

Ref: FOI-499

Sent via email only:

26 August 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 29 July 2025 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Specifically, your request was as follows:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information for professional boxers licensed by the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBoC) from July 28, 2020, to July 28, 2025, broken down by calendar year (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025):

- 1. The total number of boxers who failed drug tests for performance-enhancing or other prohibited substances under the UK Anti-Doping Rules, reported for each calendar year.*
- 2. A summary of actions taken for these violations, such as the number of boxers who received bans (with durations, e.g., 3-year bans, 6-month bans), were cleared, or received other sanctions (e.g., warnings), reported for each calendar year, without linking actions to individual boxers.*
- 3. Regarding the case of Conor Benn, cleared by the National Anti-Doping Panel on November 6, 2024:*
 - a. The general reason for his clearance (e.g., insufficient evidence, contamination, procedural issues), without disclosing personal data or confidential details protected under Article 8.5.2 of the UK Anti-Doping Rules.*
 - b. If specific reasons cannot be provided, any aggregated data on cases cleared due to similar reasons (e.g., contamination or testing errors) during the same period, broken down by calendar year."*

Summary of Response

2. In relation to Parts 1 and 2 of your request, UKAD confirms that it holds the requested information.
3. In relation to Part 3 of your request, UKAD confirms that it holds the requested information. However, it is subject to an exemption under the Act and is therefore withheld.

Parts 1 and 2 of your request

4. In relation to Parts 1 and 2 of your request, UKAD confirms that it holds the details of the number of boxers licensed by the British Boxing Board of Control ('BBBoC') who have returned an Adverse Analytical Finding ('AAF') (otherwise more commonly referred to as a 'failed drugs test') following UKAD Testing, and any resulting actions taken.
5. Please see the below table in which the information is disclosed:

Year	No. of boxers returning AAFs	Outcome
2020	1	1 x 4-year ban
2021	1	1 x No ADRV
2022	4	1 x 8-month ban 1 x 2-year ban 1 x 3-year ban 1 x 4-year ban
2023	8	2 x No ADRV 3 x 2-year ban 2 x 4-year ban 1 x ongoing, awaiting final outcome
2024	2	1 x No ADRV

		1 x 5-year ban
2025	3	1 x 3-month ban 2 x ongoing, awaiting final outcome

Part 3 of your request

6. Section 21 of the Act states:

21 Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) —

a. information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

b. information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

7. In relation to Part 3 of your request, UKAD confirms that it holds the information requested. However, this information is withheld under section 21 of the Act as “a *general reason for* [Conor Benn’s] *clearance*” is reasonably accessible to you by other means. Please see UKAD’s [public statement of 6 November 2024](#) regarding the outcome of the case of Conor Benn.

Conclusion

8. 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 via email to foi@ukad.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.
9. 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