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Sent: 13 February 2023 17:43
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: [OFFICIAL] - RE: Cricket - enquiry [FOI-365]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Please find the response to your below request, reference FOI-365 as follows (answers in **bold**):

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) currently operates a "Recreational Drugs Programme" to "screen for illicit substances out of competition". The outcome of this testing programme is not currently disclosed as "only if the player fails to comply, or commits a second violation, are they liable to sanction and public disclosure".

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- 2. How many players failed tests in each of the following years - 2020, 2021 and 2022 (please breakdown by year)?*
- 3. How many of the failed tests were male cricketers and how many were female cricketers?*
- 4. How many of the failed tests were by England international cricketers?*
- 5. Please provide a breakdown of the recreational drugs that caused the failed tests described in point 2 (e.g., 3 people = cocaine, 7 people = marijuana etc).*

UKAD does not hold the information requested because UKAD does not operate the "Recreational Drugs Programme" of The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

UKAD conducts World Anti-Doping Code (WADC)- compliant testing on players under the jurisdiction of the ECB. Under the WADC, mandated by the UK Government, certain substances are not prohibited for the purposes of Out-of-Competition testing, including those substances which are identified as a 'Substance of Abuse', and are sometimes more generally referred to as recreational drugs.

The ECB is responsible for delivering its own Recreational Drugs Programme for the purposes of testing recreational drugs Out-of-Competition, as this sits outside of the World Anti-Doping Code.

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Kind regards,

UKAD

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 January 2023 15:36

To: Freedom Of Information <FOI@ukad.org.uk>

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Please can you send the information requested to this email address.

Many thanks,

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