

IRISH WHISTLEBLOWER

SAMPLE CASES SUMMARY

2012–2026 | *Ignored disclosures, witnesses excluded*

Background: This public (media scrap) evidence-led summary is an anchor for a wider review of Irish whistleblower cases – were **witnesses and/or whistleblowers** interviewed or ignored as part of Official Irelands Policy of DENY (w/in Delay, Deny, Destroy – Irish Times, May 2025)

Case	Sector	Period	Core issue	What the record shows	Later evidence / development
McCabe / Wilson	An Garda Síochána	2012–14	Ignored / not heard	McCabe was not interviewed by the O'Mahony internal investigation; O'Mahony later confirmed this to the Disclosures Tribunal.	Subsequent Oireachtas and tribunal scrutiny examined the handling of McCabe's disclosures and treatment of him.
Noel McGree	Irish Prison Service	2014–17	Witness not heard; adverse treatment	McGree, a primary witness in a serious assault matter, was not interviewed by Gardaí. A later independent review regarded that omission as extraordinary.	Judge William Early's review examined his protected disclosures and treatment.
Jonathan Sugamran	UniCredit Whistleblower	2007	Ignored by the Bank inquiry and expert support team leadership are rumored to have refused to put him on witness list Ignored by the Central Bank when they did their own investigation of UniCredit. Pause for a moment: The Central Bank	In his 2017 Oireachtas evidence, Sugarman argued that the liquidity problems he had identified were part of a much broader regulatory failure and questioned why risk managers at the Irish banks that subsequently required the	Listening to testimony before the Committee of Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform and Taoiseach, May 28, 2019, the Committee heard” “the banks were insolvent at the time of the guarantee” Committee members: “basically we were hoodwinked by the testimony” (before bank inquiry”

			did not interview the guy who said there was liquidity breaches in 2007 .	State guarantee had not been held responsible for similar regulatory breaches.	“we could repeal the promissory note”
Oireachtas Banking Inquiry whistleblower	Oireachtas / Banking Inquiry	2015	The whistleblower raised Protected Disclosures concerning the conduct of the inquiry.	The whistleblower raised Protected Disclosures concerning the conduct of the inquiry. The Senan Allen report records an allegation that Potential Witness C was not called to an interview or asked for a witness statement. Witnesses not interviewed that supported whistleblower including those who left and returned to civil service normal role due to how the process was being run (sent numerous supportive emails to WB relating to her issues and all ignored by Allen)	Allen's report rejected the whistleblower's allegations even though: a) he agreed with one as evidenced in transcripts b) some were publicly proven soon after his report and c) some Disclosures are still active in 2026 as he never investigated them as evidenced by Bank Inquiry Committee Member correspondence to Dail Clerk and all Committee Members.
GMIT lecturer	Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology	2014	Whistleblower not heard	GMIT confirmed that a lecturer who raised a plagiarism concern was not interviewed in two subsequent	The omission became part of subsequent external scrutiny.

				internal investigations.	
Air Corps whistleblowers	Defence Forces / Air Corps	2015–17	Ignored / not heard; alleged intimidation	Three personnel made protected disclosures concerning chemical exposure. The Irish Examiner reported that none had been contacted by the person appointed to review their claims more than a year later.	The HSA had separately inspected Baldonnell and made findings requiring protective measures and health surveillance.
Grace case whistleblower	HSE	2009–17	Repeated disclosures / adverse treatment	The social worker said she had to make multiple protected disclosures and statements to Gardai and use the media before the issues received wider scrutiny.	A Commission of Investigation was established with terms expressly covering treatment of protected disclosures and the people who made them.
Brandon case whistleblower	HSE / disability services	2016–25	Whistleblower and witnesses not heard	The whistleblower who raised the alarm said he was not interviewed for the latest review; families of more than 40 victims were also not interviewed.	An earlier NIRP review found abuse had occurred with the knowledge of staff and management and continued unabated.
Dr Maya Sharma / Kerry CAMHS	HSE	2020–26	Adverse treatment after disclosure	Dr Sharma raised concerns about prescribing practices and later made a protected disclosure. She has described	Two HSE reviews subsequently concluded that hundreds of children were put at risk by treatment in the service.

				major personal and professional consequences.	
Shane Corr	Department of Health	2020–23	Protected disclosure / suspension	Corr raised concerns and was suspended from his role from May 2022; he subsequently faced disciplinary proceedings.	A DPC decision later addressed one issue he had raised. Employment/disciplinary issues should be separated from the merits of each allegation.
Garda Protected Disclosures Office whistleblowers	An Garda Síochána	2024–26	Ignored / sidelined; alleged adverse treatment	People who handled protected disclosures later made disclosures alleging reforms intended to protect whistleblowers had been undermined and that they were ignored or sidelined.	RTÉ reported the allegations in September 2026; these remain current allegations subject to further examination.

Classification note: Use NI = not interviewed; NW = not called as witness; NR = no substantive response; DL = materially delayed; EX = excluded from a later review

Methodological caution: The cases have different evidentiary outcomes. Some were followed by independent findings; others were disputed or rejected and may be subject to litigation.

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