

FOI-366

03 November 2023

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Sent via email only:

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 26 January 2023 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested information regarding malicious emails sent to UKAD. Specifically, you asked for the following information:

"The date range for the request is for 2022. The data shall include a breakdown by individual departments (e.g. separate departments, agencies, or public bodies within the main government agency), if applicable. Where data isn't available for the entire year, please provide the data and timescale it relates to (e.g. X emails over the last 90 days).

1. How many malicious emails have been successfully blocked/detected?
2. If possible, please provide a breakdown of figures by malicious email type, e.g. spam, malware, phishing and ransomware.
3. What percentage of malicious emails were opened by staff?
4. What percentage of malicious links in the emails were clicked on by staff?
5. How many email accounts/employees are there within your department?"

Summary of Response

2. UKAD is disclosing information in response to part 1 of your request (where held).
3. UKAD is disclosing information in response to part 2 of your request (where held).
4. UKAD does not hold any information in relation to parts 3 and 4 of your request.
5. UKAD is disclosing information held in response to part 5 of your request.

Response to part 1 of your request

6. In response to part 1 of your request, UKAD confirms that it only retains data related to malicious emails blocked in the last 90 days.
7. As such, UKAD does not hold all of the information you have requested. UKAD does however, hold information related to the number of malicious emails blocked by UKAD from the period of 4 November 2022 to 1 February 2023 (which was retained from 1 February 2023, for the purposes of answering this request).
8. In the 90-day period between 4 November 2022 to 1 February 2023 inclusive, 143,728 malicious emails were successfully blocked by UKAD.

Response to part 2 of your request

9. In response to part 2 of your request, UKAD confirms that it only retains data related to malicious emails blocked in the last 90 days.
10. As such, UKAD does not hold all of the information you have requested. UKAD does however, hold information relating to the breakdown of figures for malicious email type, from the period of 4 November 2022 to 1 February 2023 (which was retained from 1 February 2023, for the purposes of answering this request). Please see the figures broken down below:

- a. Spam – 6150
- b. Malware – 72
- c. Phishing – 4496
- d. Ransomware – 0
- e. Impersonation block – 94
- f. Edge blocked – 69,837
- g. Exchange rules – 63,079

Response to parts 3 and 4 of your request

11. In response to parts 3 and 4 of your request, to confirm, UKAD does not hold this information.

Response to part 5 of your request

12. In response to part 5 of your request, UKAD confirms that it holds 181 email accounts.

Conclusion

13. 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 this response via email to foi@ukad.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.

14. 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". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

UK Anti-Doping