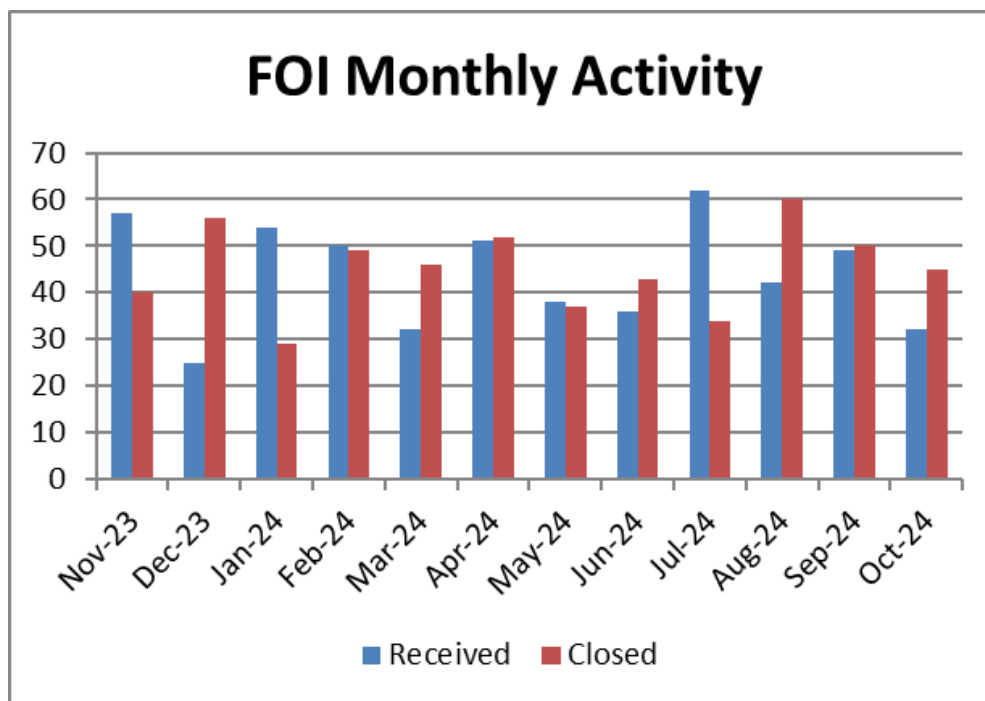


# Freedom of Information (FOI) Activity Report – August 2024 to October 2024

	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024
FOIs Received	57	25	54	50	32	51	38	36	62	42	48	32
FOIs Closed	40	56	29	49	46	52	37	43	34	60	50	44
Statutory 20 Day Deadline Breaches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Total FOIs received 2023/24:  
**542**

Total FOIs received 2024/25\*:  
**310**

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

FOI Average 2024/2025\* (received):  
**44.28 per month**

\* 01/04/24 – 31/10/24.

## FOI Activity Analysis

For the period 01 August 2024 to 31 October 2024, C&M ICB received a total of 122 FOI requests and responded to a total of 154 FOI requests.

For the period 01 August 2024 to 31 October 2024, the average number of FOI requests received per month was 41, which is a decrease from 46.75 in relation to the previous reporting period (April 2024 – July 2024) average.

An exceptionally larger than usual number of FOI requests were responded to in the month of August 2024, due to the large number received in the month prior (July 2024).

## Exemptions Applied in FOI Responses

For the period 01 Aug 2024 to 31 Oct 2024, C&M ICB applied a total of 18 FOI exemptions withholding disclosure of all/part of information requested, broken down by the below FOI Sections:

- Section 12: *Compliance Exceeds Appropriate Limit* [3]
- Section 22: *Information Intended for Future Publication* [1]
- Section 31: *Law Enforcement* [1]
- Section 40: *Personal Information* [10]
- Section 41: *Information Provided in Confidence* [2]
- Section 43: *Prejudice to Commercial Interests* [1]

## Compliance

For the period 01 August 2024 to 31 October 2024, C&M ICB were 100% compliant in responding to FOI requests within the statutory timescale (20 working days). However, 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 individual Place CHC Services, x1 from Finance Department and x1 from Contracting Department. Where this occurred an updated response including the previously omitted pieces of information were provided to the applicant once received by the central ICB FOI Team.

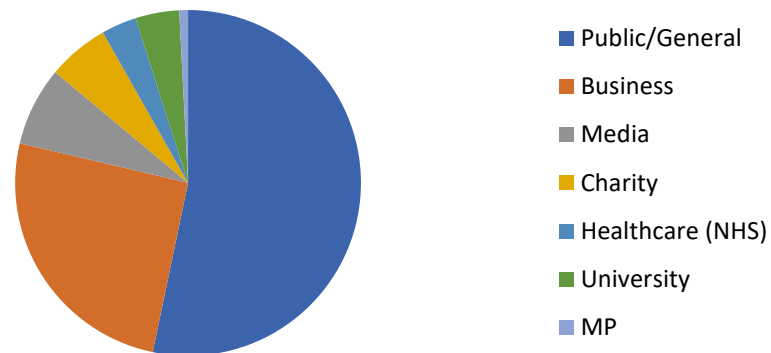
## Internal Reviews / Clarification Requests

For the period 01 August 2024 to 31 October 2024, C&M ICB also received a total of 6 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. No internal reviews undertaken resulted in the original response being changed.

### Source of FOI Requests Received

Applicant Type	Number of Requests Received Aug 24 - Oct 24
Public/General	65
Business	31
Media	9
Charity	7
Healthcare (NHS)	4
University	5
MP	1

### Source of FOI Requests Received Aug 24 - Oct 24



## Themes/Topics of FOI Requests Received

For the period 01 August 2024 to 31 October 2024, 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*
- *Women's Health Hubs / Maternity Services*
- *NHS Dental Contracting*
- *RM6281 Workforce Alliance Framework*