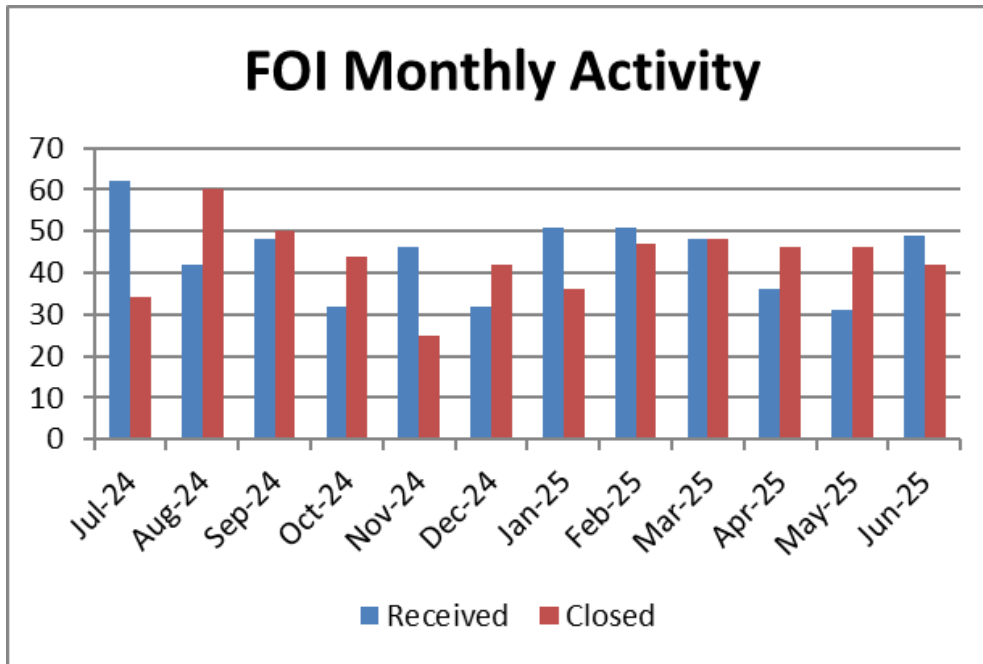


# Freedom of Information (FOI) Activity Report – May 2025 to June 2025

	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025
<b>FOIs Received</b>	62	42	48	32	46	32	51	51	48	36	31	49
<b>FOIs Closed</b>	34	60	50	44	25	42	36	47	48	46	46	42
<b>Statutory 20 Day Deadline Breaches</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	3	2	3



Total FOIs received 2024/25:  
**537**  
Total FOIs received 2025/26\*:  
**116**

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

## FOI Activity Analysis

For the period 01 May 2025 to 30 June 2025, C&M ICB received a total of 80 FOI requests and responded to a total of 88 FOI requests.

The average number of FOI requests received per month during the reporting period was 40, which is a decrease from 45 per month in relation to the previous reporting period average (Feb 2025 – April 2025) and currently lower than the previous full financial years average of monthly FOIs received of 44.7 per month.

A steep increase was noted for the month of June 2025, following a below average the month prior in May 2025.

## Exemptions Applied in FOI Responses

For the period 01 May 2025 to 30 June 2025, C&M ICB applied a total of 4 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* [3]

\* 01/04/25 – 30/06/25

## Compliance

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

On 5 occasions between 01 May 2025 and 30 June 2025 the ICB failed to provide a response to requests due out in the months May and June 2025. On all occasions this was due to a delay in receiving the relevant information from the following ICB departments/functions:

- Clinical Team [1]
- Contracts Team [3]
- Finance Team [1].

Whilst the specific reasons are unknown it would appear that the breaches continue mainly due to:

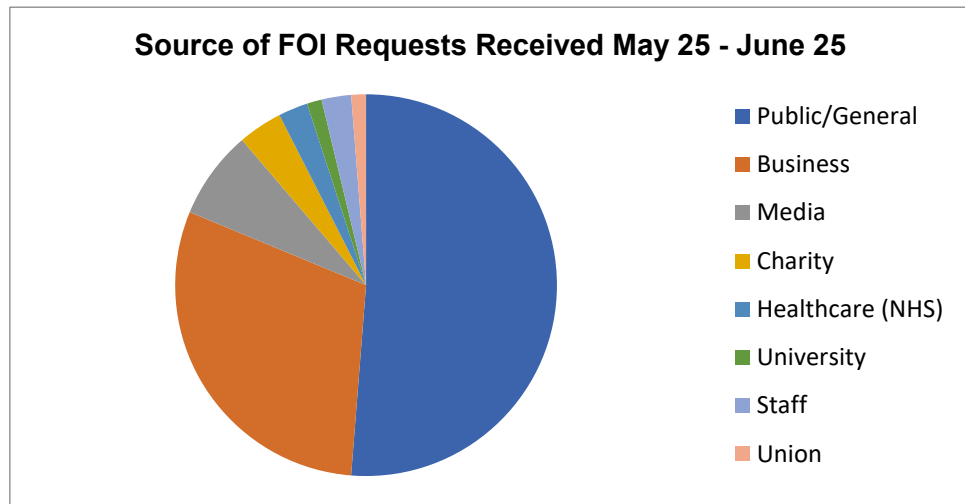
- staff capacity within departments/functions
- staff annual leave and;
- identifying staff internally within departments who hold the requested information.

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 at Place CHC Service level. 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 May 2025 to 30 June 2025, C&M ICB received a total of 4 requests for a review/clarification of previous FOI responses provided during this period. On two occasions the review identified that the previous information supplied was incorrect and an apology and the correct information was provided. On one occasion the review requested a review of the previous redactions applied in the documents provided. On one occasion the review requested clarification of the information provided being expanded on.

Source of FOI Requests Received	
Applicant Type	Number of Requests Received May 25 - June 25
Public/General	41
Business	24
Media	6
Charity	3
Healthcare (NHS)	2
University	1
Staff	2
Union	1



Themes/Topics of FOI Requests Received
<p>For the period 01 May 2025 to 30 June 2025, the following were noted as themes/topics of interest in the FOIs received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>NHS Continuing Healthcare / Care Package Commissioning</i></li> <li>- <i>Weight Management Services / Weight Loss Drugs</i></li> <li>- <i>Mental Health Commissioning / Spend</i></li> <li>- <i>Primary Care Commissioning / Spend</i></li> <li>- <i>Services and spend for Asylum Seeker/Migrant status patients.</i></li> </ul>