

### About this bulletin

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

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

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

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

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### Acronyms used in this bulletin

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

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

# Complaints and allegations logged

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

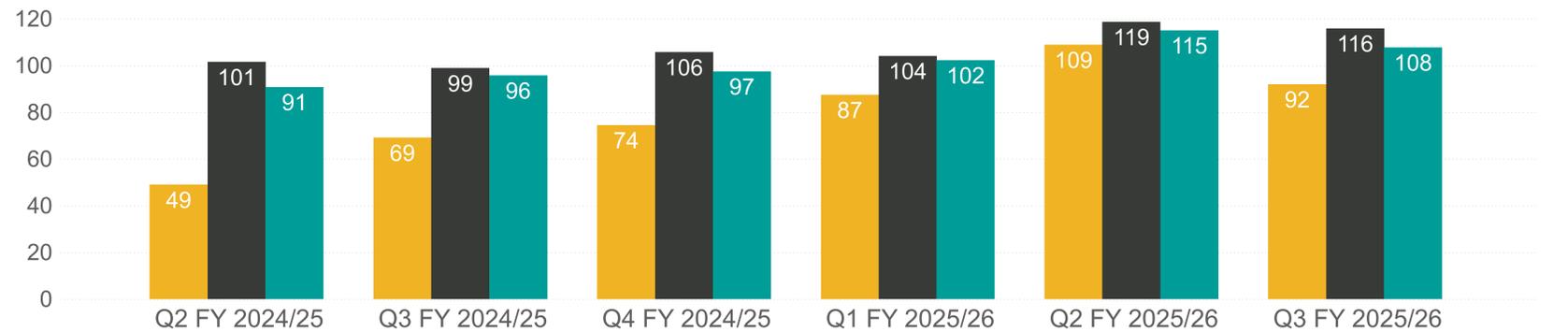
Measure	Complaints logged	Per 1,000 employees	Allegations logged	Per 1,000 employees	Average working days to contact complainants	Average working days to log complaints
Force	1,599	288	3,249	586	15	17
SPLY	995	179	2,314	416	10	14
MSF Average	2,055	339	3,705	623	8	8
National	81,889	325	141,831	563	8	7

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

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

## Complaints logged per 1,000 employees

● Force ● MSF Average ● National



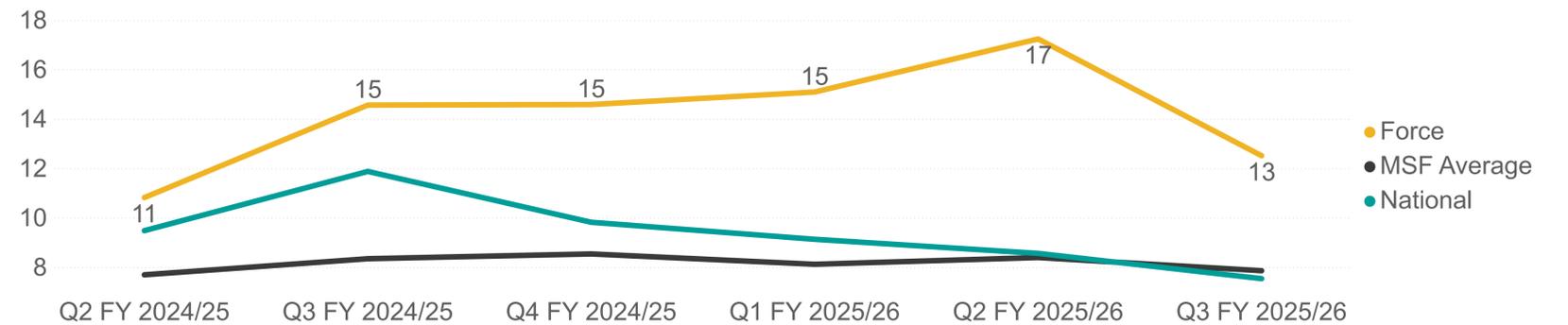
The force should **contact** the complainant and **log (record)** the complaint as soon as possible after the complaint has been raised. Average to log/contact is from the customer perspective.

Data labels in the above charts are those of the force

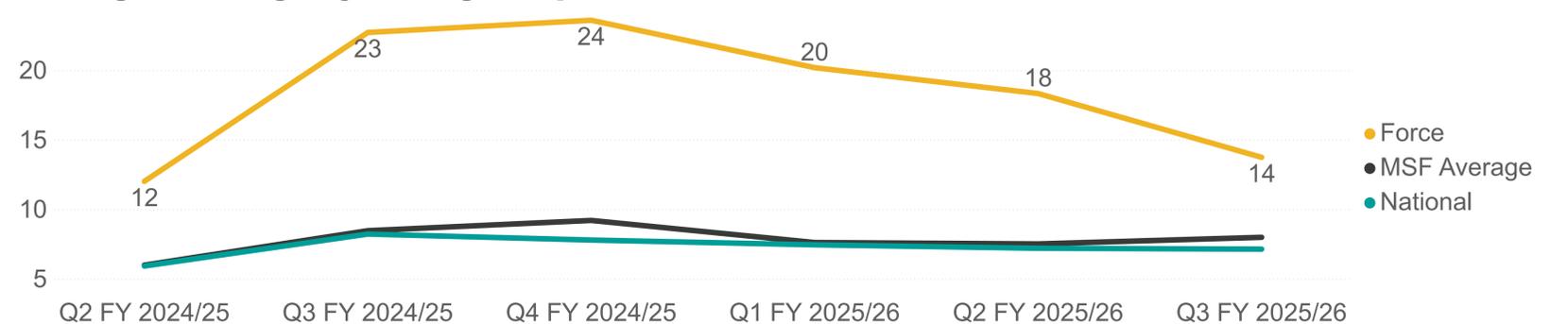
For information on what has been complained about, see pages 2 to 5

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

## Average working days to contact complainants



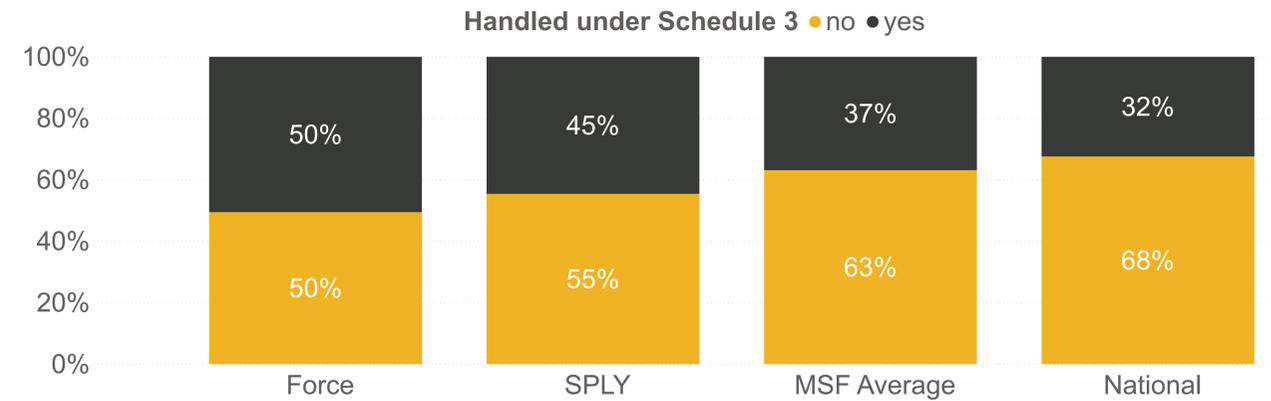
## Average working days to log complaints



## How complaints are being handled and what has been complained about

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

Reason complaint recorded under Schedule 3	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	361	239	79	9,733
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	234	69	189	4,534
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	47	40	108	4,525
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	164	94	380	7,664
<b>Total</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>26,456</b>

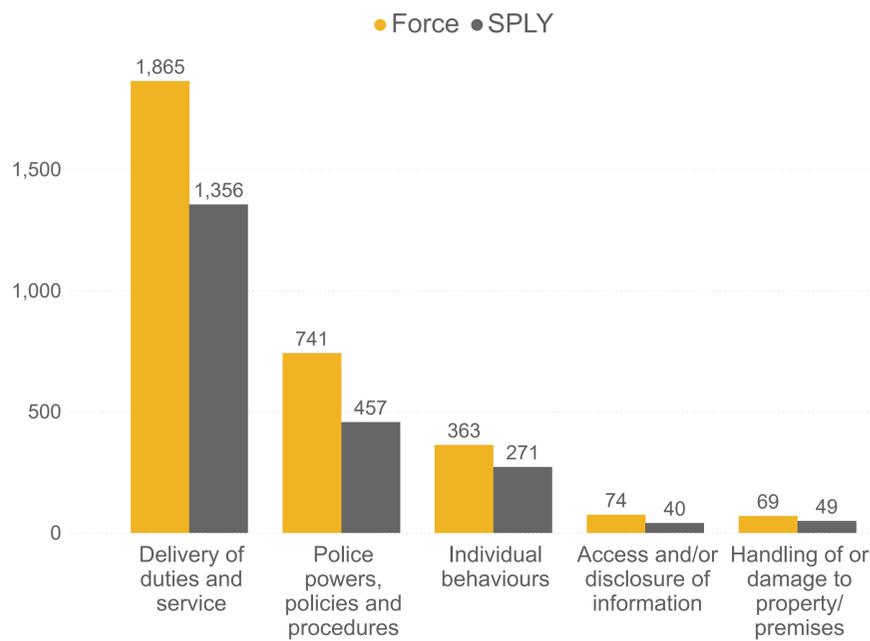


Allegations should have an allegation category applied to them which will identify the root of what the allegation is about. Most of these categories are broken down into subcategories which are detailed in the following pages. An allegation will have a single subcategory applied, a complaint can consist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

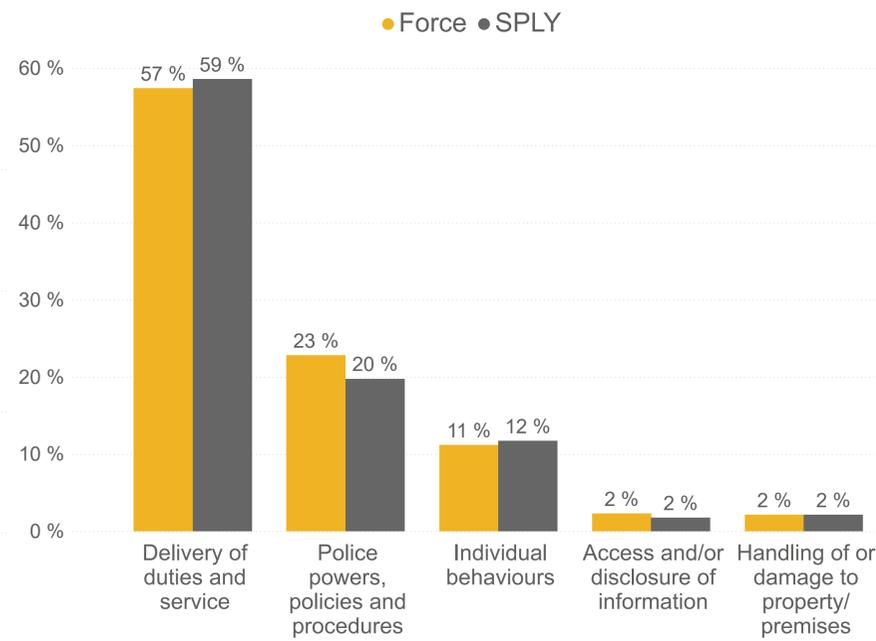
Allegation category	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Use of police vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour	Abuse of position/corruption	Individual behaviours	Sexual conduct	Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
Force	1,865	741	69	74	26	59	28	363	6	14	4	3,249
SPLY	1,356	457	49	40	11	58	43	271	7	16	6	2,314
MSF Average	1,898	864	124	97	38	113	33	485	7	20	26	3,705
National	77,009	31,296	4,913	3,035	1,556	3,915	1,107	16,488	251	873	1,387	141,830

### Top five most applied allegation categories

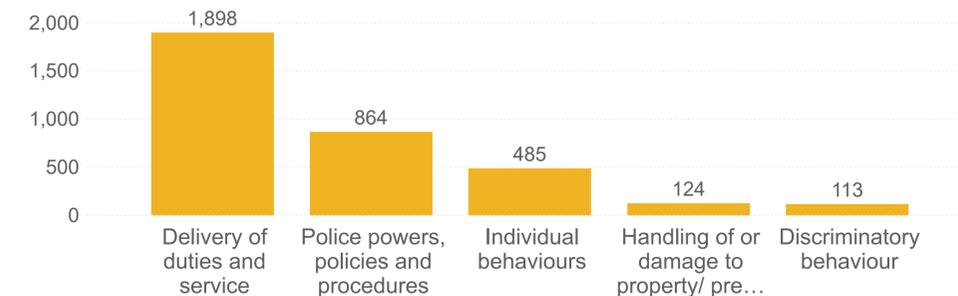
#### Force (year-to-date and same period last year)



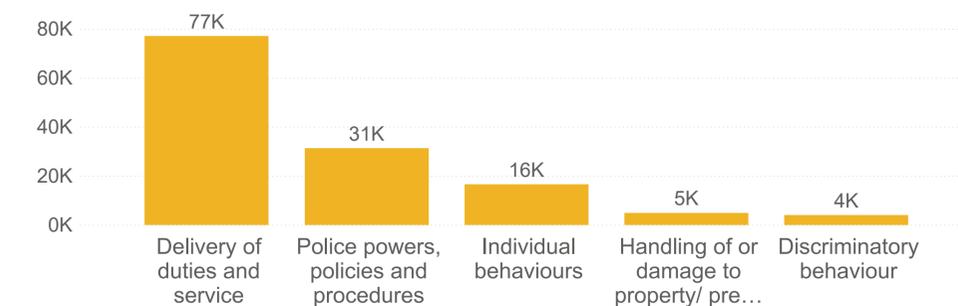
#### Force (% of allegations logged)



#### MSF group average



#### National



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

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

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

Delivery of duties and service Sub-category	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Police action following contact	907	49%	525	39%	673	35%	32,818	43%
Decisions	508	27%	304	22%	477	25%	12,459	16%
Information	312	17%	160	12%	251	13%	8,754	11%
General level of service	138	7%	367	27%	498	26%	22,975	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>77,006</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Individual behaviours Sub-category	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	145	40%	119	44%	136	28%	4,635	28%
Impolite language / tone	63	17%	37	14%	112	23%	4,354	26%
Overbearing or harassing behaviours	59	16%	34	13%	73	15%	2,606	16%
Impolite and intolerant actions	49	13%	47	17%	97	20%	2,485	15%
Lack of fairness and impartiality	47	13%	34	13%	67	14%	2,408	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,488</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Police powers, policies and procedures Sub-category	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Searches of premises and seizure of property	179	24%	92	20%	120	14%	4,081	13%
Use of force	179	24%	115	25%	204	24%	7,232	23%
Power to arrest and detain	101	14%	60	13%	138	16%	5,452	17%
Detention in police custody	99	13%	62	14%	121	14%	4,049	13%
Evidential procedures	98	13%	46	10%	111	13%	2,841	9%
Bail, identification and interview procedures	36	5%	31	7%	43	5%	1,897	6%
Stops, and stop and search	21	3%	24	5%	27	3%	1,490	5%
Other policies and procedures	19	3%	23	5%	86	10%	3,750	12%
Out of court disposals	9	1%	4	1%	15	2%	504	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>31,296</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

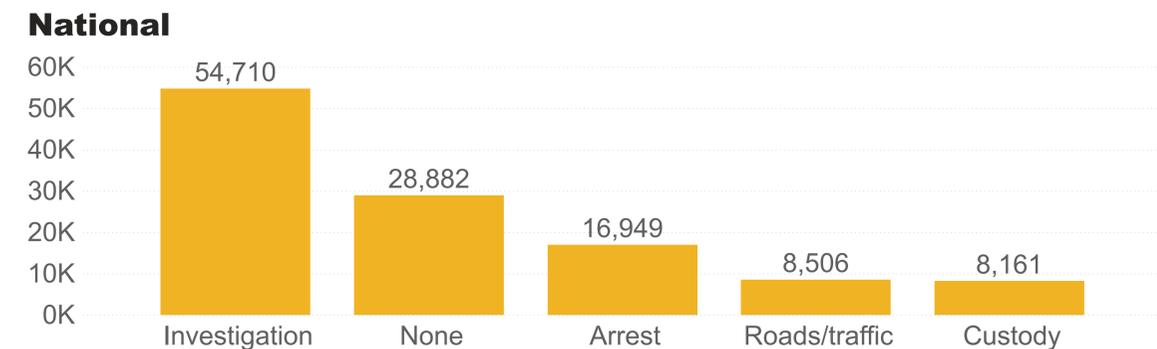
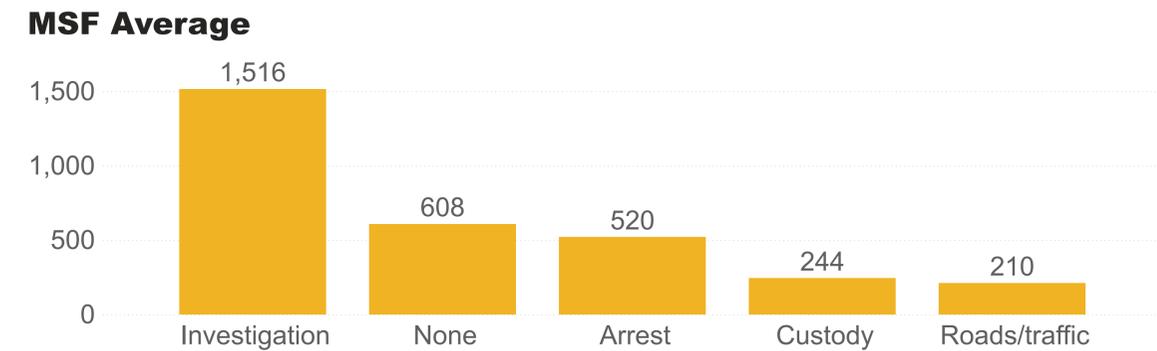
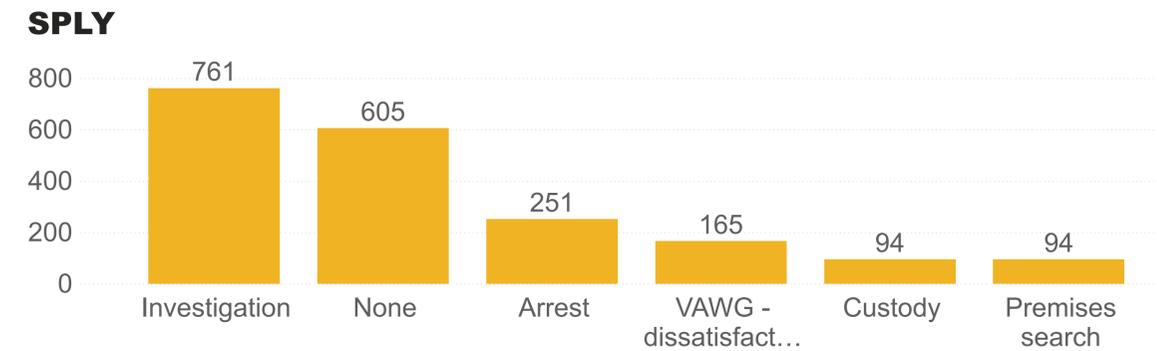
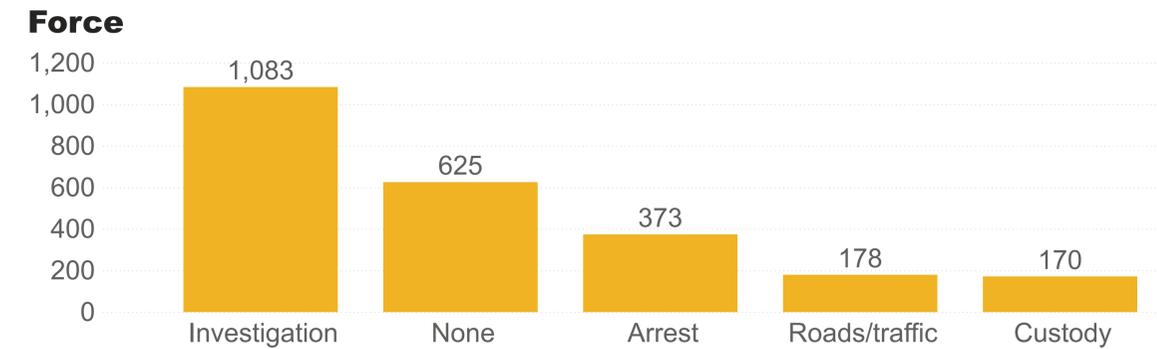
Discriminatory behaviour Sub-category	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Race	28	47%	26	45%	48	43%	1,857	47%
Disability	11	19%	16	28%	24	21%	843	22%
Sex	9	15%	4	7%	22	20%	568	15%
Other	5	8%	4	7%	10	9%	328	8%
Religion or belief	3	5%			3	2%	117	3%
Gender reassignment	2	3%	2	3%	2	2%	46	1%
Sexual orientation	1	2%	5	9%	4	3%	108	3%
None					0	0%		
Age			1	2%	1	1%	45	1%
Marriage and civil partnership					0	0%	1	0%
Pregnancy and maternity					0	0%	2	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,915</b>	<b>100%</b>

Factors applied to allegations logged

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

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

Force MSF National YTD SPLY Factor	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%	Logged	%
Investigation	1,083	33%	761	33%	1,516	41%	54,710	39%
None	625	19%	605	26%	608	16%	28,882	20%
Arrest	373	11%	251	11%	520	14%	16,949	12%
Roads/traffic	178	5%	67	3%	210	6%	8,506	6%
Custody	170	5%	94	4%	244	7%	8,161	6%
Child protection / CSA / CSE	141	4%	39	2%	81	2%	2,638	2%
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	112	3%	165	7%	152	4%	6,090	4%
Call Handling	102	3%	64	3%	171	5%	6,093	4%
Premises search	102	3%	94	4%	110	3%	3,663	3%
Domestic / gender abuse	78	2%	62	3%	170	5%	7,796	5%
Neighbourhood policing	75	2%	54	2%	169	5%	6,425	5%
Stop and/or search	54	2%	29	1%	51	1%	2,997	2%
Mental health	44	1%	26	1%	110	3%	3,894	3%
Death	26	1%	28	1%	25	1%	1,200	1%
Missing persons	26	1%	17	1%	24	1%	915	1%
Public order incident	26	1%	14	1%	24	1%	1,017	1%
Hate Crime	23	1%	22	1%	21	1%	621	0%
Social media	13	0%	13	1%	22	1%	689	0%
Firearms	9	0%	6	0%	20	1%	634	0%
Fraud	9	0%	5	0%	16	0%	994	1%
VAWG - police perpetrated	8	0%	36	2%	19	1%	622	0%
	7	0%			57	2%	1,579	1%
Restraint equipment	7	0%	12	1%	34	1%	1,324	1%
Drugs / alcohol	4	0%	11	0%	48	1%	1,490	1%
Serious injury	4	0%			10	0%	291	0%
Covert policing	1	0%	3	0%	2	0%	64	0%
Police dogs or horses	1	0%			2	0%	80	0%
PPDA			3	0%	5	0%	116	0%
PPDA - Police victim					0	0%	5	0%
Prejudicial and improper behaviour					4	0%	31	0%
Taser					5	0%	150	0%
VAWG - police victim			1	0%	4	0%	103	0%



**Factors on frequently applied allegation categories (force figures only)**

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

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

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

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

Category Factors	Delivery of duties and service		Discriminatory behaviour		Individual behaviours		Police powers, policies and procedures	
	Allegations Logged	Percent	Allegations Logged	Percent	Allegations Logged	Percent	Allegations Logged	Percent
Investigation	822	44%	19	32%	71	20%	126	17%
None	339	18%	15	25%	95	26%	107	14%
Arrest	80	4%	4	7%	36	10%	233	31%
Custody	38	2%	2	3%	16	4%	105	14%
Roads/traffic	98	5%	3	5%	32	9%	17	2%
Child protection / CSA / CSE	121	6%			5	1%	7	1%
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	98	5%			5	1%	9	1%
Call Handling	73	4%	1	2%	26	7%	1	0%
Premises search	15	1%	2	3%	3	1%	65	9%
Domestic / gender abuse	57	3%	3	5%	14	4%	3	0%
Neighbourhood policing	45	2%	1	2%	18	5%	7	1%
Stop and/or search	7	0%	4	7%	12	3%	27	4%
Mental health	19	1%	1	2%	8	2%	11	1%
Death	18	1%			2	1%	6	1%
Missing persons	16	1%			7	2%	3	0%
Public order incident	14	1%			1	0%	11	1%
Hate Crime	17	1%	3	5%	3	1%		
Firearms	5	0%			1	0%	3	0%
Fraud	6	0%			1	0%	1	0%
Restraint equipment	1	0%					6	1%
Social media	4	0%			3	1%		
	3	0%	1	2%	2	1%		
Drugs / alcohol	2	0%					2	0%
Serious injury					2	1%	2	0%
Covert policing	1	0%						
Police dogs or horses							1	0%
VAWG - police perpetrated					1	0%		

# How allegations have been handled and allegation timeliness

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

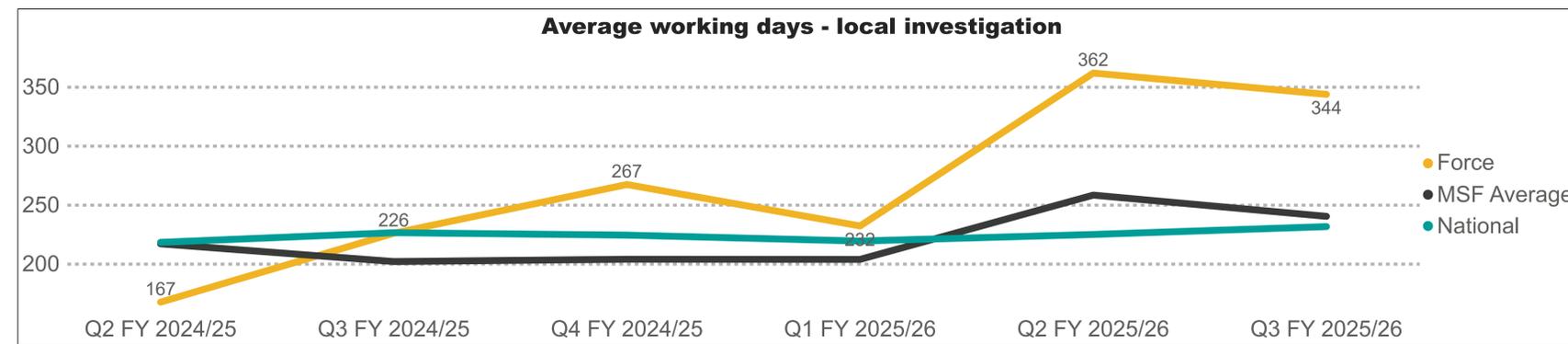
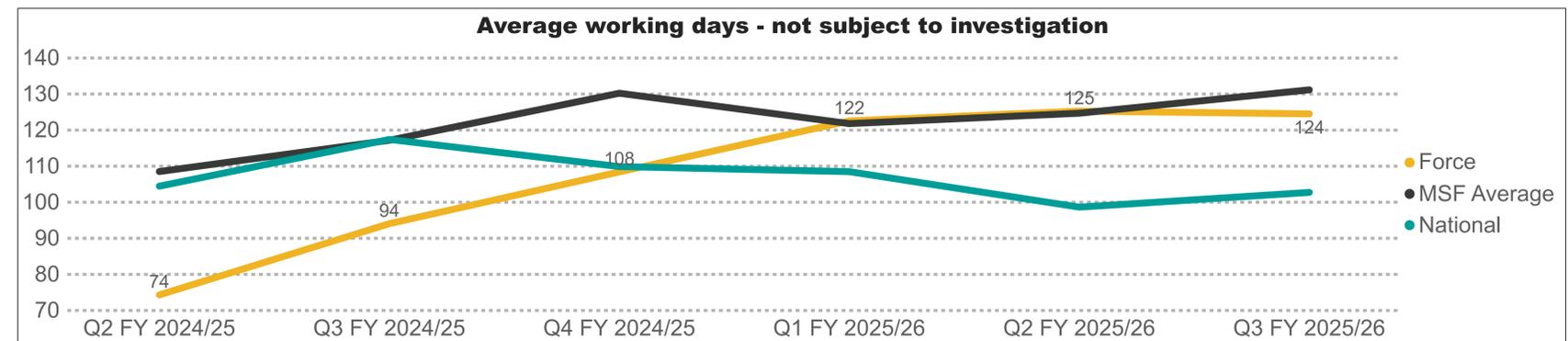
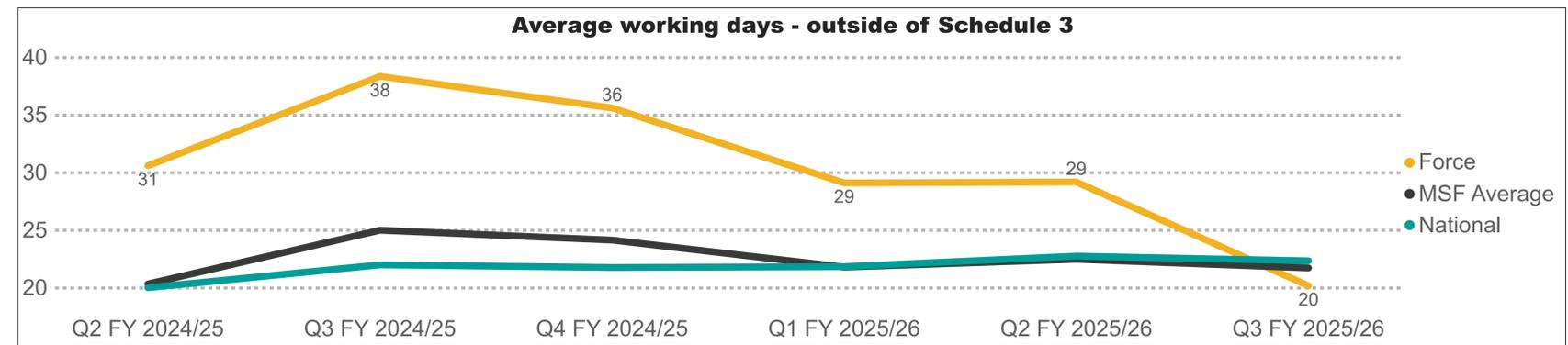
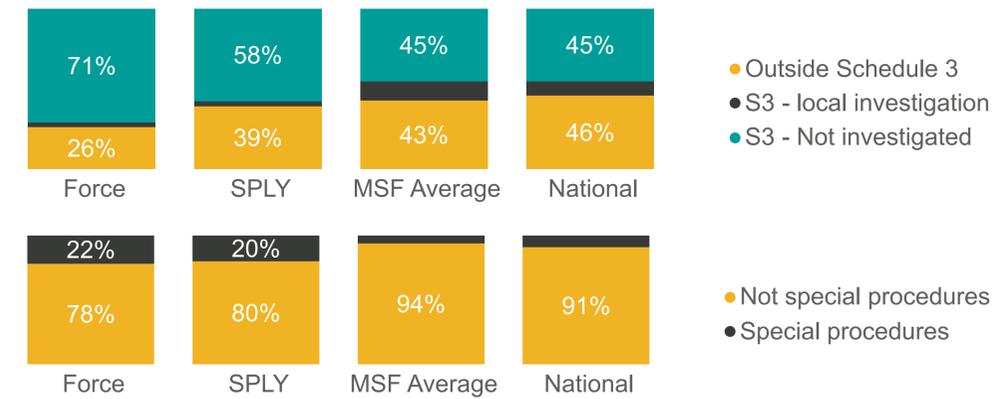
Number finalised	Outside of Schedule 3	Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation	Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation	Total
Force	755	2,048	83	2,886
SPLY	756	1,105	60	1,921
MSF Average	1,472	1,556	413	3,441
National	62,197	61,043	12,147	135,387

Local investigation	Not special procedures	Special procedures	Total
Force	65	18	83
SPLY	48	12	60
MSF Average	388	25	413
National	11,073	1,074	12,147

Average days to finalise	Outside of Schedule 3
Force	27
SPLY	28
MSF Average	22
National	22

Average days to finalise	Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation
Force	124
SPLY	73
MSF Average	125
National	103

Average days to finalise	Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation
Force	325
SPLY	254
MSF Average	236
National	225

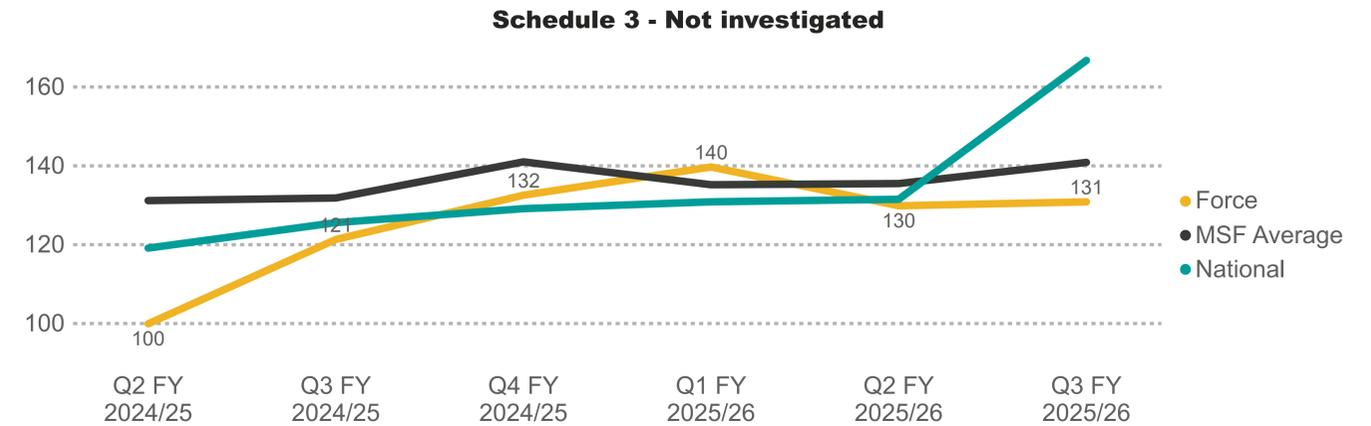


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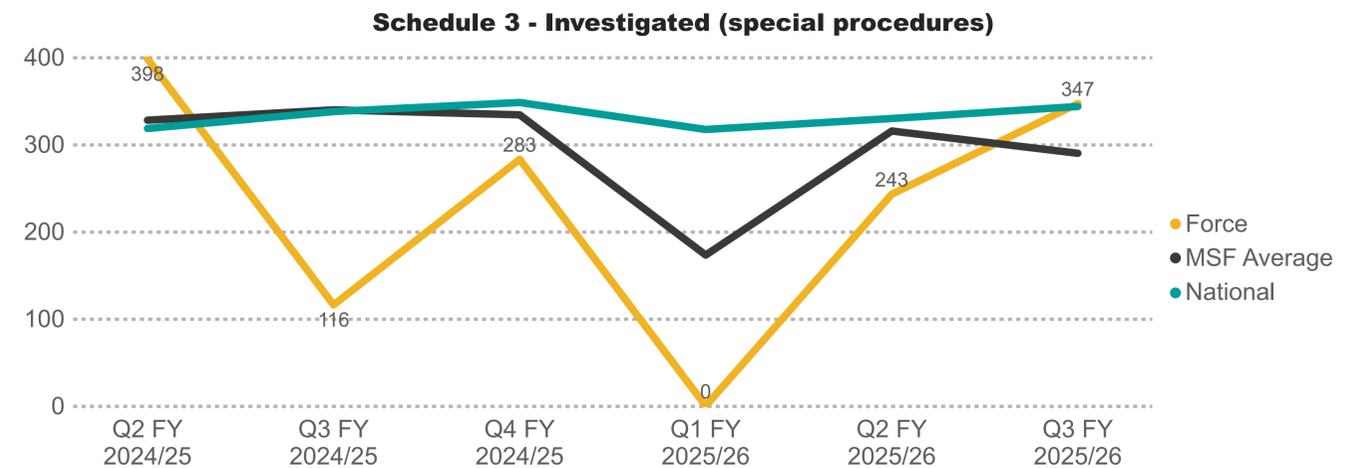
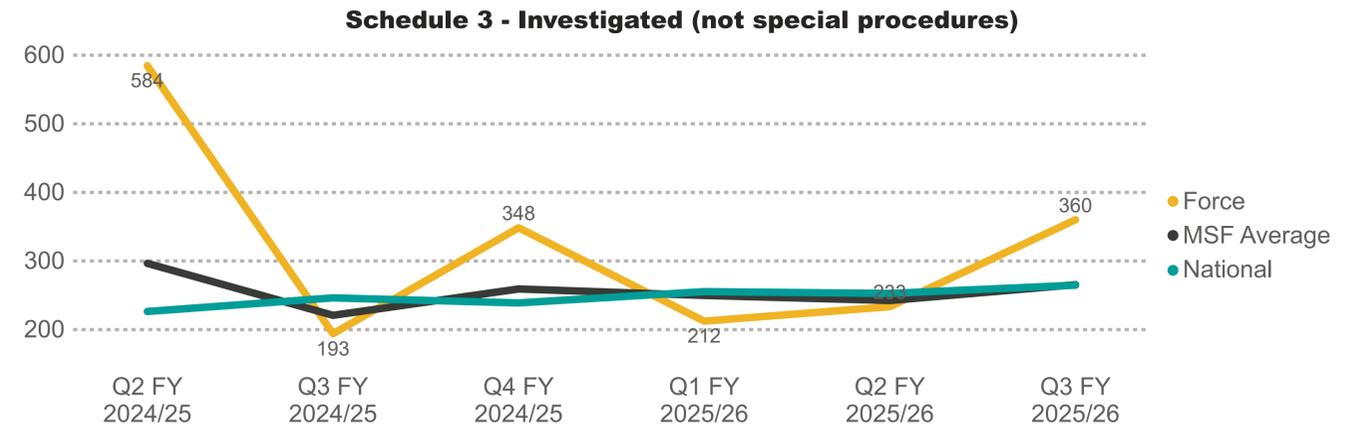
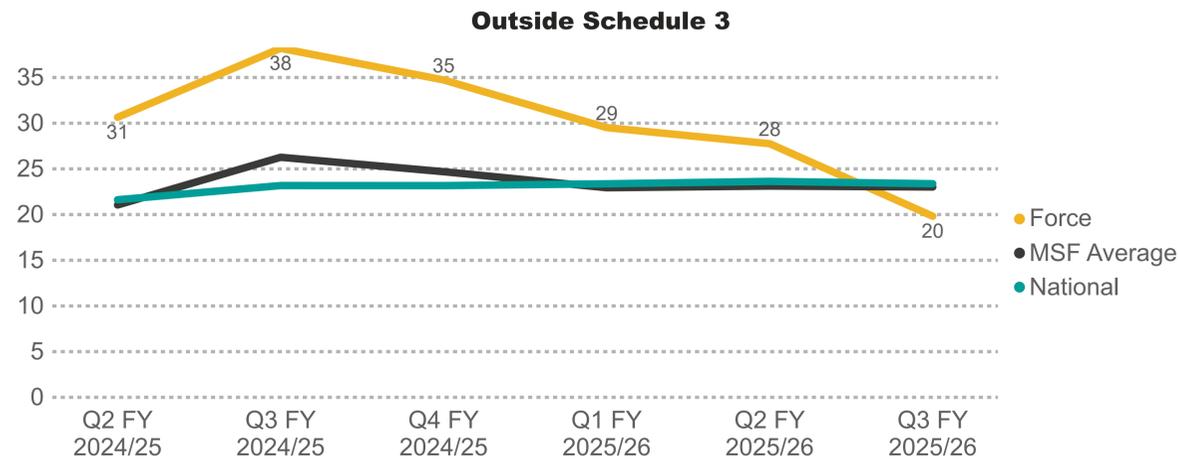
This section shows the time it takes the force to finalise complaint cases from the customer's perspective. It gives a breakdown of the time taken to finalise complaint cases handled formally under Schedule 3. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made. On cases under Schedule 3, the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

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

Under Schedule 3 Force MSF National YTD SPLY	Under Schedule 3 - not investigated		Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)		Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	
	Complaints Finalised	Average days to finalise	Complaints Finalised	Average days to finalise	Complaints Finalised	Average days to finalise
Force	609	132	24	290	5	326
SPLY	360	96	15	418	9	346
MSF Average	624	137	123	254	9	352
National	23,280	144	3,732	257	452	329



Outside of Schedule 3	Complaints finalised	Average days to finalise
Force	644	26
SPLY	481	28
MSF Average	1,243	23
National	52,639	23



## Findings and actions on Outside Schedule 3 allegations

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

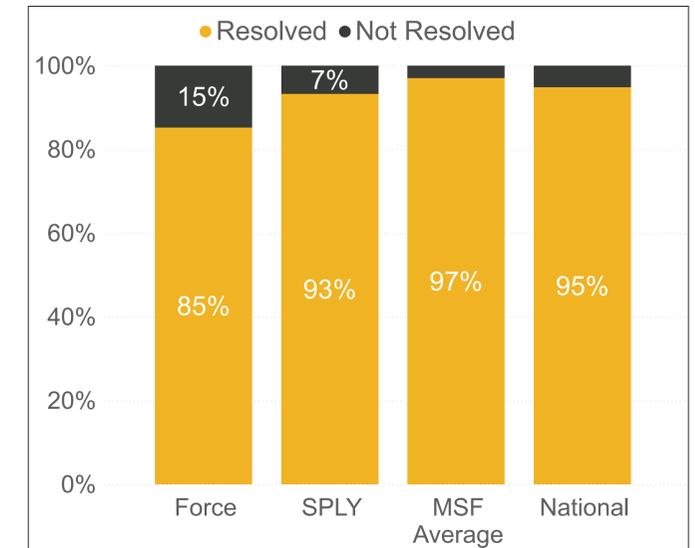
The actions available once an allegation is finalised depend on how the complaint case has been handled. Please refer to our guidance on capturing data about police complaints for details of actions available (link available on page 14)

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

Outside Schedule 3 result	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Resolved	644	705	1,428	58,993
Not Resolved	111	51	43	3,204
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>62,197</b>

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

Measure Actions on allegations outside of Schedule 3	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent
Explanation	409	54%	607	80%	871	60%	40,094	65%
No further action	163	22%	72	10%	184	13%	8,024	13%
Apology	111	15%	56	7%	122	8%	5,009	8%
Other action	53	7%	17	2%	118	8%	5,993	10%
Debrief	13	2%			11	1%	656	1%
Learning from reflection	3	0%	4	1%	132	9%	1,691	3%
Goodwill gesture	2	0%			2	0%	124	0%
Organisational learning					13	1%	260	0%
Policy review					2	0%	39	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>61,890</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Outside Schedule 3 allegation actions



## Findings on Schedule 3 allegations

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

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

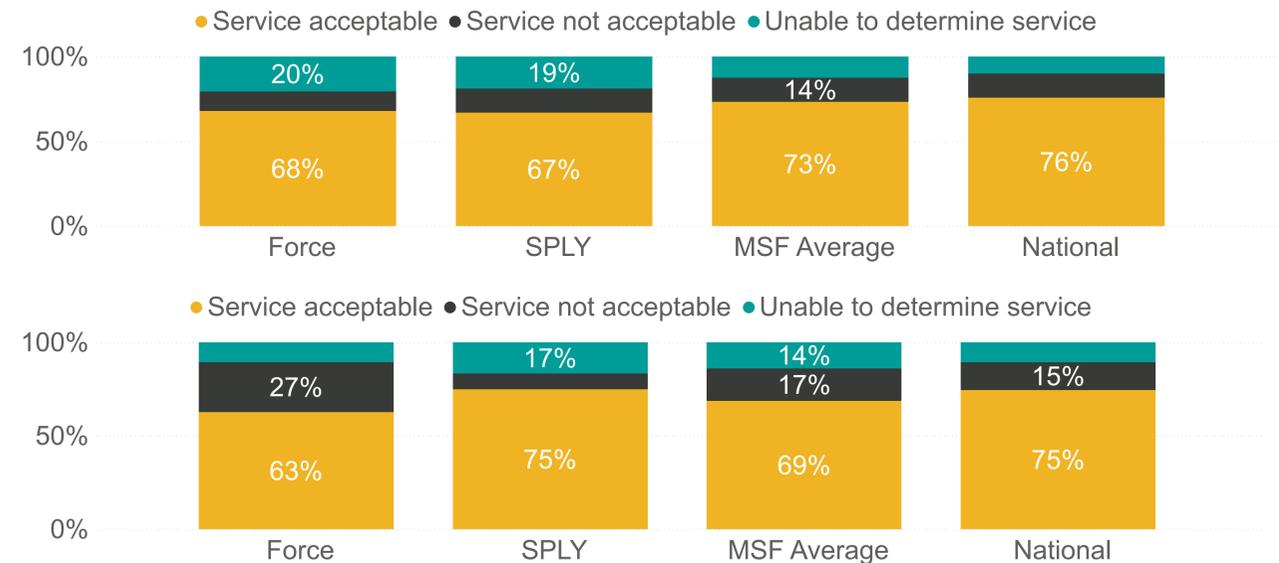
Not investigated	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Service acceptable	1,289	700	1,026	41,834
Service not acceptable	221	147	199	7,727
Unable to determine service	388	197	175	5,525

The service provided was acceptable

The service provided was not acceptable

Unable to determine whether service provided was acceptable

Investigated (not subject to special procedures)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Service acceptable	42	36	249	7,659
Service not acceptable	18	4	63	1,531
Unable to determine service	7	8	50	1,083



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

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

Investigated - subject to special procedures	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Case to Answer	3	3	6	229
No case to answer	12	10	14	601
Not able to determine if the service provided was acceptable	2		1	23
The service provided was acceptable	1		2	196
The service provided was not acceptable			1	53

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

All Schedule 3	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Withdrawal	54	23	63	1,947
Regulation 41 applies	5		20	347
No further action	93	44	103	4,615

# Actions on Schedule 3 allegations

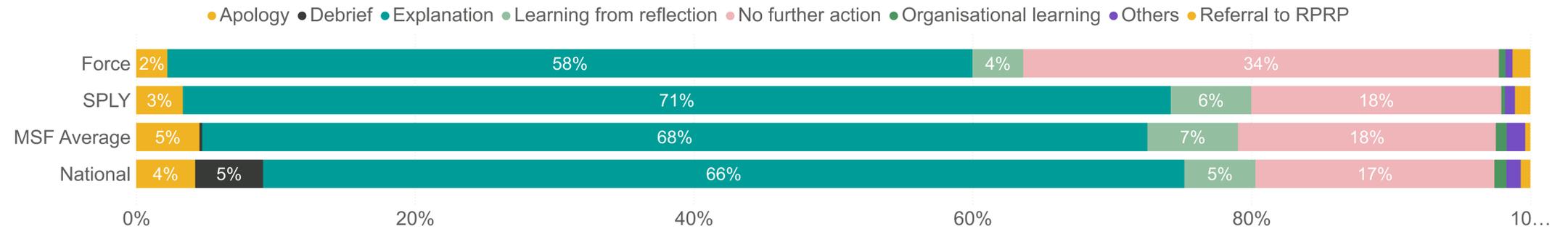
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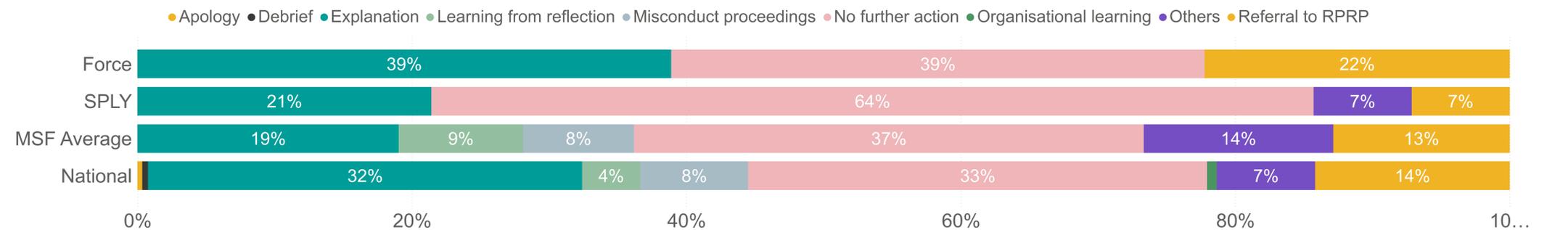
Measure Actions on Schedule 3 allegations	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent	Allegations finalised	Percent
Explanation	1,215	57%	818	70%	1,305	66%	47,661	65%
No further action	735	35%	222	19%	369	19%	13,233	18%
Learning from reflection	79	4%	65	6%	143	7%	3,925	5%
Apology	46	2%	37	3%	84	4%	2,837	4%
Referral to RPRP	35	2%	15	1%	18	1%	927	1%
Organisational learning	10	0%	3	0%	15	1%	646	1%
Others	10	0%	9	1%	28	1%	865	1%
Debrief					4	0%	3,037	4%
Misconduct proceedings					2	0%	91	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>73,222</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

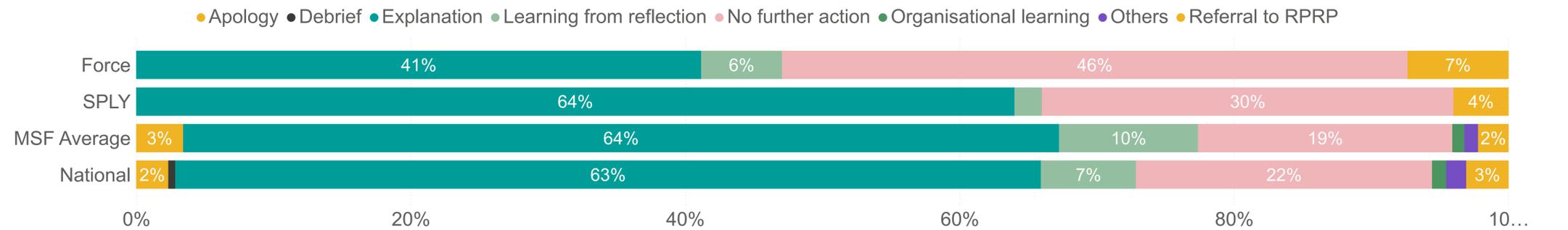
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### Investigated (subject to special procedures)



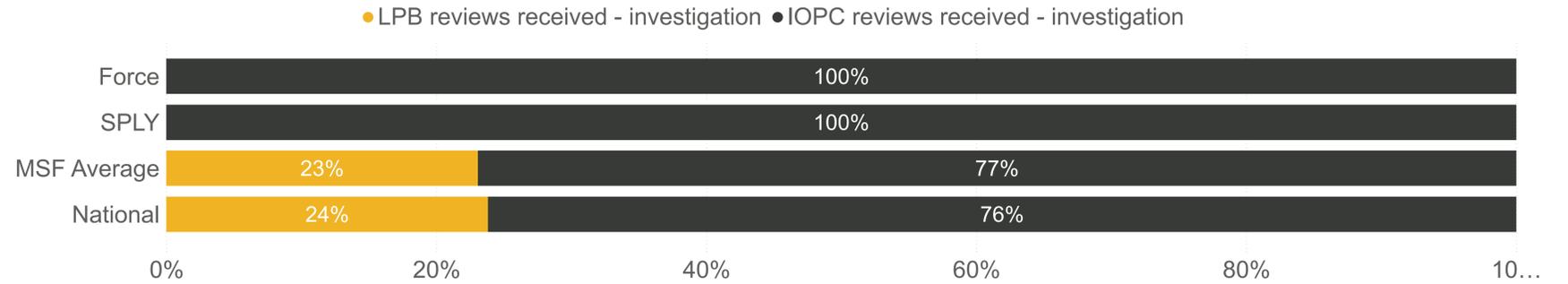
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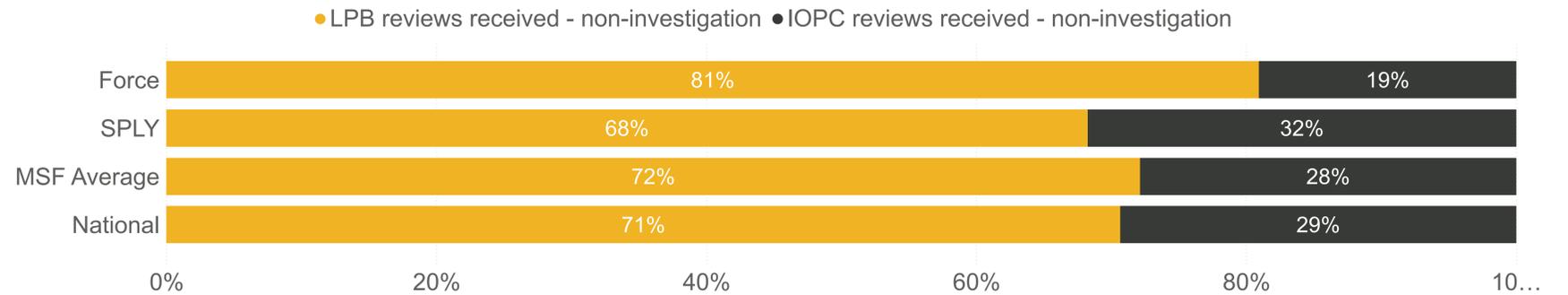
Reviews received

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

LPB reviews	Investigation	Non-investigation
Force	0	85
SPLY	0	43
MSF Average	7	91
National	220	3,562



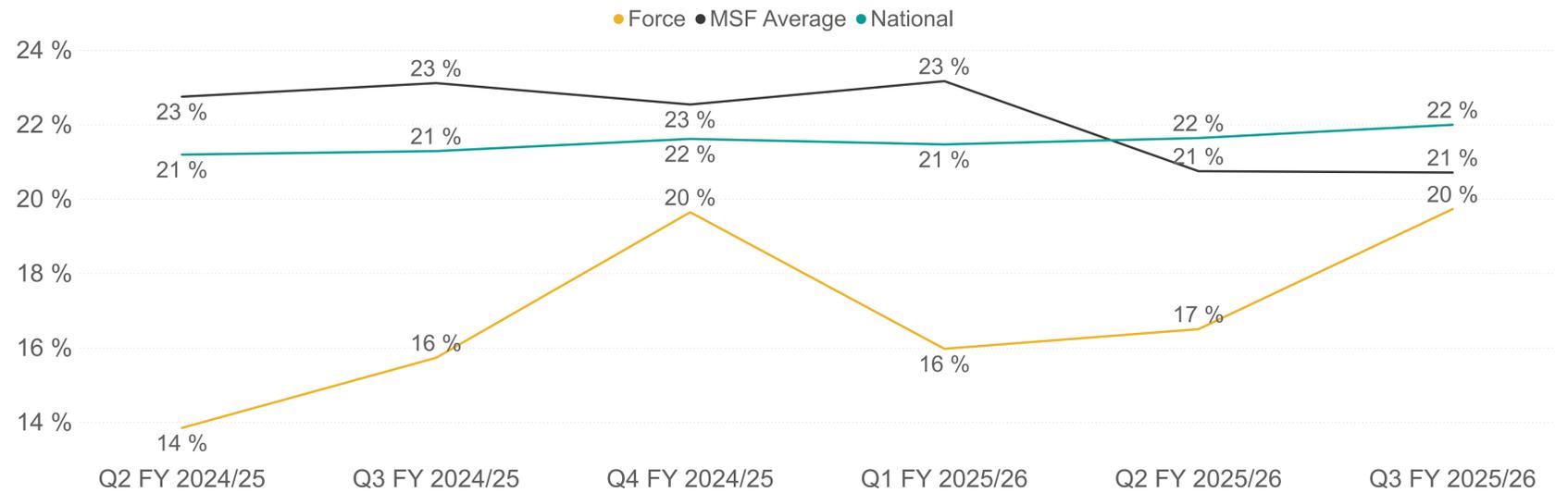
IOPC Reviews	Investigation	Non-investigation
Force	9	20
SPLY	3	20
MSF Average	23	35
National	703	1478



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

Measure	Reviews Received	Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3
Force	114	638
SPLY	66	384
MSF Average	155	757
National	5,963	27,462

Reviews received as a proportion of Schedule 3 cases



Reviews outcomes and timeliness

LPB Reviews

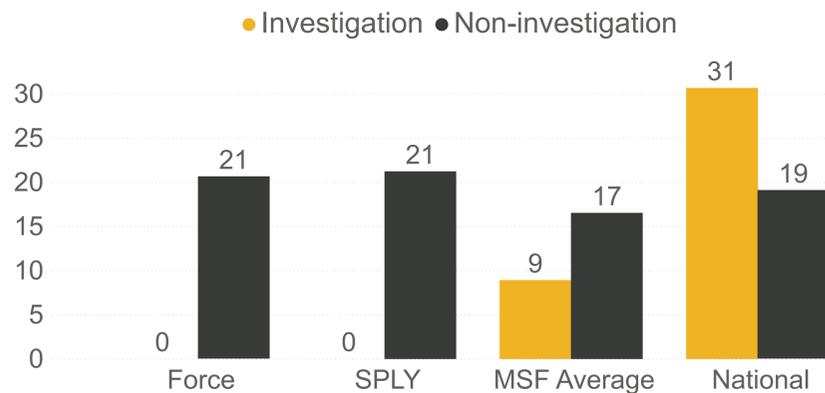
This section presents information about the decisions made on reviews and how long reviews are taking to finalise.

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

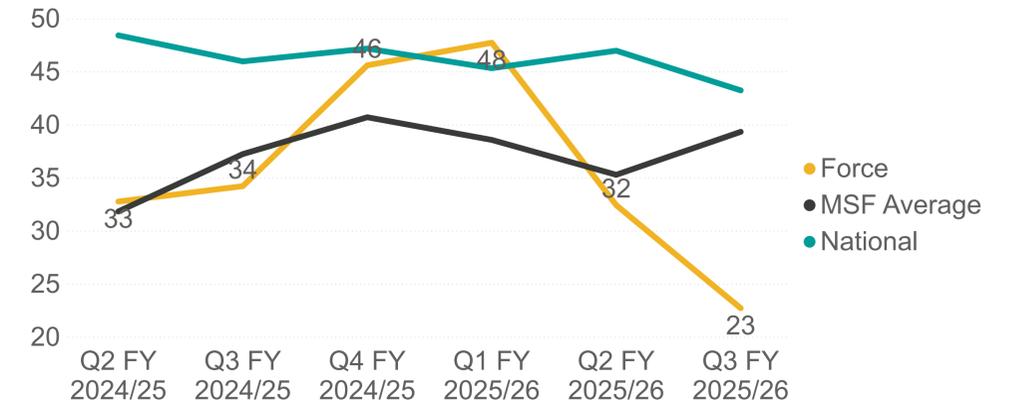
Review type	Complete with outcome	Upheld
<b>Investigation</b>		
Force	0	0
SPLY	0	0
MSF Average	7	1
National	225	69
<b>Non-investigation</b>		
Force	63	13
SPLY	33	7
MSF Average	79	14
National	3149	601

Review type	Average duration
<b>Investigation</b>	
Force	0
SPLY	0
MSF Average	18
National	57
<b>Non-investigation</b>	
Force	31
SPLY	27
MSF Average	37
National	44

% LPB reviews upheld



Average durations



IOPC Reviews

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

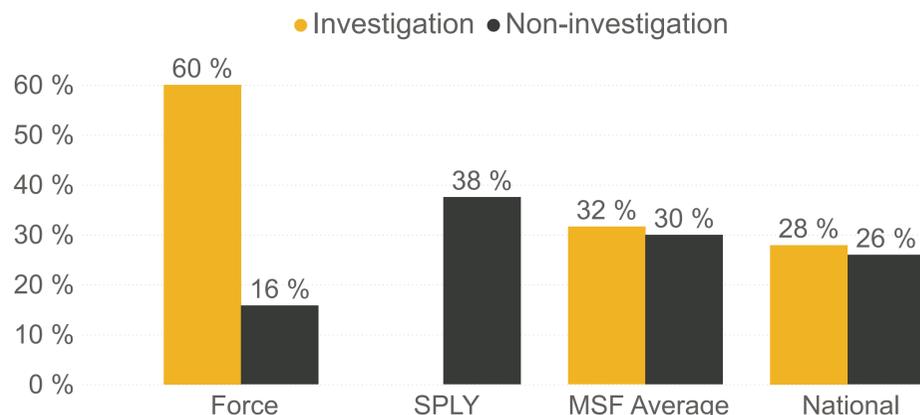
When a complaint is referred to the IOPC, the IOPC automatically becomes the review body.

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

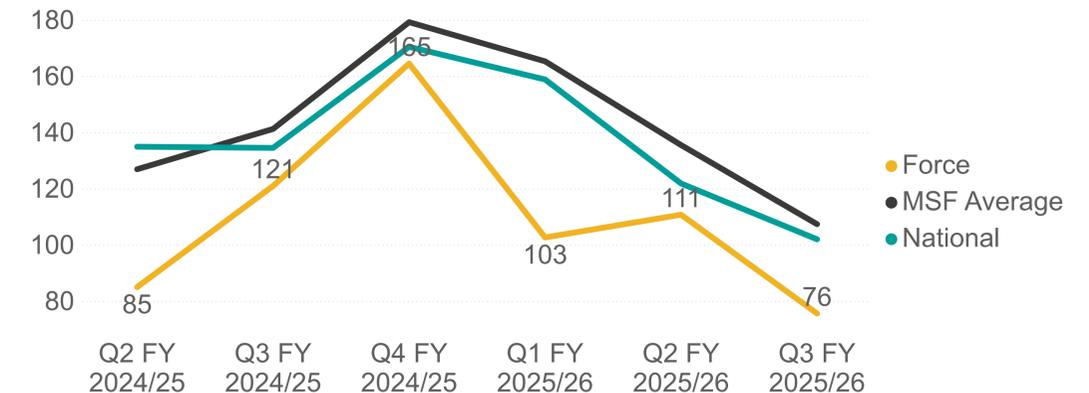
IOPC review	Investigation	Upheld	Non-investigation	Upheld
Force	5	3	19	3
SPLY	3		24	9
MSF Average	27	7	43	14
National	871	243	1,576	418

Measure	Average duration
Force	92
SPLY	115
MSF Average	137
National	125

% IOPC reviews upheld



Average durations



## Referrals to the IOPC

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

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

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

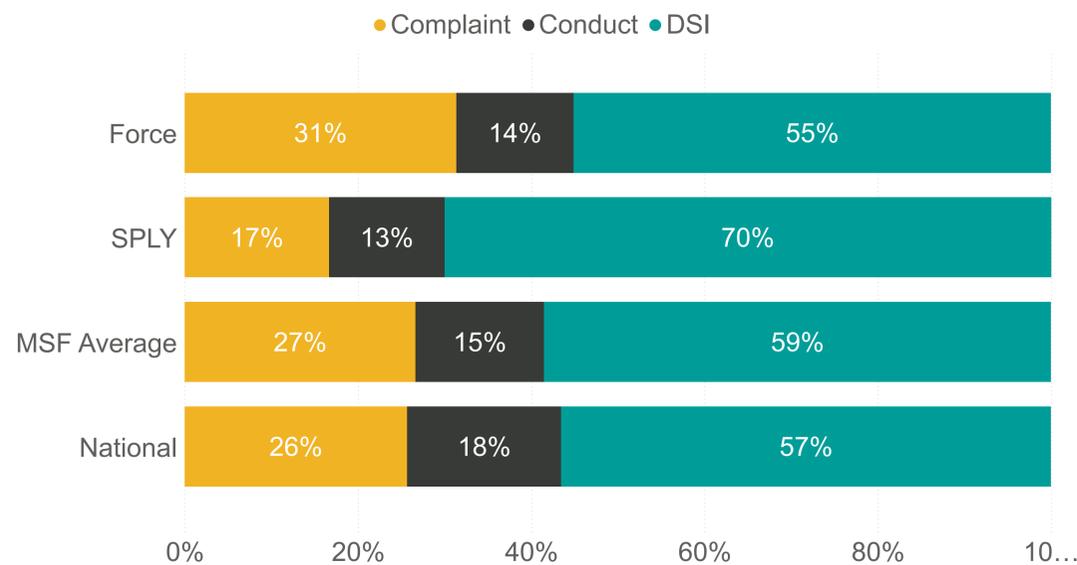
A referral may be made invalid if the matter does not fall within the IOPC's remit

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

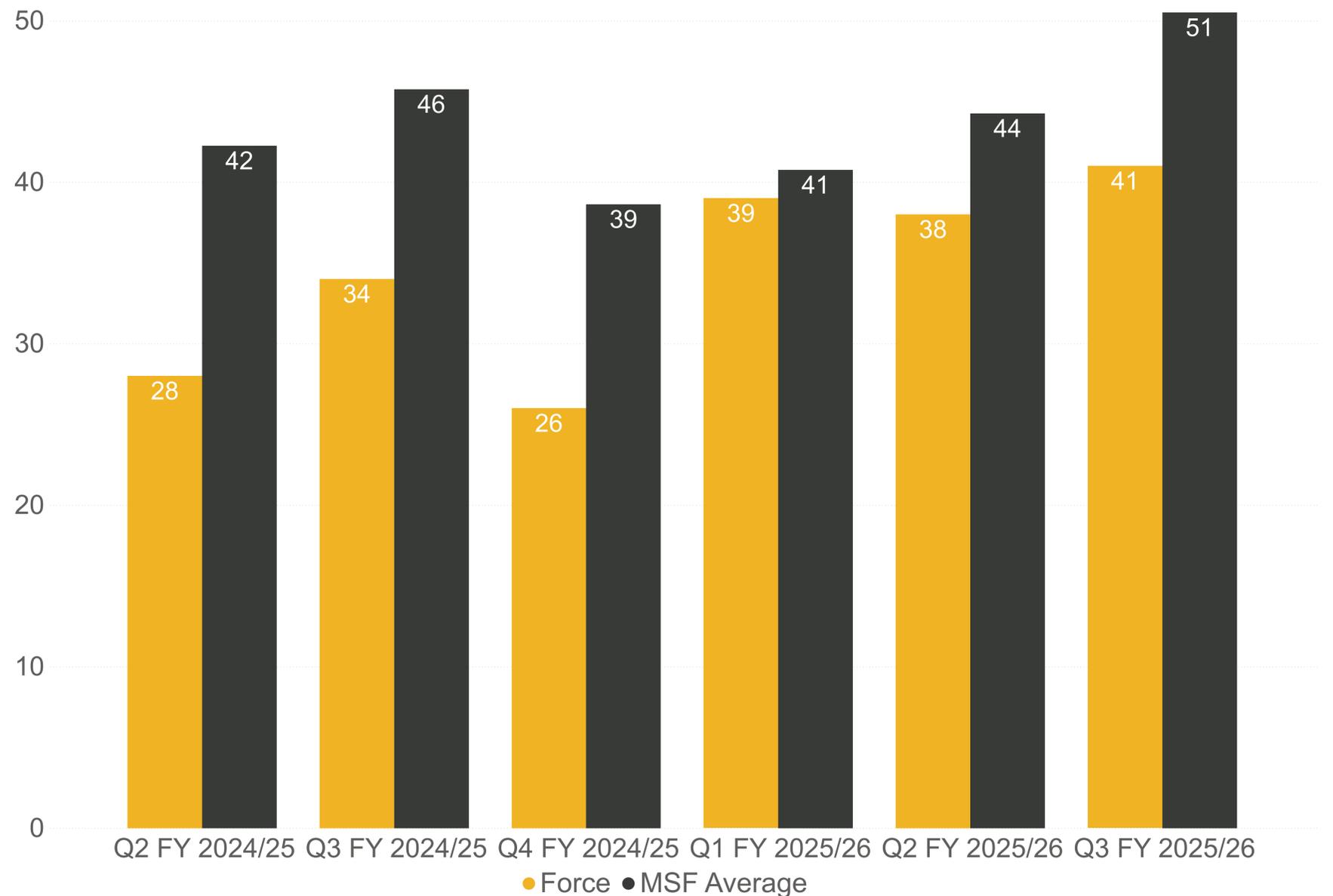
### Year to date

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Number Referrals Received	118	90	136	5,244
Number referrals completed	115	87	135	5,262
Decision: Directed Investigation	3	4	0	18
Decision: Independent Investigation	26	6	10	328
Decision: Invalid	4	1	2	74
Decision: Local Investigation	40	25	66	2,638
Decision: Return to Force	42	51	57	2,202

Referral type	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Complaint	37	15	36	1,347
Conduct	16	12	20	933
DSI	65	63	79	2,964
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>5,244</b>



### Force and MSF Group referrals received



## Notes

### Data sources

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

### Performance Framework counting rules and calculation

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

### Data constraints

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

### Further Information

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