

Ref: FOI-496

Sent via email only:

22 July 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 24 June 2025 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:

*"the following information in respect of suppliers which were not paid in within 30 days for the period starting 1 April 2019 to the date of this request:*

1. *Supplier Name*
2. *Invoice Date*
3. *Gross Invoice Value*
4. *Payment Date*
5. *Late Payment Compensation or Interest Paid (if any)"*

## Summary of Response

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2. UKAD confirms that it holds the information requested. However, this information is being withheld from disclosure pursuant to section 31 of the Act.

## Response

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3. UKAD is not disclosing the information requested. UKAD considers that the exemption at section 31 of the Act applies to such information, meaning it is not disclosable.
4. Section 31(1) of the Act provides as follows:

*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,*

...

5. Information disclosed in response to a request under the Act is deemed to be a disclosure to the world at large. UKAD considers that the information requested, if disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime. This is because such information would be valuable to potential criminals looking to defraud UKAD in relation to claims for late payment of invoices.
6. Having determined that disclosure of the information requested would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime, UKAD has considered the public interest arguments in favour of disclosure.
7. UKAD recognises the importance of transparency and accountability in relation to its use of public funds. However, it is UKAD's view that the greater public interest lies in protecting public funds from the risk of fraud. Disclosure of the information requested would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime insofar that it would increase the risk of UKAD receiving fraudulent claims for late payment of invoices.
8. UKAD has concluded that the public interest in disclosing the information requested is outweighed by the greater public interest in protecting public funds from the risk of fraud. UKAD is therefore withholding the information requested pursuant to the exemption under section 31 of the Act.

## Conclusion

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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 this response and should be addressed via email to [foi@ukad.org.uk](mailto:foi@ukad.org.uk). 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



**UK Anti-Doping**