

Interim Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Merseyside

Reporting Period: 01 April 2023 - 30 September 2023 (Q2 2023/24)

Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Cleveland, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Northumbria, South Yorkshire, West Midlands, West 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).

Due to technical problems at a force they have been unable to supply data for this bulletin. Therefore the National figures do not include data on matters received or completed by this force in Q2 of 2023/24 (1 July to 30 September 2023). This will also effect some Most Similar Force group averages.

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Acronyms used in this bulletin

Force – Year to date force numbers, **SPLY** - Same period last year, **MSF** - Most similar force, **LPB** - Local policing body, **PRA** - Police Reform Act 2002, **Inc.** – Including

Ind – independent Investigation, **Nat.** – National, **No.** – Number, **RPRP** – Reflective Practice Review Process, **UPP** – Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure

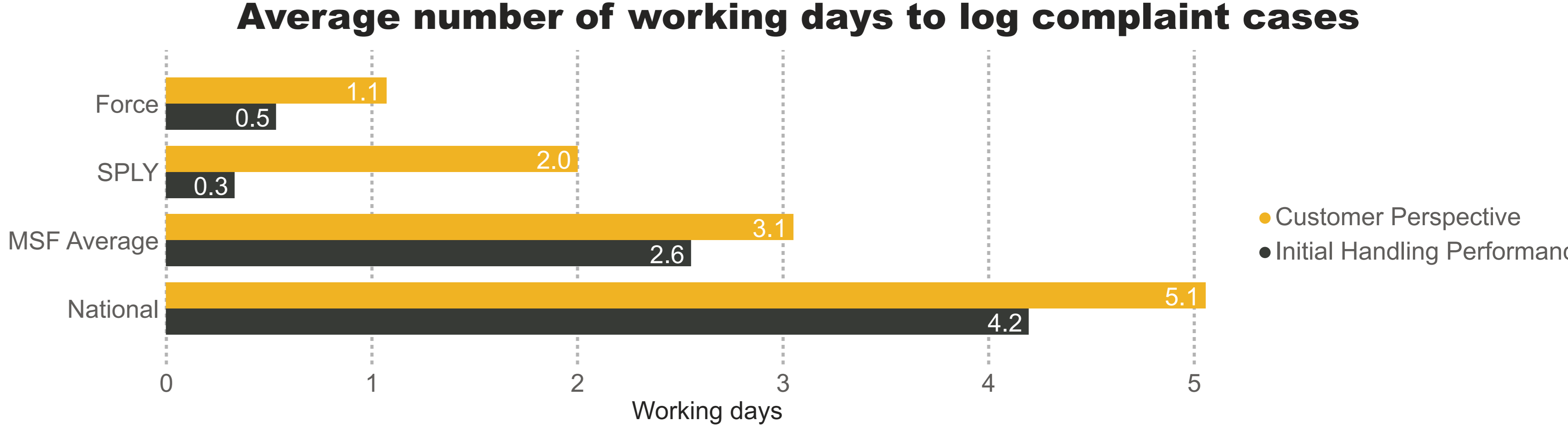
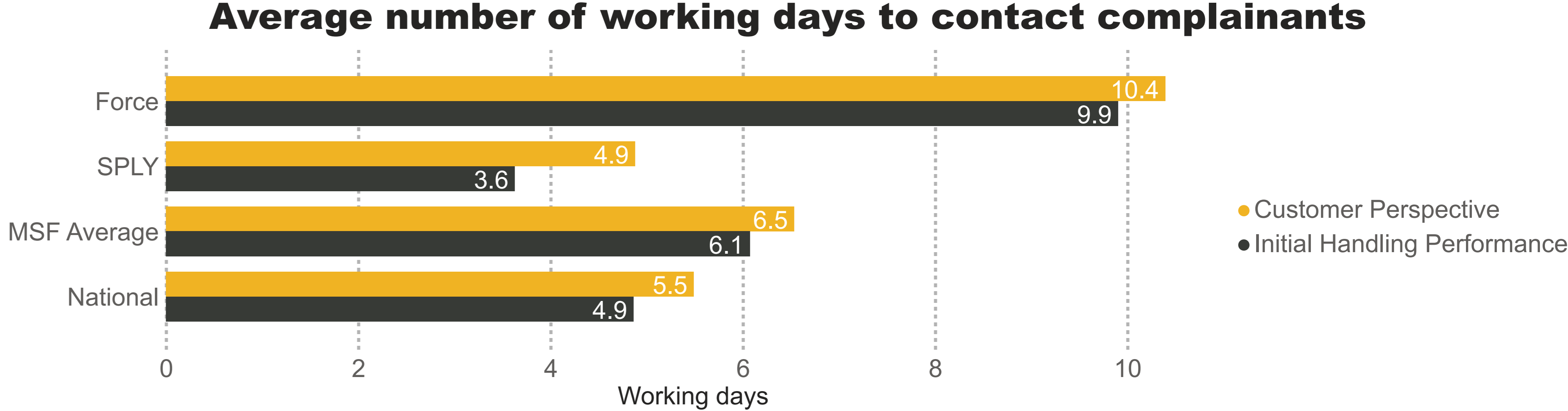
Section A1.1: Complaint cases logged and initial handling

This section presents information relating to the force’s contact with customers and their initial handling of the complaint cases. It shows how long, on average, it takes from the customer’s perspective from when they made the complaint and the force’s performance of the initial handling from when it received the complaint.

Complaint cases with ‘invalid dates’ have been removed from timeliness measures. Please refer to the performance framework counting rules and calculations on the [IOPC website](#) for explanations of customer perspective, initial handling and invalid dates.

Average number of working days to contact complainants	Customer perspective	Initial handling performance
Force	10	10
SPLY	5	4
MSF Average	7	6
National	5	5

Average number of working days to log complaint cases	Customer perspective	Initial handling performance
Force	1	1
SPLY	2	0
MSF Average	3	3
National	5	4



Complaint cases logged

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Complaint cases logged	1,167	1,159	1,415	41,812
Complaint cases logged per 1,000 employees	170	170	204	165

Reasons complaint cases are recorded under Schedule 3 of the PRA 2002

The below table presents the number of complaint cases handled under Schedule 3 of the PRA 2002 (formal handling) and the reasons why.

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	7	7 %	17	16 %	136	25 %	6,676	43 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	91	86 %	52	48 %	63	26 %	3,330	21 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	6	6 %	36	33 %	75	19 %	2,203	14 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	2	2 %	4	4 %	138	29 %	3,474	22 %

Section A1.2: Allegations logged - what has been complained about

This section presents information that shows what people complain about. Allegation categories capture the root of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint. A complaint case will contain one or more allegations and one category is selected for each allegation logged.

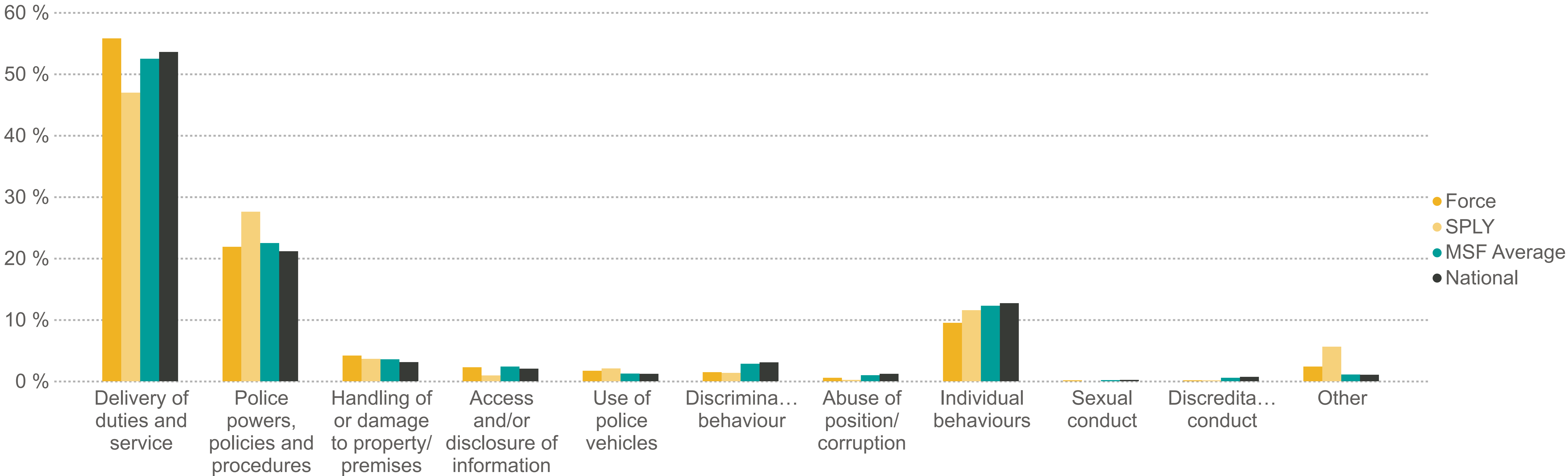
Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for guidance on logging allegations and complaint category definitions.

Allegations logged

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Allegations Logged	1,421	1,410	2,355	72,644
Allegations logged per 1,000 employees	207	207	334	287

What has been complained about

	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	793	311	59	32	24	21	8	135	2	2	34	1,421
SPLY	662	389	51	13	29	19	3	163	0	2	79	1,410
MSF Average	1,217	529	80	58	28	72	27	299	4	16	23	2,355
National	38,931	15,371	2,264	1,478	878	2,213	862	9,210	149	513	774	72,643
Force	56 %	22 %	4 %	2 %	2 %	1 %	1 %	10 %	0 %	0 %	2 %	100 %
SPLY	47 %	28 %	4 %	1 %	2 %	1 %	0 %	12 %	0 %	0 %	6 %	100 %
MSF Average	52 %	22 %	4 %	2 %	1 %	3 %	1 %	12 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	100 %
National	54 %	21 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	3 %	1 %	13 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	100 %



Section A1.3: Allegations logged – what has been complained about – top five allegation categories and their subcategories

Category	Subcategory	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Delivery of duties and service	Total	791	56 %	662	47 %	1,217	52 %	38,927	54 %	
	Police action following contact	257	32 %	292	44 %	614	45 %	17,049	44 %	
	Decisions	70	9 %	81	12 %	135	11 %	5,098	13 %	
	General level of service	412	52 %	249	38 %	362	35 %	12,962	33 %	
	Information	52	7 %	40	6 %	107	9 %	3,818	10 %	
Police powers, policies and procedures	Total	311	22 %	389	28 %	529	22 %	15,371	21 %	
	Stops, and stop and search	52	17 %	57	15 %	28	6 %	842	5 %	
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	78	25 %	32	8 %	84	18 %	1,841	12 %	
	Power to arrest and detain	32	10 %	26	7 %	77	14 %	2,537	17 %	
	Detention in police custody	23	7 %	36	9 %	72	13 %	2,109	14 %	
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	0	0 %	4	1 %	16	3 %	707	5 %	
	Use of force	74	24 %	98	25 %	163	28 %	4,209	27 %	
	Evidential procedures	22	7 %	75	19 %	38	8 %	1,116	7 %	
	Out of court disposals	2	1 %	2	1 %	4	1 %	258	2 %	
	Other policies and procedures	28	9 %	59	15 %	48	9 %	1,752	11 %	
	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Total	59	4 %	51	4 %	78	3 %	2,177	3 %
		Handling of or damage to property/ premises	59	100 %	51	100 %	78	97 %	2,177	96 %
	Individual behaviours	Total	135	10 %	163	12 %	299	12 %	9,209	13 %
Unprofessional attitude and disrespect		32	24 %	45	28 %	91	31 %	2,638	29 %	
Lack of fairness and impartiality		14	10 %	16	10 %	35	13 %	1,218	13 %	
Overbearing or harassing behaviours		35	26 %	26	16 %	52	17 %	1,622	18 %	
Impolite language / tone		41	30 %	63	39 %	76	26 %	2,421	26 %	
Impolite and intolerant actions		13	10 %	13	8 %	45	13 %	1,310	14 %	
Other	Total	34	2 %	79	6 %	22	1 %	754	1 %	
	Other	34	100 %	79	100 %	22	98 %	754	97 %	

This section presents the five 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 A1.4: Allegations logged – What has been complained about (category) and the situational context of complaints (factors)

Allegation category												
Factors	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
Arrest	35	75	2	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	2	122
Call Handling	39	3	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	54
Child protection / CSA / CSE	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Covert policing	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	8
Custody	12	30	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	50
Death	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Domestic / gender abuse	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	39
Drugs / alcohol	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	13
Firearms	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fraud	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Hate Crime	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Investigation	254	24	10	3	1	9	2	19	0	0	3	325
Mental health	22	6	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	34
Missing persons	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Neighbourhood policing	55	8	1	1	1	1	0	7	0	0	1	75
None	274	51	31	19	4	5	5	47	2	2	23	463
Police dogs or horses	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Premises search	9	37	6	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	60
Public order incident	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Restraint equipment	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Roads/traffic	45	26	4	2	18	1	1	12	0	0	1	110
Serious injury	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Social media	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Stop and/or search	19	53	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	80
Taser	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
VAWG - police perpetrated	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

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

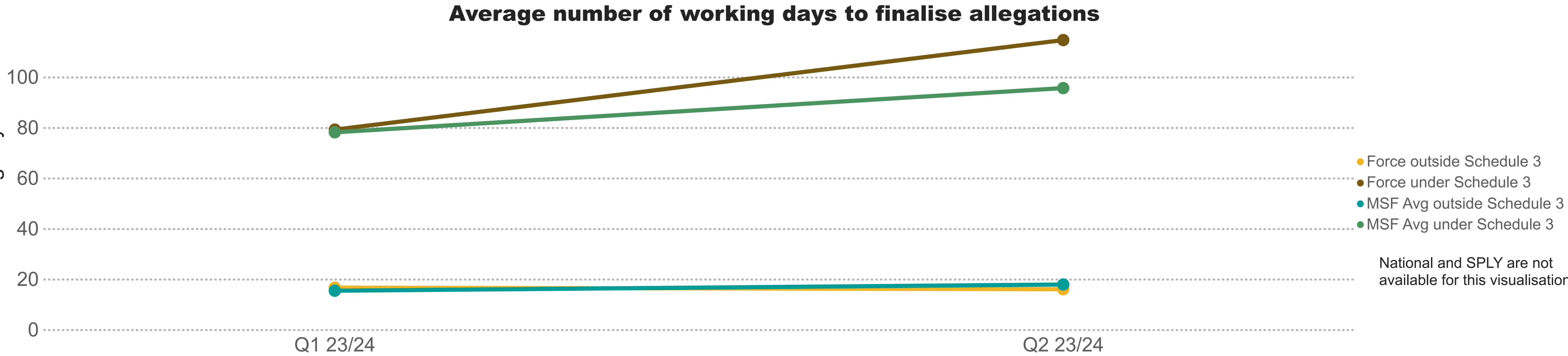
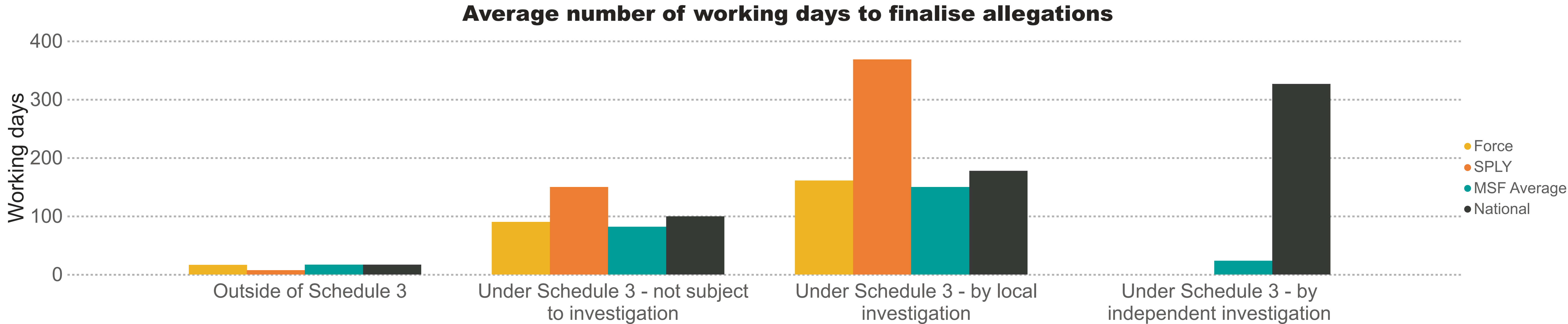
Section A2: Allegations timeliness

Average number of working days to finalise allegations	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Outside of Schedule 3	16	7	17	17
Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation	90	150	82	100
Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation	161	368	150	178
Under Schedule 3 - by directed investigation	0	0	0	0
Under Schedule 3 - by independent investigation	0	0	24	326

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.

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.



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	Force No.	Force %	MSF Average No.	MSF Average %	National No.	National %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	25	2 %	151	7 %	7,625	12 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	2	0 %	8	0 %	898	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	274	21 %	765	36 %	28,871	44 %
Outside of Schedule 3	1,031	77 %	1113	57 %	28,777	43 %
Total	1,332	100 %	2037	100 %	66,171	100 %

How allegations were handled	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)			
	Force %	Force No.	Nat. %	Nat. No.	Force %	Force No.	Nat. %	Nat. No.	Force %	Force No.	Nat. %	Nat. No.	Force %	Force No.	Nat. %	Nat. No.
No further action					11 %	31	9 %	2,471			1 %	10			4 %	318
Regulation 41 applies							0 %	75			0 %	2			1 %	69
Service provided - unable to determine					9 %	25	8 %	2,222			2 %	19	24 %	6	8 %	639
Service provided - not acceptable					8 %	22	13 %	3,830			4 %	39	44 %	11	12 %	887
Service provided - acceptable					67 %	183	67 %	19,316			28 %	251	24 %	6	72 %	5,491
Not Resolved	9 %	97	7 %	2,041												
Resolved	91 %	934	93 %	26,736												
No Case to Answer											38 %	345				
Case to Answer									100 %	2	24 %	220				
Withdrawal					5 %	13	3 %	956			1 %	12	8 %	2	3 %	221
Total	77 %	1031	43 %	28,777	21 %	274	44 %	28,870	0 %	2	1 %	898	2 %	25	12 %	7,625

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

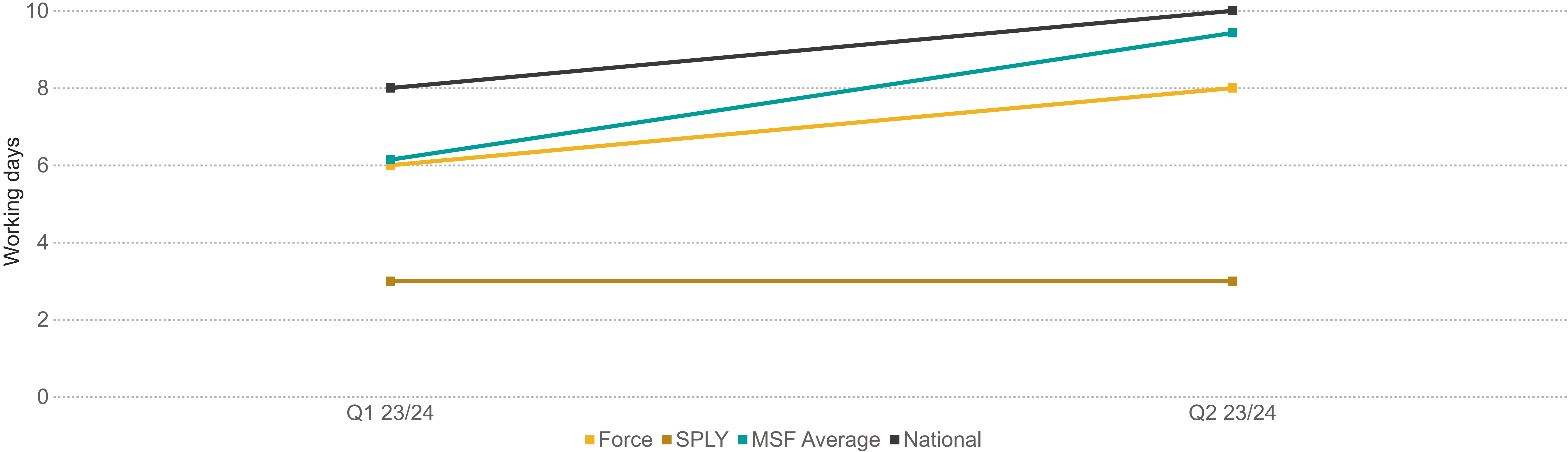
This section presents information about allegations handled both informally and formally, grouped by the allegation decision and the category selected on each allegation. Each allegation has a single category selected.

Allegation category												
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
No further action	13	11	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	31
Regulation 41 applies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Service provided - unable to determine	5	7	3	2	2	1	2	9	0	0	0	31
Service provided - not acceptable	10	15	1	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	33
Service provided - acceptable	60	82	2	12	2	5	1	23	0	0	2	189
Not Resolved	53	25	5	2	1	0	0	7	0	1	3	97
Resolved	578	164	44	19	17	5	4	73	1	0	29	934
No Case to Answer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Case to Answer	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Withdrawal	3	7	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	15

Section B: Referrals

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Number referrals received	52	61	101	3,576
Number referrals completed	47	62	100	3,462
Decision: Independent Investigation	9	4	7	216
Decision: Directed Investigation	1	2	1	16
Decision: Local Investigation	21	40	59	2,258
Decision: Return to Force	16	16	32	918
Decision: Invalid	0	0	1	54

Average number of working days to complete referrals by quarter



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.

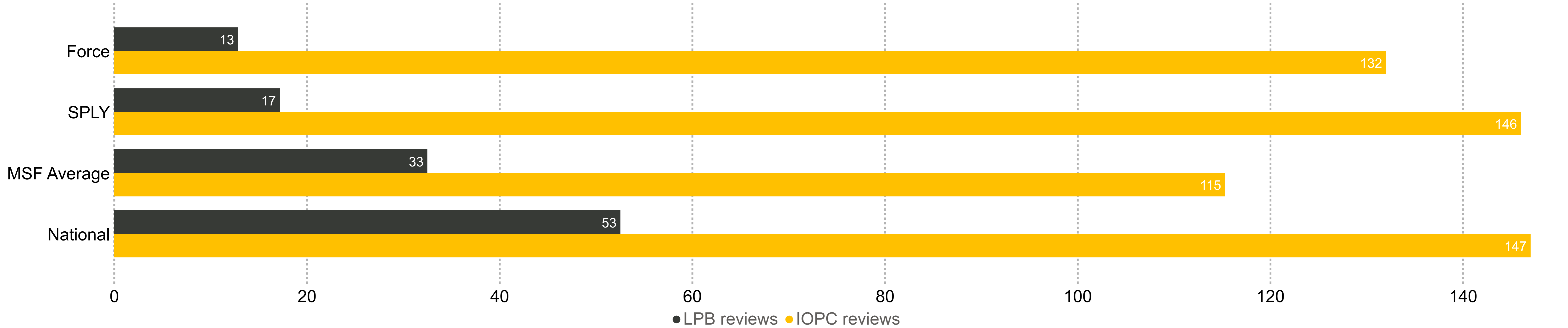
The sum of decisions may not match the number of referrals completed. This is because some matters referred may have come to the attention of the appropriate authority before 1 February 2020 and have investigation type decisions of either managed or supervised.

Section C1: Reviews received

	Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3	Reviews received	Reviews received as proportion of complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3	Number LPB reviews received - investigation	Number LPB reviews received - non-investigation	Number IOPC reviews received - investigation	Number IOPC reviews received - non-investigation
Force	130	47	36 %	1	33	3	10
SPLY	146	51	35 %	3	29	2	17
MSF Average	385	93	27 %	7	55	11	20
National	14,369	3,056	21 %	227	1,862	395	572

Section C2: Reviews timeliness

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Average number of working days to complete Local Policing Body reviews	13	17	33	53
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	132	146	115	147



Where a complaint has been recorded under Schedule 3 to the *Police Reform Act 2002*, the complainant has a right to apply for a review. A person can apply for review if they are unhappy with the way their complaint was handled, or with the outcome. This applies whether the complaint has been investigated by the appropriate authority or handled otherwise than by investigation (non-investigation). The application for a review will be considered either by the local policing body or the IOPC; the relevant review body depends on the circumstances of the complaint.

This section presents information about applications for review handled by both local policing bodies and the IOPC.

Information about the right of review and who is the relevant review body is available in [chapter 18 of the IOPC’s Statutory Guidance on the police complaints system \(February 2020\)](#).

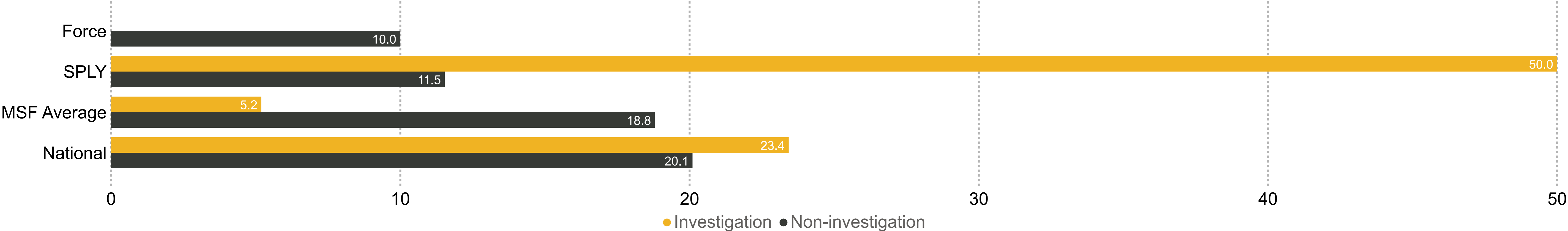
Reviews with ‘invalid dates’ have been removed from reviews timeliness. Please refer to the performance framework counting rules and calculations on the IOPC website for an explanation of invalid dates.

Section C3: Decisions on LPB 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, those which resulted in a recommendation and, if necessary, a direction to the appropriate authority in respect of any person serving with the police. Please note: Numbers are not available for the MSF Average - % only

LPB reviews found not reasonable and proportionate

Force	Investigation			Non-investigation		
	Valid completed reviews	Found not reasonable and proportionate	% found not reasonable and proportionate	Valid completed reviews	Found not reasonable and proportionate	% found not reasonable and proportionate
Force	1	0	0	30	3	10
SPLY	4	2	50	26	3	12
MSF Average		5			19	
National	175	41	23	1,855	373	20



LPB reviews resulting in recommendations

Force	Investigation			Non-investigation		
	Found not reasonable and proportionate	Resulting in recommendations	% resulting in recommendations	Found not reasonable and proportionate	Resulting in recommendations	% resulting in recommendations
Force		0		3	2	67
SPLY	2	2	100	3	2	67
MSF Average		14			69	
National	41	41	100	373	332	89

Section C4: Decisions on IOPC reviews

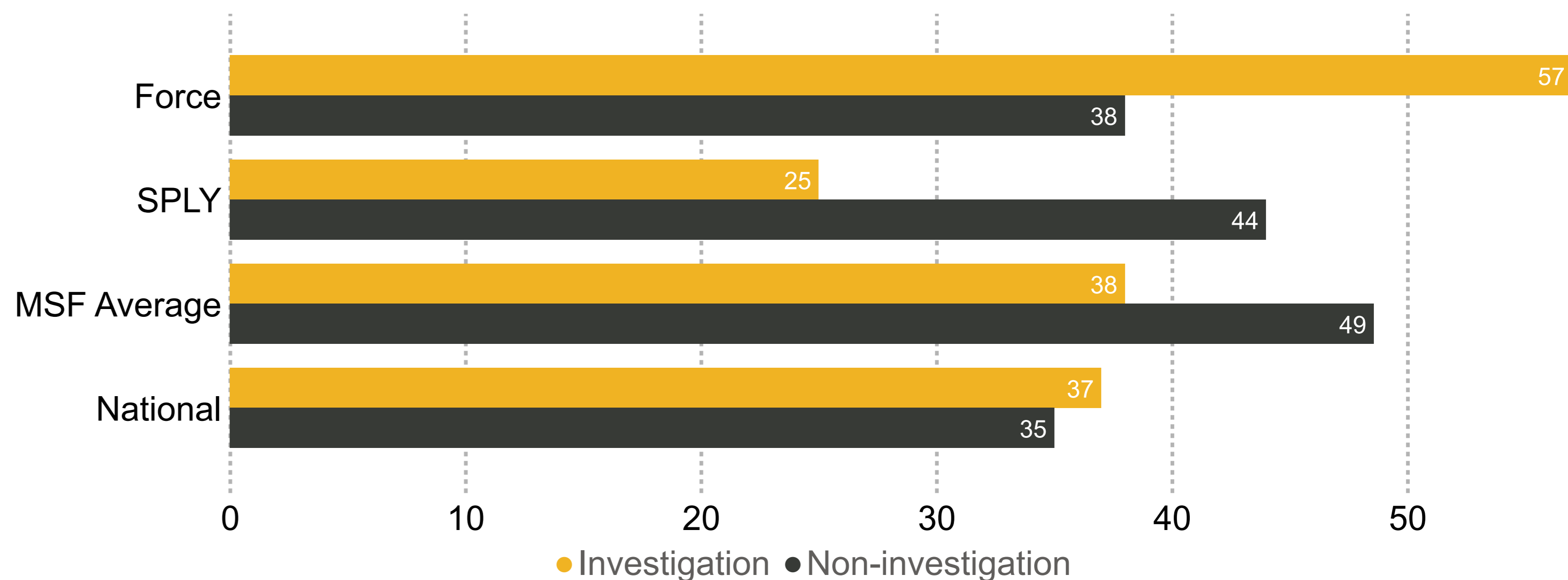
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IOPC reviews found not reasonable and proportionate

Investigation	Valid completed reviews	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate
Force	7	4
SPLY	4	1
MSF Average	12	5
National	396	145

Non-investigation	Valid completed reviews	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate
Force	13	5
SPLY	9	4
MSF Average	21	10
National	652	229

% IOPC reviews found outcome not reasonable and proportionate



IOPC review recommendations and directions

Due to the low number of recommendations and directions, most similar force calculations are not available here.

Investigation	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate	Recommendations made	Directions made	% resulting in direction
Force	4	1	1	25
SPLY	1	1	0	0
National	145	14	93	64

Non-investigation	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate	Directions made	% resulting in direction
Force	5	5	100
SPLY	4	3	75
National	229	145	64

IOPC recommendations figures include only those relating to subject outcomes, LPBs can also recommend remedial outcomes.

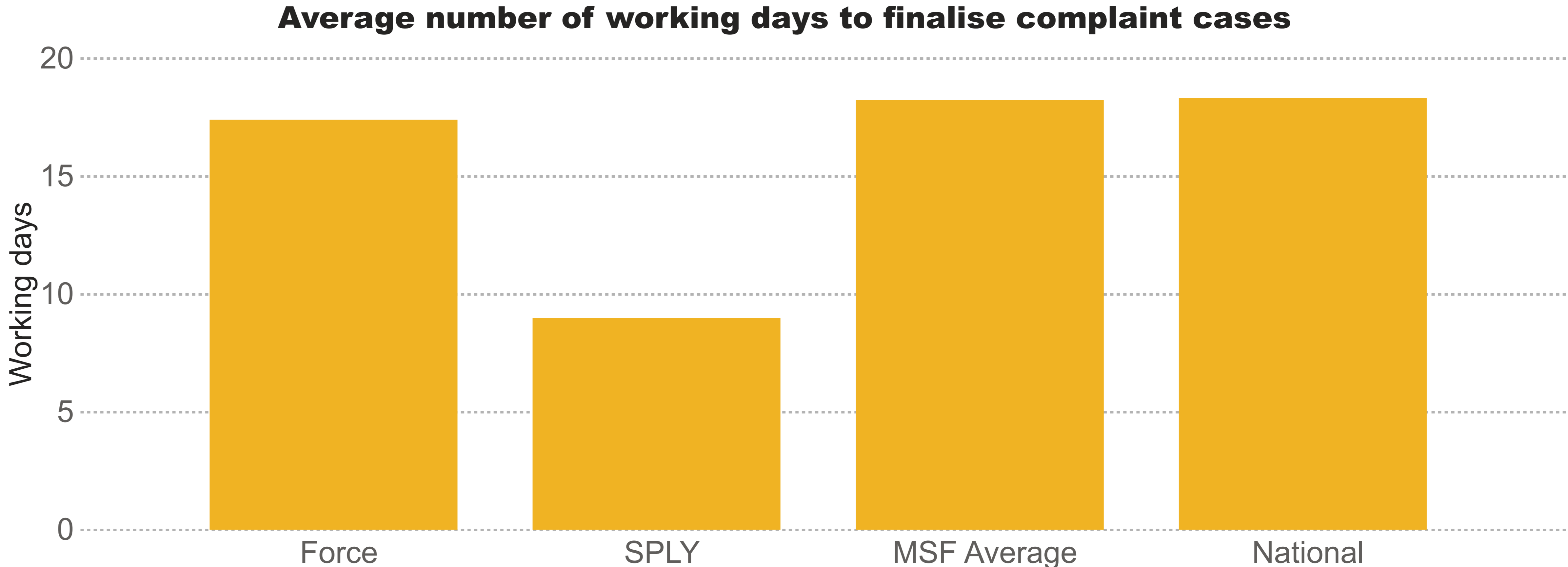
Section D1.1: Complaint cases finalised outside of Schedule 3 - timeliness

Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases

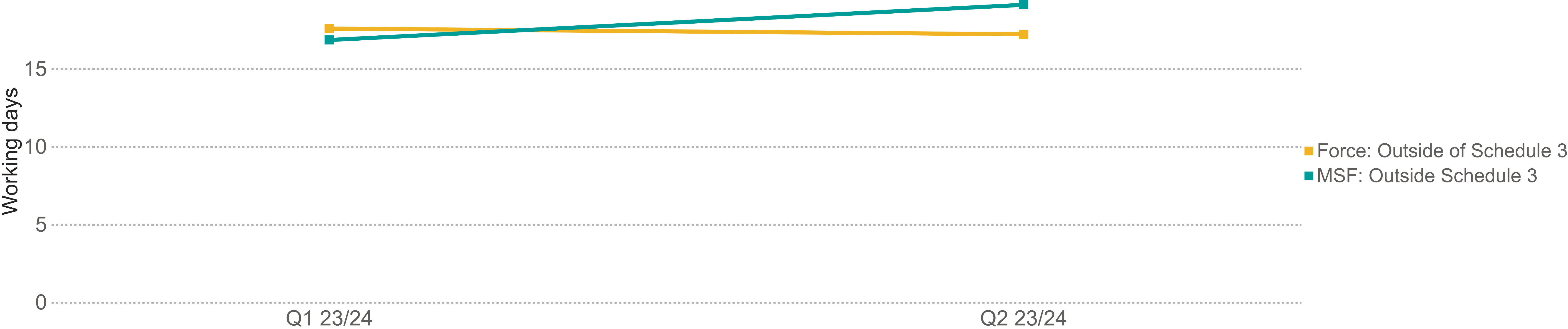
Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
17	9	18	18

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 informally. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made.

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.



Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases by quarter



National and SPLY are not available for this visualisation.

Section D1.2: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness

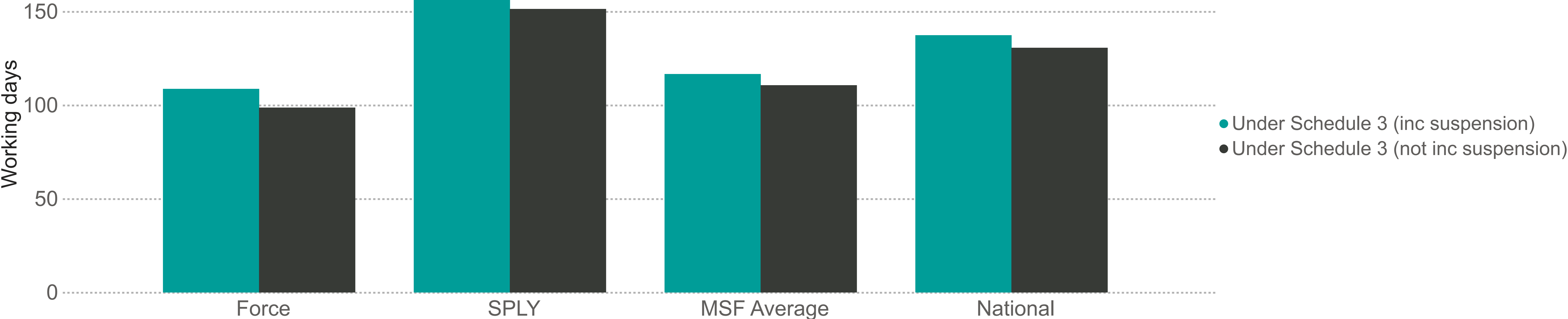
Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 (inc suspension)	109	163	117	137
Under Schedule 3 (not inc suspension)	99	151	111	131

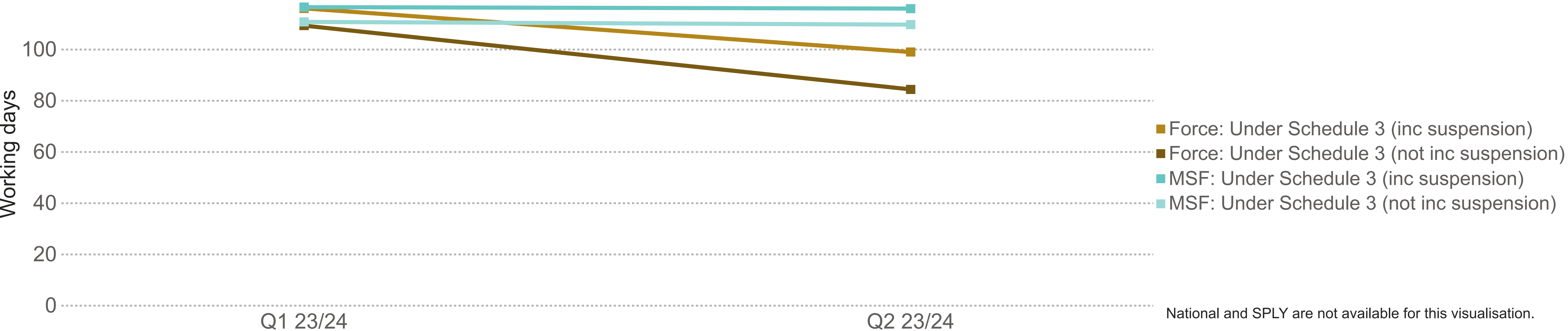
This section shows the time it takes the force to finalise complaint cases from the customer's perspective. It gives a breakdown of the time taken to finalise complaint cases handled formally under Schedule 3. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made.

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.

Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases



Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases by quarter



Section D2.1: Allegation actions - on complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3

Actions following outside of Schedule 3 complaint cases	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Organisational learning	1	0 %	4	0 %	2	0 %	78	0 %
Learning from reflection	9	1 %	15	1 %	28	3 %	633	3 %
Policy review	2	0 %	2	0 %	1	0 %	16	0 %
Goodwill gesture	4	0 %	4	0 %	1	0 %	67	0 %
Apology	36	4 %	70	7 %	39	4 %	2342	10 %
Debrief	42	4 %	21	2 %	17	2 %	224	1 %
Explanation	624	63 %	635	63 %	484	53 %	14286	59 %
No further action	190	19 %	177	18 %	176	22 %	3688	15 %
Other action	86	9 %	79	8 %	122	11 %	2269	9 %

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 on finalised complaint cases 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.

Section D2.2: Allegation actions - on complaint cases handled under Schedule 3

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 on finalised complaint cases 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%.

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All complaint cases handled under Schedule 3

Complaint cases resulting in below actions	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Organisational learning	0	0 %	2	1 %	2	1 %	340	2 %
Apology	2	2 %	11	8 %	16	4 %	842	6 %
Debrief	0	0 %	0	0 %	21	2 %	193	1 %
Explanation	107	82 %	39	27 %	248	65 %	8145	57 %
Criminal proceedings	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	10	0 %
No further action	16	12 %	82	56 %	93	26 %	4348	30 %
Other action	0	0 %	0	0 %	6	2 %	347	2 %
Learning from reflection	12	9 %	28	19 %	28	8 %	1562	11 %
Referral to RPRP	2	2 %	1	1 %	5	2 %	422	3 %

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

Complaint cases resulting in below actions	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Misconduct proceedings	0	0 %	1	50 %	1	35 %	68	28 %
Criminal proceedings	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	1 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	9 %	10	4 %
Referral to RPRP	1	50 %	0	0 %	1	20 %	64	27 %

Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Cleveland, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Northumbria, South Yorkshire, West Midlands, West 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 \(February 2020\)](#).