

Official

Ref: FOI-288

Sent via email only: [REDACTED]

23 October 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 25 September 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:
 - "1. How many drug tests were carried out on Premier League footballers from March 10 to June 17 this year?
 2. Can I also get the figures (separately) for players in the Championship, League One and League Two.
 3. Can I then get the figures for how many drug tests in total were carried out on Premier League players so far in 2020, as well as 2019 and 2018?
 4. Can I also get the same figures for players in the Championship (separately), League One (separately) and League Two (separately)."
3. UKAD has interpreted your request as relating to tests conducted by UKAD on all first team footballers only and whilst at their respective clubs – i.e. the information contained in the table at Annex 1 does not include tests conducted on u18/ u23 squads and/ or tests conducted on footballers whilst training with or competing for an international team.
4. For the purposes of this request, a 'test' is defined as any test of a single player in a sample collection session. Where multiple samples (blood and/ or urine) were collected from a player in a sample collection session, this has only been counted as one test.

Summary of Response

5. UKAD confirms that it holds the information in your request and is disclosing that information in the table at Annex 1.

6. Please note that UKAD publishes testing statistics every quarter, which can be found [here](#). This publicly available data is broken down to identify tests conducted in specific sports, including tests conducted under the jurisdiction of The Football Association ('The FA').

Conclusion

7. 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 this response and should be addressed to: 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.
8. 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "UK Anti-Doping".

UK Anti-Doping

Annex 1 – Testing of footballers in the Premier League/ Championship/ League One/ League Two by UKAD

	2018	2019	10 March 2020 to 17 June 2020 (inclusive)	1 January 2020 to 25 September 2020 (inclusive)
Premier League	1,389	1,302	24	458
Championship	938	886	38	408
League One	603	611	8	178
League Two	577	640	8	158