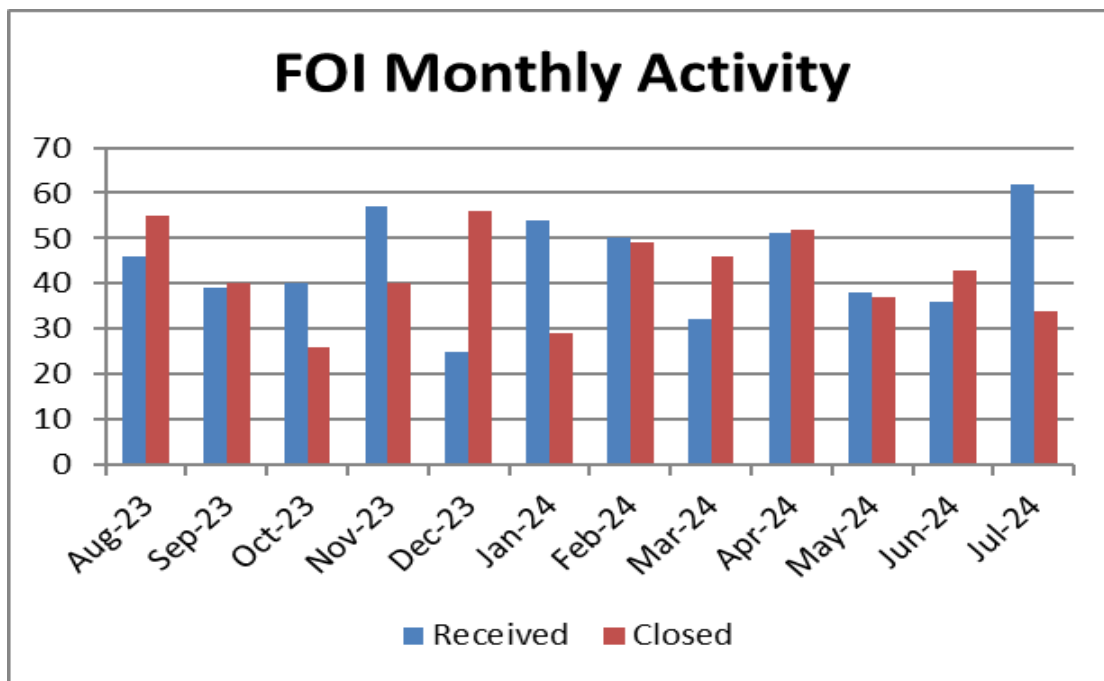


Freedom of Information (FOI) Activity Report – April 2024 to July 2024

	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024
FOIs Received	46	39	40	57	25	54	50	32	51	38	36	62
FOIs Closed	55	40	26	40	56	29	49	46	52	37	43	34
Statutory 20 Day Deadline Breaches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Total FOIs received 2023/24: 542	FOI Average 2023/2024 (received): 45.1 per month
Total FOIs received 2024/25*: 187	FOI Average 2024/2025* (received): 46.75 per month

* 01/04/24 – 31/07/24.

FOI Activity Analysis

For the period 01 April 2024 to 31 July 2024, C&M ICB received a total of 187 FOI requests and responded to a total of 166 FOI requests.

For the period 01 April 2024 to 31 July 2024, the average number of FOI requests received per month was 46.75, which is an increase from 45.1 based on the 2023/24 financial year (Apr 23 – Mar 24) monthly average.

An exceptionally larger than usual number of FOI requests were received in the month of July 2024.

Exemptions Applied in FOI Responses

For the period 01 April 2024 to 31 July 2024, C&M ICB applied a total of 16 FOI exemptions withholding disclosure of all/part of information requested, broken down by the below FOI Sections:

- Section 12: *Compliance Exceeds Appropriate Limit* [1]
- Section 40: *Personal Information* [14]
- Section 43: *Prejudice to Commercial Interests* [1]

Compliance

For the period 01 April 2024 to 31 July 2024, C&M ICB were 100% compliant in responding to FOI requests within the statutory timescale (20 working days). However, on 1 occasion the initial response provided did not include all information requested due to a delay in receiving the a copy of one of the corresponding service specification documents from the ICBs Contracting Team. Where this occurred an updated response including the previously omitted service specification was provided to the applicant three working days later once received by the central ICB FOI Team.

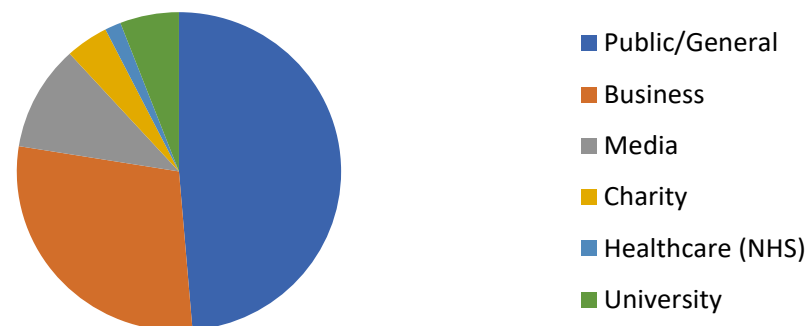
Internal Reviews / Clarification Requests

For the period 01 April 2024 to 31 July 2024, C&M ICB received a total of 6 requests for a review/clarification of the responses previously provided to FOIs. 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.

Source of FOI Requests Received

Applicant Type	Number of Requests Received April 23 - March 24
Public/General	91
Business	54
Media	20
Charity	8
Healthcare (NHS)	3
University	11

Source of FOI Requests Received April 24 - July 24



Themes/Topics of FOI Requests Received

For the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, the following were noted as the common themes/topics of interest in the FOIs received:

- *NHS Continuing Healthcare / Care Package Commissioning*
- *Weight Management Services / Wegovy*
- *Contracting Information of Healthcare Services Commissioned*
- *Contact Details of ICB Leads for Areas of Healthcare Commissioning and GP Practice/PCNs.*
- *Contracting/Details of Digital Services Commissioned across the ICS.*