

Mr [REDACTED]

Ref: FOI-436

Sent via email only to:

[REDACTED]

18 June 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email dated 20 May 2024, in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Specifically, your request was as follows:
 - a) *How many requests for therapeutic exemptions has UKAD agreed to for the drug trimetazidine (TMZ) in the past decade?*
 - b) *How many requests for the drug trimetazidine (TMZ) has UKAD received in the past decade?*
 - c) *How many Premier League football players have TUEs based on an asthma diagnosis for the season 2023-24? Can you provide a number per club?*

Summary of Response

2. UKAD confirms that it holds information which provides an answer to each of your individual requests at a. to c.
3. For requests a. and b. specifically, UKAD is only able to provide a response based on a review of records dating back five years as UKAD's data retention period in relation to Therapeutic Use Exemption ('TUE') application forms and supporting medical evidence is five years. Further information can be found in UKAD's Privacy Notice and Data Retention Policy, in particular at the '*How long will you retain my data?*' section available at: <https://www.ukad.org.uk/anti-doping-privacy-notice>

Your Request – Part a.

4. With regard to part a. of your request, UKAD can confirm that zero (0) TUEs have been granted for trimetazidine ('TMZ') in the past five years.

Your Request – Part b.

5. UKAD has understood this part of your request to be querying how many TUE applications it has received for TMZ in the past decade.
6. With regard to part b. of your request, UKAD can confirm that it has received zero (0) TUE applications for TMZ in the past five years.

Your Request – Part c.

7. With regard to part c. of your request, UKAD can confirm that zero (0) Premier League football players were granted a TUE based on a diagnosis of asthma for the 2023-24 season.
8. Please note data in respect of 'Premier League football players' does not include U21 players or scholars registered to Premier League clubs. For the purposes of TUE statistics, a season is defined as starting on 1 July and ending on 30 June in the following year.
9. Please note that UKAD does not hold details of any TUEs granted by the Union of European Football Associations ('UEFA') or the Fédération Internationale de Football Association ('FIFA'). Players who at the time of their TUE application are competing in a UEFA or FIFA competition are required to apply for a TUE directly to UEFA or FIFA.

Conclusion

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 receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed via email to: 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