

Official

Ref: FOI-290

Sent via email only: [REDACTED]

23 November 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 26 October 2020 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request was for information relating to testing in Scottish professional football.
2. Specifically, your request was for the following information for the period 1 July 2019 to 19 May 2020:
 - a. the number of football players tested in each of the following leagues:
 - Scottish Premiership;
 - Scottish Championship;
 - Scottish League One;
 - Scottish League Two;
 - b. the number of failed tests recorded in the same period; and
 - c. the substances which led to the failed tests.

Summary of Response

3. UKAD is disclosing all of the information in parts a) and b) of your request.
4. UKAD does not hold any information in part c) of your request.

Number of players tested - part a) of your request

5. UKAD confirms that it holds the information in part a) of your request and provides its response via the table in Annex 1.
6. Please note that the figures in Annex 1 indicate the number of individual players tested between 1 July 2019 and 19 May 2020 (inclusive), rather than the number of samples (blood and/or urine) provided by each player. Therefore, if an

individual player had both urine and blood samples collected when tested by UKAD, this would be counted as one test. Furthermore, the figures do not account for players being tested multiple times during this period. Therefore, if a player was tested twice during this period, this would be counted as one in the table.

7. Further to the above, please also note that the figures in Annex 1 relate to tests conducted by UKAD and any sub-contracted sample collection agency on its own behalf (which includes contracted testing for the Scottish Football Association (the 'SFA')); they do not include tests conducted by UEFA, FIFA and/or any other Anti-Doping Organisation. Please also note that the figures in Annex 1 include only those players participating in the leagues you have specified or in a cup match; they do not include players tested during their participation in a national squad system.

Number of Adverse Analytical Findings - part b) of your request

8. UKAD has interpreted your request for the number of 'failed tests' as any tests which record an Adverse Analytical Finding ('AAF'). Pursuant to the SFA Anti-Doping Regulations (the 'SFA Rules'), an AAF includes the presence of a Prohibited Substance, or evidence of the use of a Prohibited Method, contained in the World Anti-Doping Agency ('WADA') Prohibited List (the 'Prohibited List').
9. For the period 1 July 2019 to 19 May 2020, UKAD confirms that in relation to the figures in Annex 1 there were zero (0) AAFs.

Substances that caused Adverse Analytical Findings - part c) of your request

10. Further to UKAD's response to part b) of your request, to confirm, UKAD does not hold any information in part c) of your request.

Conclusion

11. 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.
12. 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

Annex 1 – Number of players tested in Scottish professional football from 1 July 2019 to 19 May 2020 (inclusive)

League	1 July 2019 to 19 May 2020
Scottish Premiership	19
Scottish Championship	0
Scottish League One	0
Scottish League Two	0