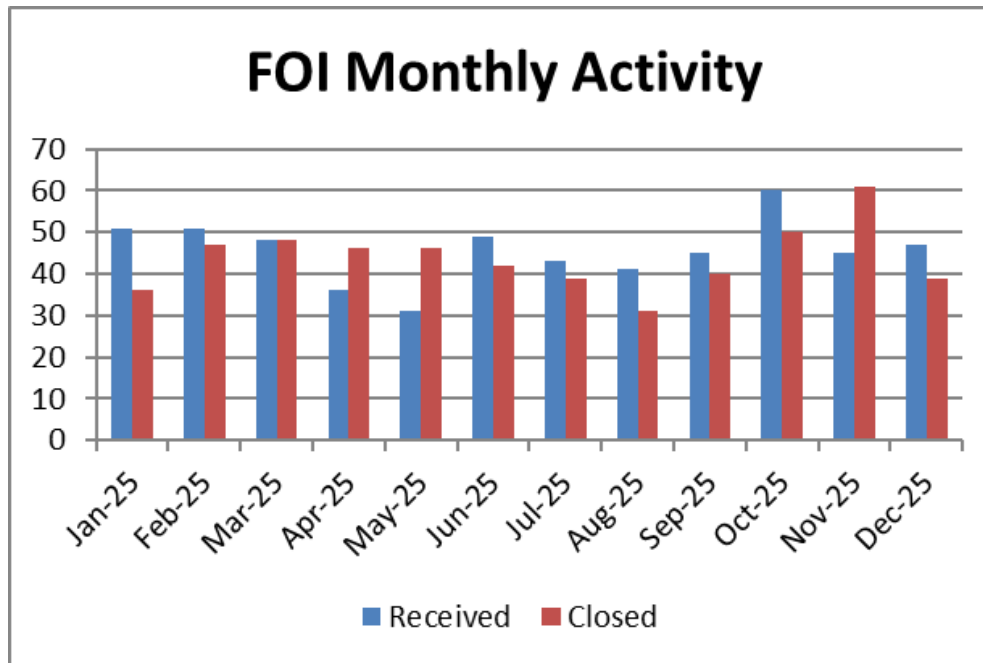


Appendix One: Freedom of Information (FOI) Activity Report – October 2025 to December 2025

	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
FOIs Received	51	51	48	36	31	49	43	41	45	60	45	47
FOIs Closed	36	47	48	46	46	42	39	31	40	50	61	39
Statutory 20 Day Deadline Breaches	2	1	5	3	2	3	6	2	4	4	6	5



Total FOIs received 2024/25:
537

Total FOIs received 2025/26*:
397

FOI Average 2024/25 (received):
44.7 per month

FOI Average 2025/26* (received):
44.1 per month

* 01/04/25 – 31/12/25

FOI Activity Analysis

For the period 01 October 2025 to 31 December 2025, C&M ICB received a total of 152 FOI requests and responded to a total of 150 FOI requests.

The average number of FOI requests received per month during the reporting period was 50, which is an increase from 43 per month in relation to the previous reporting period average (July - Sept 2025) and currently higher than the previous full financial years average of monthly FOIs received of 44.7 per month.

The amount of FOIs received each month during this reporting period saw a spike in Oct and a continued increase from the average during Nov and Dec 2025.

Exemptions Applied in FOI Responses

For the period 01 October 2025 to 31 December 2025, C&M ICB applied a total of 31 FOI exemptions withholding disclosure of all/part of information requested, broken down by the below FOI Sections:

- Section 12: *Compliance Exceeds Appropriate Limit* [4]
- Section 40: *Personal Information* [18]
- Section 41: *Information provided in confidence* [2]
- Section 43: *Commercially Sensitive* [7]

Compliance

For the period 01 October 2025 to 31 December 2025, C&M ICB were **90.1%** compliant in responding to FOI requests within the statutory timescale (20 working days). This is a slight decrease in the level of compliance from the 90.6% reported in the previous reporting period (July – Sep 2025)

On 15 occasions between 01 October 2025 and 31 December 2025 the ICB failed to provide a response to requests due out in these months. On all occasions this was due to a delay in receiving the relevant information from the following ICB departments/functions:

- Contracts Team [6] - CHC Finance [2] - CHC Services [2] - Digital [2] - Finance [1] - Estates [1] – Warrington Place [1]

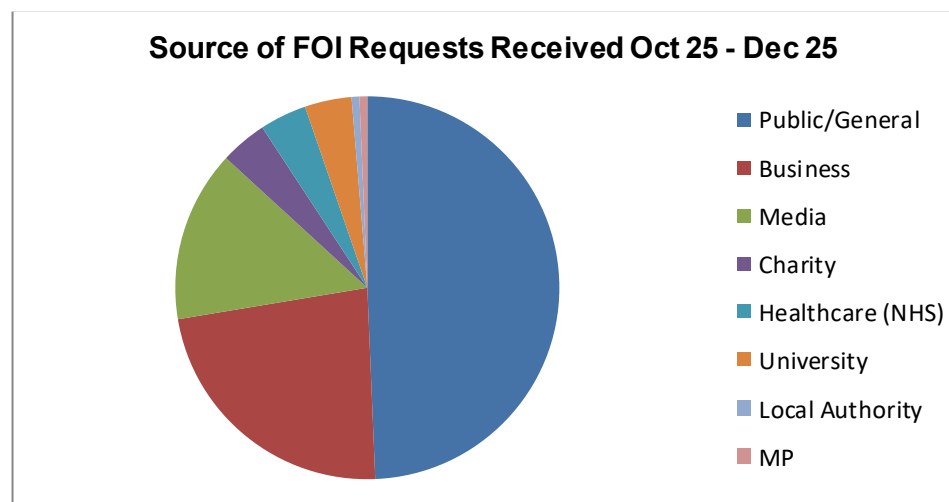
Whilst the specific reasons are unknown it would appear that the breaches continue mainly due to: staff capacity within departments/functions, staff annual leave and identifying staff internally within departments who hold the requested information.

Additionally, on 1 occasion 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, this related to information held by CHC Services, Where full or partial breaches occur a full or updated response including the previously omitted pieces of information are provided to the applicant once received by the central ICB FOI Team.

Internal Reviews / Clarification Requests

For the period 01 October 2025 to 31 December 2025, C&M ICB received a total of 8 requests for a review/clarification of previous FOI responses provided during this period. On all occasions the ICB upheld its previous responses, or provided the requested clarification/additional information sought.

Source of FOI Requests Received	
Applicant Type	Number of Requests Received Oct 25 - Dec 25
Public/General	75
Business	35
Media	22
Charity	6
Healthcare (NHS)	6
University	6
Local Authority	1
MP	1



Themes/Topics of FOI Requests Received

For the period 01 October 2025 to 31 December 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*
- *ADHD/ASC Commissioning / Spend / Contracting*
- *Primary Care Commissioning / Spend / Contracting*
- *Financial Recovery Plans / Documents / Correspondance*