

Official

Ref: FOI-324

24 November 2021

Sent via email only: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 11 November 2021, in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested information regarding malicious emails sent to UKAD. Specifically, you asked for the following information:

*"Please find below my FOI request regarding malicious emails sent to the department.*

*The date range for the requests is from 2018 to present day. The data shall include a breakdown by year and by individual departments (e.g. separate departments, agencies, or public bodies within the main government agency), if applicable.*

1. *How many malicious emails have been successfully blocked?*
2. *What percentage of malicious emails were opened by staff?*
3. *What percentage of malicious links in the emails were clicked on by staff?*
4. *How many ransomware attacks were blocked by the department?*
5. *How many ransomware attacks were successful?"*

## Summary of Response

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2. UKAD is disclosing the information (where held) in response to part 1 of your request.
3. UKAD does not hold any information in relation to parts 2 to 4 of your request.
4. UKAD is disclosing the information held in response to part 5 of your request.

## Response to part 1 of your request

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5. In response to part 1 your request, UKAD confirms that it only retains data related to malicious emails blocked in the last 90 days.
6. As such, UKAD does not hold all of the information you have requested. UKAD does, however, hold information related to the number of malicious emails blocked

by UKAD since 24 August 2021 (i.e. since 90 days prior to a search we conducted in response to part 1 of your request on 22 November 2021).

7. In the 90-day period between 24 August 2021 to 22 November 2021 inclusive, 5,749 malicious emails were successfully blocked by UKAD.

### **Response to parts 2 to 4 of your request**

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8. In response to parts 2 to 4 of your request, to confirm, UKAD does not hold this information.

### **Response to part 5 of your request**

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9. In response to part 5 of your request, in the period 1 January 2018 to 11 November 2021 inclusive, zero (0) ransomware attacks of UKAD were successful.

### **Conclusion**

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10. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of this response via email to [foi@ukad.org.uk](mailto:foi@ukad.org.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.
11. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,



**UK Anti-Doping**