

## Press Release

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### Players want say in anti-doping arrangements

The Professional Players Federation considered the proposals for the new National Anti-Doping Organisation at its quarterly meeting in Birmingham yesterday.

The member player associations were unanimous in calling for greater input from professional sport and its player into the UK's new anti-doping arrangements. There was a concern that the proposals were being driven by government agencies in partnership with the amateur/Olympic sports. As a result there was little input from professional sport and no input from professional player organisations. This lack of representation threatens to undermine support for the new agency and could reduce its effectiveness.

Brendon Batson MBE, Chairman of the PPF said.

“In the rush to ensure that the new anti-doping structures are in place well before London 2012 we need to make sure that the professional players are listened to and their concerns taken on board.”

### Notes for Editors

1. Professional players account for approximately 45% of all the drugs tests in the UK.
2. The Government announced plans to create an independent National Anti-Doping Agency in December 2007.