

Ref: FOI-344

12 August 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

1. Thank you for your email dated 21 June 2022 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').
2. You requested information *"regarding drug testing in BUCS university [any British University that plays rugby union in a BUCs or official university league] rugby union for the last five years (every year from 2017 to 2022)"*. You requested this be broken down by tests/positive tests/positive tests per university per year.

Response

3. UKAD does not hold the information as requested per section 1(4) of the Act.
4. You have requested specific data for tests, broken down by the league the athlete competed in at the time of testing, namely the BUCS/official university league. UKAD does not hold this data. The primary reason for this is that we do not record whether an Athlete competed in this league at the time of testing within the Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS).
5. It may be possible to generate the data you have requested by way of cross-referencing information publicly available with the data we have. However, to generate this data in the manner you have requested would be disproportionately burdensome for UKAD, as explained below.
6. It might be possible, using publicly available (now or archived, not UKAD-specific) information to try to discern where certain athletes were (i.e., which league) at any one point in time, which would allow for a researcher to cross-reference that data

with the testing data UKAD holds for each relevant year. However, this would involve combining information held by UKAD with information not currently held by UKAD to generate new information for the purpose of this request. Generating new information in this manner is not provided for by the Act, which instead provides a general right of access to information already held.

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 the response to your request and should be addressed via email to: foi@ukad.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.
8. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commission 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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