03000 616161
www.cqc.org.uk

The Healthcare Inspectorate Wales

about the provision of health care by and for Welsh NHS bodies

Chief Executive
Healthcare Inspectorate Wales
Unit 3c
Caerphilly Business Park
Van Road
Caerphilly
CF83 3ED
Tel: 029 2092 8850
Fax: 029 2092 8878
www.hiw.org.uk

The Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts

about the regulation and performance of NHS foundation trusts

Monitor
4 Matthew Parker Street
London
SW1H 9NP
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Email: enquiries@monitornhsft.gov.uk

Landlords

Regulator of Social Housing

about the registration and operation of registered social landlords

Chief Executive
Homes and Communities Agency
110 Buckingham Palace Road
Victoria
London
SW1W 9SA
Tel: 0300 1234 500
Fax: 020 7730 9162

The Welsh Housing Directorate

about the registration and operation of registered social landlords in Wales

Housing Directorate
National Assembly for Wales
Cathay Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
Tel: 029 2082 6944

Local authorities

The Standards Board for England

about breaches to a local authority's code of conduct

The Standards Board for England
1st Floor
Cottons Centre
Cottons Lane
London
SE1 2QL
Tel: 0845 078 8181

The Local Commissioner in Wales

about breaches to a local authority's code of conduct

Local Government Ombudsman
Derwen House
Court Road
Bridgend
CF31 1BN
Tel: 01656 661325
Fax: 01656 673279
Email: enquiries@ombudsman-wales.org

The Standards Commission for Scotland and the Chief Investigating Officer

about breaches by a councillor or a member of a devolved public body of their code of conduct

The Standards Commission for Scotland
Forsyth House
Innova Business Campus
Rosyth Europarc
Rosyth
KY11 2UU
Tel: 01383 428 061
Fax: 01383 418 020
Email: enquiries@standardscommission.org.uk

The Chief Investigating Officer
(Address as before)

Pensions

The Pensions Regulator

about occupational and private pensions

The Pensions Regulator
Napier House
Trafalgar Place
Brighton
BN1 4DW
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Textphone: 0870 2433123
Fax: 0870 2411144
Email: customersupport@thepensionsregulator.gsi.gov.uk
www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk

Police and justice

Chief Executive of the Criminal Cases Review Commission

about miscarriages of justice

Criminal Cases Review Commission

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about miscarriages of justice in Scotland

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission

5th floor, Portland House

17 Renfield Street

Glasgow

G2 5AH

Tel: 0141 270 7030

Fax: 0141 270 7040

The Independent Police Complaints Commission

about police conduct

Independent Police Complaints Commission

90 High Holborn

London

WC1V 6BH

Tel: 020 7166 3000

Social care

Care Quality Commission

about social care services in England

CQC National Correspondence

Citygate

Gallowgate

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 4PA

Tel: 03000 616161

www.cqc.org.uk

The General Social Care Council
about social care workers in England

General Social Care Council
Goldings House
2 Hays Lane
London
SE1 2HB
Tel: 020 7397 5100
Fax: 020 7397 5145

The Care Council for Wales
about social care workers in Wales

Care Council for Wales
6th Floor
West Wing
South Gate House
Wood Street
Cardiff
CF10 1EW
Tel: 029 2022 6257
Fax: 029 2038 4764
Email: info@ccwales.org.uk

Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales
about care standards in Wales

Chief Executive
Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales
4-5 Charnwood Court
Heol Billingsley
Nantgarw
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CF15 7QZ
Tel: 01443 848450
Fax: 01443 848472
Email: CSIW_National_Office@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Healthcare Improvement Scotland
about matters relating to the provision of care services, as defined in the Public Services (Scotland) Act 2010.

Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland
about matters relating to the provision of independent health care services, as defined in the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.

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Social services and child welfare

The Scottish Social Services Council

about the social services workforce in Scotland

The Chief Executive
Scottish Social Services Council
Compass House
Discovery Quay
11 Riverside Drive
Dundee
DD1 4NY
Tel: 01382 207101
Fax: 01382 207215

The Social Services Inspectorate for Wales

about social services in Wales

Chief Inspector
Social Services Inspectorate for Wales
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
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Trade unions

The Certification Officer

about trade union and employers' associations financial fraud or other financial irregularities

Certification Officer
Brandon House
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London
SE1 1LW
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Fax: 020 7210 3612

Transport

The Civil Aviation Authority

about aviation safety

Secretary and Legal Adviser
Civil Aviation Authority
CAA House
45-59 Kingsway
London
WC2B 6TE
Tel: 020 7453 6160
Fax: 020 7453 6163

The Office of Rail Regulation

about the provision and supply of railway services

Office of Rail Regulation
1 Waterhouse Square
138-142 Holborn
London
EC1N 2TQ
Tel: 020 7282 2000
Fax: 020 7282 2040

The Secretary of State for Transport

about compliance with merchant shipping law, including maritime safety

Secretary to the Executive Board
Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Spring Place
105 Commercial Road
Southampton
SO15 1EG
Tel: 023 8032 9277
Fax: 023 8032 9122

Utilities

The Director General of Water Services

about the supply of water and the provision of sewerage services in England or Wales

Director General of Water Services
Office of Water Services
Centre City Tower
7 Hill Street
Birmingham
B5 4UA

The Water Industry Commissioner for Scotland

about the supply of water and the provision of sewerage services in Scotland

Water Industry Commissioner for Scotland
Ochil House
Springkerse Business Park
Stirling
FK7 7XE
Tel: 08457 413 132
Fax 01786 462 018
Email: enquiries@watercommissioner.co.uk

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

about the generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity or the transportation, shipping and supply of gas through pipes

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority
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London
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