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Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email dated 1 March 2018 and subsequent clarification of 3 April 2018 which requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Specifically, your request was as follows:

1. *I am seeking information regarding the amount of tests carried out on players participating in the British Basketball League in the 2016/17 season which ran from 23 September 2016 to 14 May 2017.*
2. *I am also seeking information regarding the amount of out-of-season tests carried out on players outside of the 2016/2017 season, in the period of 15 May 2017 to 29 September 2017 (the period between the end of the 2016/17 season and the start of the 2017/2018 season).*

Information provided in response to your request

2. Please note that for the purpose of the below figures, the meaning of a "test" is any attempt to test a single athlete. If multiple samples (blood and/or urine) are collected from an athlete in a single Sample Collection Session, this is counted as two successful tests. If the athlete is not located or unavailable for testing, this is defined as one unsuccessful test attempt, regardless of the number of planned samples to be collected from that athlete. Therefore, with respect to the answers provided at a, b and d below, these figures include both successful and unsuccessful test attempts. The figures include tests conducted by UKAD on its own behalf and on behalf of other anti-doping organisations.

- a. Number of players tested between 23 September 2016 to 14 May 2017 in British Basketball League:
The number of players tested between 23 September 2016 and 1 May 2017 in British Basketball League was 4.
- b. Number of tests carried out on players in British Basketball League between 23 September 2016 to 14 May 2017:
The number of tests carried out between 23 September 2016 and 1 May 2017 in British Basketball League was 4.

- c. Number of positive tests between 23 September 2016 to 14 May 2017 in British Basketball League:
The number of tests carried out by UKAD that resulted in an Adverse Analytical Finding between 23 September 2016 and 1 May 2017 in British Basketball League was 1.
- d. Number of tests carried out on players in the British Basketball League between 15 May 2017 to 29 September 2017:
The number of tests carried out between 15 May 2017 to 29 September 2017 in British Basketball League was 0.
3. For your information, UKAD makes available on its website quarterly reports on its testing program. These reports include the number of tests conducted on behalf of each Anti-Doping Organisation, International Federation and/or National Governing Body and contain a breakdown of the number of tests conducted by sport, including basketball.
4. The most recent quarterly test report published by UKAD is for the period October to December 2017 inclusive, being the third quarter of 2017/2018. This report (and previous quarterly reports for the period 2009 onwards) are available on UKAD's website here: <https://www.ukad.org.uk/anti-doping-rule-violations/quarterly-reports-on-testing-programme>.

Your rights

5. 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 to: Philip Bunt, Director of Business Services, UK Anti-Doping, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8AE. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.
6. 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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