

Ref: FOI-415

3 November 2023

[REDACTED]

Sent via email only: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 3 August 2023 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

Your request was as follows:

...Please provide the following information pertaining to the [sic] March 2021 – March 2022.

1. *Have any athletes have [sic] tested positive for the cannabinoids 'Cannabidivarin (CBDV), Cannabigerol (CBG) and Cannabinol (CBN)?*
2. *We would ask if within the cost limitations of FOI search how may [sic] athletes between March 2018 – March 2020 have tested positive for the cannabinoids 'Cannabidivarin (CBDV), Cannabigerol (CBG) and Cannabinol (CBN)?*
3. *Can you advise which organisation we need to speak to find out how many athletes samples have been tested from cannabinoids other than THC over past 5 years?*

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Response – Part 1

2. UKAD holds information in respect of Part 1 of your request.
3. No Athletes (i.e. zero (0) Athletes) have returned an Adverse Analytical Finding ('AAF'), more commonly referred to as a 'positive test' for cannabidivarin, cannabigerol or cannabinal between 1 March 2021 and 31 March 2022.

Response – Part 2

4. UKAD holds information in respect of Part 2 of your request.
5. No Athletes (i.e. zero (0) Athletes) have returned an AAF for cannabidivarin, cannabigerol or cannabinal between 1 March 2018 and 31 March 2020.

Response – Part 3

6. As UKAD has previously stated in response to a previous FOI request (reference FOI-371), UKAD collects biological Samples from Athletes for the purpose of Doping Control. UKAD uses World Anti-Doping Agency ('WADA') certified laboratories to conduct analysis on those Samples. The laboratories analyse the Samples for the purpose of identifying Prohibited Substances, in accordance with WADA's list of Prohibited Substances and Methods (the 'Prohibited List'). The Prohibited List is produced and maintained by WADA, who update it annually. Whilst UKAD holds information about the number of Tests it conducts and publishes details of this on its website¹, UKAD does not hold information regarding the analysis of Samples (carried out by WADA-accredited laboratories on its behalf) with reference to particular, individual Prohibited Substances or classes of Prohibited Substances.
7. If you require additional information with regards to the analysis of Athletes' Samples for cannabinoids other than THC, you may wish to contact WADA² and/or any relevant WADA-accredited laboratories³.

¹ Available at: <https://www.ukad.org.uk/quarterly-reports-ukads-testing-programme>

² See <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/contact-us>

³ See <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/lab-documents/list-wada-accredited-laboratories#resource-download>

Conclusion

8. 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 request and should be addressed via email to: foi@ukad.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

9. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commission 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". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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