

Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Bedfordshire



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Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Bedfordshire, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire

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) and with the overall result for all forces (national).

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

Where charts refer to separate quarters the dates are: Q1: 1 April to 30 June, Q2: 1 July to 30 September, Q3: October to 31 December, Q4 1 January 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

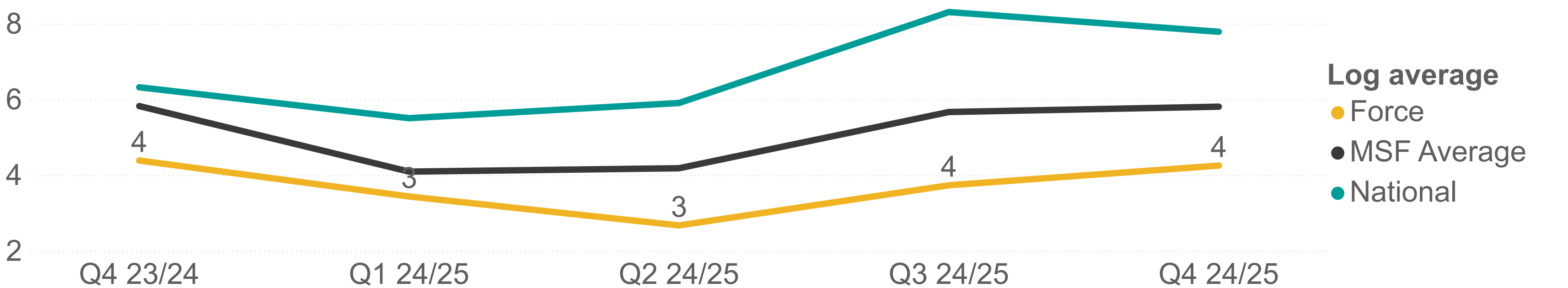
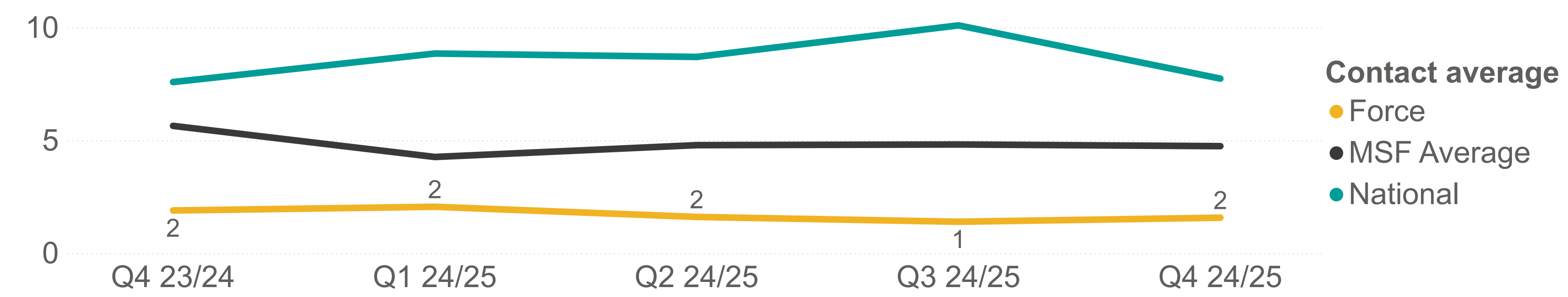
Nat. – National, **RPRP** – Reflective Practice Review Process, **UPP** – Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure

Section A1.1: Complaint cases and allegations logged

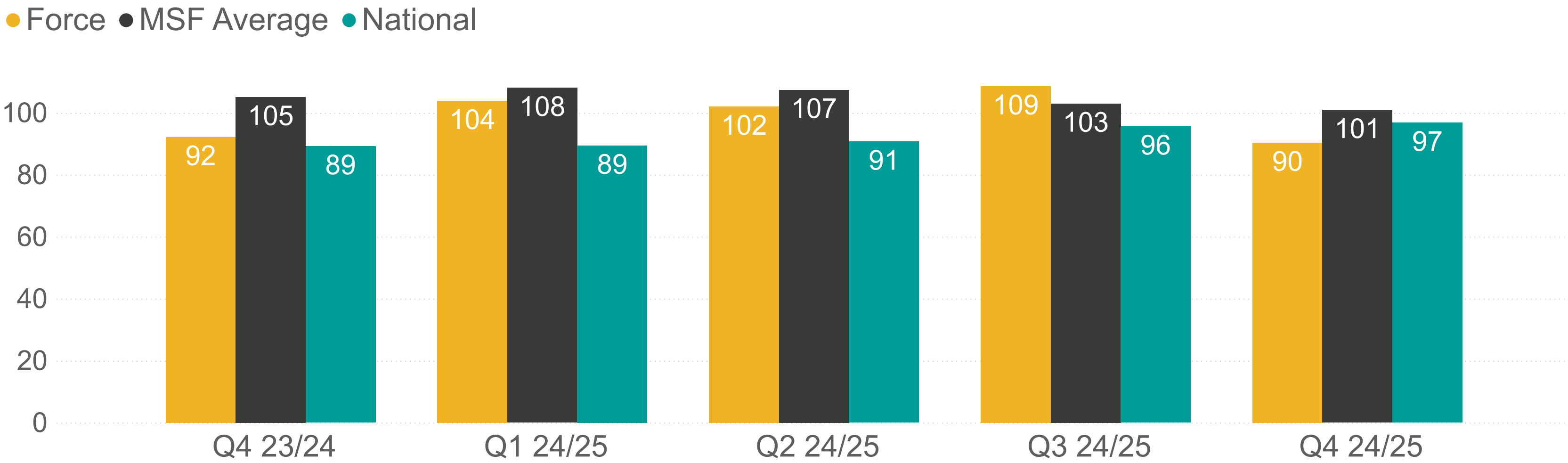
A complaint case is formed of one or more allegations. Numbers per 1,000 employees are used to demonstrate how the number of complaints/allegations against a force compare to their most similar force group and national figures. The force should contact the complainant and log the complaint as soon as possible after the complaint has been raised. Average to log/contact is from the customer perspective.

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)

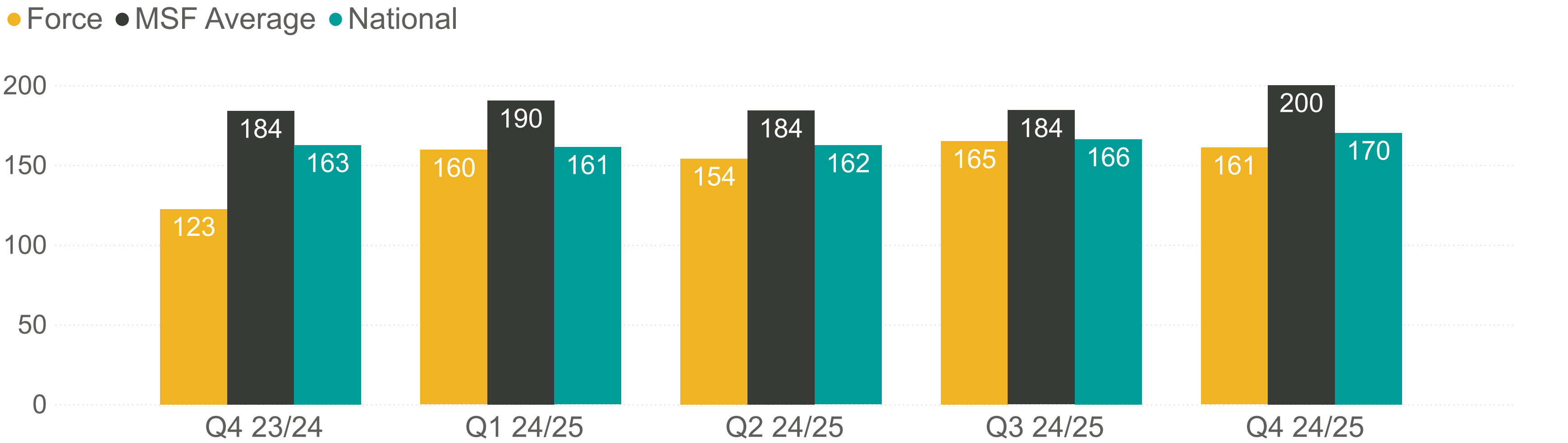
Year to date	Complaints logged	Per 1,000 employees	Allegations Logged	Per 1,000 employees	Average working days to contact complainants	Average working days to log complaints
Force	1,111	405	1,756	640	2	4
SPLY	1,097	401	1,681	615	2	4
MSF Average	2,204	419	3,991	759	5	5
National	94,940	373	168,249	660	9	7



Complaints logged per 1,000 employees



Allegations logged per 1,000 employees



For space reasons some figures in the above charts are not shown

Section A1.2: Reason for complaints to be logged under Schedule 3

Allegations should have an allegation category applied to them which will identify the root of what the allegation is about.

Forces can handle a complaint informally (known as Outside of Schedule 3), this should be used to deal with lower level complaints.

If a complaint is handled formally under Schedule 3, the force should record the reason why.

For more information on Schedule 3 of the Police Reform Act see [here](#):

[Guidance on capturing data about police complaints.](#)

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	34	71	327	12,831
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	39	39	76	6,465
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	74	53	141	5,283
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	103	149	228	7,593
Total	250	312	771	32,172

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	14 %	23 %	36 %	40 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	16 %	13 %	11 %	20 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	30 %	17 %	24 %	16 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	41 %	48 %	29 %	24 %

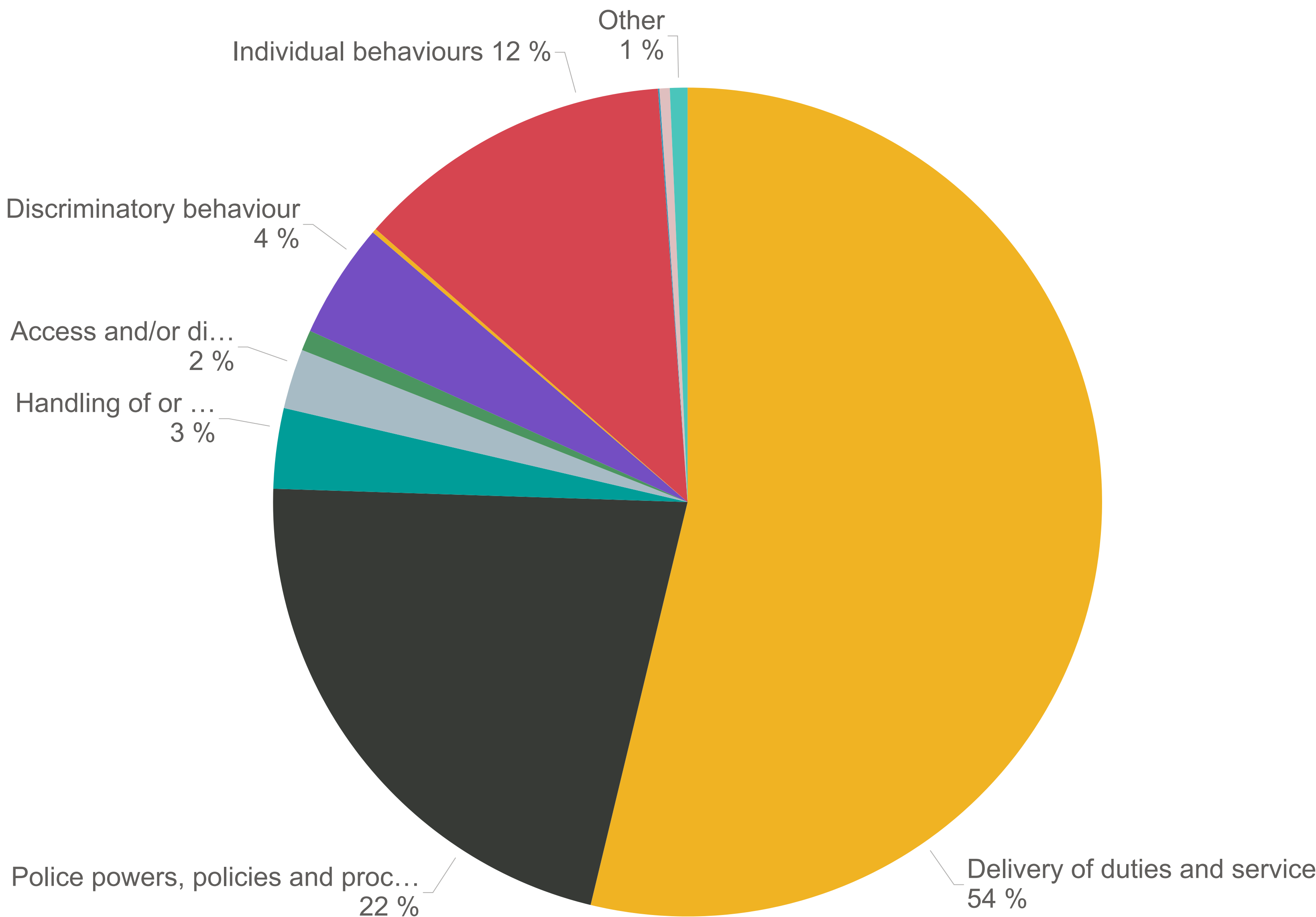
Section A1.3: Allegations logged – what has been complained about (YTD)

This section presents the three most commonly recorded categories for allegations that have been logged. A complaint case will contain one or more allegations and one category (and sub-category, where available) is selected for each allegation logged. Total % is of the total number of allegations logged. Allegations where the subcategory is 'none' are omitted from this table.

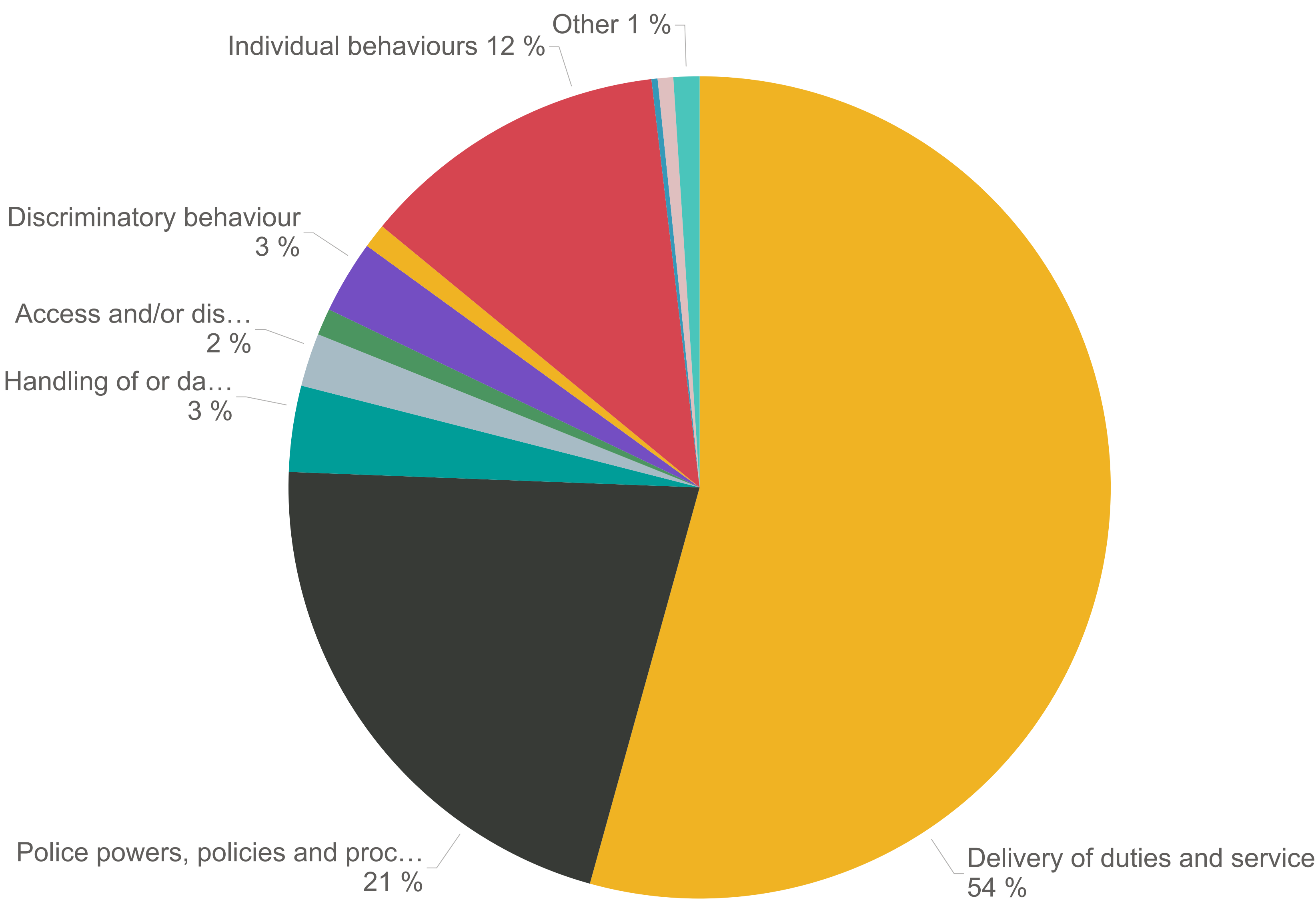
What has been complained about (YTD)

Year to date	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	944	382	55	41	14	79	3	218	1	7	12	1,756
SPLY	830	398	65	39	16	87	12	200	3	13	18	1,681
MSF Average	2,154	853	127	85	39	124	37	527	8	20	18	3,990
National	91,360	35,834	5,690	3,518	1,766	4,832	1,614	20,481	404	1,031	1,716	168,246

What has been complained about (force - year to date)



What has been complained about (national - year to date)



Section A1.4: Allegations logged – Top five allegation categories and their sub-categories (Year to date)

Category	Year to date Subcategory	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Delivery of duties and service	Total	944	54 %	830	49 %	2,154	54 %	91,353	54 %
	Police action following contact	371	39 %	363	44 %	919	44 %	37,667	41 %
	General level of service	281	30 %	194	23 %	540	23 %	29,691	32 %
	Decisions	151	16 %	167	20 %	383	17 %	13,479	15 %
	Information	141	15 %	106	13 %	313	16 %	10,515	12 %
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Police powers, policies and procedures	Total	382	22 %	398	24 %	852	21 %	35,830	21 %
	Use of force	82	21 %	102	26 %	187	22 %	8,826	25 %
	Power to arrest and detain	66	17 %	66	17 %	159	19 %	6,460	18 %
	Other policies and procedures	64	17 %	71	18 %	78	9 %	3,735	10 %
	Detention in police custody	48	13 %	41	10 %	116	15 %	5,122	14 %
	Evidential procedures	39	10 %	29	7 %	80	8 %	2,631	7 %
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	35	9 %	42	11 %	123	14 %	4,603	13 %
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	26	7 %	18	5 %	54	6 %	2,122	6 %
	Stops, and stop and search	16	4 %	26	7 %	41	5 %	1,790	5 %
	Out of court disposals	6	2 %	3	1 %	15	2 %	540	2 %
	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Individual behaviours	Total	218	12 %	200	12 %	527	13 %	20,480	12 %
	Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	64	29 %	68	34 %	147	28 %	5,808	28 %
	Impolite language / tone	61	28 %	40	20 %	133	25 %	5,352	26 %
	Lack of fairness and impartiality	41	19 %	34	17 %	88	16 %	2,807	14 %
	Overbearing or harassing behaviours	37	17 %	40	20 %	87	16 %	3,415	17 %
	Impolite and intolerant actions	15	7 %	18	9 %	73	14 %	3,098	15 %
Discriminatory behaviour	Total	79	4 %	87	5 %	124	3 %	4,832	3 %
	Race	42	53 %	50	57 %	58	46 %	2,335	48 %
	Disability	16	20 %	14	16 %	23	19 %	911	19 %
	Sex	11	14 %	15	17 %	21	16 %	769	16 %
	Religion or belief	3	4 %	5	6 %	3	2 %	127	3 %
	Other	3	4 %	1	1 %	13	10 %	421	9 %
	Age	1	1 %	0	0 %	2	2 %	73	2 %
	Gender reassignment	1	1 %	0	0 %	2	1 %	56	1 %
	Pregnancy and maternity	1	1 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %
	Sexual orientation	1	1 %	2	2 %	4	3 %	134	3 %
	Marriage and civil partnership	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %
	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %
Access and/or disclosure of information	Total	41	2 %	39	2 %	85	2 %	3,518	2 %
	Disclosure of information	31	76 %	23	59 %	62	74 %	2,349	67 %
	Handling of information	6	15 %	9	23 %	16	16 %	789	22 %
	Use of police systems	3	7 %	5	13 %	4	6 %	245	7 %
	Accessing and handling of information from other sources	1	2 %	2	5 %	3	4 %	133	4 %
	Decisions	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %

This section presents the three most commonly recorded categories for allegations that have been logged. A complaint case will contain one or more allegations and one category (and sub-category, where available) is selected for each allegation logged.

Total % is of the total number of allegations logged. Allegations where the subcategory is 'none' are omitted from this table.

Section A1.5: National complaint factors

Year to date Factors on all allegations	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged
Investigation	814	46 %	571	34 %	1,572	40 %	65,409	39 %
None	291	17 %	403	24 %	782	20 %	31,766	19 %
Arrest	259	15 %	174	10 %	458	12 %	21,786	13 %
Custody	102	6 %	88	5 %	208	6 %	9,989	6 %
Call Handling	96	5 %	104	6 %	195	5 %	7,140	4 %
Roads/traffic	86	5 %	111	7 %	194	5 %	10,386	6 %
Domestic / gender abuse	75	4 %	47	3 %	187	5 %	9,507	6 %
Neighbourhood policing	62	4 %	66	4 %	151	4 %	7,856	5 %
Mental health	52	3 %	67	4 %	86	2 %	5,164	3 %
Premises search	51	3 %	54	3 %	104	3 %	4,308	3 %
Stop and/or search	36	2 %	67	4 %	77	2 %	3,755	2 %
Child protection / CSA / CSE	28	2 %	16	1 %	66	2 %	3,021	2 %
Restraint equipment	25	1 %	30	2 %	36	1 %	1,866	1 %
Firearms	20	1 %	20	1 %	19	1 %	742	0 %
Drugs / alcohol	15	1 %	34	2 %	35	1 %	2,046	1 %
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	13	1 %	34	2 %	142	3 %	7,183	4 %
Hate Crime	12	1 %	5	0 %	24	1 %	942	1 %
Fraud	11	1 %	3	0 %	11	0 %	1,113	1 %
Death	6	0 %	14	1 %	31	1 %	1,585	1 %
Public order incident	6	0 %	20	1 %	14	0 %	1,327	1 %
Serious injury	5	0 %	11	1 %	9	0 %	346	0 %
Social media	5	0 %	11	1 %	17	0 %	720	0 %
VAWG - police perpetrated	5	0 %	12	1 %	28	1 %	1,085	1 %
Missing persons	3	0 %	4	0 %	19	0 %	1,077	1 %
PPDA	2	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %	65	0 %
Taser	2	0 %	5	0 %	4	0 %	196	0 %
Covert policing	1	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	86	0 %
Police dogs or horses	1	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	102	0 %
Coronavirus - other	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on infectiou	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on restricti	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
PPDA - Police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %
Unknown	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	28	0 %
VAWG' - dissatisfaction handling	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	19	0 %
VAWG' - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	24	0 %
VAWG - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	6	0 %	141	0 %

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.

Section A1.6: National complaint factors on top five allegation categories

Factors on top five allegation categories (Year to date)	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Discriminatory behaviour	Individual behaviours
▼					
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	3	0	1	1
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	12	0	0	0	1
Taser	0	2	0	0	0
Stop and/or search	5	19	3	5	3
Social media	2	0	0	0	0
Serious injury	4	1	0	0	0
Roads/traffic	38	16	1	1	14
Restraint equipment	5	18	0	1	1
Public order incident	5	0	0	0	1
Premises search	10	25	10	0	4
PPDA	2	0	0	0	0
None	154	41	12	14	47
Neighbourhood policing	44	3	0	2	10
Missing persons	2	1	0	0	0
Mental health	29	6	1	5	8
Investigation	575	84	21	38	78
Hate Crime	8	0	0	4	0
Fraud	10	0	0	0	1
Firearms	13	3	2	0	2
Drugs / alcohol	9	0	2	0	3
Domestic / gender abuse	56	8	1	1	9
Death	5	1	0	0	0
Custody	16	60	8	3	11
Child protection / CSA / CSE	16	3	1	0	4
Call Handling	61	5	1	1	27
Arrest	63	139	14	15	22
Total	942	381	55	79	218

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.

The table below shows a breakdown of allegations logged with the focus national complaint factors.

IOPC Police Data Year Quarter	VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	VAWG - police perpetrated	VAWG - police victim	Total
▼				
Q4 23/24	6	3	0	9
Q1 24/25	1	2	0	3
Q2 24/25	2	2	0	4
Q3 24/25	5	0	0	5
Q4 24/25	5	1	0	6
Total	19	8	0	27

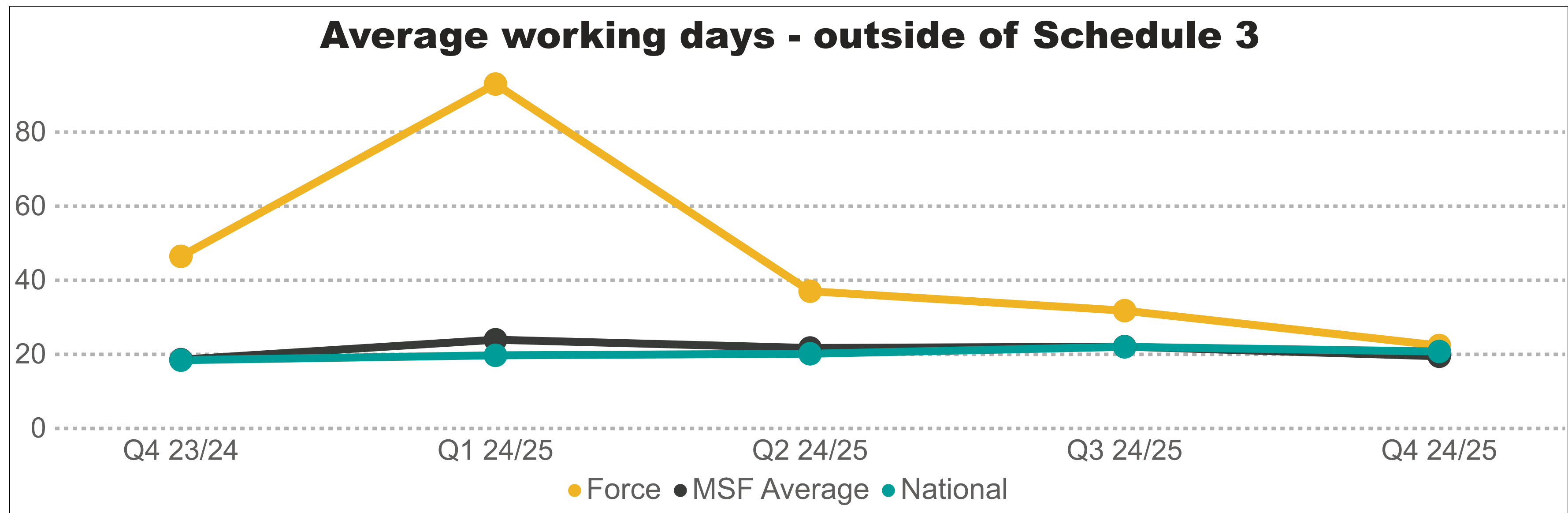
Section A2: Allegations timeliness

This section presents the time it takes the force to finalise allegations by how they were handled. It gives a breakdown of allegations handled informally outside of Schedule 3 and those that were handled formally by either by investigation or handled other than by investigation. Timeliness is calculated from the date the allegation was received by the force to the day the complainant is informed of the allegation decision.

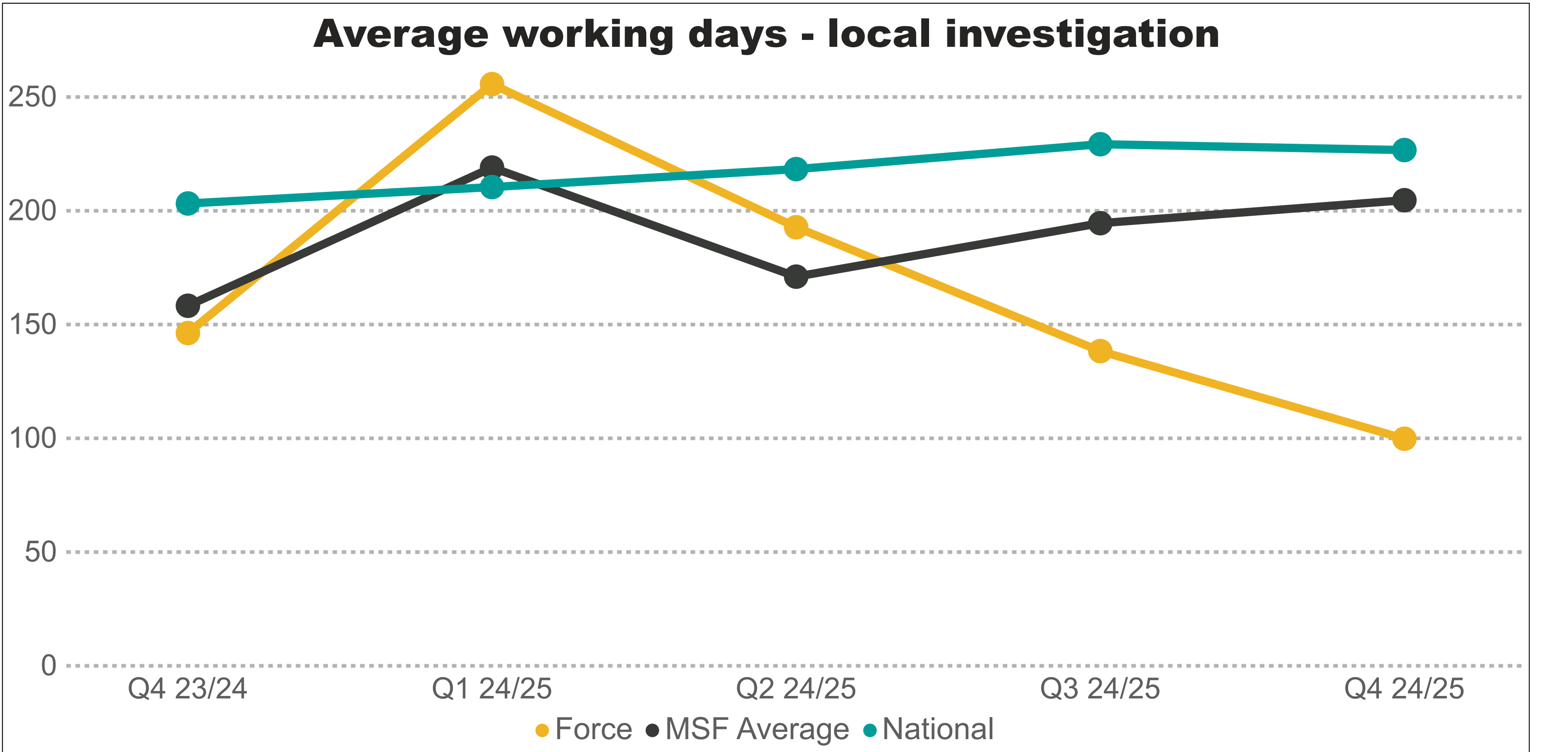
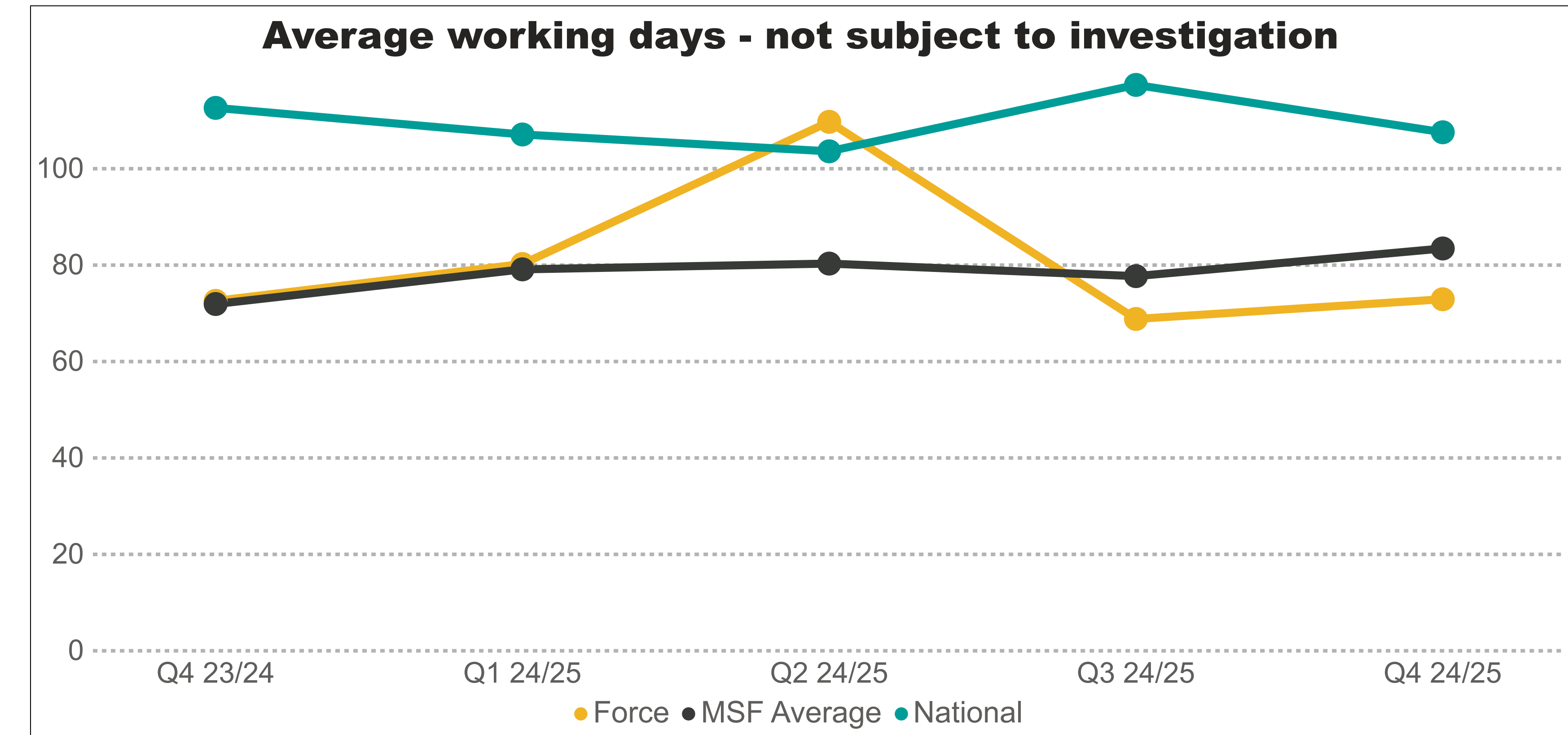
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

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.

Year to date	Outside of Schedule 3		Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation		Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation		Under Schedule 3 - by independent investigation	
Allegations	Number Finalised	Average days	Number Finalised	Average days	Number Finalised	Average days	Number Finalised	Average days
Force	1,209	50	532	83	142	196	0	0
SPLY	808	63	656	77	278	214	0	0
MSF Average	1,682	22	1,644	79	380	197	4	166
National	71,979	20	73,237	109	17,701	220	348	380



Year to date	Under Schedule 3 - by directed investigation	
Allegations	Number Finalised	Average days
Force	0	0
SPLY	0	0
MSF Average	0	130
National	23	618



Section A3.1: How allegations were handled and their decisions

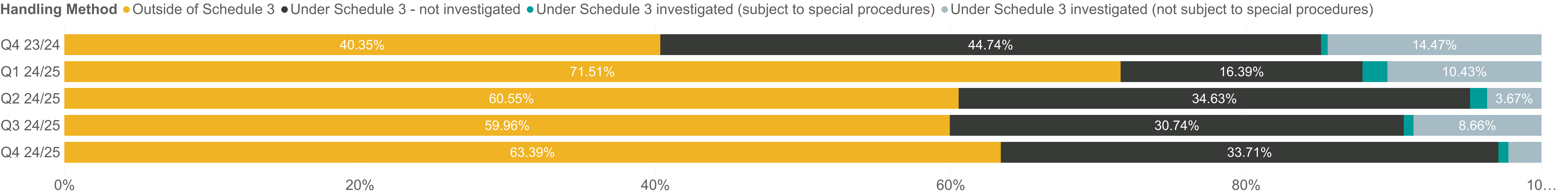
This section presents a breakdown of how allegations were handled information and the decisions being given. An allegation decision is logged for each allegation finalised.

The allegation decision reflects how the complaint case has been handled, with different decisions available for the different means of handling. Both the allegation decisions and the subsequent actions available will depend on two things: firstly, whether the complaint case has been handled outside or under Schedule 3; and secondly, the means of handling where it has been dealt with under Schedule 3.

Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for details of allegation decisions.

How allegations were handled (Year to date)	Force No.	Force %	MSF Average No.	MSF Average %	National No.	National %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	122	6 %	358	9 %	16,001	10 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	20	1 %	27	1 %	2,071	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	532	28 %	1644	44 %	73,237	45 %
Outside of Schedule 3	1,209	64 %	1682	47 %	71,979	44 %
Total	1,883	100 %	3710	100 %	163,288	100 %

Force: percent of allegations finalised by handling method



How allegations were handled (Year to date)	Outside of Schedule 3				Under Schedule 3 - not investigated				Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)				Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)			
Allegation decision	Force No.	Force %	National No.	National %	Force No.	Force %	National No.	National %	Force No.	Force %	National No.	National %	Force No.	Force %	National No.	National %
No further action					22	4 %	5,604	8 %			26	1 %			503	3 %
Regulation 41 applies							107	0 %			2	0 %			192	1 %
Service provided - unable to determine					37	7 %	6,698	9 %			38	2 %	11	9 %	1,499	9 %
Service provided - not acceptable					64	12 %	9,844	13 %	2	10 %	79	4 %	21	17 %	1,931	12 %
Service provided - acceptable					400	75 %	48,901	67 %			338	16 %	90	74 %	11,450	72 %
Not Resolved	228	19 %	3,637	5 %												
Resolved	981	81 %	68,336	95 %												
No Case to Answer									11	55 %	1,081	52 %				
Case to Answer									7	35 %	454	22 %				
Withdrawal					9	2 %	2,080	3 %			52	3 %			426	3 %

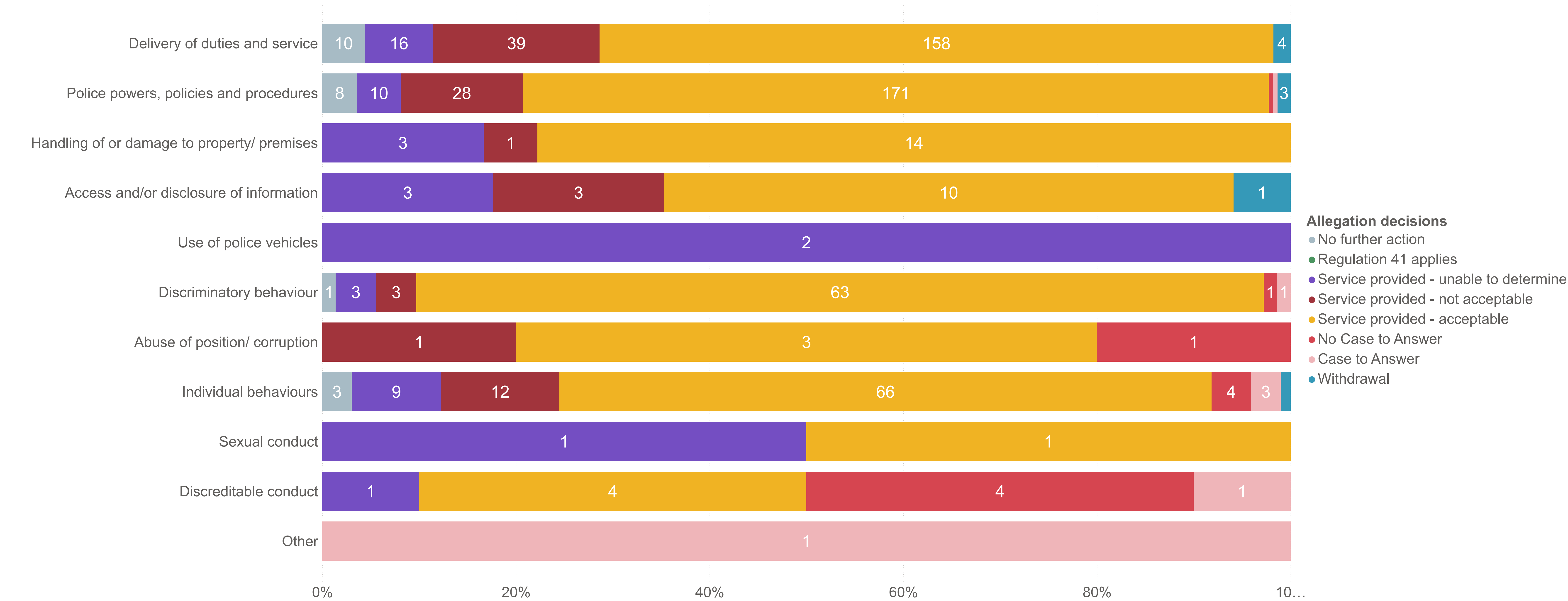
Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (Year to date by category)

This section presents information about allegations handled both informally and formally, grouped by the allegation decision and the category selected on each allegation. Each allegation has a single category selected.

Outside Schedule 3 allegation decisions

Allegation decisions	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
Resolved	659	148	30	14	10	8	0	100	0	1	11	981
Not Resolved	142	37	6	7	4	3	0	24	0	2	3	228

Schedule 3 allegation decisions



Section B1.1: Allegation actions - on allegations handled outside of Schedule 3 (Year to date)

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.

Please note: not all of the available actions arising from the complaint handling are shown. The actions presented in this section are those that focus on putting an issue right and preventing it from happening again by encouraging those involved to reflect on their actions and learn.

. Actions following outside of Schedule 3 complaint cases ^	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised
Organisational learning	52	4 %	21	3 %	19	1 %	272	0 %
Learning from reflection	230	19 %	123	15 %	130	8 %	1,991	3 %
Policy review	3	0 %	4	0 %	3	0 %	59	0 %
Goodwill gesture	4	0 %	1	0 %	4	0 %	114	0 %
Apology	94	8 %	32	4 %	154	8 %	6,555	9 %
Debrief	20	2 %	5	1 %	20	1 %	545	1 %
Explanation	379	31 %	192	24 %	1,064	63 %	45,379	63 %
No further action	273	23 %	262	32 %	180	11 %	8,079	11 %
Other action	73	6 %	37	5 %	88	5 %	8,339	12 %

Section B1.2: Allegation actions - on allegations handled under Schedule 3 (Year to date)

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. As more than one action can be selected for a single allegation, the sum of all percentages will not equal 100%.

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All complaint cases handled under Schedule 3

. Actions following Schedule 3 complaint cases	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised
Organisational learning	7	1 %	3	0 %	18	1 %	813	1 %
Apology	10	1 %	13	1 %	100	4 %	3,493	4 %
Debrief	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	2,874	3 %
Explanation	479	71 %	549	59 %	1,091	60 %	56,328	62 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	2	0 %	1	0 %	29	0 %
No further action	100	15 %	258	28 %	599	25 %	19,619	21 %
Other action	1	0 %	0	0 %	70	2 %	921	1 %
Learning from reflection	60	9 %	92	10 %	110	6 %	5,009	5 %
Referral to RPRP	10	1 %	14	1 %	16	1 %	1,426	2 %

Misconduct, UPP and RPRP on complaints investigated under Schedule 3 (subject to Special Procedures)

Complaint cases handled under Schedule 3 that are investigated and subject to Special Procedures can result in misconduct proceedings

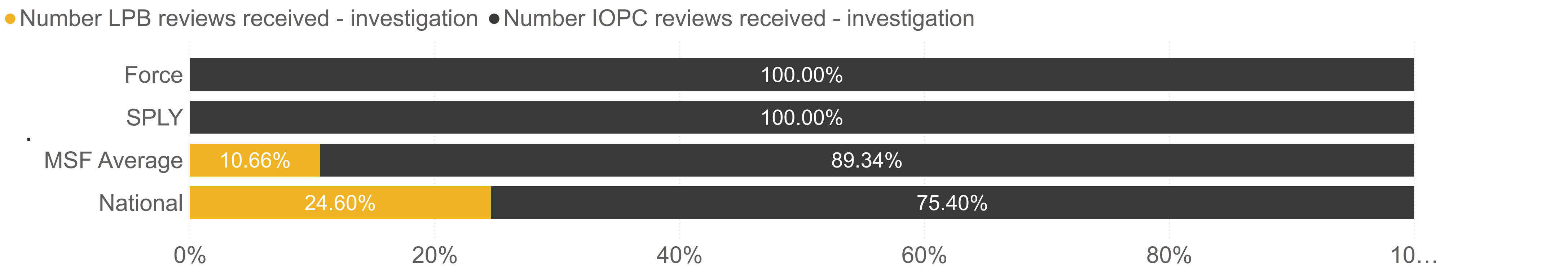
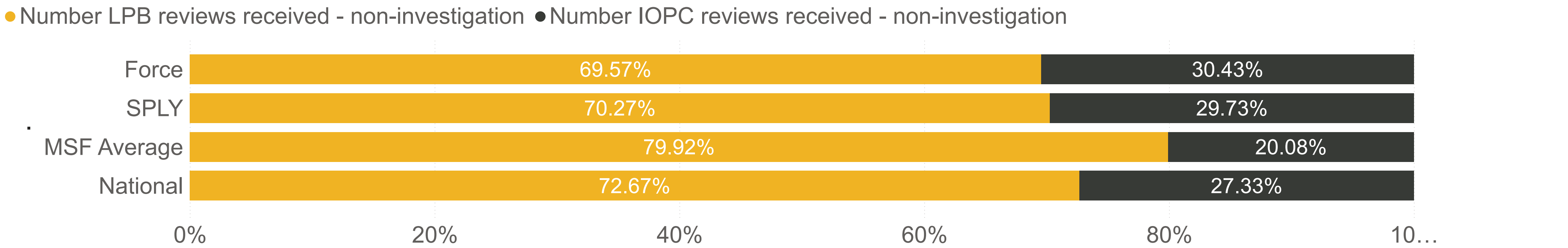
. Actions following Schedule 3 (special procedures) cases	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised
Misconduct proceedings	6	30 %	1	11 %	3	13 %	218	11 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	3 %	11	1 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	1	5 %	0	0 %	3	10 %	139	7 %
Referral to RPRP	4	20 %	3	33 %	5	22 %	354	17 %

Section C1: Reviews received and timeliness (Year to date)

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. For information on when the IOPC should be the review body, please see our [Statutory Guidance](#)

Non-investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	32	14
SPLY	52	22
MSF Average	107	27
National	3,938	1,481

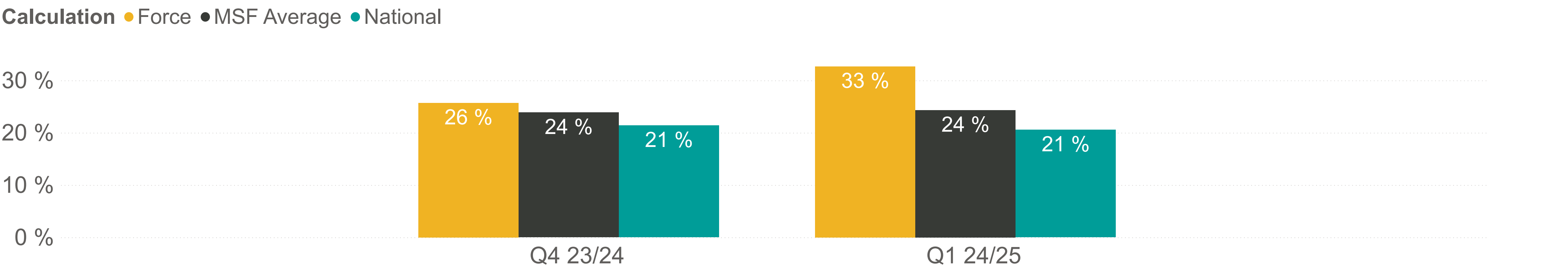
Investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	0	18
SPLY	0	20
MSF Average	3	22
National	309	947



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.

	Reviews received	Schedule 3 complaints finalised
Force	64	241
SPLY	94	362
MSF Average	158	726
National	6,675	31,687

Reviews received as a proportion of Schedule 3 cases



	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Average number of working days to complete Local Policing Body reviews	18	19	49	48
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	174	147	160	148

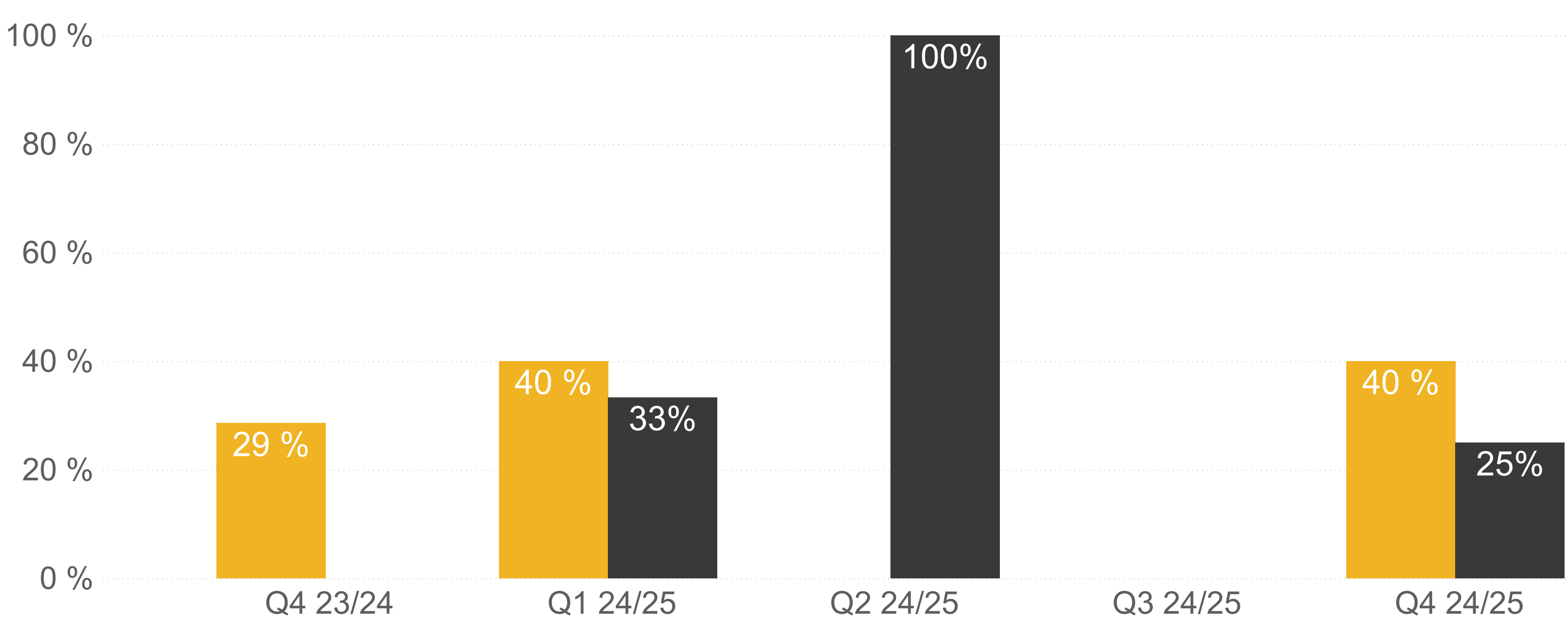
Section C2: Outcomes on reviews

This section presents information about the decisions made on reviews including the proportion of reviews that found the outcome of the complaint was not reasonable and proportionate leading to the review being upheld.

Investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed investigation (IOPC)	Upheld investigation (IOPC)	Completed investigation (LPB)	Upheld investigation (LPB)
Force	19	4	0	
SPLY	23	6	0	
MSF Average	22	6	1	2
National	903	272	284	81

% IOPC reviews upheld - Force

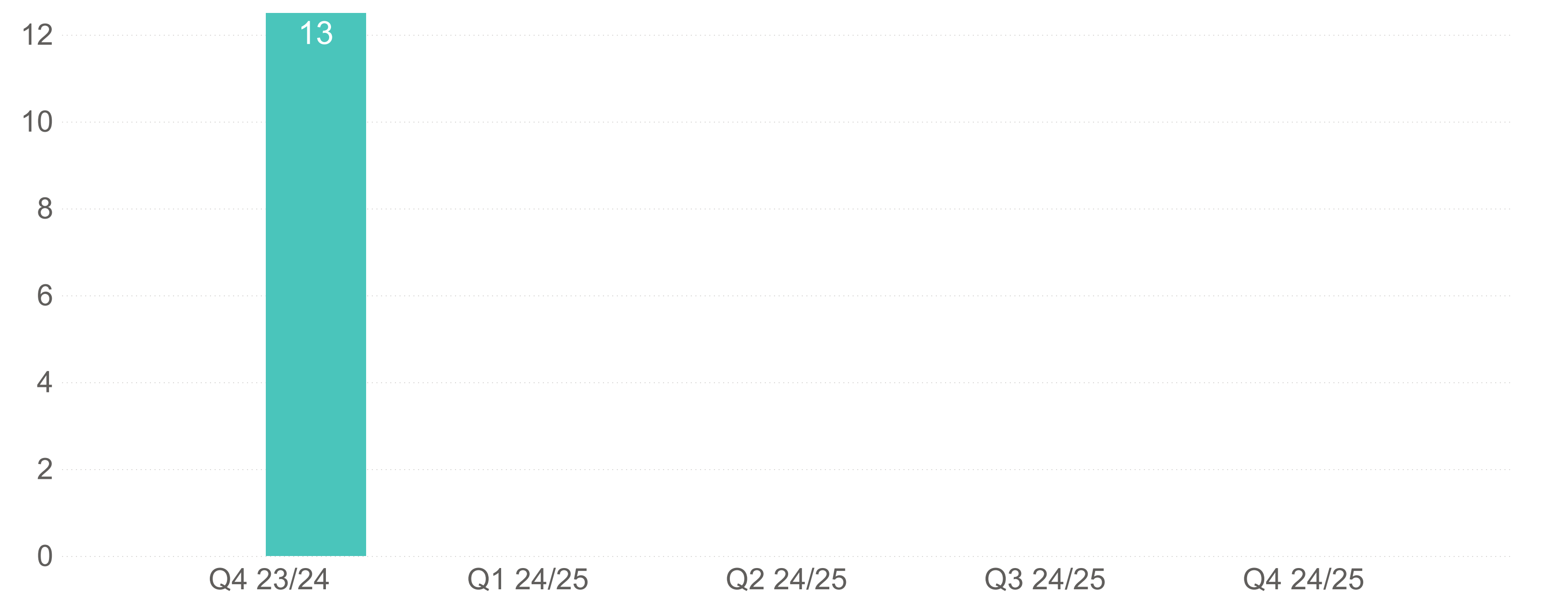
Investigation Non-investigation



Non-investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed non-investigation (IOPC)	Upheld non-investigation (IOPC)	Completed non-investigation (LPB)	Upheld non-investigation (LPB)
Force	10	4	28	
SPLY	20	2	48	3
MSF Average	26	6	95	18
National	1,112	330	3,747	802

% LPB Reviews upheld - Force

Investigation Non-investigation



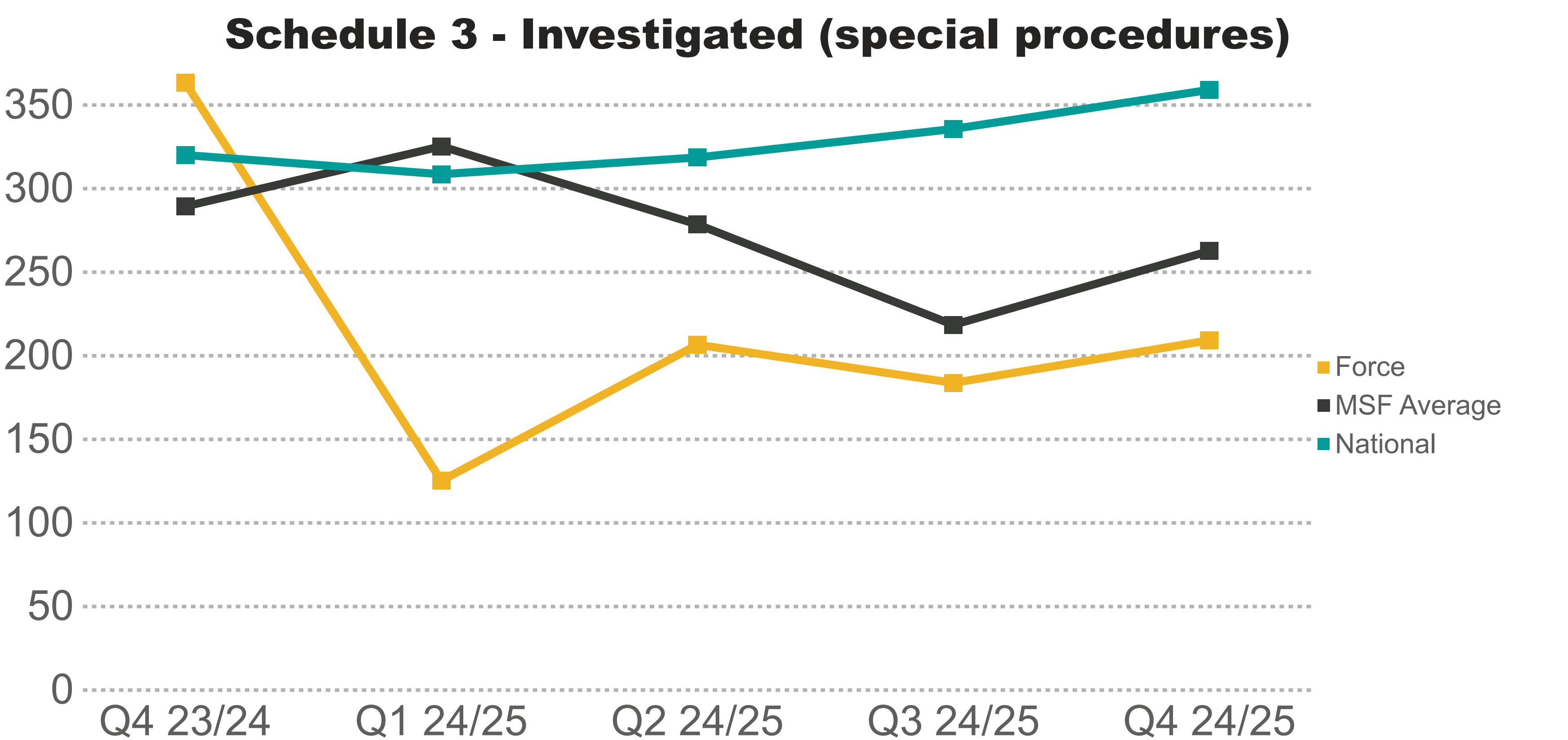
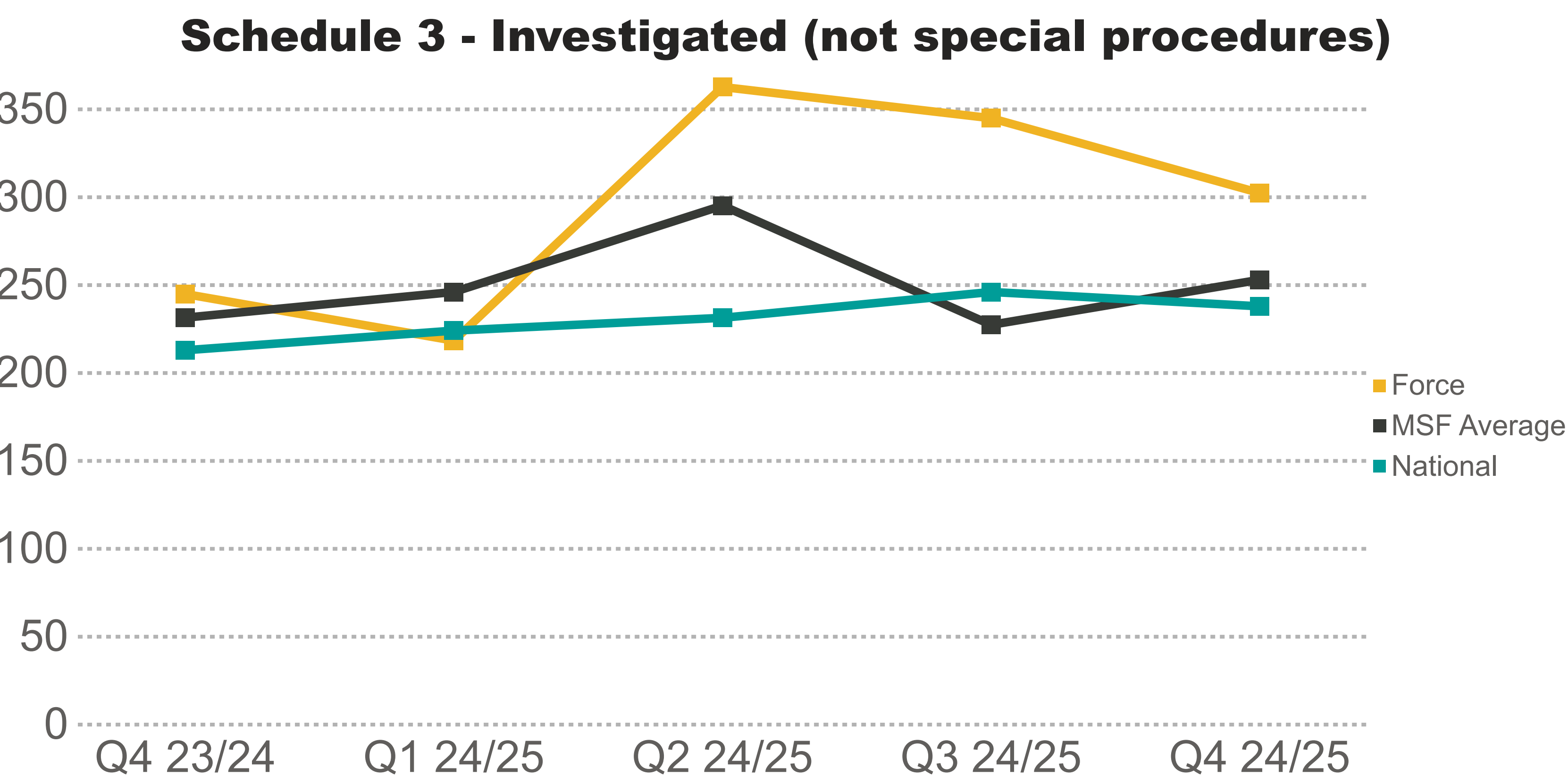
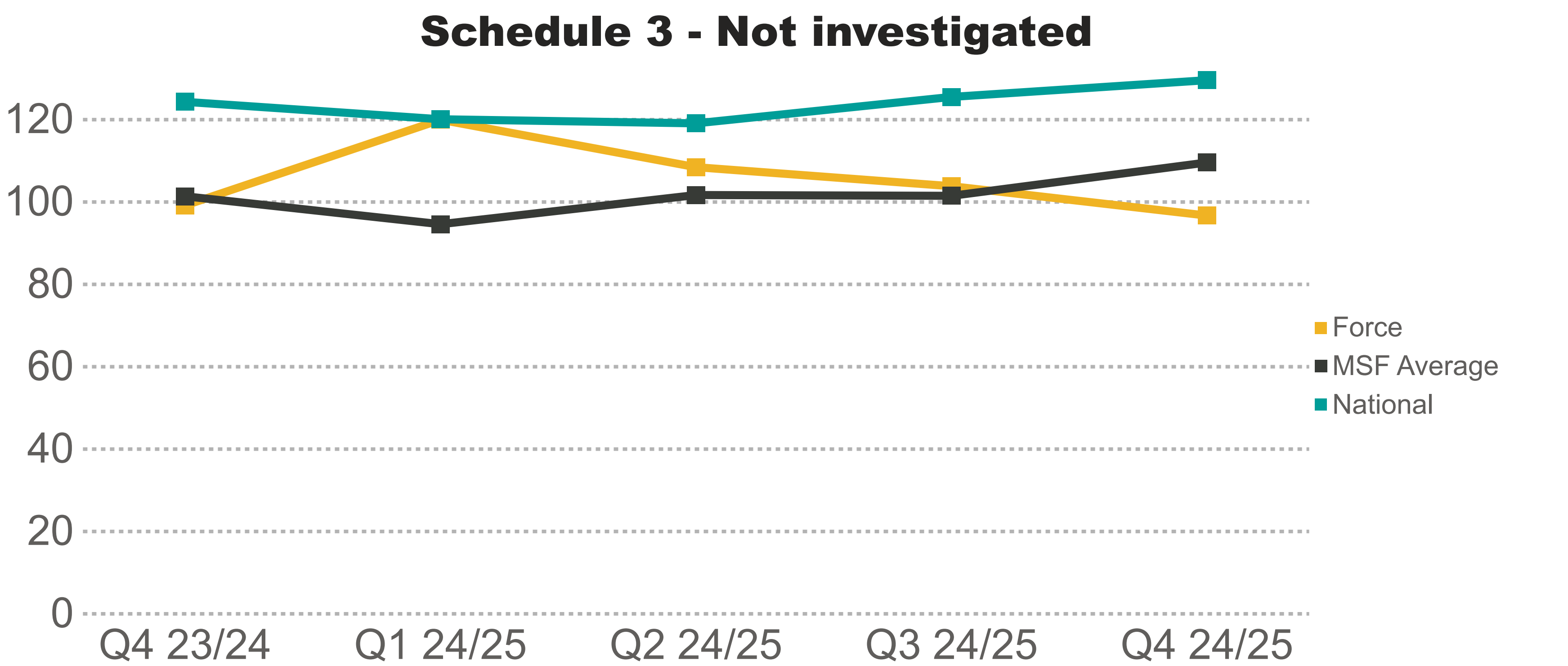
Section D1: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness

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. For more information on the proportion of complaints handled under each method (along with outside if Schedule 3) please see page 14

Average working days to finalise (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	189	218	315	329
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	297	244	258	234
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	106	108	101	124
Total	140	129	122	146

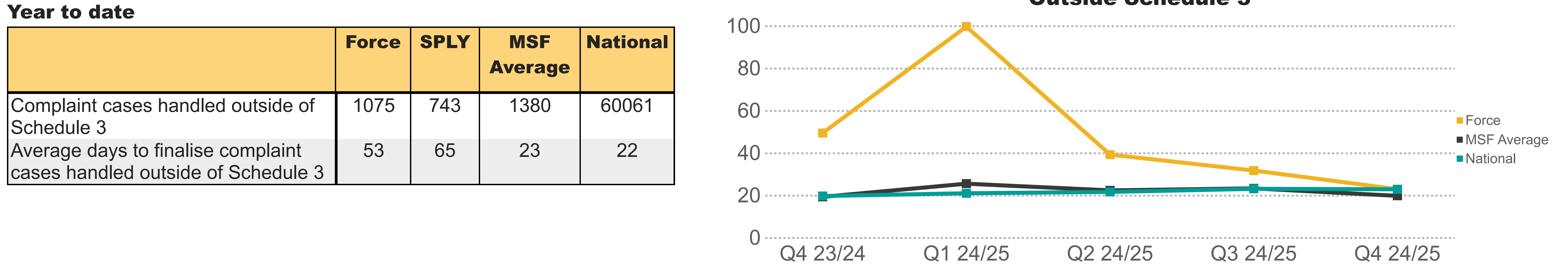
Number finalised (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	194	304	626	25,876
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	40	53	89	5,122
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	7	5	12	689
Total	241	362	726	31,687



Section D2: Complaint cases finalised outside of Schedule 3 - 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 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.

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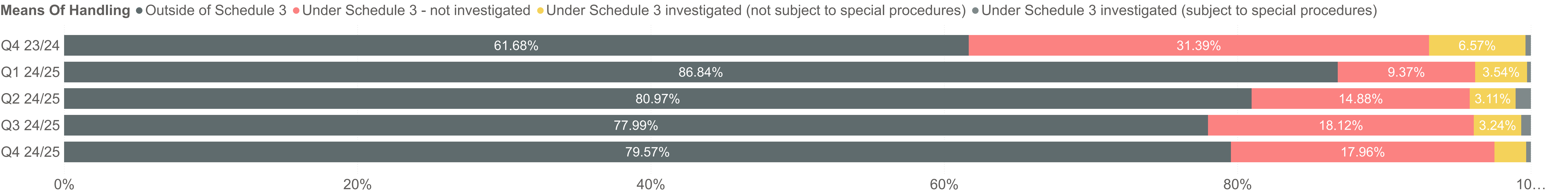


Section D3: How complaint cases handled

This section shows the proportion of complaint cases handled by the force, most similar for group and nationally under each method of handling. The table covers data recorded in the period as per 'Reporting Period' above, while the below chart concerns the force only using the last four quarters of available data.

.	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised
Outside of Schedule 3	1,075	82%	743	67%	1,380	66%	60,061	65%
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	194	15%	304	28%	626	30%	25,876	28%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	40	3%	53	5%	89	4%	5,124	6%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	7	1%	5	0%	12	1%	689	1%
Total	1,316	100%	1,105	100%	2,106	100%	91,750	100%

Force: percent of complaint cases finalised by handling method



Section E: Referrals

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.

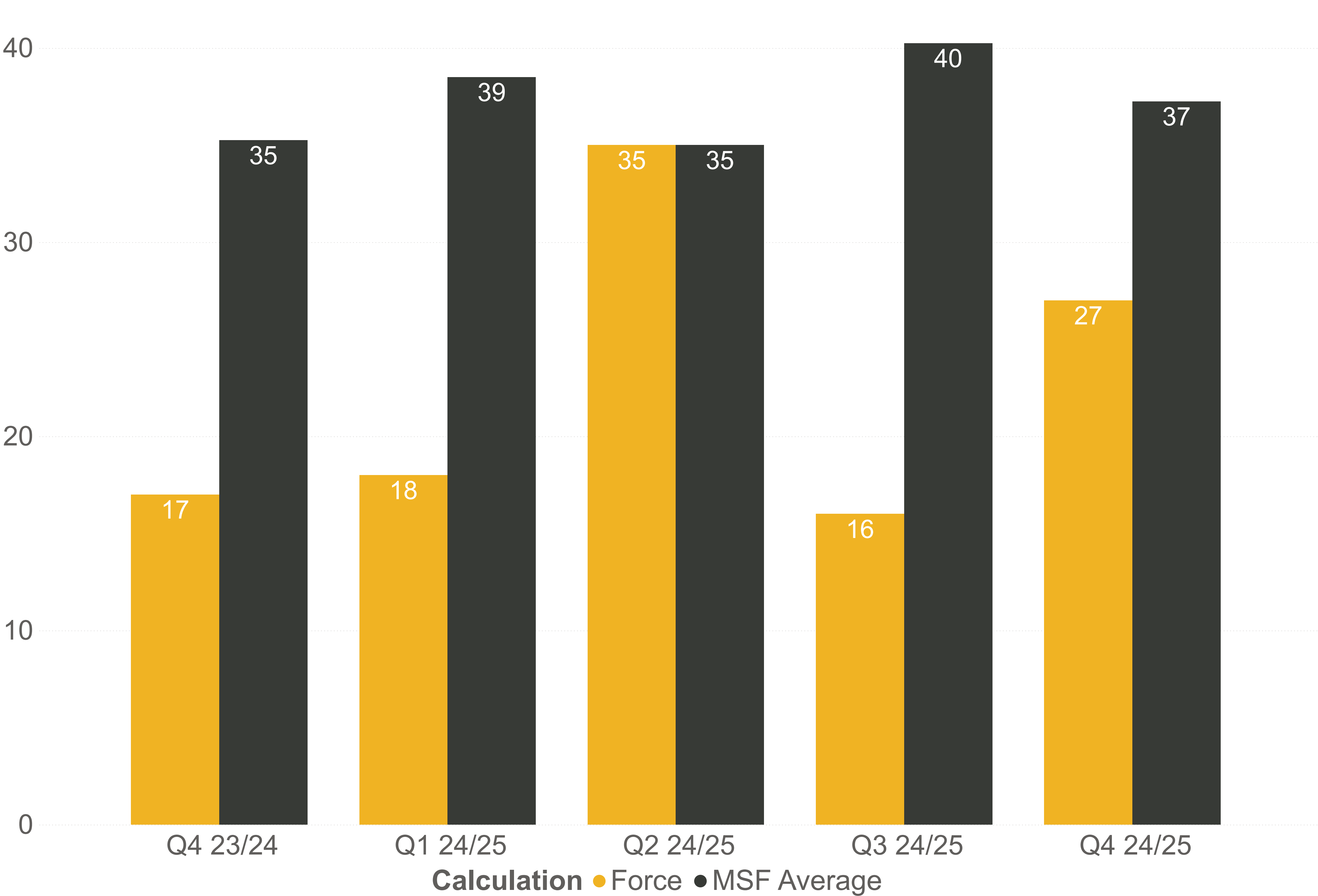
Where a referral is made by the force on a mandatory basis but does not meet the mandatory referral criteria, the matter may not fall within the IOPC’s remit to assess and will be determined invalid.

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	96	69	151	6,713
Number referrals completed	95	69	152	6,786
Decision: Independent Investigation	3	2	8	351
Decision: Directed Investigation	0	0	1	30
Decision: Local Investigation	48	42	78	3,629
Decision: Return to Force	41	23	63	2,634
Decision: Invalid	3	2	3	141

Force and MSF Group referrals received



Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Bedfordshire, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire

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 and City of London Police do not have an MSF group. A list of the MSF groups is available on the [IOPC website](#).
- Figures for City of London include complaint cases logged in relation to ‘Action Fraud’. Action Fraud is the UK’s national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime. The service is run by the City of London Police, which is the national policing lead for economic crime.

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 \(February 2020\)](#).