

Response

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Gambling Commission does not maintain a correspondence with the Premier League who are organising body of top level football, with responsibility for the competition, its Rule Book and the centralised broadcast and other commercial rights. The Commission's Sports Betting Integrity Unit (SBIU) engages with the FA as the recognised sport's governing body of football in England. The Premier League are competition organisers and as such we do not engage with them around matters of betting integrity. We therefore do not hold any information relevant to your request.

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](#)

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has previously considered an appeal in relation to a request for further information relating to disaggregated betting integrity information. The conclusion of the Commissioner in that case was that public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed disclosure of the information requested. The Information Commissioner stated that the public interest in protecting the ability of the Gambling Commission to investigate and institute criminal proceedings in respect of offences committed under the act is greater than the public interest in disclosure. You can find the Information Commissioner's decision notice at the following link: https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notice/2011/588322/fs_50310415.pdf

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

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to gambling patterns in the Premier League since 2010. I would like to request the following from The Gambling Commission.

Have you done any investigations into irregular betting patterns on any Premier League match since 2010?

Correspondence between The Gambling Commission and the Premier League with regards to irregular betting patterns; emails, letters, reports, notes taken during phone calls

Please provide the information in an electronic format or excel if appropriate. If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits, please provide advice and assistance as to how I can refine my request.