

Official

Ref: FOI-273

Sent via email only: [REDACTED]

23 June 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 19 March 2020 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').
2. Specifically, your request was as follows:
 - a. *Can you please confirm if you are using the Microsoft Office 365 solution in your IT environment?*

Response: UKAD confirms that it is using Microsoft Office 365.

- b. *If so, how you currently back up your Office 365 data? If it is backed up please confirm which software or service solution your currently have in place.*

Response: UKAD confirms that it holds this information but has concluded that it is exempt from disclosure, pursuant to Section 31(1)(a) of the Act. The reasons for this are set out below.

- c. *If a system or service is in place to backup UK Anti Doping's Office 365 environment can you confirm the retention period the data is stored for?*

Response: UKAD confirms that it holds this information but has concluded that it is exempt from disclosure, pursuant to Section 31(1)(a) of the Act. The reasons for this are set out below.

- d. *Who in UK Anti-Doping is responsible for the protection of your critical data?*

Response: The Senior Information Risk Owner at UKAD is Philip Bunt. The Head of Risk and Information at UKAD is Julia Hardy.

The application of Section 31 of the Act to the information requested at parts b. and c. of your request

3. Section 31(1) of the Act states:

Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice –

(a) the prevention or detection of crime...

4. UKAD has concluded that disclosure of the information requested at parts b. and c. of your request would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime. This is because disclosure would be a risk to UKAD's cyber-security in the future, since it would make public information that could be used by any individual seeking to hack UKAD's IT system.
5. Having concluded that disclosure of this information would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime, being the prevention of cyber-attacks, UKAD has gone on to consider whether the public interest nonetheless favours disclosure.
6. UKAD recognises the importance of transparency and accountability, including the advantages of public oversight of government systems and processes. UKAD also acknowledges that there is a public interest in ensuring that the data held by governmental bodies is held securely.
7. On the other hand, there is also a public interest in ensuring the continued effectiveness of the protection of data (including third party personal data) held by those systems. This is especially important given the sensitive personal data which UKAD holds, such as personal medical records.
8. Having considered the public interest arguments both for and against maintaining the exemption, UKAD has concluded that the balance of the public interest falls in favour of maintaining the exemption in this instance.

Conclusion

9. 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 receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed: Philip Bunt, Chief Operating Officer, UK Anti-Doping, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8AE. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.

10. 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



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