

**The Whistleblowing APPG Bill does not clearly compel investigation of concerns, or action to correct wrongdoing, just compliance with administrative standards eg. correct method**

The relevant sections of the APPG Bill are:

*“6 Standards for handling protected disclosures*

*(1) The Office shall set minimum standards for relevant persons in carrying out their duties under section 3.*

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*(2) Standards for handling protected disclosures shall include requirements for—*

*(a) preserving the confidentiality and anonymity of the whistleblower;*

*(b) screening, assessment and investigation methods;*

*(c) referrals to other relevant regulatory or other bodies, both in the United Kingdom and foreign ; (d) information to be provided to the whistleblower; and*

*(e) information to be reported to the Office.*

*(f) Any other matters as may to the Office seem appropriate*

*(3) The Office may make such provision as may to it appear appropriate for the accreditation of whistleblowing schemes operated by a relevant persons as meeting the standards referred to under this section (an “accredited scheme”).”*

And

*“9 Action notices*

*1) If the Office is of the opinion that a person—*

*(a) is contravening one or more standards specified in section 6, or*

*(b) has contravened one or more of those standards in circumstances which make it likely that the contravention will continue or be repeated, it may issue a written notice (an “action notice”) which requires the person to take, or refrain from taking, such steps as are specified in the notice.”*