

Official

Ref: FOI-286

Sent via email only: [REDACTED]

21 September 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

1. We write in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'Act'), reference FOI-286.

Background to your request for information

2. In an email to UKAD dated 04 August 2020, you requested information relating to:
 - a. "the RFL's anti-doping education programme to community clubs and also to League 1 & Championships clubs, lets say over the past 2 years"; and
 - b. "how the RFL comply with 4.3 of the Anti-Doping policy 2009, and how, if at all, have the RFL been monitored, controlled or sanctioned by UKAD for non-compliance with the said Policy"
3. In further email correspondence with you on 05 August 2020, it was clarified that you were making a request for any information relating to:
 - a. the RFL's anti-doping education programme to Championship, League 1 and/or community rugby league clubs in the last two years (i.e. since August 2018);
 - b. the RFL's compliance with Article 4.3 of the UK National Anti-Doping Policy (the 'Policy') in delivering anti-doping education to community rugby league players, including how, if at all, the RFL has been monitored, controlled or sanctioned by UKAD for non-compliance with Article 4.3 of the Policy; and
 - c. similar requests to UKAD (in the past 5 years) concerning the activities of the RFL in relation to anti-doping in general.

Information relating to parts a and b of your request

4. UKAD has identified three documents which are relevant to these parts of your request. Please see enclosed with this response: a draft version of the RFL's Anti-Doping Education & Training Strategy for 2016-2021; the RFL's Anti-Doping Assurance Framework and Action Plan (redacted); and an extract from the draft RFL Anti-Doping Annual Report 2019.

5. The draft Anti-Doping Education and Training Strategy was produced by the RFL and provided to UKAD for review in August 2018. UKAD returned the Strategy document to the RFL with comments in September 2018.
6. The RFL's Anti-Doping Assurance Framework and Action Plan was produced in conjunction with UKAD in 2020. The action plan is a working document on which the RFL has recorded its progress against its obligations under the new version of the National Anti-Doping Policy, due to come into effect later in 2020. The document has been redacted to remove information that can identify individuals and also to remove information that is irrelevant to your request as it is outside of its scope.
7. Finally, the RFL Anti-Doping Annual Report 2019 is as yet unpublished, but it is our understanding that it will be published by the RFL in the near future. The pages provided relate to education and the community game, respectively.

Information relating to part c of your request

8. UKAD does not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

Conclusion

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 the response to your request and should be addressed to: Philip Bunt, Chief Operating Officer, UK Anti-Doping, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8AE. 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