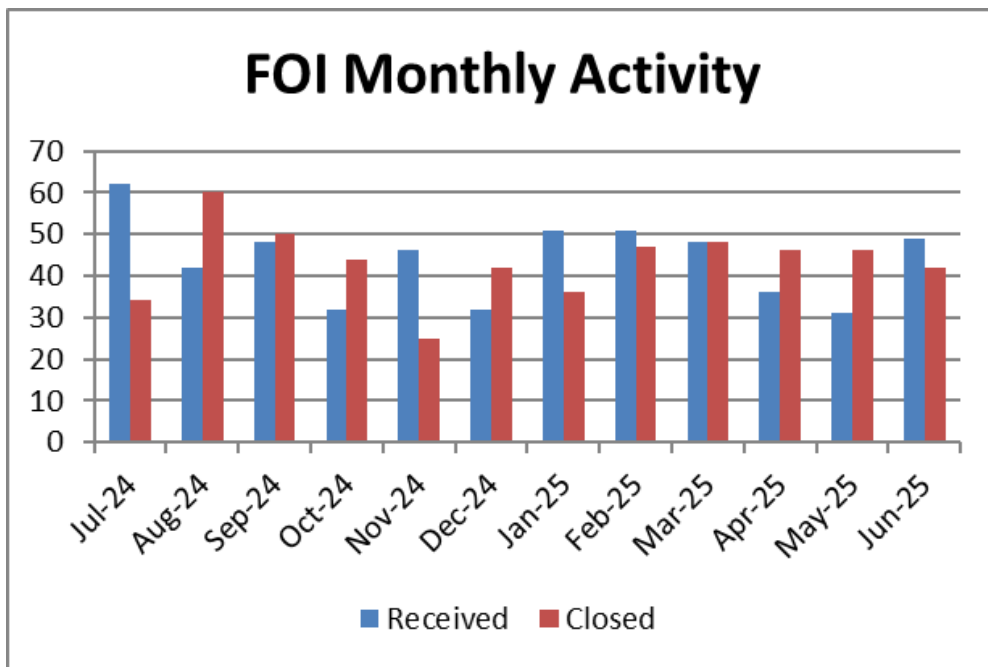


Appendix One: Freedom of Information (FOI) Activity Report – July 2025 to September 2025

	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025
FOIs Received	32	46	32	51	51	48	36	31	49	43	41	45
FOIs Closed	44	25	42	36	47	48	46	46	42	39	31	40
Statutory 20 Day Deadline Breaches	0	0	0	2	1	5	3	2	3	6	2	4



Total FOIs received 2024/25:
537

Total FOIs received 2025/26*:
245

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

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

* 01/04/25 – 30/09/25

FOI Activity Analysis

For the period 01 July 2025 to 30 September 2025, C&M ICB received a total of 129 FOI requests and responded to a total of 110 FOI requests.

The average number of FOI requests received per month during the reporting period was 43, which is a slight increase from 40 per month in relation to the previous reporting period average (May - June 2025) and currently lower 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 remained relatively consistent.

Exemptions Applied in FOI Responses

For the period 01 July 2025 to 30 September 2025, C&M ICB applied a total of 15 FOI exemptions withholding disclosure of all/part of information requested, broken down by the below FOI Sections:

- Section 36: *prejudice to the conduct of public affairs* [1]
- Section 40: *Personal Information* [8]
- Section 41: *Information provided in confidence* [3]
- Section 43: *Commercially Sensitive* [3]

Compliance

For the period 01 July 2025 to 30 September 2025, C&M ICB were **90.6%** compliant in responding to FOI requests within the statutory timescale (20 working days). This is a decrease in the level of compliance from the 93% reported in the previous reporting period (01 May – 30 June 2025)

On 12 occasions between 01 July 2025 and 30 September 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] - Population Health [1] - Digital [1] - Finance [1] - Estates [1]

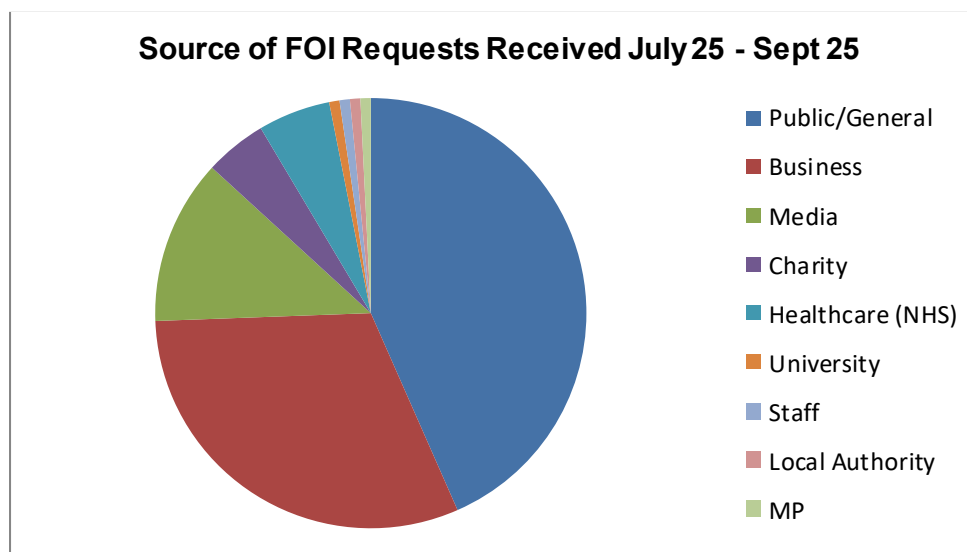
Whilst the specific reasons are unknown it would appear that the breaches continue mainly due to: staff capacity within departments/functions, staff annual leave and identifying staff internally within departments who hold the requested information.

Additionally, on 4 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, this related to information held Contracts Team [2], Place mental health commissioners [1] and CHC Finance [1]. 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 July 2025 to 30 September 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 July 25 - Sept 25
Public/General	56
Business	40
Media	16
Charity	6
Healthcare (NHS)	7
University	1
Staff	1
Local Authority	1
MP	1



Themes/Topics of FOI Requests Received

For the period 01 July 2025 to 30 September 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*
- *GP Primary Care Commissioning / Spend / Contracting*
- *ICB Financial Recovery Plans / Documents / Correspondance*