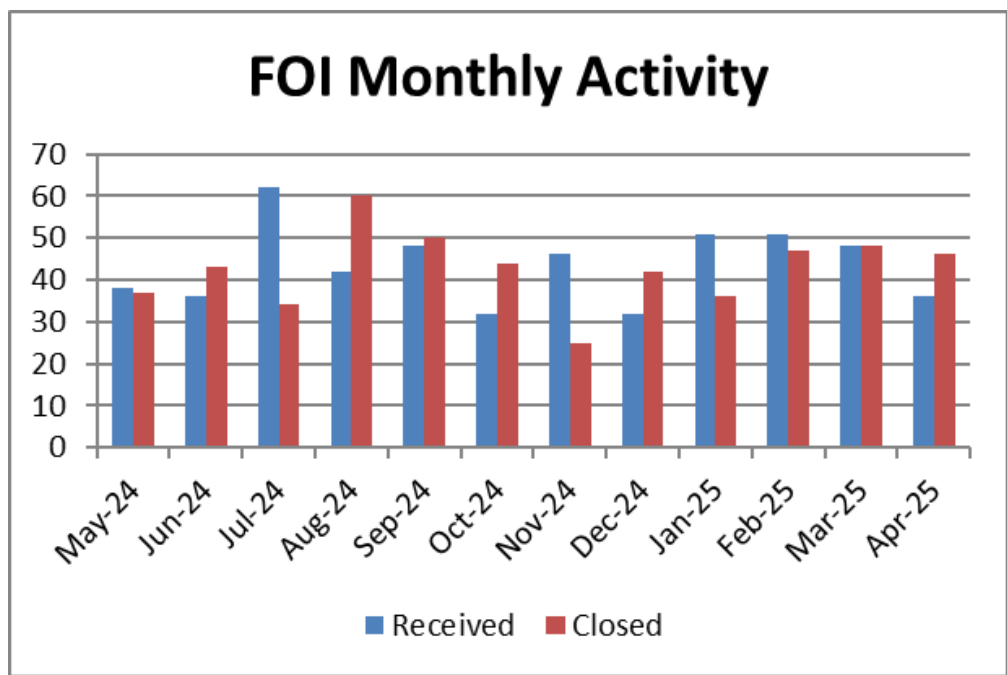


Freedom of Information (FOI) Activity Report – February 2025 to April 2025

	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025
FOIs Received	38	36	62	42	48	32	46	32	51	51	48	36
FOIs Closed	37	43	34	60	50	44	25	42	36	47	48	46
Statutory 20 Day Deadline Breaches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	3



Total FOIs received 2023/24:
542

Total FOIs received 2024/25:
537

FOI Average 2023/2024 (received):
45.1 per month

FOI Average 2024/2025 (received):
44.7 per month

FOI Activity Analysis

For the period 01 February 2025 to 30 April 2025, C&M ICB received a total of 135 FOI requests and responded to a total of 141 FOI requests. The average number of FOI requests per month during the reporting period was 45.

There is now a complete set of data for the number of FOI requests received during both the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years (detailed in the bottom left) which identifies that the number of FOI requests received by the ICB for both financial years has remained consistent in terms of volumes received per year.

Exemptions Applied in FOI Responses

For the period 01 February 2025 to 30 April 2025, C&M ICB applied a total of 12 FOI exemptions withholding disclosure of all/part of information requested, broken down by the below FOI Sections:

- Section 12: *Compliance Exceeds Appropriate Limit* [2]
- Section 40: *Personal Information* [6]
- Section 41: *Information Provided in Confidence* [1]
- Section 43: *Prejudice to Commercial Interests* [3]

Compliance

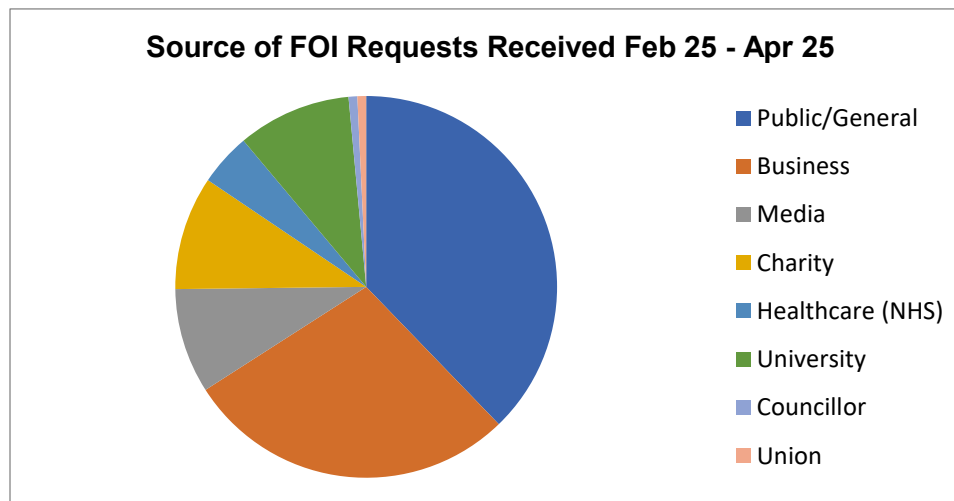
For the period 01 February 2025 to 30 April 2025, C&M ICB were 93% compliant in responding to FOI requests within the statutory timescale (20 working days). This follows the first recorded breaches by the ICB since July 2022 in the previous reported month (January 2025) - on 9 occasions between 01 February 2025 and 30 April 2025 the ICB failed to provide a response to requests due out in the months February to April 2025. On all occasions this was due to a delay in receiving the relevant information from the following ICB departments/functions: Clinical Team [3], Digital Team [2], Contracts Team [1], Estates Team [1], Finance Team [1], CHC Services [1]. Whilst the specific reasons are unknown it would appear that the increase in breaches was mainly due to staff capacity within departments/functions and staff annual leave over the reporting period.

Additionally, on 5 occasions the initial response provided did not include all information requested due to a delay in receiving all of the requested information in response to all questions – x3 of these related to information held Place CHC Services, x1 Contracts Team and x1 Digital Team. Where full or partial breaches occurred a full or updated response including the previously omitted pieces of information were provided to the applicant once received by the central ICB FOI Team.

Internal Reviews / Clarification Requests

For the period 01 February 2025 to 30 April 2025, C&M ICB received a total of 4 requests for a review/clarification of previous FOI responses provided during this period. All of these requests for a review/clarification related to the information previously provided being expanded on, further/additional information in relation to the previous request, or requesting a review of the previous response. On one occasion the review identified the ICB was able to provided data it previously advised it was not, due to the specific methodology being provided from the applicant.

Source of FOI Requests Received	
Applicant Type	Number of Requests Received Feb 25 - Apr 25
Public/General	51
Business	38
Media	12
Charity	13
Healthcare (NHS)	6
University	13
Councillor	1
Union	1



Themes/Topics of FOI Requests Received

For the period 01 February 2025 to 30 April 2025, the following were noted as themes/topics of interest in the FOIs received:

- *NHS Continuing Healthcare / Care Package Commissioning*
- *Weight Management Services / Weight Loss Drugs*
- *Digital Technology Commissioning*
- *NHS Dental Contracting*
- *Service Contracting Information.*