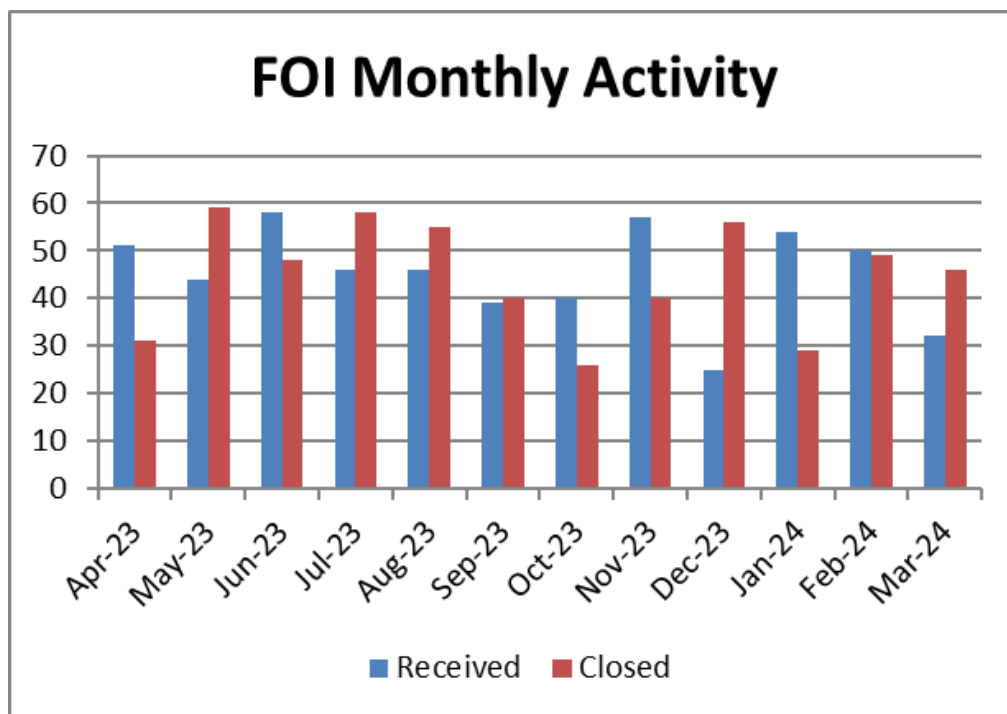


Freedom of Information (FOI) Activity Report – April 2023 to March 2024

	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
FOIs Received	51	44	58	46	46	39	40	57	25	54	50	32
FOIs Closed	31	59	48	58	55	40	26	40	56	29	49	46
Statutory 20 Day Deadline Breaches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Total FOIs received 2022/23*:
331

Total FOIs received 2023/24:
542

FOI Average 2022/2023* (received):
36.7 per month

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

* 01/07/22 – 31/03/23.

FOI Activity Analysis

For the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, C&M ICB received a total of 542 FOI requests and responded to a total of 537 FOI requests.

For the 2023/24 financial year (Apr 23 – Mar 24), the average number of FOI requests received per month was 45.1, which is an increase from 36.7 the previous financial year.

The monthly average of FOIs received has however decreased from the first quarter of 2023/24 to a more consistent rate: 51(Q1); 43.6(Q2); 40.6(Q3); 45.3(Q4).

Exemptions Applied in FOI Responses

For the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, C&M ICB applied a total of 49 FOI exemptions withholding disclosure of all/part of information requested, broken down by the below FOI Sections:

- Section 12: *Compliance Exceeds Appropriate Limit* [8]
- Section 22: *Information Intended for Future Publication* [1]
- Section 40: *Personal Information* [43]
- Section 43: *Prejudice to Commercial Interests* [6]

Compliance

For the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, C&M ICB were 100% compliant in responding to FOI requests within the statutory timescale (20 working days). However, on 37 occasions the initial response provided did not include all information requested for all nine Places (former CCG areas) due to delays in individual Place areas providing the requested information back to the central ICB FOI Team within the statutory timescale. Where this occurred an updated response including the previously omitted Place information was provided to the applicant once received by the central ICB FOI Team.

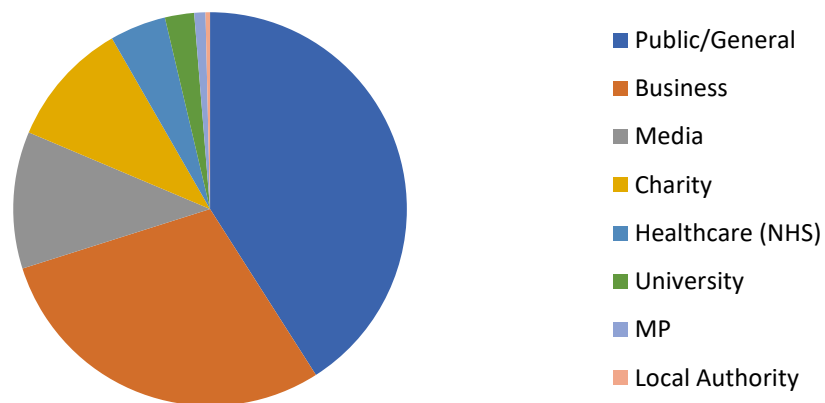
Internal Reviews

For the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, C&M ICB received a total of 12 requests for a review of the responses provided to FOIs. All of these requests for a review related to the information previously provided being expanded on, further/additional information in relation to the previous request, or appealing the exemption applied.

Source of FOI Requests Received

Applicant Type	Number of Requests Received April 23 - March 24
Public/General	222
Business	158
Media	61
Charity	56
Healthcare (NHS)	25
University	13
MP	5
Local Authority	2

Source of FOI Requests Received April 23 - March 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*
- *Contracting Information of Healthcare Services Commissioned*
- *ADHD/Autism Commissioning/Waiting Times*
- *Contact Details of ICB Leads for Areas of Healthcare Commissioning and GP Practices Manager Details.*
- *Contracting/Details of Digital Services Commissioned across the ICS.*