

Official

Ref: FOI-298

Sent via email only: [REDACTED]

10 February 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 26 January 2021 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').
2. Specifically, your request was as follows:

"I wanted to ask if UKAD had completed the investigation referred to in FOI-287 that UKAD responded to on 13th October 2020.

Specifically, the person who submitted the FOI asked how many AAFs there had been in the 2019/2020 Premier league season. UKAD responded that there had been three but refused to reveal which substance had caused the third AAF on the following grounds:

11. *One of UKAD's core functions is the investigation and prosecution of Anti-Doping Rule Violations ('ADRVs'). This function falls within section 31(1)(g) of the Act, as it is exercised for the purpose set out in section 31(2)(b) of the Act.*
12. *It is UKAD's view that disclosing the requested information relating to AAF 3 would be likely to prejudice this function. This is because AAF 3 is still subject to an investigation to determine whether any further action is required in respect of it, in accordance with the ADR. Releasing any information in respect of it at this stage may therefore prejudice that specific investigation.*

If the investigation referred to has now been completed, could you please now provide which substance was involved in AAF 3?"

Response

3. UKAD can confirm in relation to "AAF 3" (as referenced in the response to FOI-287), that the Prohibited Substance detected was human Chorionic Gonadotrophin ('hCG').

4. Please note, an Adverse Analytical Finding ('AAF') for hCG in a Sample does not necessarily lead to an Anti-Doping Rule Violation ('ADRV'). A copy of WADA Technical Document TD2019CG/LH (available on the WADA website [here](#)) is enclosed with this response for reference.

Conclusion

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 this response 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.
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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "UK Anti-Doping".

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