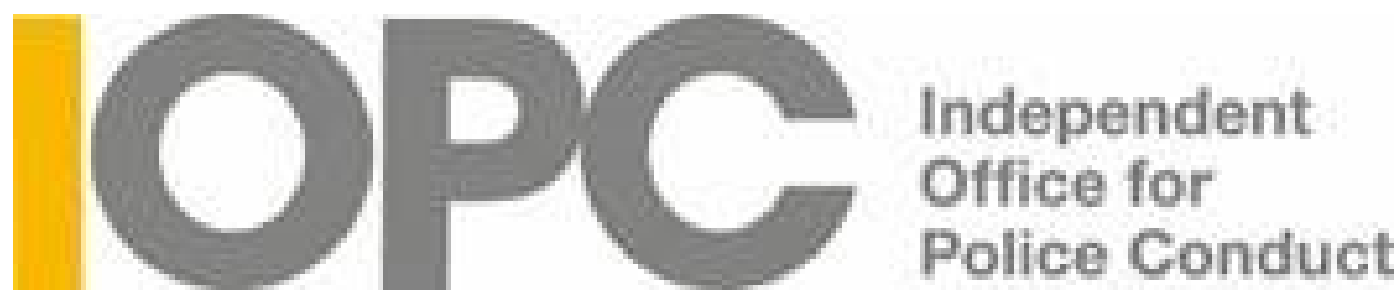


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About this bulletin

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.

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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

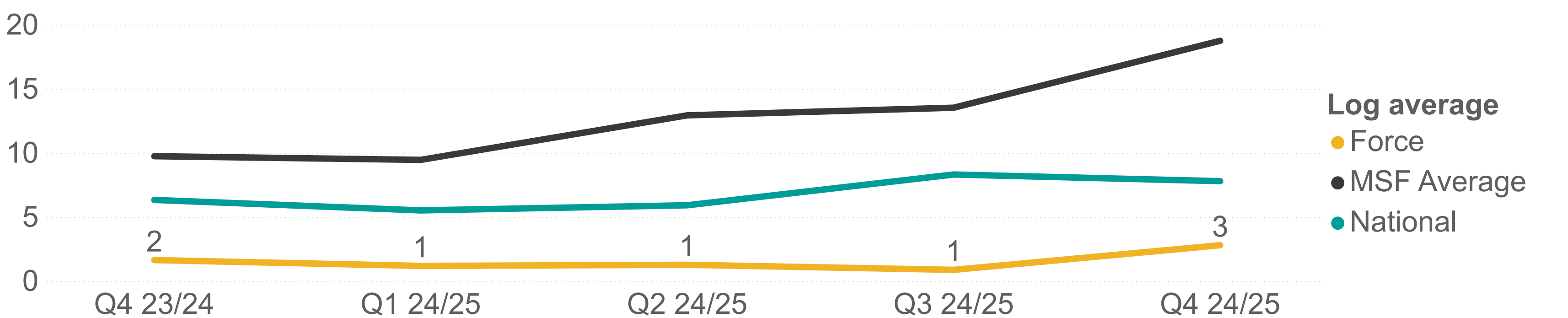
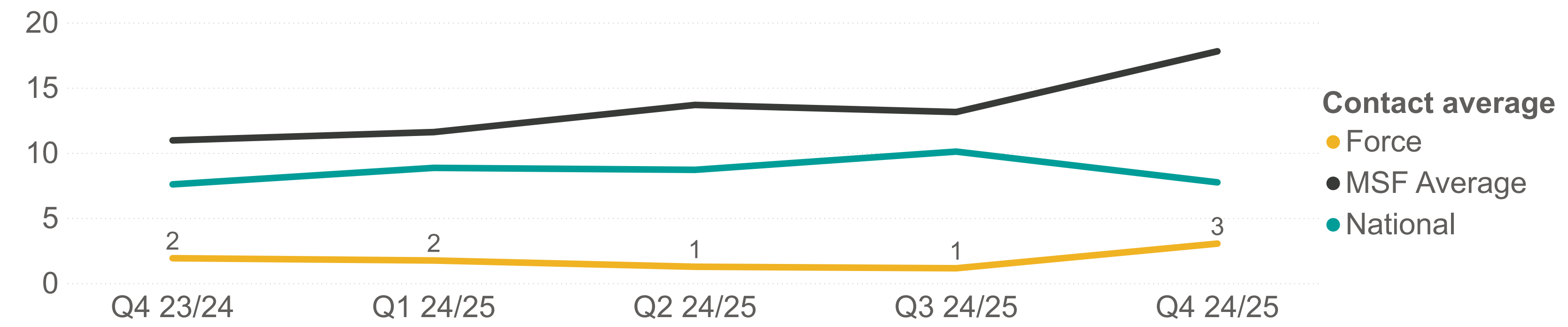
Nat. – National, **RPRP** – Reflective Practice Review Process, **UPP** – Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure

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.

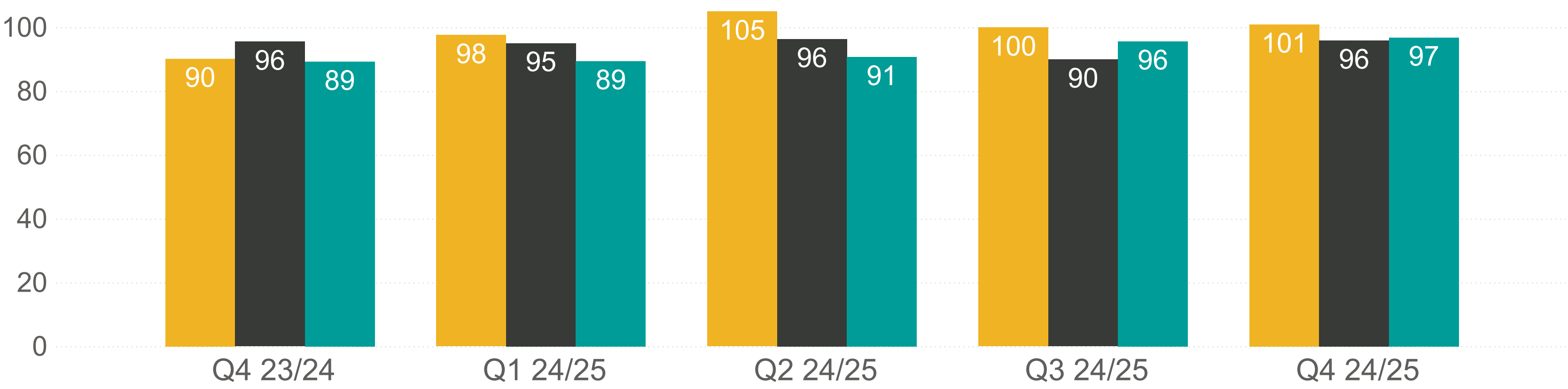
Note: Number of employees is a fixed number through the period, therefore complaints and allegations per 1,000 employees is higher for the full period (as in the table) than when broken down in to quarters (as per the charts)

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	1,691	403	2,877	686	2	2
SPLY	1,546	368	2,501	595	2	1
MSF Average	1,538	377	3,126	744	15	14
National	94,940	373	168,249	660	9	7



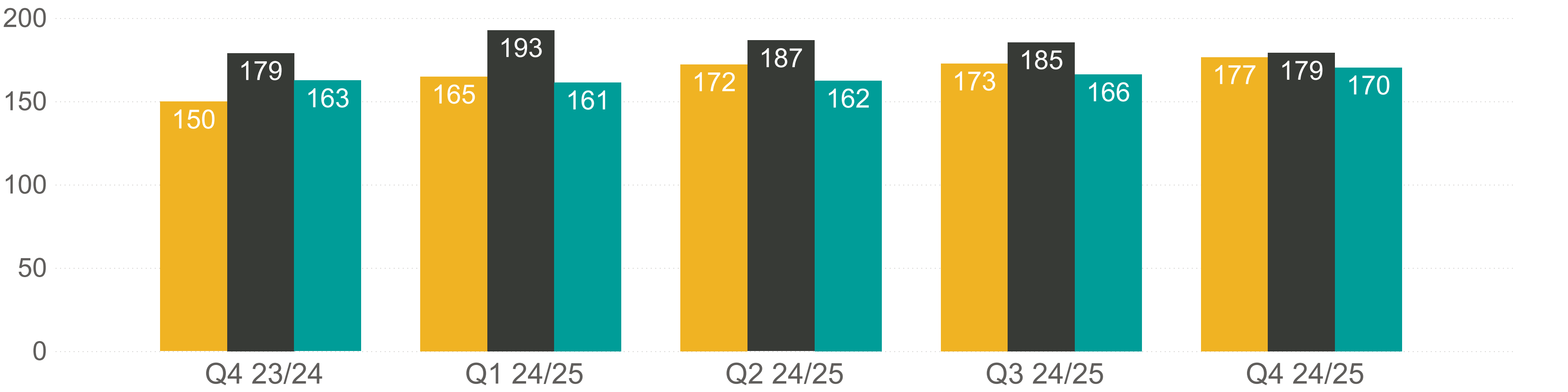
Complaints logged per 1,000 employees

Force MSF Average National



Allegations logged per 1,000 employees

Force MSF Average National



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	332	354	339	12,831
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	181	123	92	6,465
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	283	189	114	5,283
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	188	129	176	7,593
Total	984	795	722	32,172

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	34 %	45 %	45 %	40 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	18 %	15 %	13 %	20 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	29 %	24 %	18 %	16 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	19 %	16 %	24 %	24 %

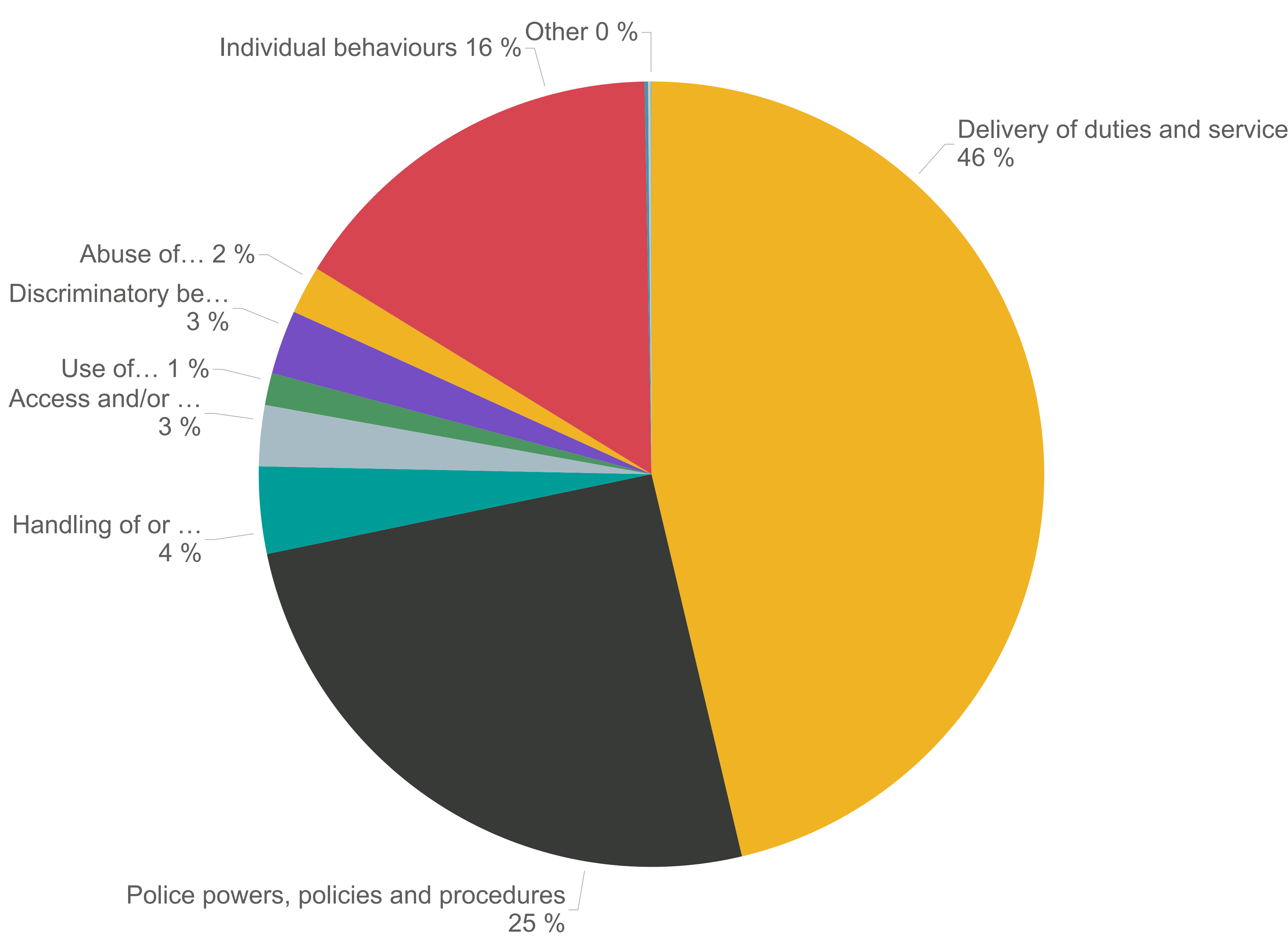
Section A1.3: Allegations logged – what has been complained about (YTD)

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.

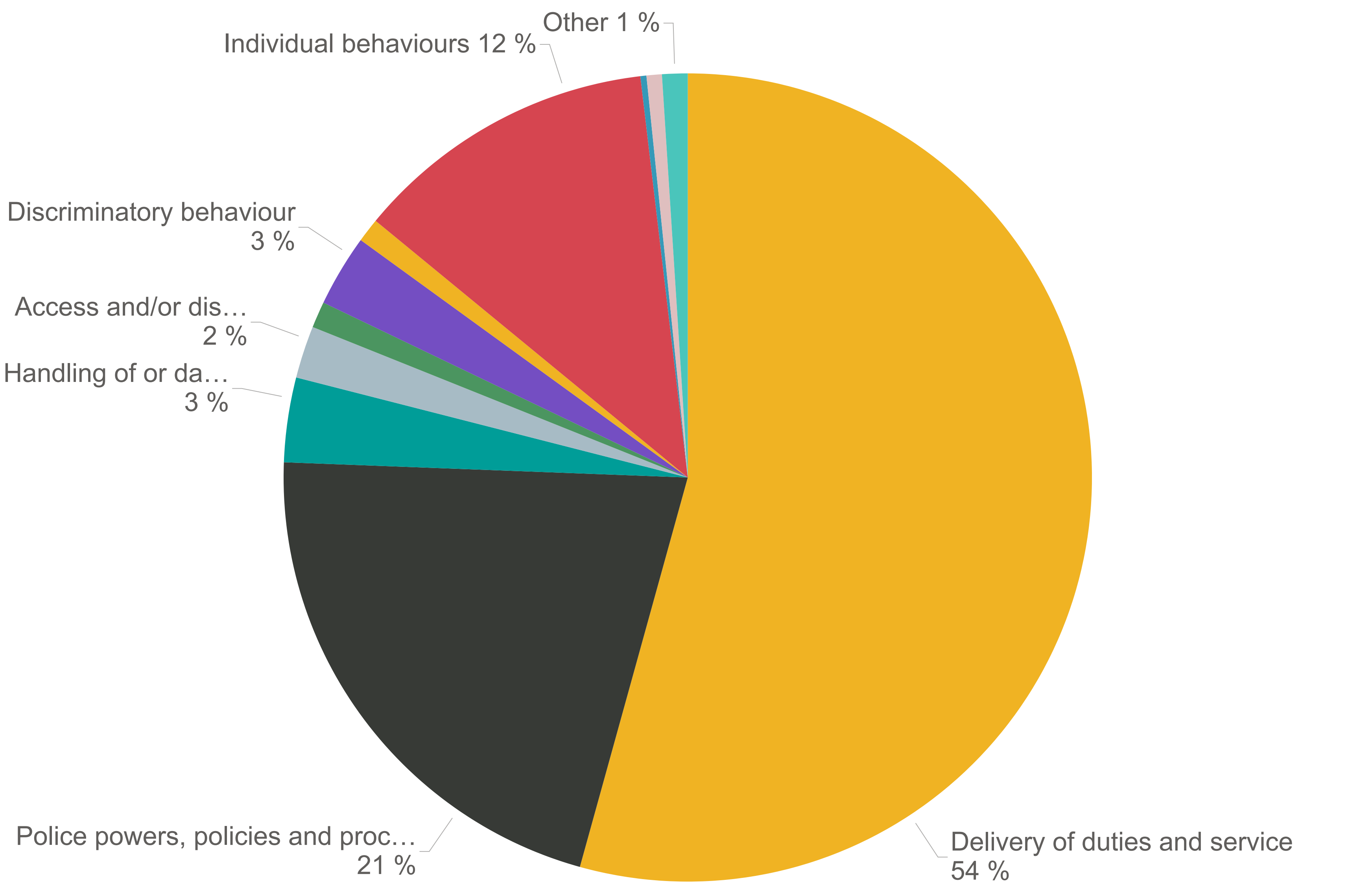
What has been complained about (YTD)

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	1,332	732	103	72	38	76	57	459	4	3	1	2,877
SPLY	1,179	702	84	48	30	49	51	339	6	13	0	2,501
MSF Average	1,662	662	91	60	37	84	56	435	10	18	13	3,126
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	1,332	46 %	1,179	47 %	1,661	51 %	91,353	54 %
	Police action following contact	727	55 %	653	55 %	715	43 %	37,667	41 %
	Information	270	20 %	249	21 %	282	17 %	10,515	12 %
	Decisions	255	19 %	173	15 %	290	17 %	13,479	15 %
	General level of service	80	6 %	104	9 %	375	23 %	29,691	32 %
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Police powers, policies and procedures	Total	732	25 %	702	28 %	662	22 %	35,830	21 %
	Power to arrest and detain	214	29 %	185	26 %	135	20 %	6,460	18 %
	Use of force	183	25 %	183	26 %	160	24 %	8,826	25 %
	Detention in police custody	139	19 %	157	22 %	114	18 %	5,122	14 %
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	73	10 %	62	9 %	50	8 %	2,122	6 %
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	58	8 %	59	8 %	76	11 %	4,603	13 %
	Evidential procedures	27	4 %	23	3 %	34	6 %	2,631	7 %
	Stops, and stop and search	20	3 %	22	3 %	21	3 %	1,790	5 %
	Other policies and procedures	10	1 %	5	1 %	55	9 %	3,735	10 %
	Out of court disposals	8	1 %	6	1 %	18	3 %	540	2 %
	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Individual behaviours	Total	459	16 %	339	14 %	435	14 %	20,480	12 %
	Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	143	31 %	95	28 %	111	25 %	5,808	28 %
	Impolite language / tone	127	28 %	120	35 %	114	27 %	5,352	26 %
	Overbearing or harassing behaviours	119	26 %	82	24 %	88	20 %	3,415	17 %
	Lack of fairness and impartiality	61	13 %	33	10 %	80	18 %	2,807	14 %
	Impolite and intolerant actions	9	2 %	9	3 %	41	10 %	3,098	15 %
Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Total	103	4 %	84	3 %	91	3 %	5,556	3 %
	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	103	100 %	84	100 %	91	100 %	5,555	98 %
	Police action following contact	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Discriminatory behaviour	Total	76	3 %	49	2 %	84	3 %	4,832	3 %
	Race	38	50 %	13	27 %	37	43 %	2,335	48 %
	Sex	16	21 %	20	41 %	16	19 %	769	16 %
	Disability	13	17 %	11	22 %	19	23 %	911	19 %
	Other	4	5 %	0	0 %	6	8 %	421	9 %
	Age	2	3 %	0	0 %	2	2 %	73	2 %
	Sexual orientation	2	3 %	2	4 %	3	3 %	134	3 %
	Religion or belief	1	1 %	3	6 %	1	2 %	127	3 %
	Gender reassignment	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	1 %	56	1 %
	Marriage and civil partnership	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %
	Pregnancy and maternity	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	4	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
None	956	33 %	753	30 %	677	19 %	31,766	19 %
Investigation	647	22 %	586	23 %	1,158	40 %	65,409	39 %
Arrest	387	13 %	361	14 %	379	13 %	21,786	13 %
Custody	248	9 %	251	10 %	193	7 %	9,989	6 %
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	210	7 %	154	6 %	135	6 %	7,183	4 %
Roads/traffic	183	6 %	196	8 %	177	6 %	10,386	6 %
Domestic / gender abuse	156	5 %	125	5 %	166	7 %	9,507	6 %
Call Handling	95	3 %	67	3 %	119	4 %	7,140	4 %
Stop and/or search	89	3 %	97	4 %	44	2 %	3,755	2 %
Restraint equipment	74	3 %	80	3 %	30	1 %	1,866	1 %
Neighbourhood policing	70	2 %	51	2 %	125	4 %	7,856	5 %
Mental health	45	2 %	54	2 %	63	2 %	5,164	3 %
Premises search	43	1 %	49	2 %	58	2 %	4,308	3 %
Child protection / CSA / CSE	29	1 %	24	1 %	62	3 %	3,021	2 %
Drugs / alcohol	27	1 %	13	1 %	34	2 %	2,046	1 %
Fraud	20	1 %	13	1 %	9	0 %	1,113	1 %
Hate Crime	19	1 %	2	0 %	19	1 %	942	1 %
VAWG - police perpetrated	17	1 %	18	1 %	15	1 %	1,085	1 %
Death	16	1 %	8	0 %	34	1 %	1,585	1 %
Missing persons	11	0 %	7	0 %	19	1 %	1,077	1 %
Social media	10	0 %	5	0 %	9	0 %	720	0 %
Serious injury	6	0 %	6	0 %	4	0 %	346	0 %
Firearms	4	0 %	1	0 %	15	1 %	742	0 %
Public order incident	4	0 %	4	0 %	31	1 %	1,327	1 %
Taser	4	0 %	3	0 %	3	0 %	196	0 %
Police dogs or horses	3	0 %	1	0 %	1	0 %	102	0 %
VAWG - police victim	3	0 %	3	0 %	2	0 %	141	0 %
Covert policing	2	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	86	0 %
PPDA	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	65	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 %

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 victim	2	0	0	1	0
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	10	0	0	4
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	175	13	1	2	13
Taser	0	4	0	0	0
Stop and/or search	13	36	4	3	28
Social media	6	0	0	0	0
Serious injury	2	3	0	0	1
Roads/traffic	78	28	3	2	37
Restraint equipment	1	72	0	1	0
Public order incident	3	1	0	0	0
Premises search	4	28	5	0	3
PPDA	0	0	0	0	1
Police dogs or horses	0	2	0	0	1
None	420	118	67	28	235
Neighbourhood policing	51	3	0	2	12
Missing persons	6	2	0	0	2
Mental health	15	22	1	2	5
Investigation	523	47	6	9	44
Hate Crime	15	2	0	2	0
Fraud	18	0	0	0	2
Firearms	3	1	0	0	0
Drugs / alcohol	4	13	1	1	4
Domestic / gender abuse	102	29	1	5	16
Death	12	2	0	0	2
Custody	25	171	11	10	22
Covert policing	0	1	0	0	1
Child protection / CSA / CSE	21	4	0	1	2
Call Handling	55	0	0	5	34
Arrest	41	289	8	10	33
Total	1,331	732	103	75	459

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	44	1	0	45
Q1 24/25	30	3	2	33
Q2 24/25	45	2	1	48
Q3 24/25	65	2	0	67
Q4 24/25	70	10	0	80
Total	254	18	3	273

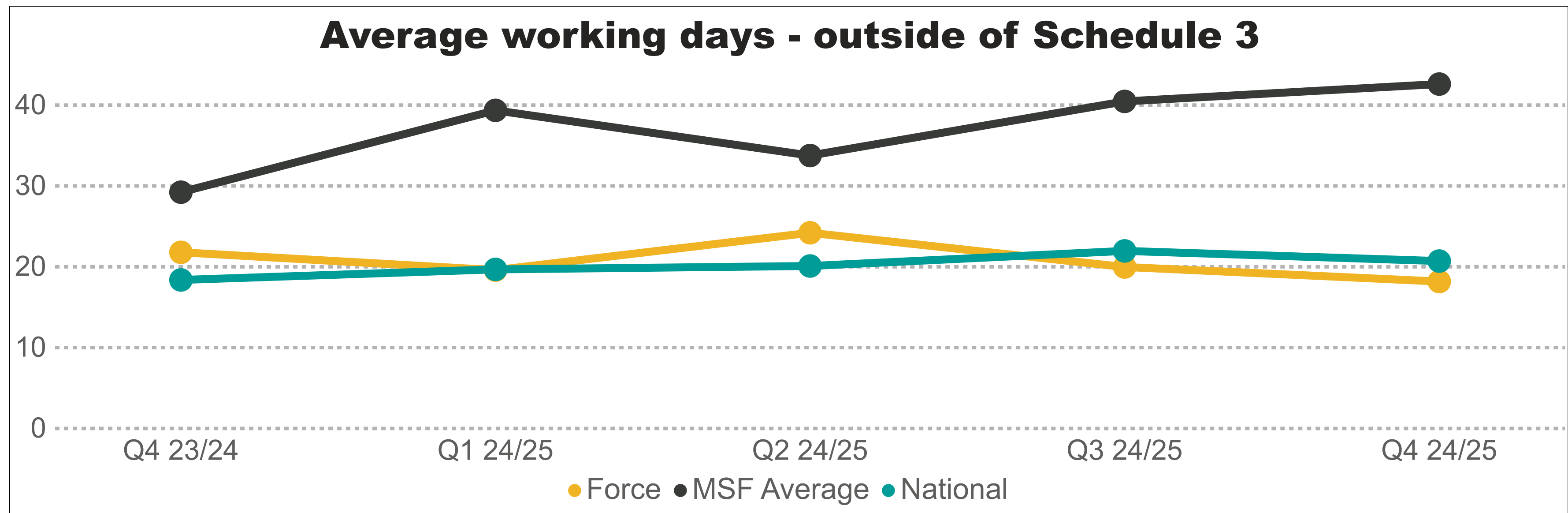
Section A2: Allegations timeliness

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.

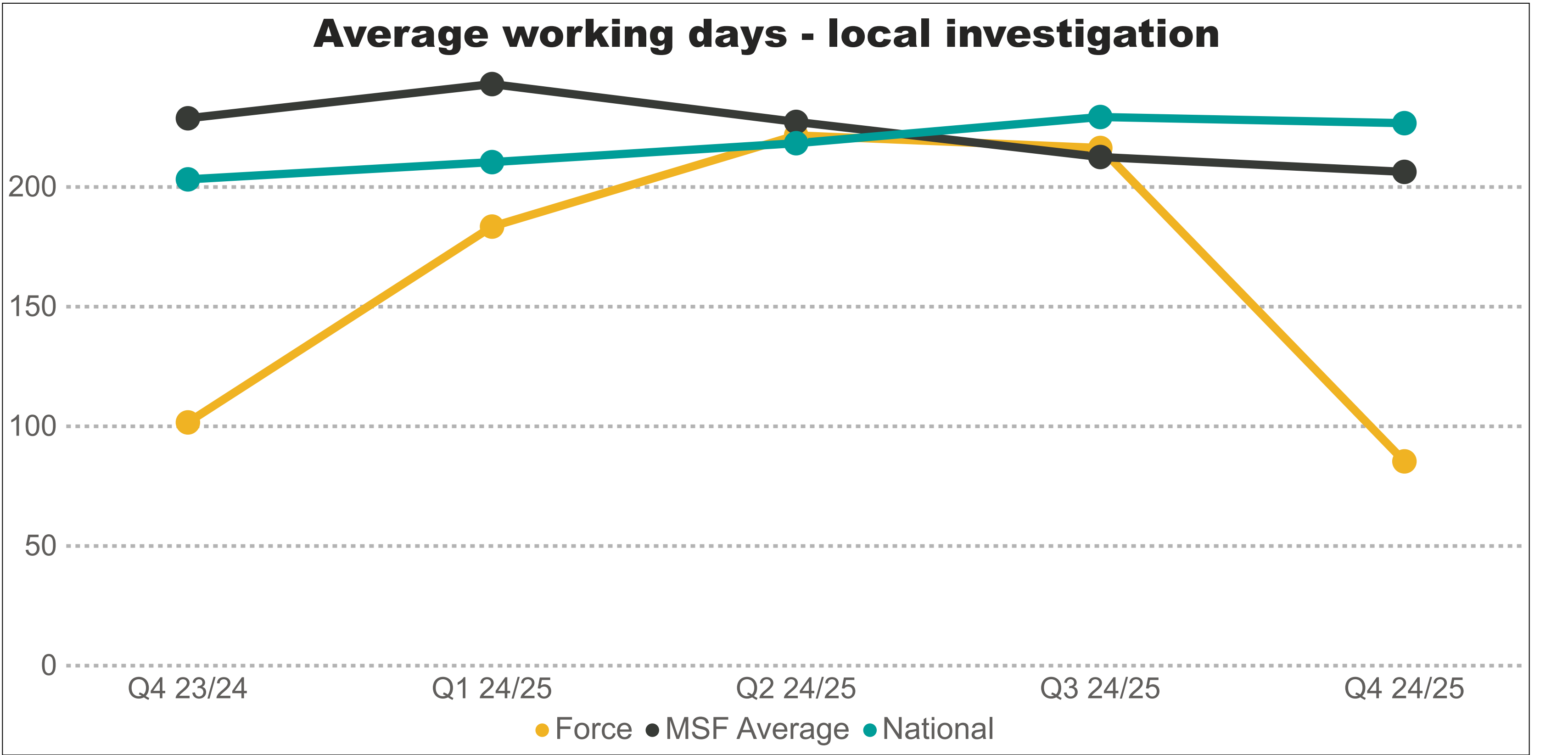
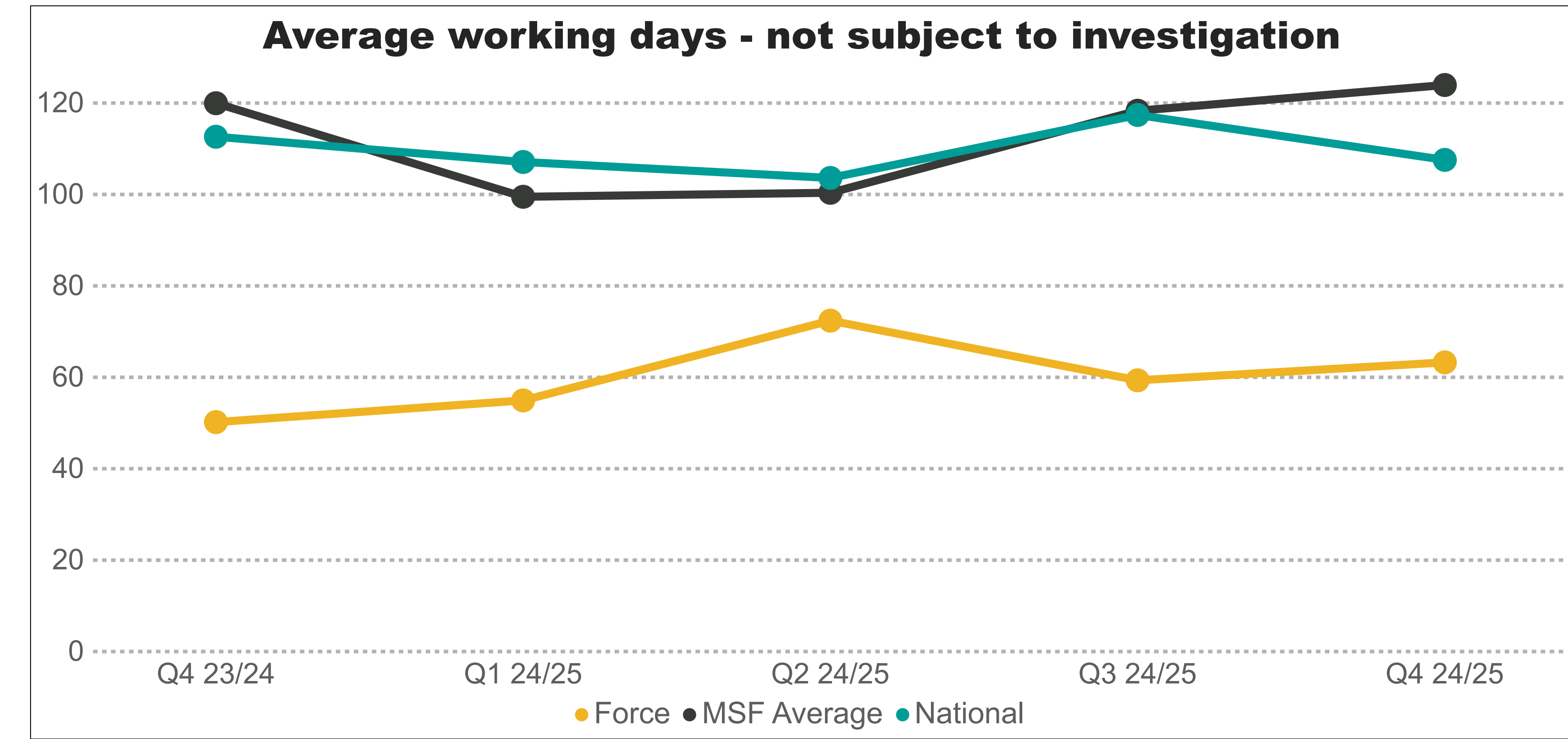
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

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	715	21	1,905	63	110	202	0	0
SPLY	774	22	1,537	71	185	121	0	0
MSF Average	1,015	38	1,611	110	229	228	7	178
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	0
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)	95	3 %	206	8 %	16,001	10 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	15	1 %	30	1 %	2,071	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	1,905	70 %	1611	57 %	73,237	45 %
Outside of Schedule 3	715	26 %	1015	35 %	71,979	44 %
Total	2,730	100 %	2862	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					90	5 %	5,604	8 %			26	1 %	2	2 %	503	3 %
Regulation 41 applies							107	0 %			2	0 %			192	1 %
Service provided - unable to determine					42	2 %	6,698	9 %			38	2 %	2	2 %	1,499	9 %
Service provided - not acceptable					294	15 %	9,844	13 %	1	7 %	79	4 %	13	14 %	1,931	12 %
Service provided - acceptable					1449	76 %	48,901	67 %	4	27 %	338	16 %	78	82 %	11,450	72 %
Not Resolved	43	6 %	3,637	5 %												
Resolved	672	94 %	68,336	95 %												
No Case to Answer									4	27 %	1,081	52 %				
Case to Answer									6	40 %	454	22 %				
Withdrawal					30	2 %	2,080	3 %			52	3 %			426	3 %

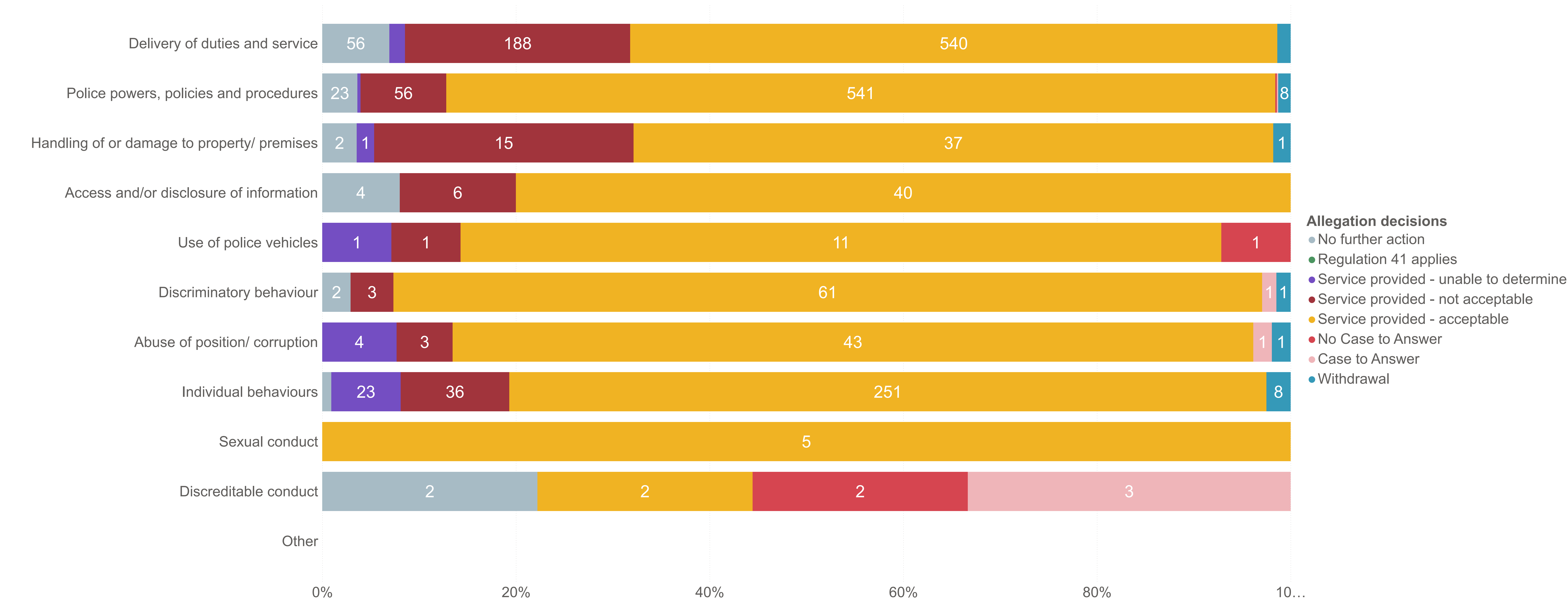
Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (Year to date by category)

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	430	61	39	11	20	1	0	109	0	0	1	672
Not Resolved	29	6	0	0	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	43

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	9	1 %	10	1 %	2	0 %	272	0 %
Learning from reflection	13	2 %	22	3 %	10	2 %	1,991	3 %
Policy review	1	0 %	3	0 %	0	0 %	59	0 %
Goodwill gesture	5	1 %	8	1 %	1	0 %	114	0 %
Apology	95	13 %	74	10 %	109	12 %	6,555	9 %
Debrief	6	1 %	14	2 %	6	1 %	545	1 %
Explanation	430	60 %	492	64 %	774	72 %	45,379	63 %
No further action	116	16 %	116	15 %	81	9 %	8,079	11 %
Other action	39	5 %	33	4 %	29	2 %	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%.

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.

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	74	4 %	61	4 %	25	1 %	813	1 %
Apology	91	5 %	50	3 %	69	4 %	3,493	4 %
Debrief	1	0 %	3	0 %	6	0 %	2,874	3 %
Explanation	1,272	63 %	676	39 %	1,114	58 %	56,328	62 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	29	0 %
No further action	405	20 %	729	42 %	488	27 %	19,619	21 %
Other action	7	0 %	17	1 %	8	0 %	921	1 %
Learning from reflection	156	8 %	160	9 %	96	6 %	5,009	5 %
Referral to RPRP	5	0 %	6	0 %	23	2 %	1,426	2 %

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

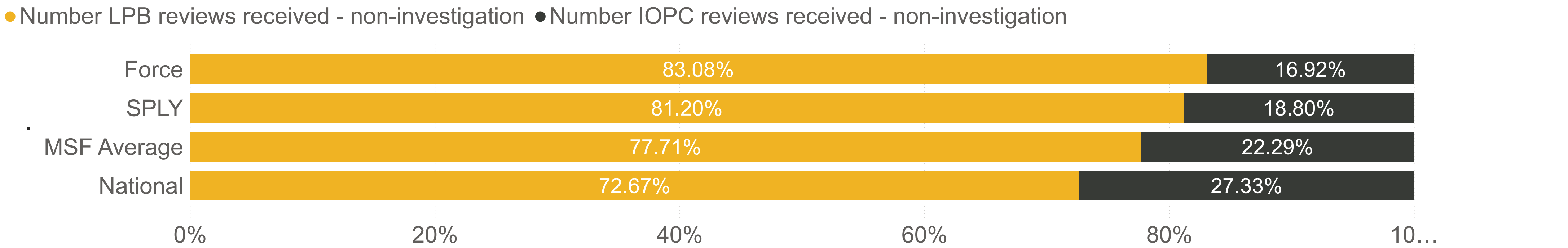
Complaint cases handled under Schedule 3 that are investigated **and** subject to Special Procedures can result in misconduct proceedings

. 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	4	27 %	4	29 %	6	15 %	218	11 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	11	1 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	0	0 %	2	14 %	3	16 %	139	7 %
Referral to RPRP	1	7 %	2	14 %	5	13 %	354	17 %

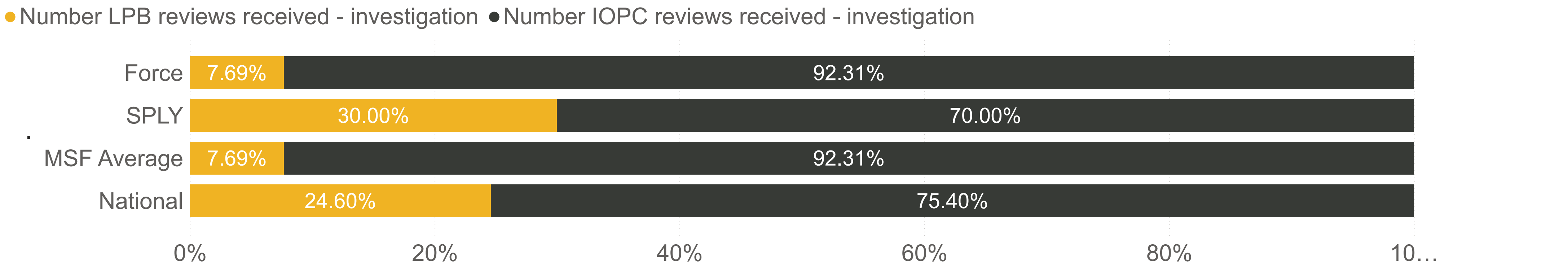
Section C1: Reviews received and timeliness (Year to date)

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	108	22
SPLY	108	25
MSF Average	84	24
National	3,938	1,481



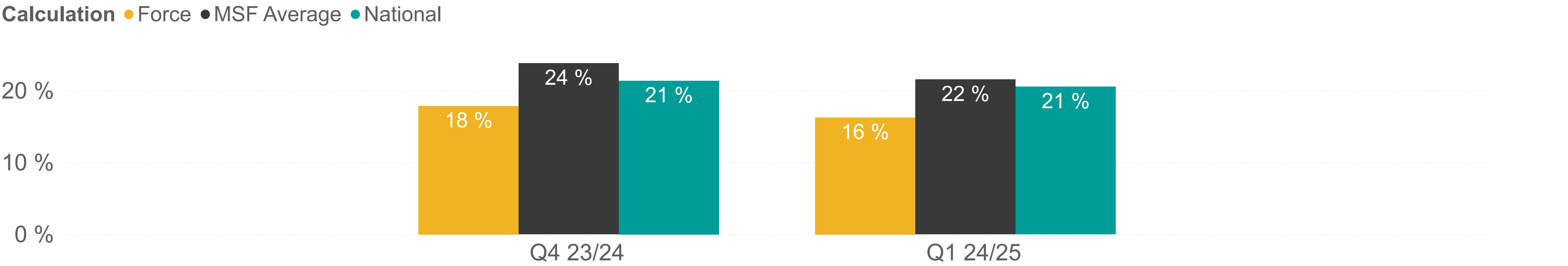
Investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	1	12
SPLY	3	7
MSF Average	1	15
National	309	947



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	143	953
SPLY	143	803
MSF Average	125	644
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	53	46	40	48
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	150	136	141	148

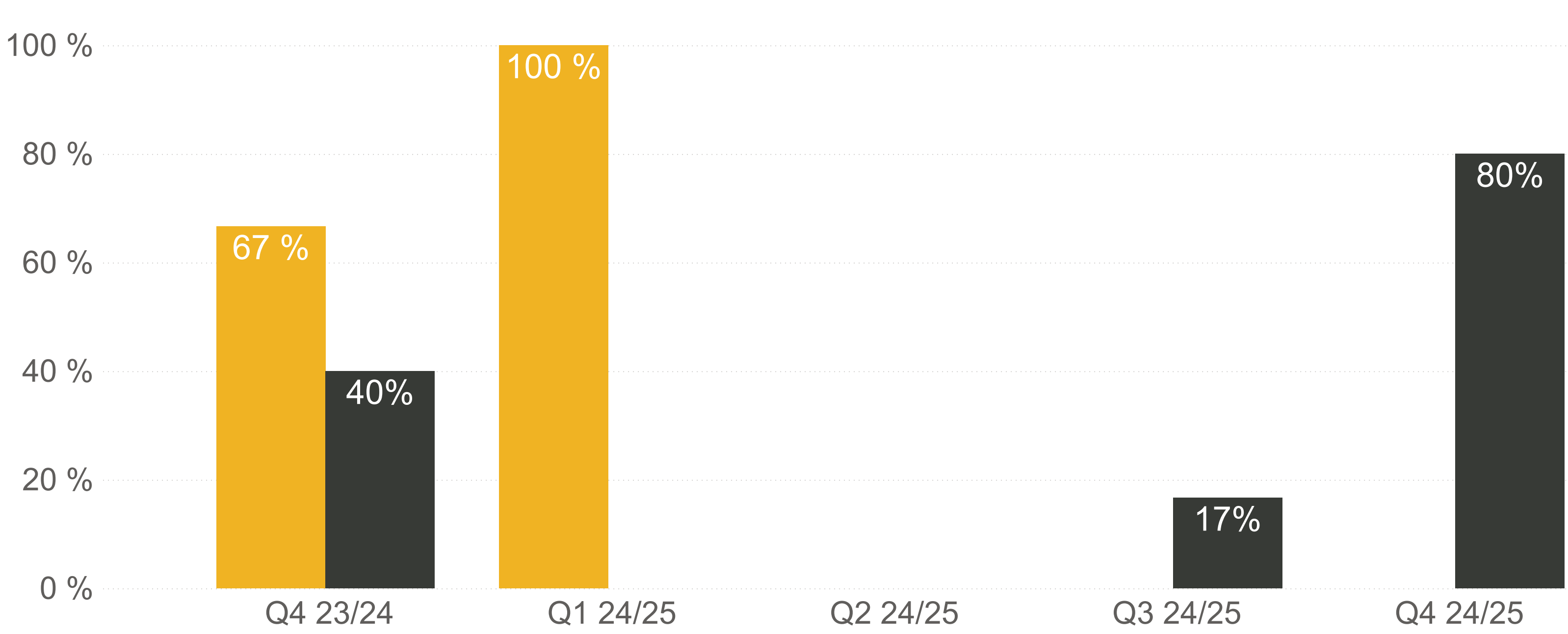
Section C2: Outcomes on reviews

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	7	2	2	
SPLY	10	4	2	1
MSF Average	13	4	1	1
National	903	272	284	81

% IOPC reviews upheld - Force

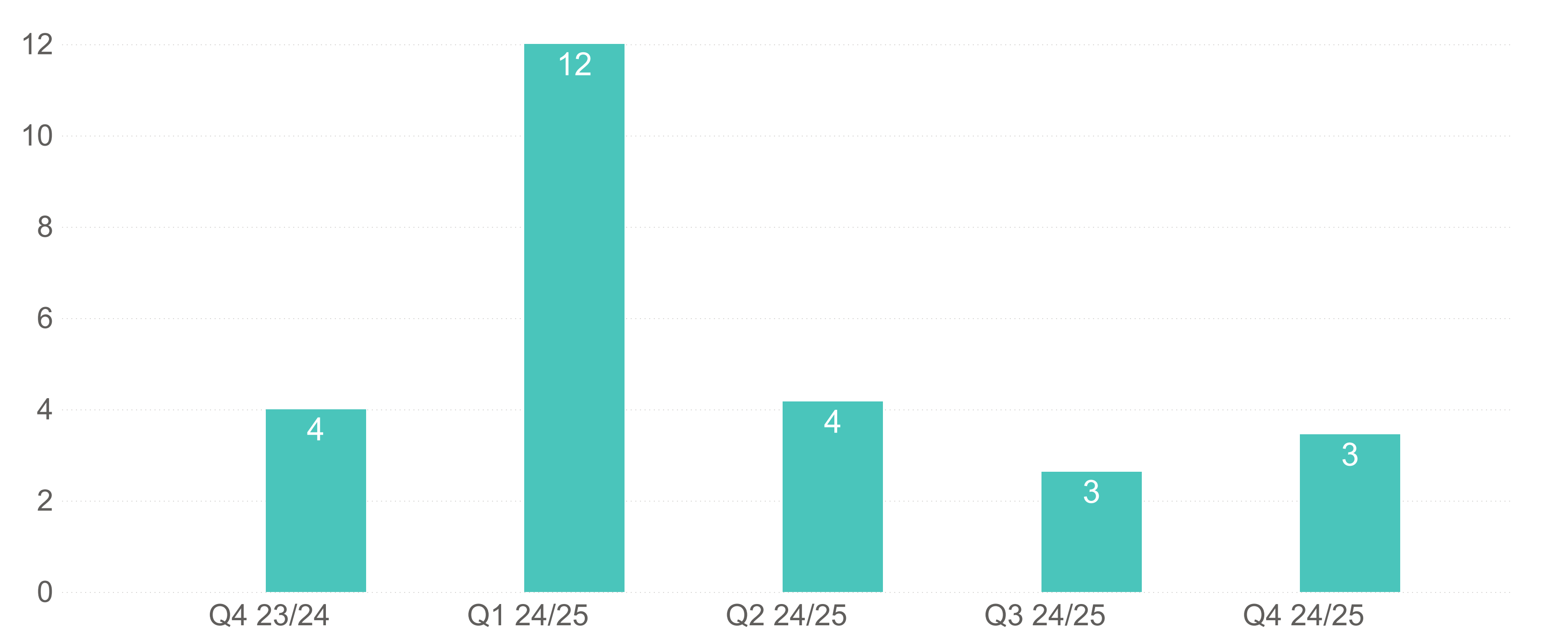
Investigation Non-investigation



Non-investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed non-investigation (IOPC)	Upheld non-investigation (IOPC)	Completed non-investigation (LPB)	Upheld non-investigation (LPB)
Force	18	5	116	6
SPLY	25	5	97	6
MSF Average	18	6	79	16
National	1,112	330	3,747	802

% LPB Reviews upheld - Force

Investigation Non-investigation



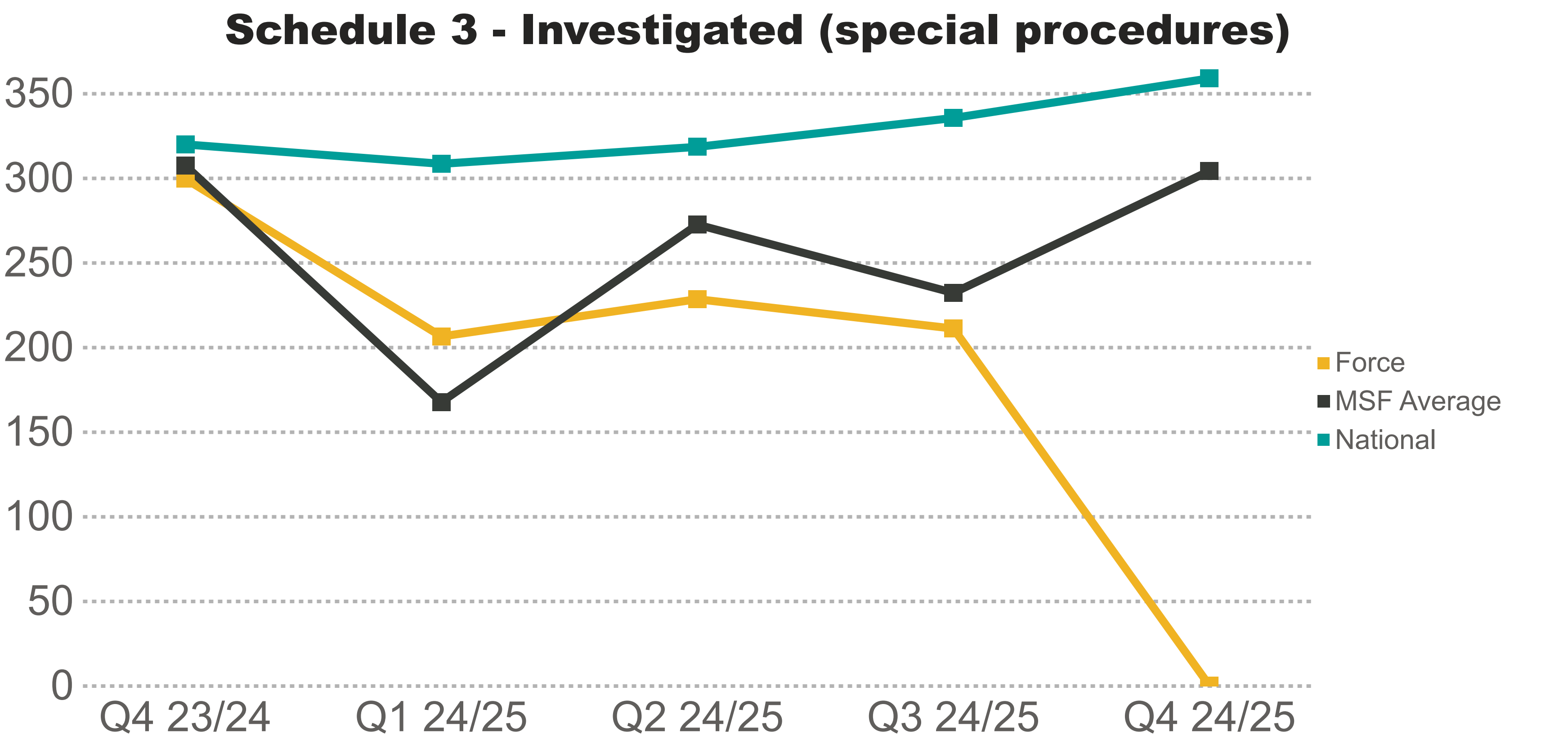
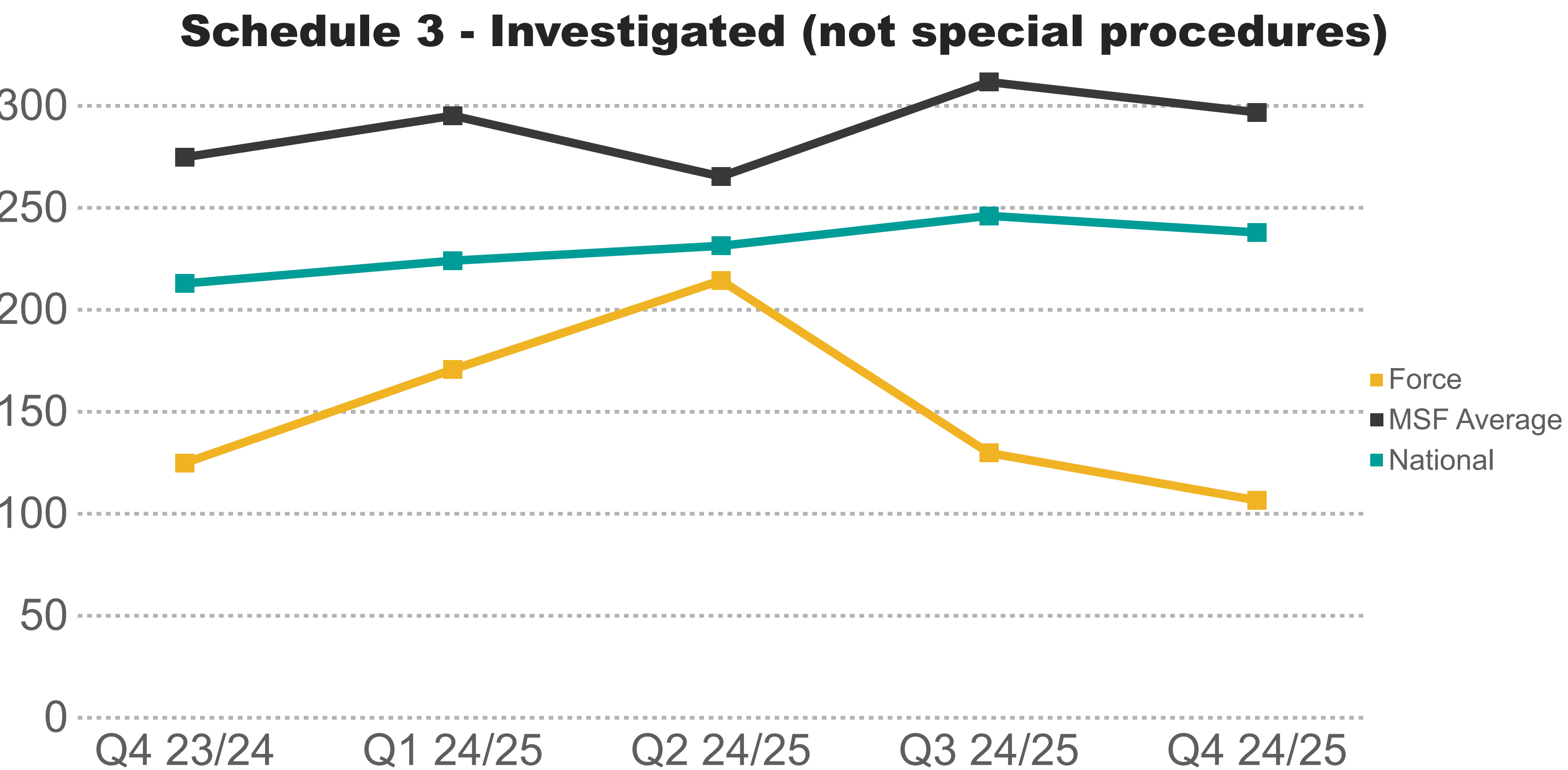
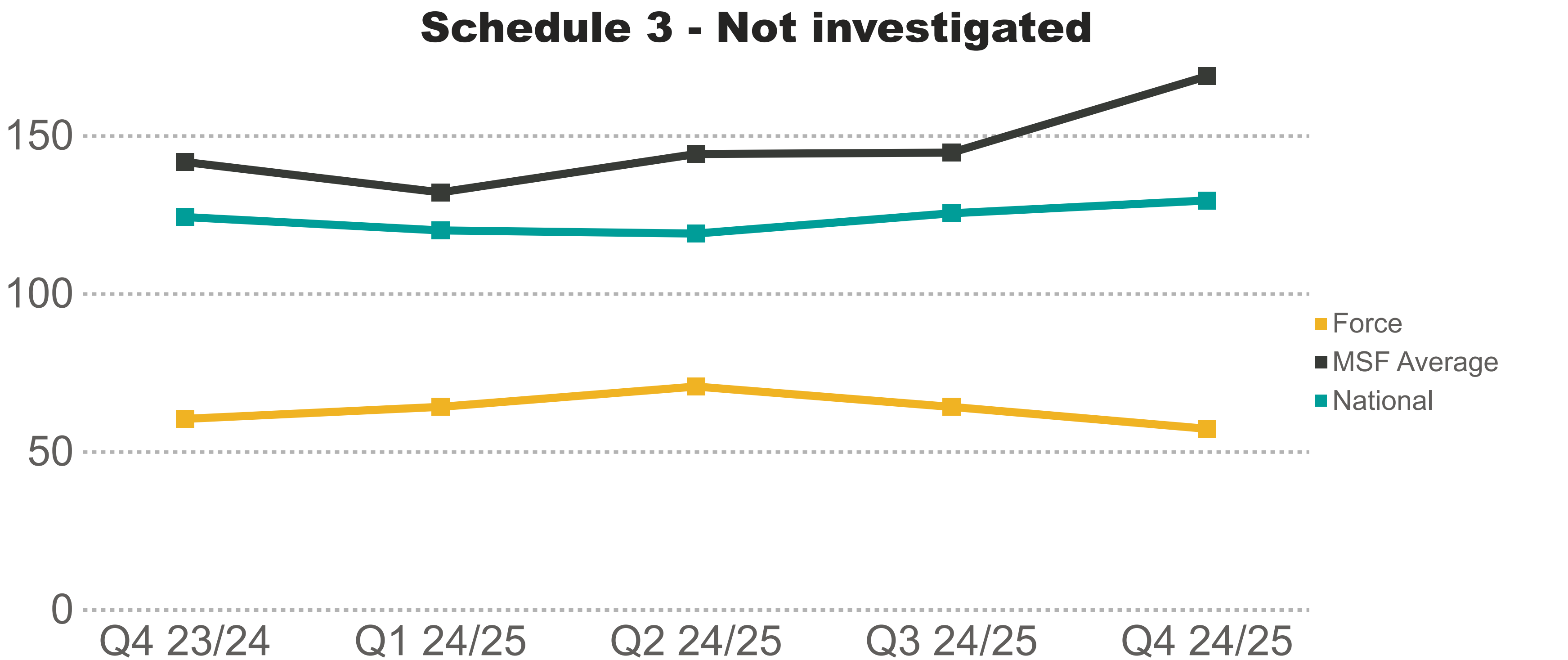
Section D1: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness

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)	216	176	340	329
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	177	114	287	234
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	64	80	147	124
Total	69	84	164	146

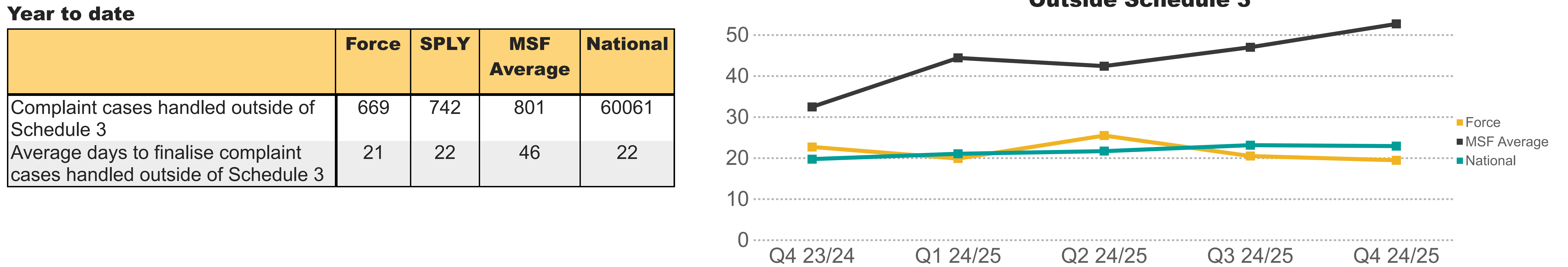
Number finalised (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	913	729	574	25,876
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	33	69	61	5,122
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	7	5	9	689
Total	953	803	644	31,687



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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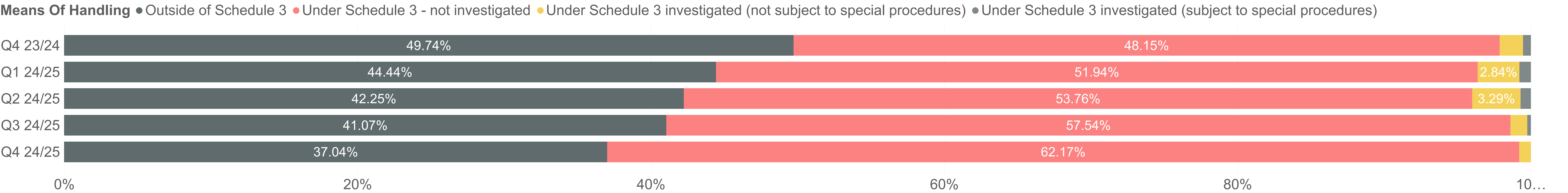


Section D3: How complaint cases handled

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	669	41%	742	48%	801	55%	60,061	65%
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	913	56%	729	47%	574	40%	25,876	28%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	33	2%	70	5%	61	4%	5,124	6%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	7	0%	5	0%	9	1%	689	1%
Total	1,622	100%	1,546	100%	1,444	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.

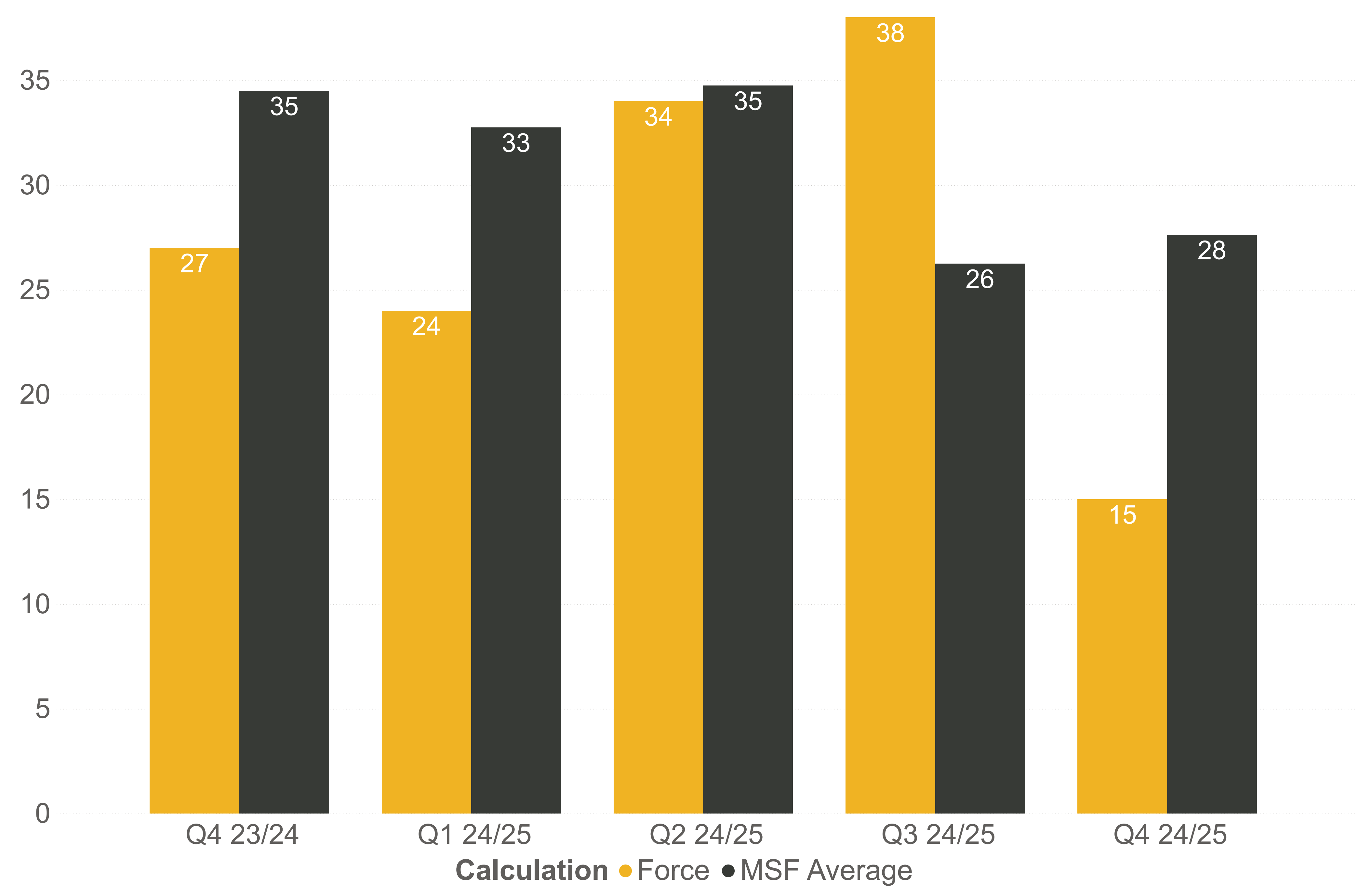
Where a referral is made by the force on a mandatory basis but does not meet the mandatory referral criteria, the matter may not fall within the IOPC’s remit to assess and will be determined invalid.

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	111	85	121	6,713
Number referrals completed	114	84	123	6,786
Decision: Independent Investigation	2	1	5	351
Decision: Directed Investigation	1	1	0	30
Decision: Local Investigation	50	49	67	3,629
Decision: Return to Force	56	32	47	2,634
Decision: Invalid	5	1	4	141

Force and MSF Group referrals received



Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Avon And Somerset, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Devon And Cornwall, Northamptonshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Wiltshire

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 \(February 2020\)](#).