

## Response

Thank you for your request for further information regarding the work of the Sports Betting Intelligence Unit (SBIU) and The Gambling Commission.

In relation to the first part of your request section 15.1 of the LCCP explains the condition by which operators must provide relevant sports governing bodies with information they suspect may lead us to consider making an order to void a bet relates to a breach of a rule applied by that sport governing body. The information they provide must be sufficient for SGBs to conduct an effective investigation. For a list of the relevant sports governing bodies see Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Gambling Act 2005.

Information sharing between the SBIU and SGBs is governed by s30.1 and Part 2 schedule 6 of the Gambling Act 2005. This provides a limited list of third parties with whom the Commission may provide information received by it in the course of its duties. However the Commission may choose to provide information to parties not listed where this is considered appropriate in line with the licensing objectives and is not prohibited by any statutory provision or legal principle. Where necessary information provided by the Commission to third parties may be subject to conditions, including the requirement to apply good information handling procedures. The Commission would not be able to pass data to those that do not have appropriate information handling procedures.

All data sharing between the SBIU, SGBs and operators is conducted in line with Human Rights Act 1998 and the Data Protection Act 1998.

In relation to the second part of your request regarding the number of reports concerning footballer betting received from SGBs and data sharing between operators, SGBs and the SBIU, due to the sensitive nature of work carried out by the SBIU we do not release details of individual events or investigations unless there is a strong public interest in doing so. Therefore we are not in a position to confirm or deny the holding of information you have requested. We consider this information to be exempt under s.30 of the FOIA 2000, the reasoning for which is outlined in the attached document.

We provide information through the Industry Statistics publication and other routes in order to inform the public and interested stakeholders about the nature of gambling in Great Britain. We have carefully considered the level to which we can disaggregate this information to provide as detailed a picture as possible. A broad overview of the most recent work into sports betting integrity is provided in our quarterly snapshot.

### Review of the decision

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your Freedom of Information request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to FOI Team, Gambling Commission, 4th floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4BP.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints

## Request

I refer to the above subject of footballers betting on football matches. I have had the opportunity of reading the response of 24<sup>th</sup>. January, 2017 to another request. I would like to request some further information.

1. The response of 24<sup>th</sup>. January states that “gambling operators have a condition attached to their licence that requires them to notify Sports Governing Bodies of suspected breaches.” Can you confirm by what authority they are sharing sensitive personal data with those bodies?
2. Can you also confirm by what authority Sports Governing Bodies share that information with the SBIU, and vice versa.
3. Can you confirm how many reports of footballers betting on football have emanated from the Sports Governing Body (rather than as a result of data sharing of suspected breaches) in the UK (by year and body), for example the SFA, FA etc.
4. In the period 2015-2017 (by year) how many reports of footballers betting on football were received about footballers registered with the SFA? If the data would tend to reveal the identity of players, I will accept the data collectively for the period.
5. Is the Gambling Commission aware of any instances where gambling operators have shared data directly with governing bodies? Please provide this information by year and governing body.
6. If so, is the Commission aware of by what authority such information was passed to the relevant authorities? Please provide details.