

[REQUESTER NAME]

Ref: FOI-516

Sent via email only: [REQUESTER EMAIL]

16 April 2026

Dear [REQUESTER NAME],

1. Thank you for your email of 18 March 2026 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:

"I would like to request the following information for the period covering the last 10 years (for example, 1 January 2016 to present):

1. *The total number of Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) recorded.*
2. *Of these ADRV's, how many cases identified dietary supplements as a contributing factor, either through athlete testimony, investigation findings, or case outcomes.*
3. *Where such information is recorded, a breakdown of the types of supplements implicated (for example protein powders, pre-workout products, fat burners, or other categories).*
4. *Where available, how many of these supplement related cases involved products that were batch tested or certified through third party testing programmes (for example Informed Sport or similar schemes).*
5. *Any internal reports, summaries, or analyses held that relate to supplement contamination and its contribution to ADRV's during this period."*

Response

2. UKAD confirms that, subject to the explanations provided below, it holds some of the information relevant to your request.

3. In relation to part 1 of your request, UKAD confirms that it holds the information sought in your request. Please note that much of the information requested at part 1 is already within the public domain and would fall to be exempt under section 21 of the Act (information accessible to the applicant by other means). However, UKAD has nevertheless responded to your request at part 1 in full, in good faith.

Table 1 – Total number of Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) recorded from 2016-2026

Year	Amount of ADRVs recorded (<i>Link provided to publicly available information</i>)
2025/26	14 ADRV decisions recorded and/or published Sanctions UK Anti-Doping
2024/25	17 ADRV decisions published UKAD Annual Report 2024/25
2023/24	22 ADRV decisions published UKAD Annual Report 2023/24
2022/23	21 ADRV decisions published UKAD Annual Report 2022/23
2021/22	7 ADRV decisions published UKAD Annual Report 2021/22
2020/21	31 ADRV decisions published UKAD Annual Report 2020/21
2019/20	25 ADRV decisions published UKAD Annual Report 2019/20
2018/19	24 ADRV decisions published UKAD Annual Report 2018/19

2017/18	23 ADRV decisions published UKAD Annual Report 2017/18
2016/17	23 ADRV decisions published 2016-17 Q4.pdf
Total	207 ADRVs recorded

Section 12 - Cost Limits

4. In accordance with section 12 of the Act, UKAD is not obliged to comply with parts 2-5 of your request because to do so would exceed the appropriate limit.
5. Section 12 of the Act provides that a public authority does not have to comply with a request where it exceeds the cost limit, this is defined in the Act as anything over 18 hours work (in essence, a total limit of £450).
6. UKAD has no mechanism to run an automated search or report on how many cases identify dietary supplements, the type of supplements recorded etc. To identify this information, UKAD would need to locate and subsequently review each of the 207 case files individually. It is clear that these parts of your request will plainly engage section 12 of the Act and UKAD therefore relies on section 12 of the Act in respect of these parts of your request.

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 via email to foi@ukad.org.uk. 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

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