

About this bulletin

This bulletin presents information about complaints defined under the Police Reform Act 2002 (PRA 2002), as amended by the Police and Crime Act 2017. The legislation came into effect on 1 February 2020 (4 January 2021 for the British Transport Police).

It sets out performance against a number of measures and compares force results to their most similar force (MSF) group (where applicable)

Please note: Unless stated otherwise, tables within the bulletin consist of 'year-to-date' figures covering all matters being started or completed between the two dates.

Q1: 1 April to 30 June, Q2: 1 April to 30 September, Q3: 1 April to 31 December, Q4: 1 April to 31 March

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Acronyms used in this bulletin

YTD – Year to date figures, **SPLY** - Same period last year, **MSF** - Most similar force, **LPB** - Local policing body, **PRA** - Police Reform Act 2002

Nat. – National, **RPRP** – Reflective Practice Review Process, **UPP** – Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure

Complaints and allegations logged

A **complaint case** is formed of one or more **allegations**.

This bulletin contains data on complaints, allegations, referrals and reviews broken down in the following ways:

.Force - The police force and date range covered by the bulletin title

.SPLY - Data as above in the same period of the previous financial year

.MSF Average - Most Similar Force group* average for the period

.National - Total or average of all forces in this period

*Most Similar Force groups are specified by the Home Office and enable comparison between forces of similar size and demographics

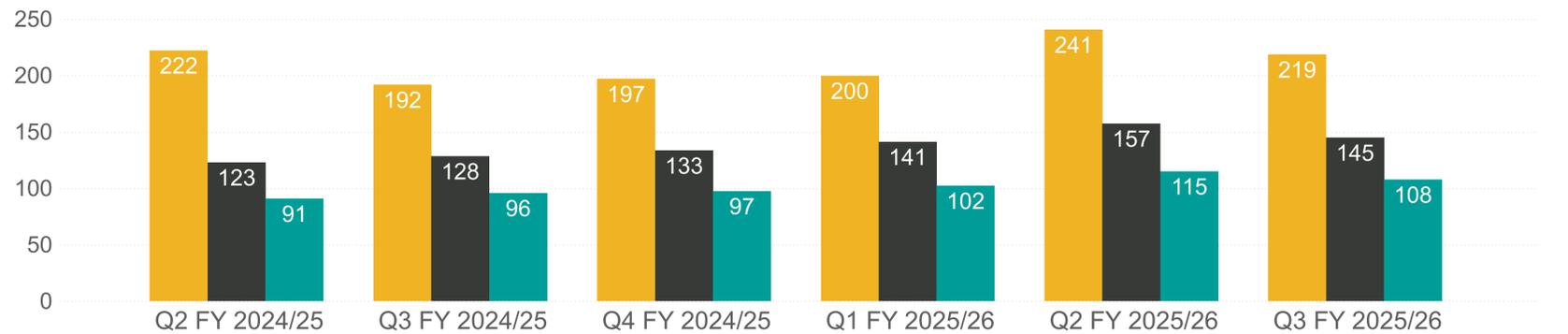
Measure	Complaints logged	Per 1,000 employees	Allegations logged	Per 1,000 employees	Average working days to contact complainants	Average working days to log complaints
Force	1,682	659	2,448	959	1	1
SPLY	1,612	636	2,402	948	1	1
MSF Average	3,087	443	5,224	735	7	5
National	81,889	325	141,831	563	8	7

Numbers per 1,000 employees are used to demonstrate how the number of complaints/allegations against a force compare to their most similar force group and national figures. As the chart for allegations would look similar to the chart for complaints, for clarity only complaints are shown

Note: Number of employees is a fixed number through the period, therefore complaints and allegations per 1,000 employees is higher for the full period (as in the table) than when broken down in to quarters (as per the charts)

Complaints logged per 1,000 employees

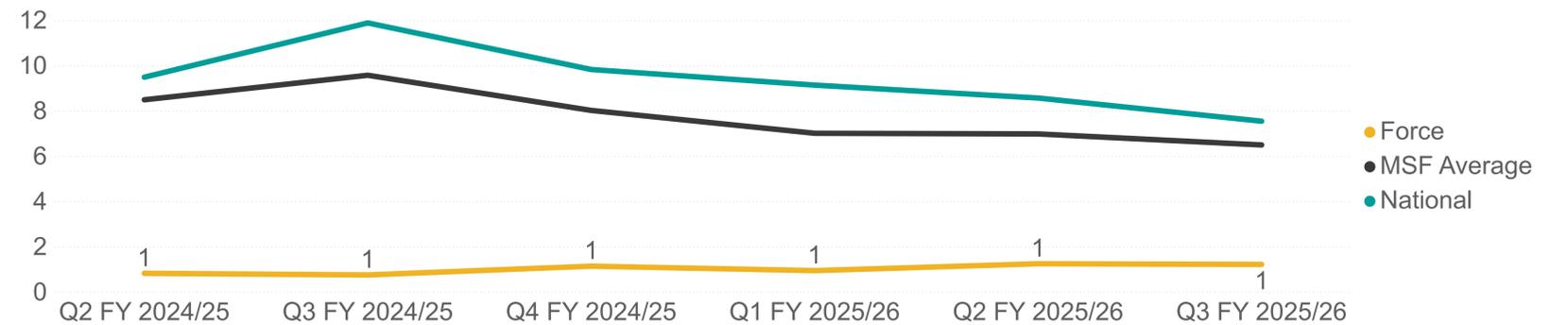
● Force ● MSF Average ● National



The force should **contact** the complainant and **log (record)** the complaint as soon as possible after the complaint has been raised. Average to log/contact is from the customer perspective.

Data labels in the above charts are those of the force

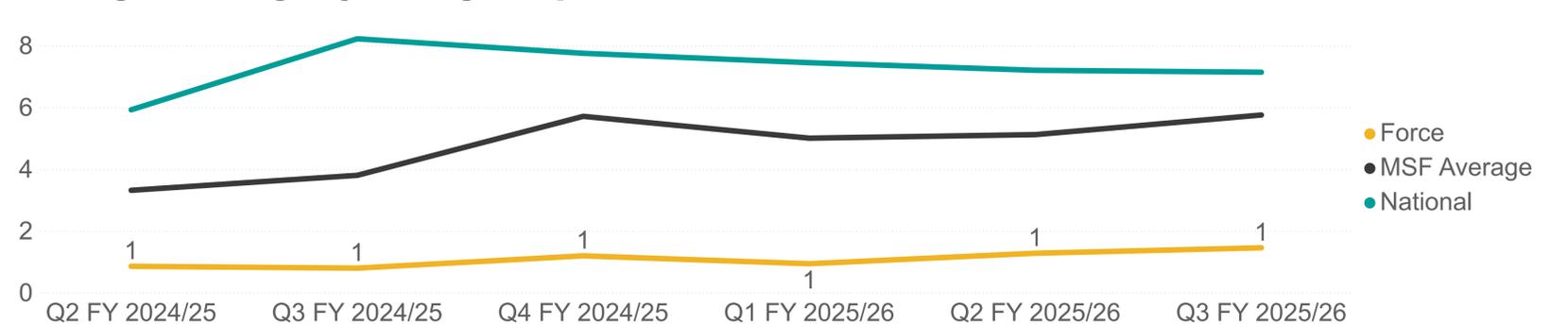
Average working days to contact complainants



For information on what has been complained about, see pages 2 to 5

For information on allegations and complaints timeliness, see pages 6 and 7

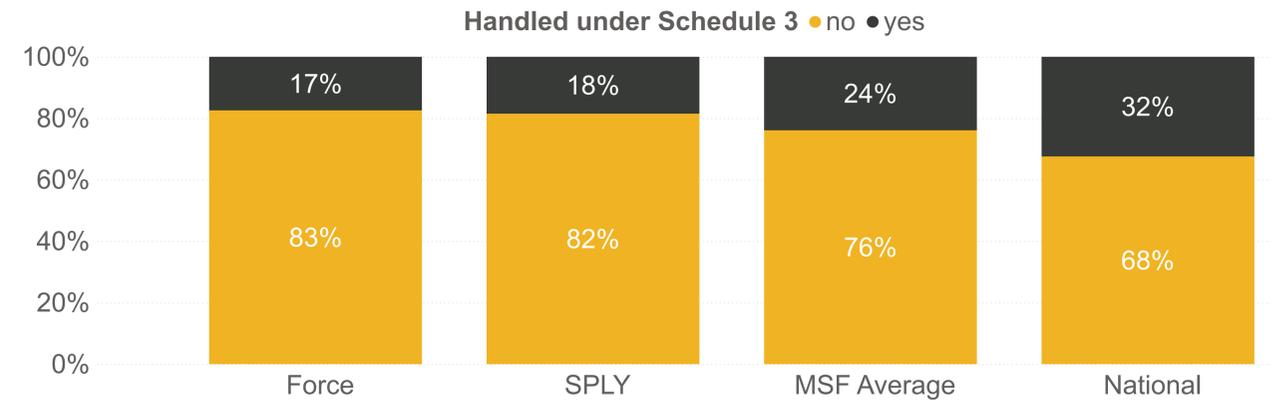
Average working days to log complaints



How complaints are being handled and what has been complained about

When a complaint is received by the force, the force can attempt to handle the complaint informally (outside of Schedule 3 of the Police Reform Act) or handle it formally (under Schedule 3). When deciding handle to complaint formally, the force should record the reason why

Reason complaint recorded under Schedule 3	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	20	7	191	9,733
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	54	86	112	4,534
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	209	194	148	4,525
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	10	10	283	7,664
Total	293	297	734	26,456

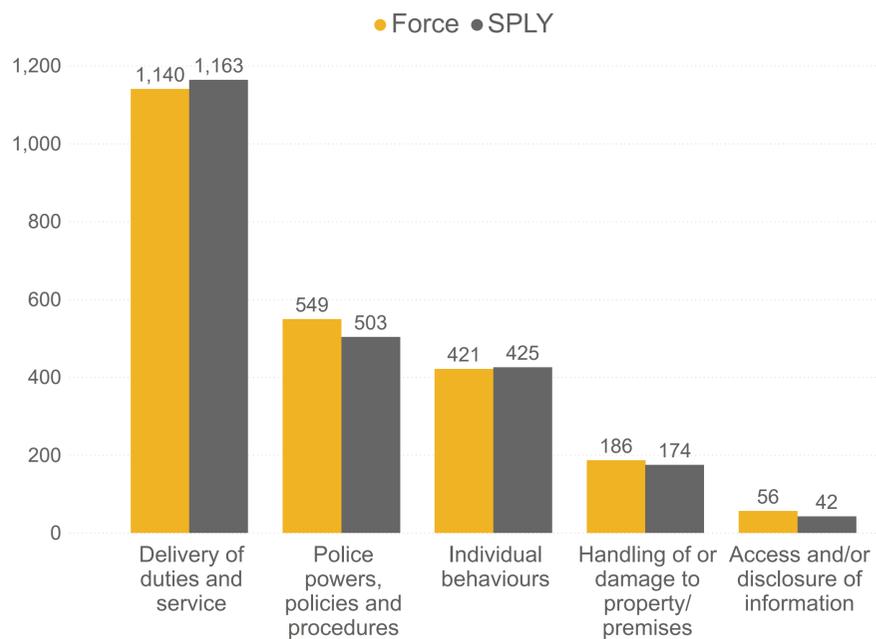


Allegations should have an allegation category applied to them which will identify the root of what the allegation is about. Most of these categories are broken down into subcategories which are detailed in the following pages. An allegation will have a single subcategory applied, a complaint can consist of numerous allegations, each with their own category

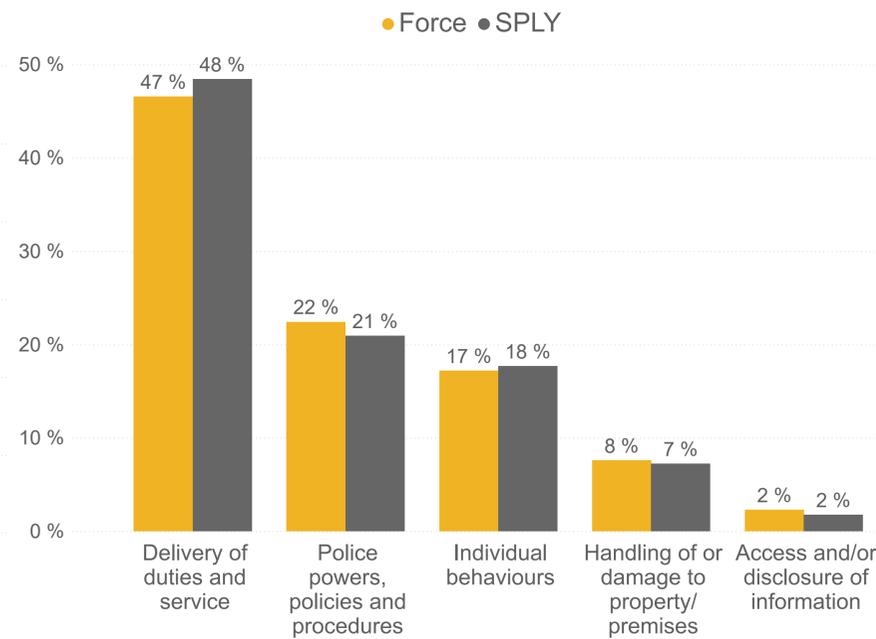
Allegation category	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Use of police vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour	Abuse of position/corruption	Individual behaviours	Sexual conduct	Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
Force	1,140	549	186	56	31	34	9	421	1	13	8	2,448
SPLY	1,163	503	174	42	38	14	7	425	1	25	10	2,402
MSF Average	2,589	1,191	259	125	59	152	30	730	8	24	58	5,224
National	77,009	31,296	4,913	3,035	1,556	3,915	1,107	16,488	251	873	1,387	141,830

Top five most applied allegation categories

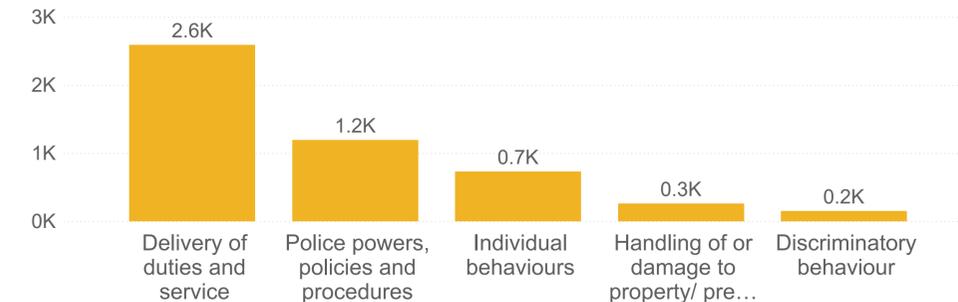
Force (year-to-date and same period last year)



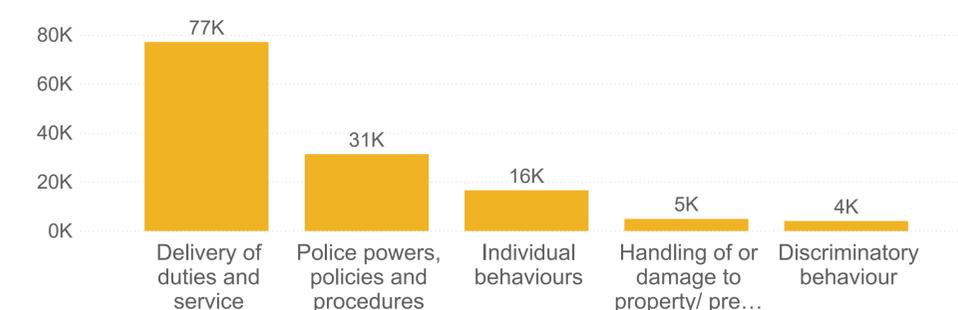
Force (% of allegations logged)



MSF group average



National



For more information on Schedule 3 of the Police Reform Act see the IOPC website and links provided on page 14

This section presents data on some of the most commonly recorded categories on allegations logged. For more information on allegation categories, see the IOPC website and links provided on page 14.

This category is about the service received from the police. Complaints in this category can be organisational or can be about individual behaviour

Delivery of duties and service Sub-category	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Police action following contact	527	46%	502	43%	1,266	49%	32,818	43%
Information	335	29%	353	30%	355	14%	8,754	11%
Decisions	175	15%	189	16%	437	17%	12,459	16%
General level of service	103	9%	119	10%	530	20%	22,975	30%
Total	1,140	100%	1,163	100%	2,589	100%	77,006	100%

This concerns individual behaviours (language, actions and behaviour) that are not an abuse of position or discriminatory in nature

Individual behaviours Sub-category	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Impolite language / tone	182	43%	191	45%	202	28%	4,354	26%
Overbearing or harassing behaviours	74	18%	45	11%	107	15%	2,606	16%
Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	72	17%	73	17%	197	27%	4,635	28%
Impolite and intolerant actions	53	13%	73	17%	152	21%	2,485	15%
Lack of fairness and impartiality	40	10%	43	10%	72	10%	2,408	15%
Total	421	100%	425	100%	730	100%	16,488	100%

This category is about the use of police powers, including where an available power has not been used, and police policies and procedures. Complaints in this category can be organisational or about individual behaviour

Police powers, policies and procedures Sub-category	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Use of force	136	25%	124	25%	298	25%	7,232	23%
Searches of premises and seizure of property	134	24%	135	27%	189	16%	4,081	13%
Power to arrest and detain	66	12%	63	13%	190	16%	5,452	17%
Detention in police custody	64	12%	57	11%	172	14%	4,049	13%
Bail, identification and interview procedures	40	7%	46	9%	69	6%	1,897	6%
Other policies and procedures	38	7%	20	4%	99	8%	3,750	12%
Evidential procedures	37	7%	32	6%	93	8%	2,841	9%
Stops, and stop and search	27	5%	21	4%	65	5%	1,490	5%
Out of court disposals	7	1%	5	1%	15	1%	504	2%
Total	549	100%	503	100%	1,191	100%	31,296	100%

This includes any issue where an element of discrimination was involved or was perceived to be involved.

It also includes any instances where the possible discriminatory behaviour is identified by the person receiving, recording, or investigating a complaint. Complaints in this category can be organisational or can be about individual behaviour.

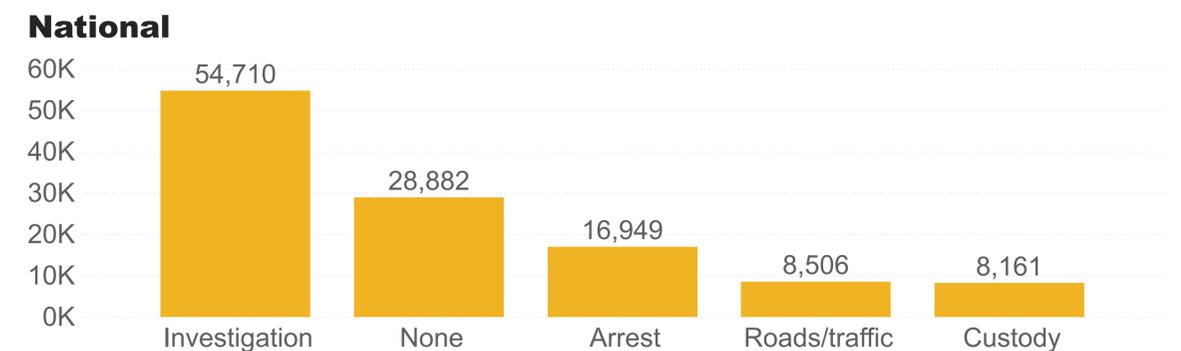
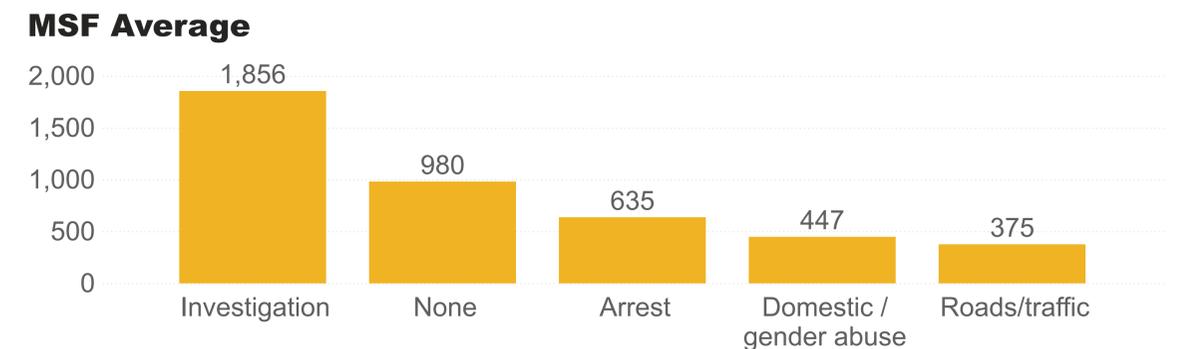
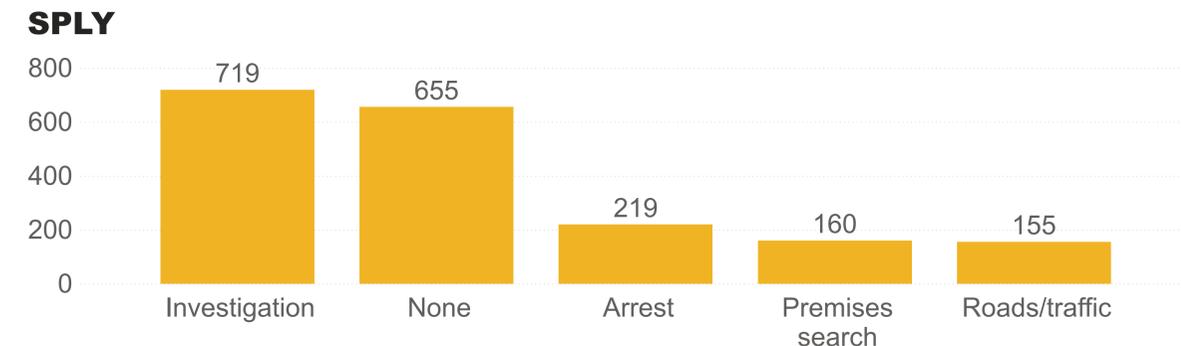
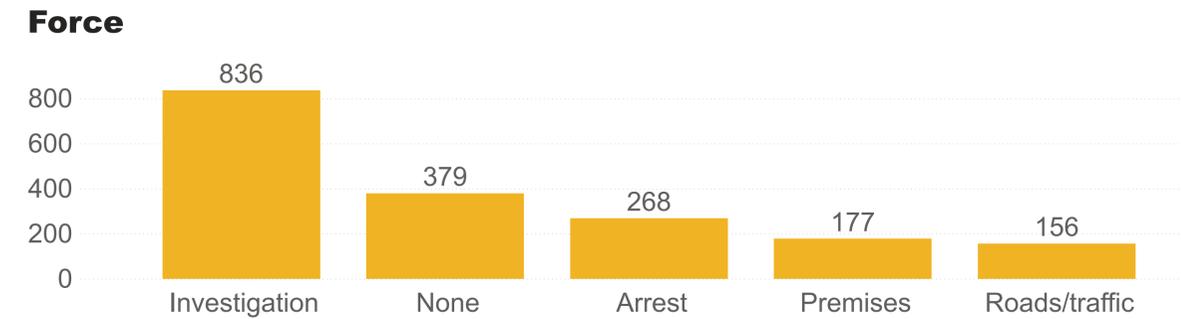
Discriminatory behaviour Sub-category	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Race	16	47%	7	50%	65	43%	1,857	47%
Disability	11	32%	3	21%	41	27%	843	22%
Sex	4	12%	1	7%	21	14%	568	15%
Other	2	6%			13	9%	328	8%
Religion or belief	1	3%	1	7%	4	3%	117	3%
None					0	0%		
Age			1	7%	1	1%	45	1%
Gender reassignment					2	1%	46	1%
Marriage and civil partnership					0	0%	1	0%
Pregnancy and maternity					0	0%	2	0%
Sexual orientation			1	7%	4	3%	108	3%
Total	34	100%	14	100%	152	100%	3,915	100%

Factors applied to allegations logged

This section presents information that shows the situational context of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint.

Each allegation should have a single category selected. However, multiple factors can be selected on a single allegation. Therefore, the sum of factors will not equal the total allegations logged in each category and the percentages here will add up to over 100%. Please refer to our guidance on capturing data about police complaints for definitions of categories and factors.

Force MSF National YTD SPLY Factor	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Investigation	836	34%	719	30%	1,856	36%	54,710	39%
None	379	15%	655	27%	980	19%	28,882	20%
Arrest	268	11%	219	9%	635	12%	16,949	12%
Premises search	177	7%	160	7%	202	4%	3,663	3%
Roads/traffic	156	6%	155	6%	375	7%	8,506	6%
Call Handling	144	6%	118	5%	205	4%	6,093	4%
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	114	5%	116	5%	308	6%	6,090	4%
Domestic / gender abuse	107	4%	86	4%	447	9%	7,796	5%
Custody	98	4%	95	4%	299	6%	8,161	6%
	78	3%	24	1%	66	1%	1,579	1%
Neighbourhood policing	50	2%	37	2%	319	6%	6,425	5%
Mental health	44	2%	42	2%	212	4%	3,894	3%
Stop and/or search	34	1%	27	1%	142	3%	2,997	2%
Child protection / CSA / CSE	30	1%	34	1%	94	2%	2,638	2%
Death	30	1%	16	1%	47	1%	1,200	1%
Missing persons	29	1%	26	1%	37	1%	915	1%
Drugs / alcohol	21	1%	8	0%	70	1%	1,490	1%
VAWG - police victim	20	1%	29	1%	5	0%	103	0%
Fraud	14	1%	4	0%	17	0%	994	1%
Firearms	11	0%	6	0%	15	0%	634	0%
Public order incident	11	0%	6	0%	31	1%	1,017	1%
Restraint equipment	8	0%	7	0%	47	1%	1,324	1%
Hate Crime	6	0%			27	1%	621	0%
Social media	6	0%	7	0%	22	0%	689	0%
Covert policing	5	0%			2	0%	64	0%
Police dogs or horses	5	0%			6	0%	80	0%
PPDA	5	0%			5	0%	116	0%
VAWG - police perpetrated	5	0%	13	1%	17	0%	622	0%
Taser	3	0%			6	0%	150	0%
PPDA - Police victim					1	0%	5	0%
Prejudicial and improper behaviour					5	0%	31	0%
Serious injury			4	0%	13	0%	291	0%



Factors on frequently applied allegation categories (force figures only)

This section presents information that shows what people are complaining about using a combination of allegation categories and factors against the police force.

Categories capture the root of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint. Factors capture the situational context of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint.

The combination of categories and factors provides a richer picture of what people are complaining about compared to the categories alone.

Each allegation should have a single category selected. However, multiple factors can be selected on a single allegation. Therefore, the sum of factors will not equal the total allegations logged in each category. Please refer to our guidance on capturing data about police complaints for definitions of categories and factors.

Category Factors	Delivery of duties and service		Discriminatory behaviour		Individual behaviours		Police powers, policies and procedures	
	Allegations Logged	Percent	Allegations Logged	Percent	Allegations Logged	Percent	Allegations Logged	Percent
Investigation	625	55%	6	18%	96	23%	59	11%
None	153	13%	4	12%	94	22%	30	5%
Arrest	24	2%	8	24%	29	7%	169	31%
Premises search	25	2%	1	3%	16	4%	104	19%
Call Handling	77	7%	1	3%	65	15%	1	0%
Roads/traffic	62	5%			28	7%	29	5%
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	80	7%	2	6%	13	3%	15	3%
Domestic / gender abuse	61	5%	2	6%	18	4%	20	4%
Custody	2	0%	6	18%	13	3%	65	12%
	37	3%	2	6%	9	2%	22	4%
Neighbourhood policing	31	3%	1	3%	14	3%	3	1%
Mental health	12	1%	2	6%	14	3%	12	2%
Stop and/or search			1	3%	6	1%	24	4%
Child protection / CSA / CSE	17	1%	1	3%	5	1%	6	1%
Missing persons	4	0%	1	3%	9	2%	14	3%
Death	19	2%	1	3%	2	0%	3	1%
VAWG - police victim	13	1%			3	1%	3	1%
Drugs / alcohol	11	1%					7	1%
Fraud	11	1%					3	1%
Public order incident	2	0%	2	6%	1	0%	5	1%
Firearms	5	0%			2	0%	2	0%
Restraint equipment							8	1%
Hate Crime	6	1%						
Covert policing	1	0%			3	1%	1	0%
Social media	5	0%						
Police dogs or horses	1	0%					3	1%
Taser					1	0%	2	0%
VAWG - police perpetrated	2	0%			1	0%		
PPDA	1	0%					1	0%

How allegations have been handled and allegation timeliness

This section presents the time it takes the force to finalise allegations by how they were handled.

.An allegation can be handled informally (outside of Schedule 3 of the 2017 Policing and Crime Act) or formally handled under Schedule 3

.Schedule 3 allegations can handled without investigation or by investigation.

.Where handled by investigation this may be subject to 'special procedures' (meaning that a finding of a case to answer for misconduct may be found)

.If not subject to special procedures, a finding of the service provided being acceptable or unacceptable may be found.

For more information on allegation findings and actions, please see pages 8 - 10

Timeliness is calculated from the date the allegation was received by the force to the day the complainant is informed of the allegation decision.

Allegations with 'invalid dates' have been removed from the data shown. Please refer to the performance framework counting rules and calculations on the IOPC website for an explanation of invalid dates.

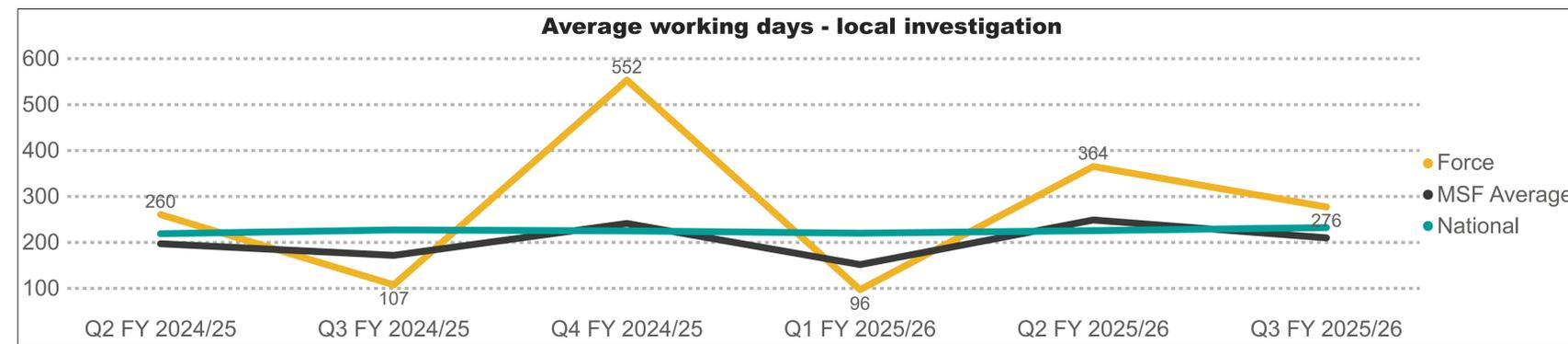
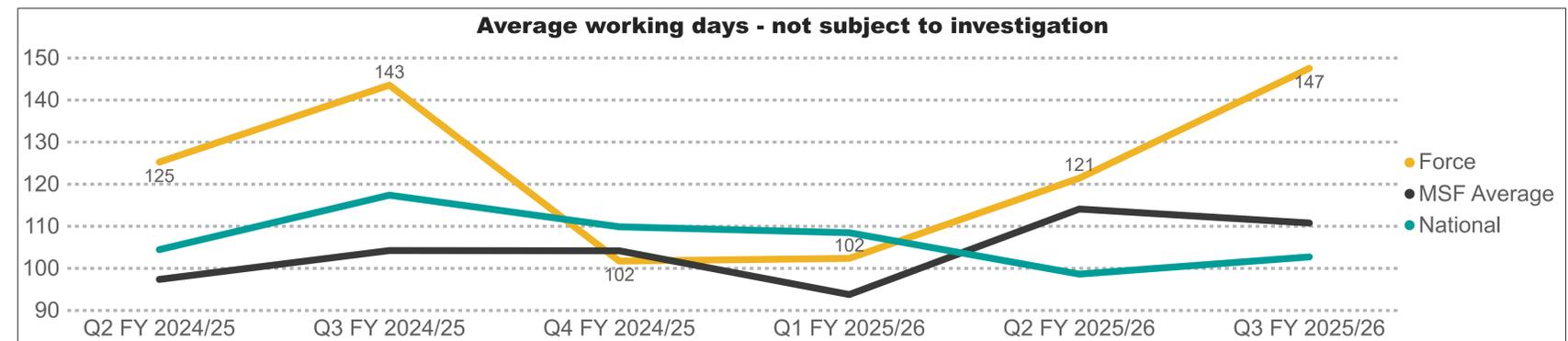
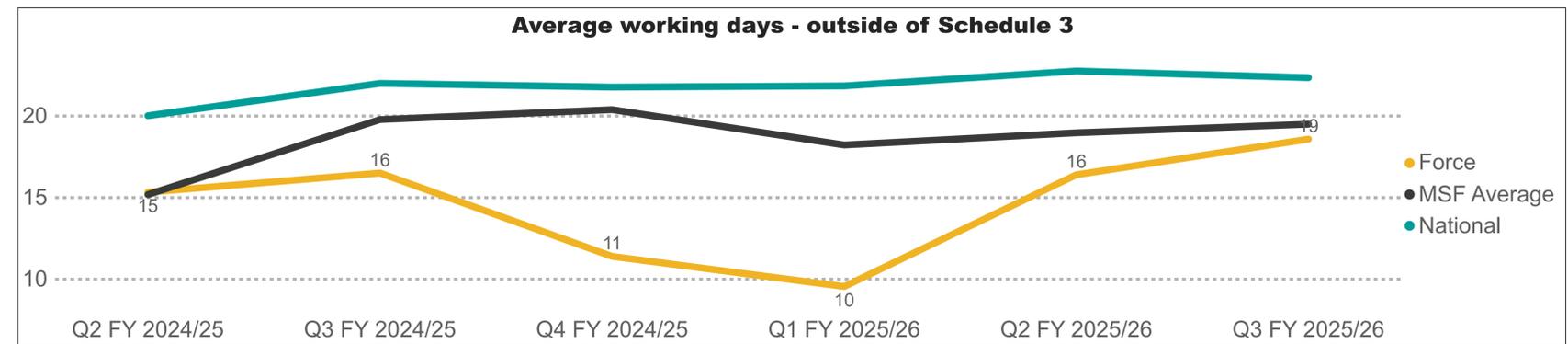
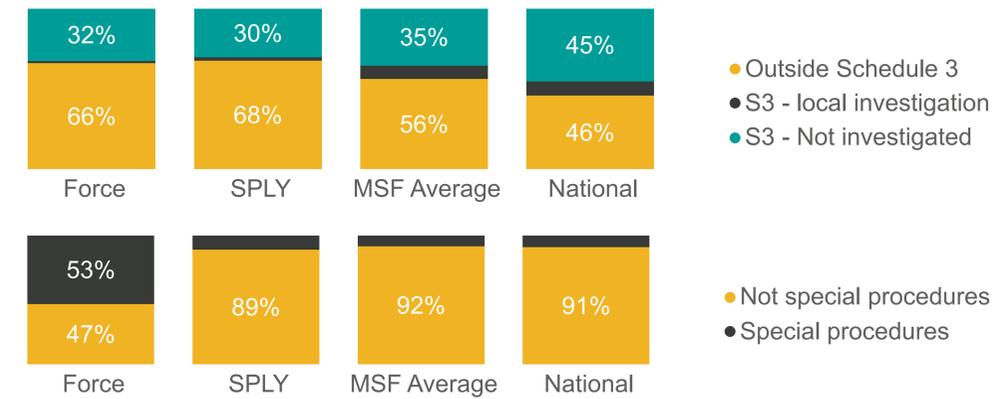
Number finalised	Outside of Schedule 3	Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation	Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation	Total
Force	1,544	759	34	2,337
SPLY	1,624	726	46	2,396
MSF Average	2,818	1,769	427	5,014
National	62,197	61,043	12,147	135,387

Local investigation	Not special procedures	Special procedures	Total
Force	16	18	34
SPLY	41	5	46
MSF Average	393	35	427
National	11,073	1,074	12,147

Average days to finalise	Outside of Schedule 3
Force	15
SPLY	16
MSF Average	19
National	22

Average days to finalise	Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation
Force	123
SPLY	126
MSF Average	106
National	103

Average days to finalise	Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation
Force	233
SPLY	239
MSF Average	201
National	225

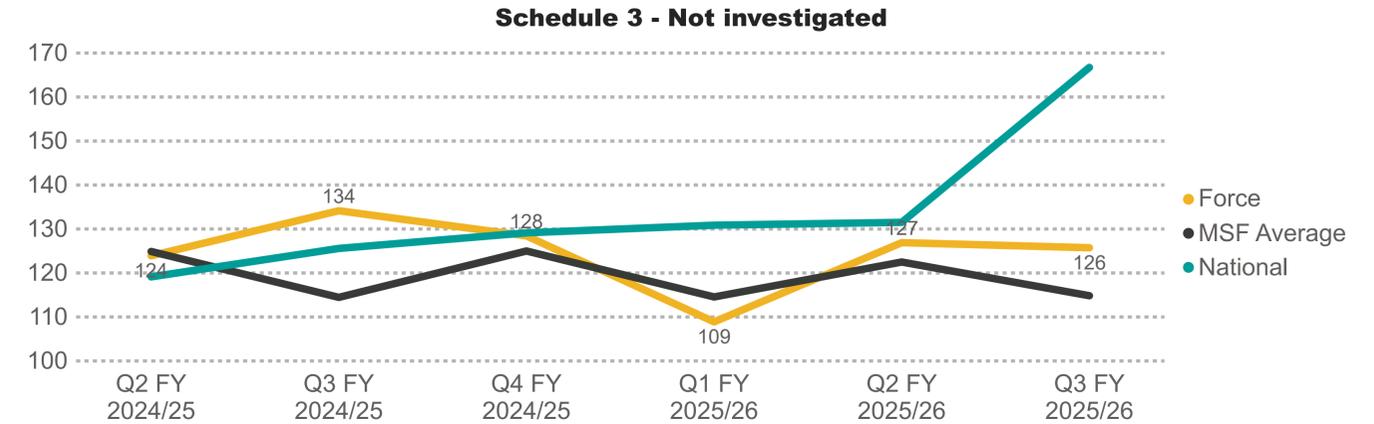


Complaint timeliness

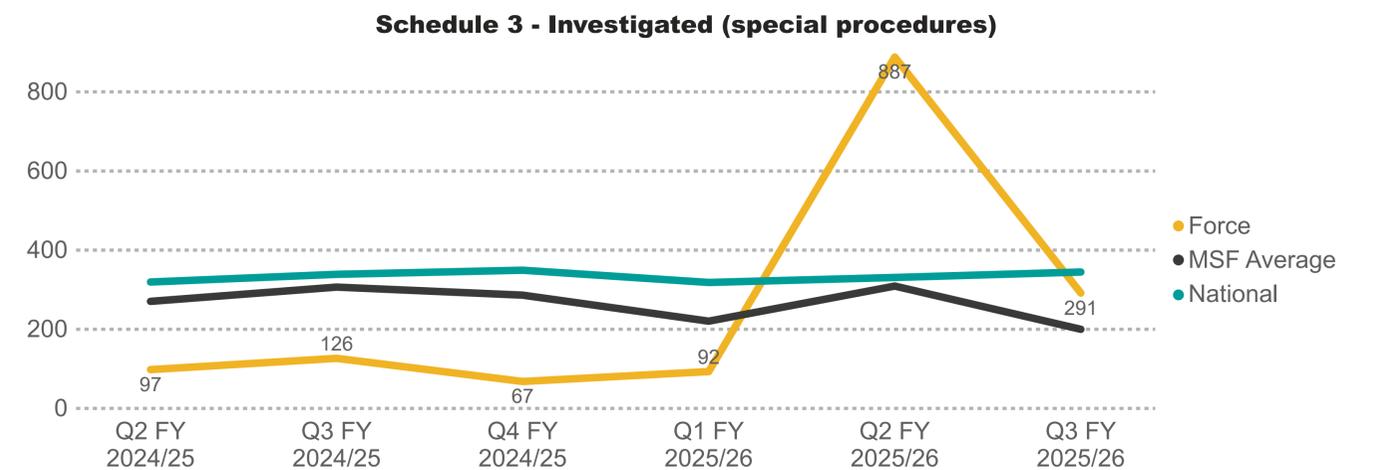
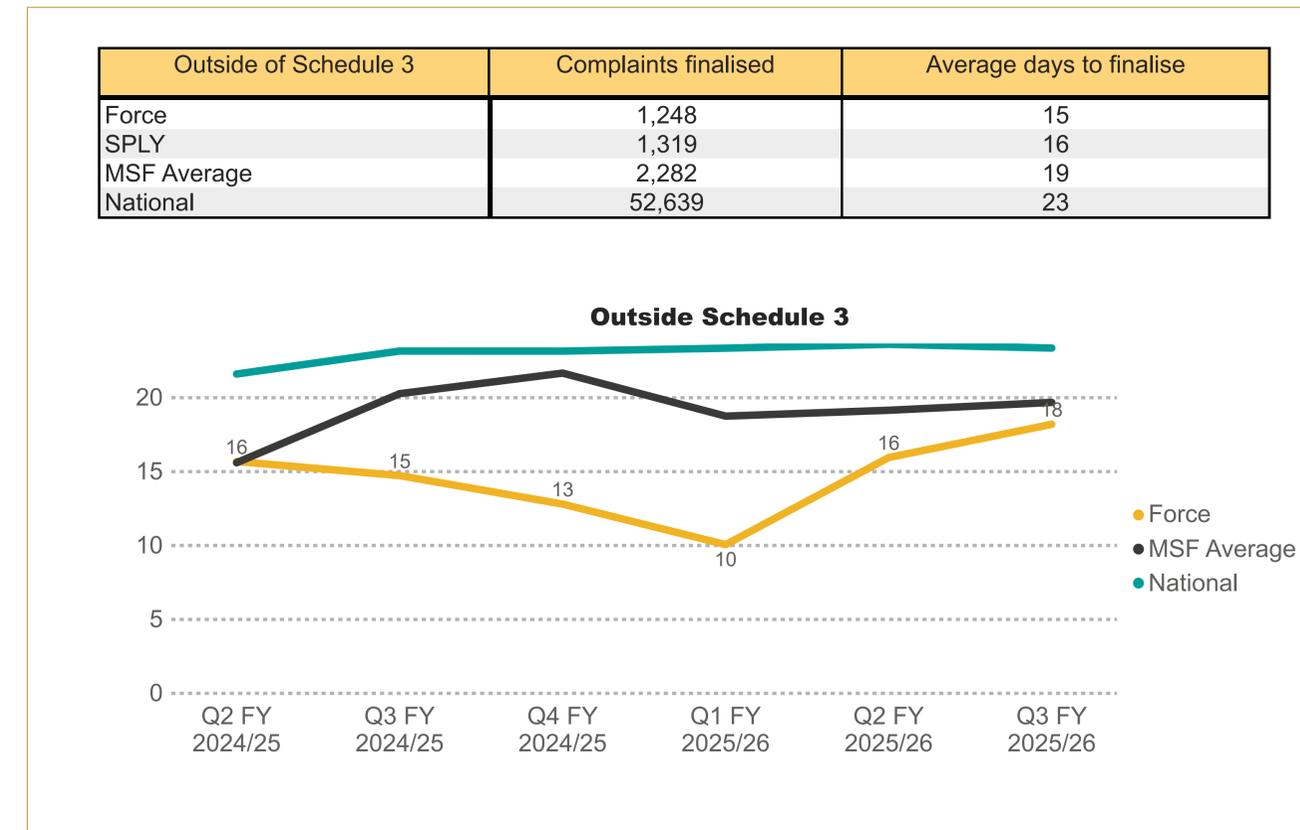
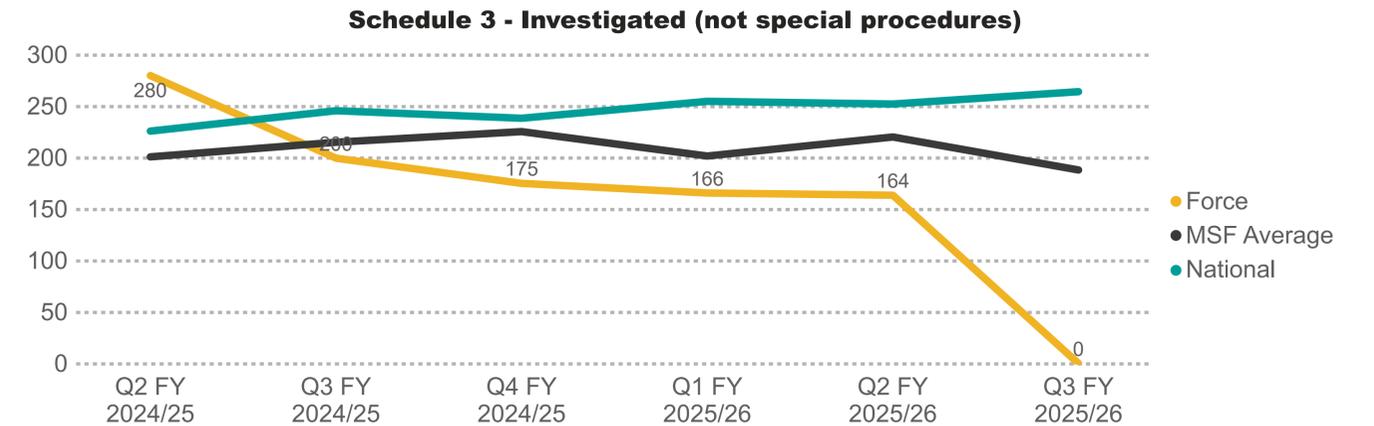
This section shows the time it takes the force to finalise complaint cases from the customer's perspective. It gives a breakdown of the time taken to finalise complaint cases handled formally under Schedule 3. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made. On cases under Schedule 3, the below figures include the time a case may spend suspended due to criminal matters.

Complaint cases with 'invalid dates' have been removed from the data shown. Please refer to the IOPC website performance framework counting rules and calculations on the for an explanation of invalid dates.

Under Schedule 3 Force MSF National YTD SPLY	Under Schedule 3 - not investigated		Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)		Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	
	Complaints Finalised	Average days to finalise	Complaints Finalised	Average days to finalise	Complaints Finalised	Average days to finalise
Force	284	120	9	164	5	330
SPLY	258	120	13	284	3	116
MSF Average	584	117	120	211	10	318
National	23,280	144	3,732	257	452	329



Outside of Schedule 3	Complaints finalised	Average days to finalise
Force	1,248	15
SPLY	1,319	16
MSF Average	2,282	19
National	52,639	23



Findings and actions on Outside Schedule 3 allegations

01 April 2025 - 31 December 2025 (Q3 2025/26)

This section presents information about what happened as a result of the allegation (action). Actions are captured at allegation level and multiple actions can be selected, where appropriate, on single allegation. The figures shown in this section are based on allegations that resulted in the corresponding action. As more than one action can be selected for a single allegation, the sum of all percentages will not equal 100%.

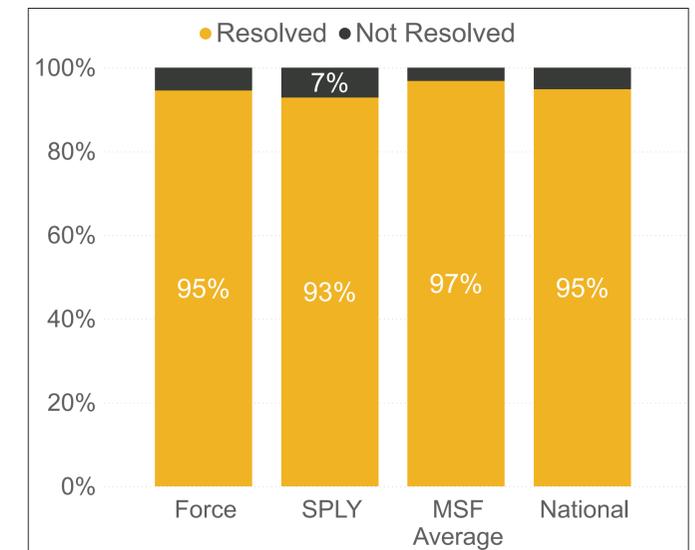
The actions available once an allegation is finalised depend on how the complaint case has been handled. Please refer to our guidance on capturing data about police complaints for details of actions available (link available on page 14)

When an allegation is handled outside of Schedule 3 it will result in a finding of Resolved or Not Resolved - (an allegation not resolved may be moved to Schedule 3 or finalised without additional action)

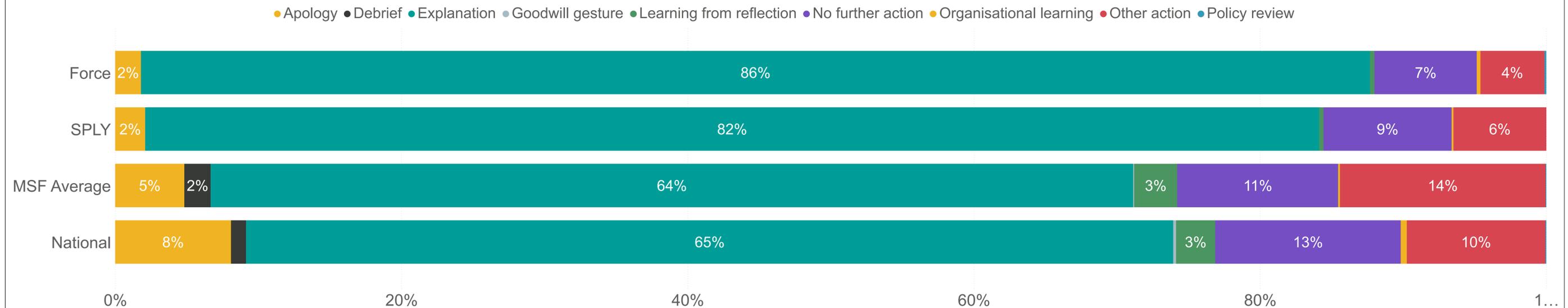
Outside Schedule 3 result	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Resolved	1,460	1,509	2,731	58,993
Not Resolved	84	115	87	3,204
Total	1,544	1,624	2,818	62,197

Figures may differ in the two tables where actions have not yet been decided or not yet recorded

Measure Actions on allegations outside of Schedule 3	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent
Explanation	1,325	86%	1,328	82%	1,805	64%	40,094	65%
No further action	110	7%	145	9%	315	11%	8,024	13%
Other action	69	4%	105	6%	402	14%	5,993	10%
Apology	28	2%	34	2%	136	5%	5,009	8%
Learning from reflection	5	0%	5	0%	85	3%	1,691	3%
Organisational learning	4	0%	2	0%	3	0%	260	0%
Policy review	2	0%			1	0%	39	0%
Debrief					52	2%	656	1%
Goodwill gesture					2	0%	124	0%
Total	1,543	100%	1,619	100%	2,801	100%	61,890	100%



Outside Schedule 3 allegation actions



Findings on Schedule 3 allegations

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The actions available once an allegation is finalised depend on how the complaint case has been handled. Please refer to our guidance on capturing data about police complaints for details of actions available.

When an allegation is handled under Schedule 3 (not investigated or investigated not subject to special procedures), it will typically result in a finding of:

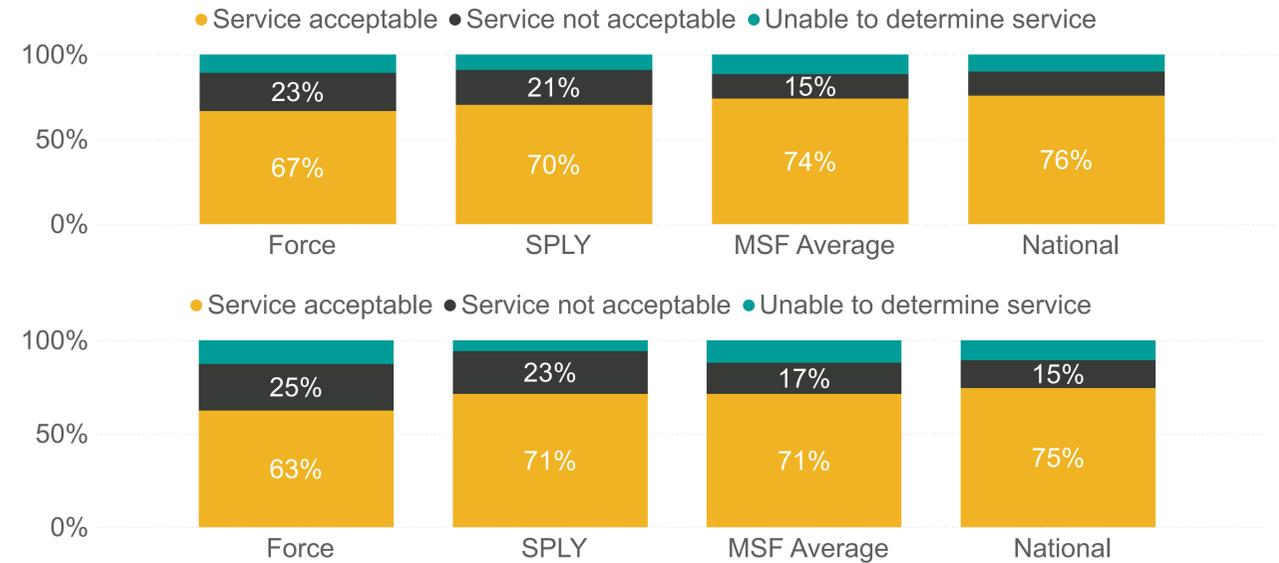
Not investigated	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Service acceptable	483	496	1,195	41,834
Service not acceptable	164	146	236	7,727
Unable to determine service	77	63	185	5,525

The service provided was acceptable

The service provided was not acceptable

Unable to determine whether service provided was acceptable

Investigated (not subject to special procedures)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Service acceptable	10	25	264	7,659
Service not acceptable	4	8	62	1,531
Unable to determine service	2	2	44	1,083



An allegation investigated (subject to special procedures) should not result in a service finding but some have been recorded with that outcome

Such allegations should result in a Case to Answer or No Case to Answer for misconduct

Investigated - subject to special procedures	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Case to Answer	8		8	229
No case to answer	5	11	14	601
Not able to determine if the service provided was acceptable			0	23
The service provided was acceptable			12	196
The service provided was not acceptable	3		3	53

In addition, an allegation can be withdrawn, finalised following criminal proceedings or subject to no further action. No further action here means that the allegation could not be progressed, for example due to being unable to engage with the complainant. This is different from the force deciding to take no further action after looking into an allegation

All Schedule 3	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Withdrawal	19	20	48	1,947
Regulation 41 applies			26	347
No further action	18	13	109	4,615

Actions on Schedule 3 allegations

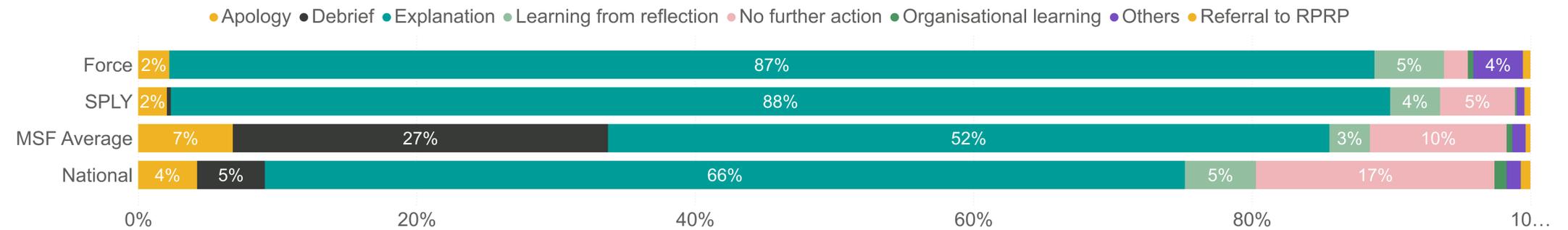
This section presents information about what happened as a result of the allegation (action). Actions are captured at allegation level and multiple actions can be selected, where appropriate, on single allegation. The figures shown in this section are based on allegations that resulted in the corresponding action.

The actions available once an allegation is finalised depend on how the complaint case has been handled. Please refer to our guidance on capturing data about police complaints for details of actions available.

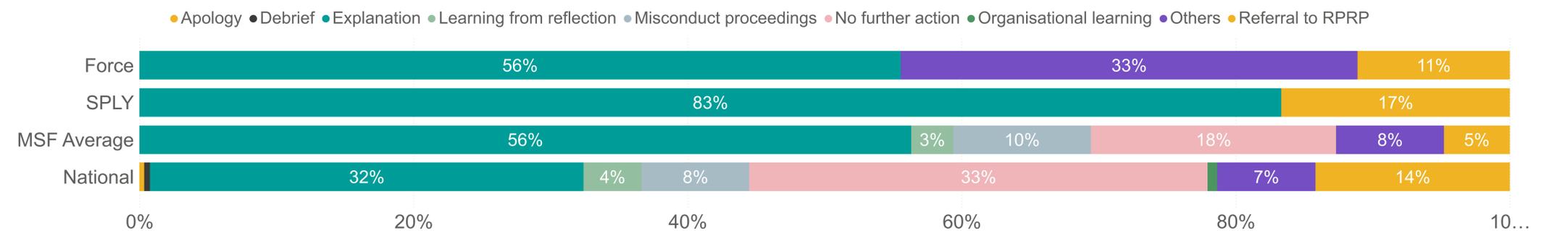
Measure Actions on Schedule 3 allegations	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent
Explanation	674	85%	676	86%	1,227	56%	47,661	65%
Learning from reflection	39	5%	28	4%	86	4%	3,925	5%
Others	33	4%	6	1%	21	1%	865	1%
Apology	17	2%	15	2%	136	6%	2,837	4%
No further action	13	2%	50	6%	220	10%	13,233	18%
Referral to RPRP	12	2%	5	1%	18	1%	927	1%
Organisational learning	5	1%	3	0%	10	0%	646	1%
Debrief			2	0%	484	22%	3,037	4%
Misconduct proceedings					4	0%	91	0%
Total	793	100%	785	100%	2,205	100%	73,222	100%

Please note: A finding for misconduct can only be made where the allegation is investigated subject to special procedures

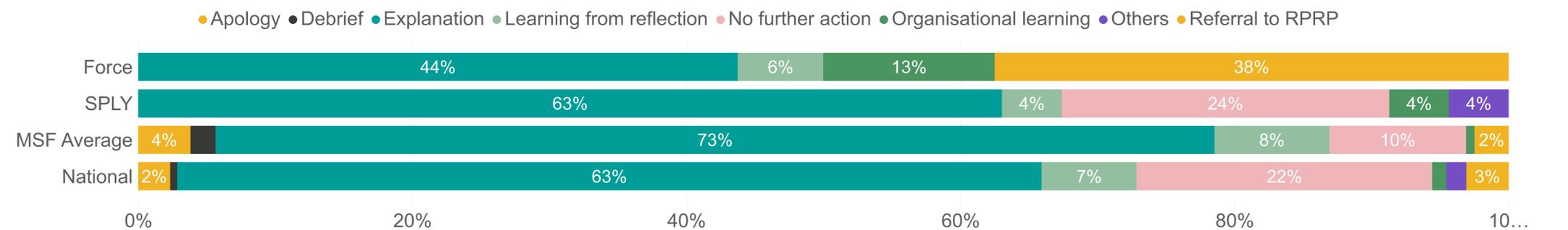
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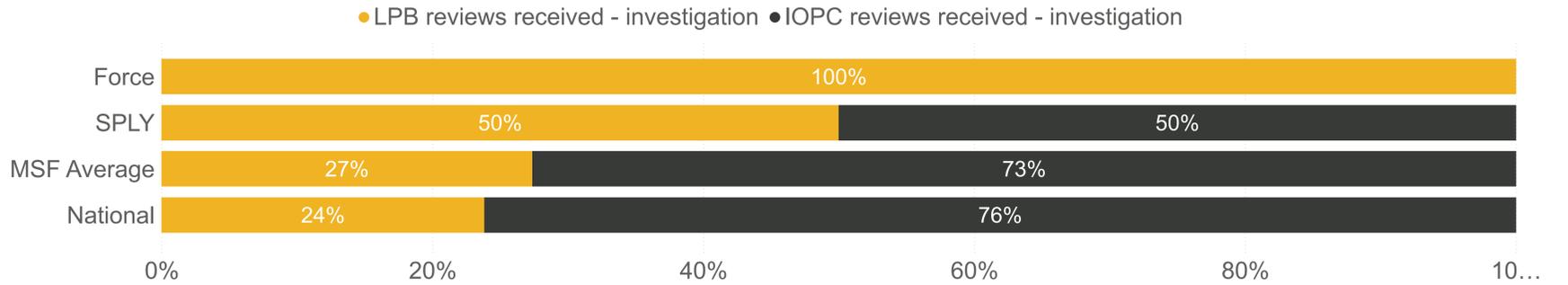
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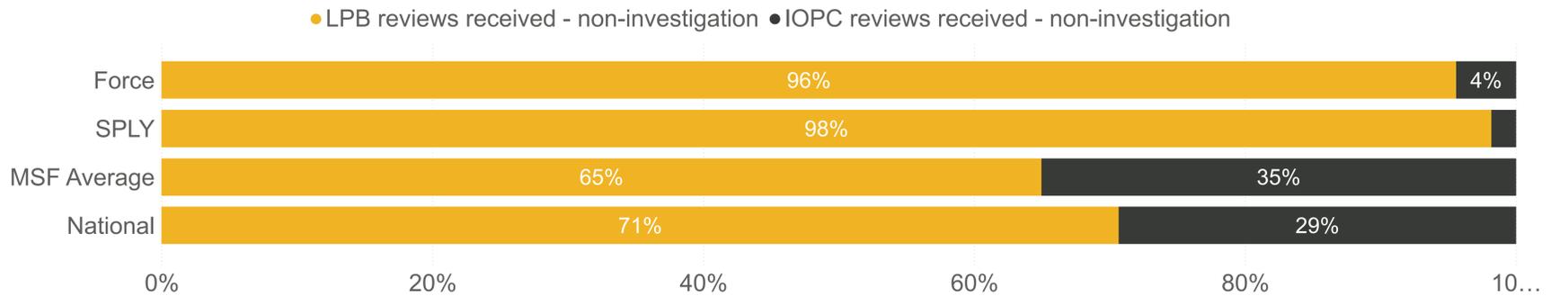
Reviews received

This section presents data on the number of reviews received about this force by the IOPC and by the local policing body. The charts enable you to see the proportion of each review type being received by the two bodies. The IOPC handle the majority of reviews where the complaint was handled by investigation. For information on when the IOPC should be the review body, please see our Statutory Guidance

LPB reviews	Investigation	Non-investigation
Force	2	65
SPLY	1	54
MSF Average	8	87
National	220	3,562



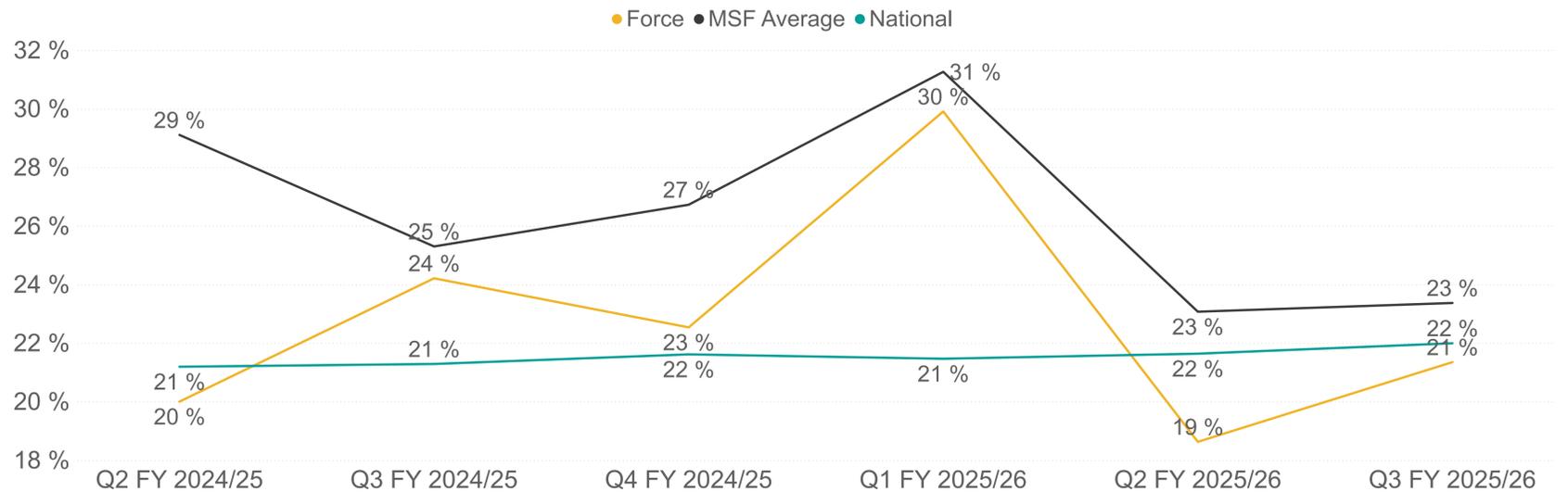
IOPC Reviews	Investigation	Non-investigation
Force		3
SPLY	1	1
MSF Average	22	47
National	703	1478



Complaints are not finalised until after any reviews are completed. However, this measure helps to provide an indication of how often reviews are made in comparison to the number of complaints completed.

Measure	Reviews Received	Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3
Force	70	298
SPLY	57	274
MSF Average	163	715
National	5,963	27,462

Reviews received as a proportion of Schedule 3 cases



Reviews outcomes and timeliness

LPB Reviews

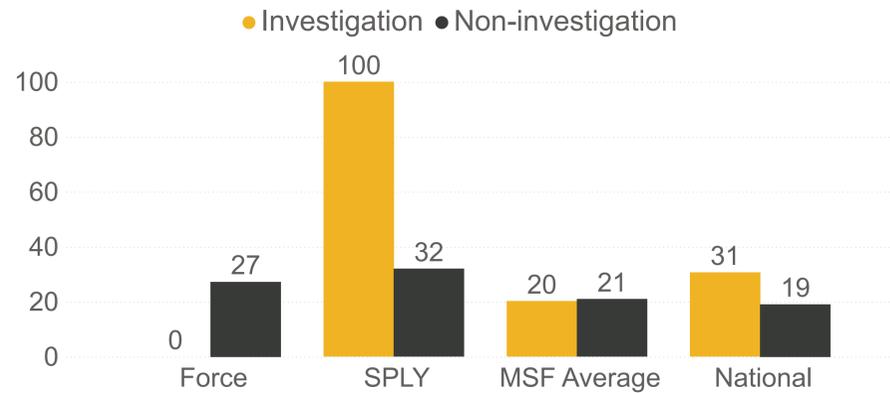
This section presents information about the decisions made on reviews and how long reviews are taking to finalise.

When a review finds that the outcome of the complaint was not reasonable and proportionate, that review is considered to be 'upheld'

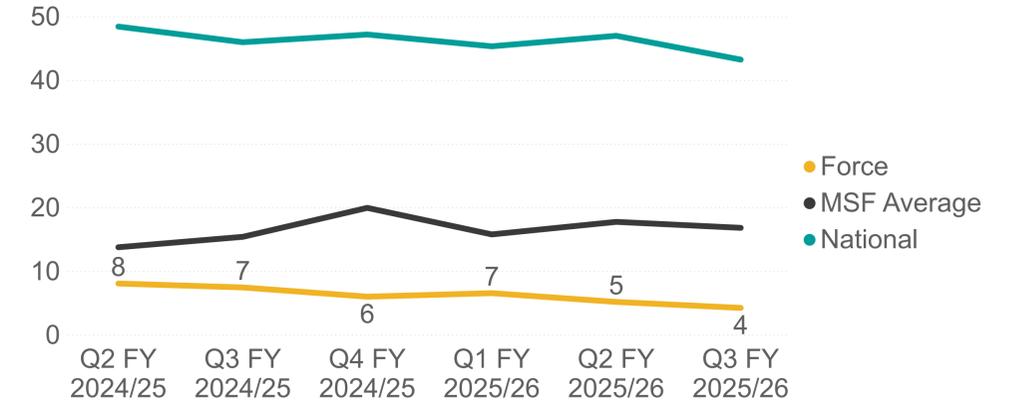
Review type	Complete with outcome	Upheld
Investigation		
Force	1	0
SPLY	1	1
MSF Average	8	2
National	225	69
Non-investigation		
Force	66	18
SPLY	50	16
MSF Average	86	19
National	3149	601

Review type	Average duration
Investigation	
Force	6
SPLY	4
MSF Average	7
National	57
Non-investigation	
Force	5
SPLY	8
MSF Average	16
National	44

% LPB reviews upheld



Average durations



IOPC Reviews

The IOPC will be the review body on complaints that meet certain criteria, including mandatory referral criteria (see page 16)

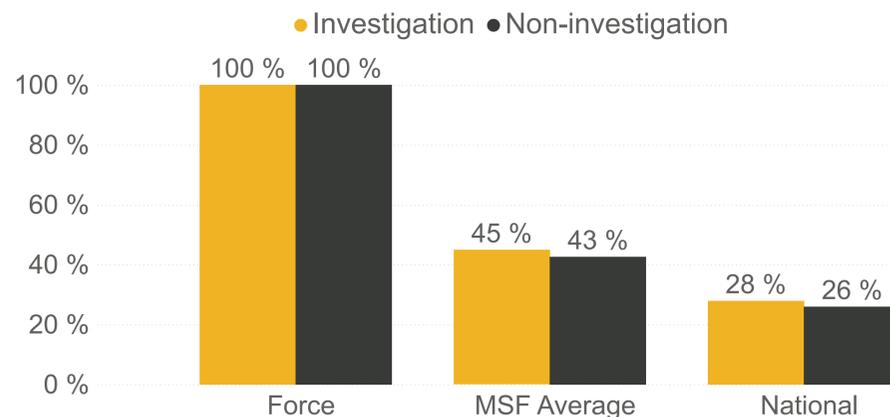
When a complaint is referred to the IOPC, the IOPC automatically becomes the review body.

There has been a significant backlog in the number of reviews handled by the IOPC which means the average durations are typically longer than those on reviews where the relevant review body is the local policing body

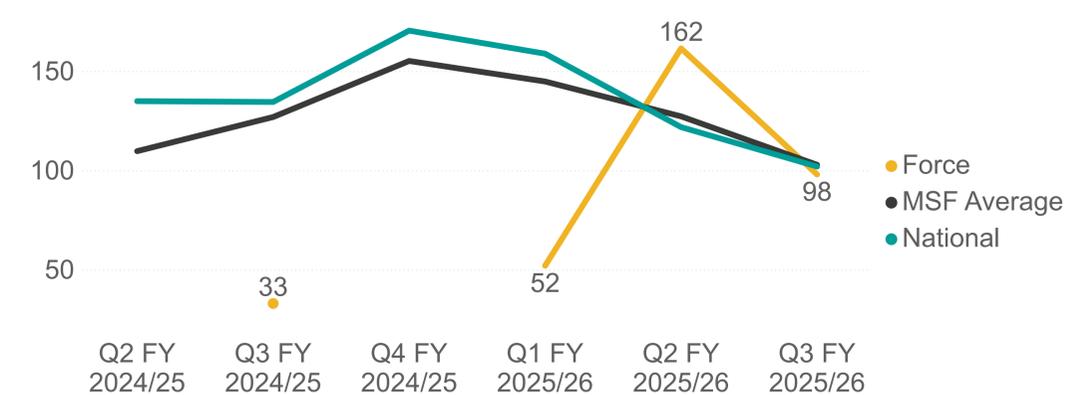
IOPC review	Investigation	Upheld	Non-investigation	Upheld
Force	2	2	4	4
SPLY			2	
MSF Average	23	7	52	17
National	871	243	1,576	418

Measure	Average duration
Force	104
SPLY	120
MSF Average	122
National	125

% IOPC reviews upheld



Average durations



Referrals to the IOPC

The force should refer certain matters to the IOPC for the IOPC to decide how they should be handled. The figures presented in this section include all referrals that the force makes to the IOPC (received), not just those arising from complaints.

When the IOPC receives a referral from the force, it reviews the information they have provided. The IOPC decides whether the matter requires an investigation, and the type of investigation.

Referrals may have been completed in a different period to when they were received.

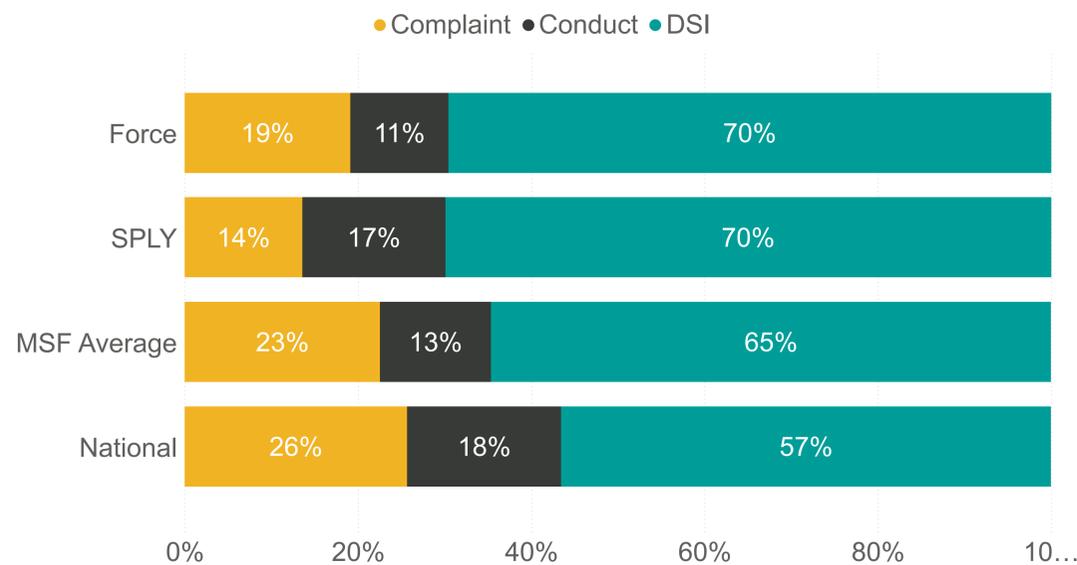
A referral may be made invalid if the matter does not fall within the IOPC's remit

The sum of decisions may not match the number of referrals completed. This is because some matters referred may have come to the attention of the appropriate authority before 1 February 2020 and have investigation type decisions of either managed or supervised.

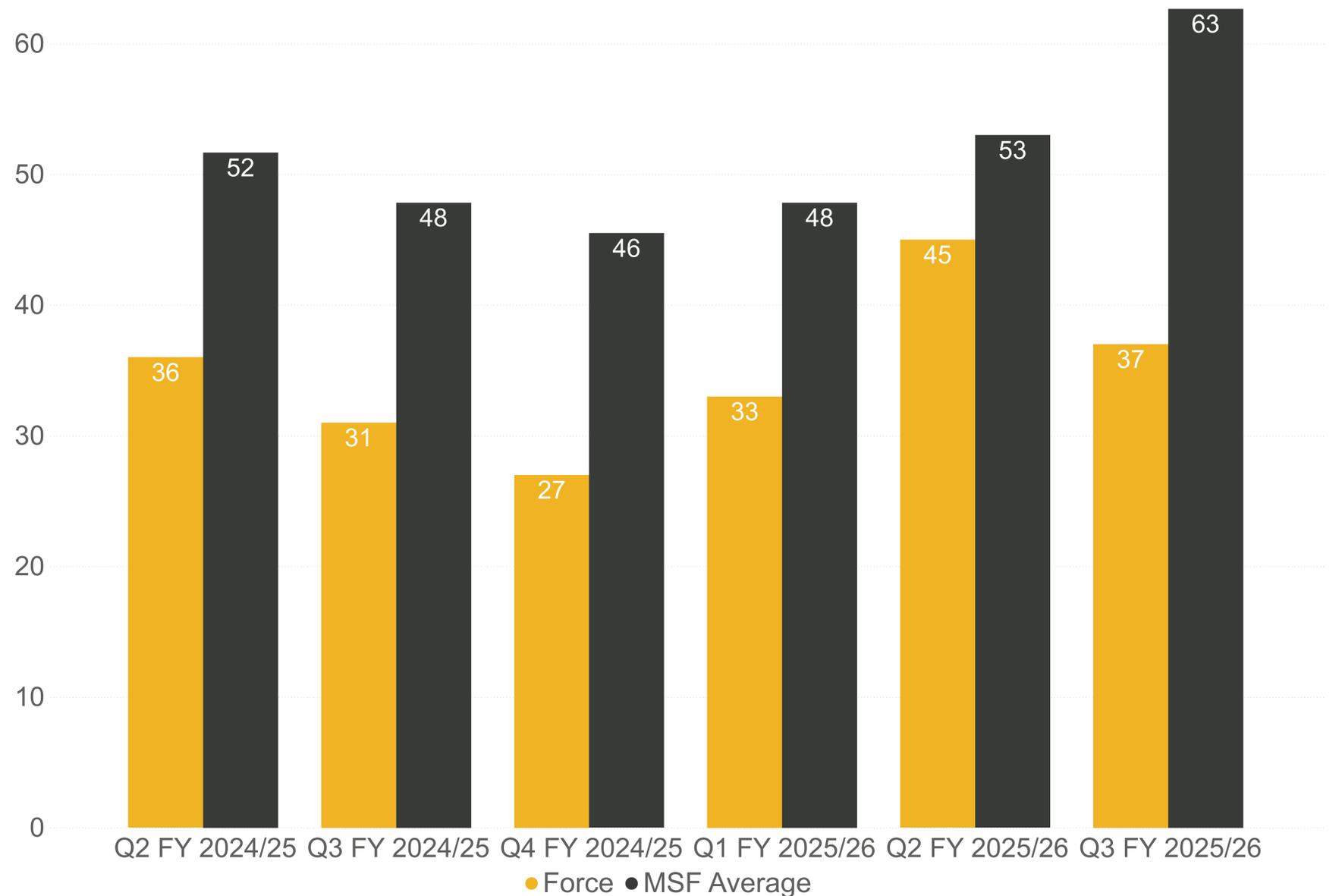
Year to date

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Number Referrals Received	115	103	164	5,244
Number referrals completed	116	106	164	5,262
Decision: Directed Investigation			0	18
Decision: Independent Investigation	3	6	10	328
Decision: Invalid	4	4	1	74
Decision: Local Investigation	40	46	72	2,638
Decision: Return to Force	69	50	81	2,202

Referral type	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Complaint	22	14	37	1,347
Conduct	13	17	21	933
DSI	80	72	106	2,964
Total	115	103	164	5,244



Force and MSF Group referrals received



Notes

Data sources

- Data in this bulletin is taken from XML data submissions made by forces to the IOPC every quarter except for IOPC performance data which is taken from the IOPC case management system.
- Police force employee numbers are taken from the latest [police workforce England and Wales statistics](#) published by the Home Office.
- The most similar force (MSF) groups used for the calculation of the MSF averages in this bulletin are those determined by HMICFRS. Please note that the British Transport Police, Report Fraud and City of London Police do not have an MSF group. A list of the MSF groups is available on the [IOPC website](#).

Performance Framework counting rules and calculation

- The counting rules and calculations used to produce the data shown in this bulletin can be found on the [IOPC website](#).
- Average times are presented in working days and do not include weekends or bank holidays.
- Some percentages may add up to more or less than 100% due to rounding.
- Complaint cases and allegations with invalid start/end dates have been removed from average time calculations. Therefore, the numbers of complaint cases and allegations used in the average time calculations may be lower than the total number of complaint cases and allegations logged or finalised.

Data constraints

- The data is sourced from live case management systems and provides a snapshot of information as it was at that time. Therefore, there may be variances between the information in this bulletin and information reported at a later date.

Further Information

- A glossary providing a full list of definitions used in this bulletin, can be found on the [IOPC website](#).
- Additional information about the recording of police complaints, including the definitions of the complaint categories, can be found in appendix A of the IOPC's [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#).
- Information about how the police complaints system operates, who can complain and how reviews are dealt with can be found in the IOPC's [Statutory Guidance on the police complaints system \(February 2020\)](#).