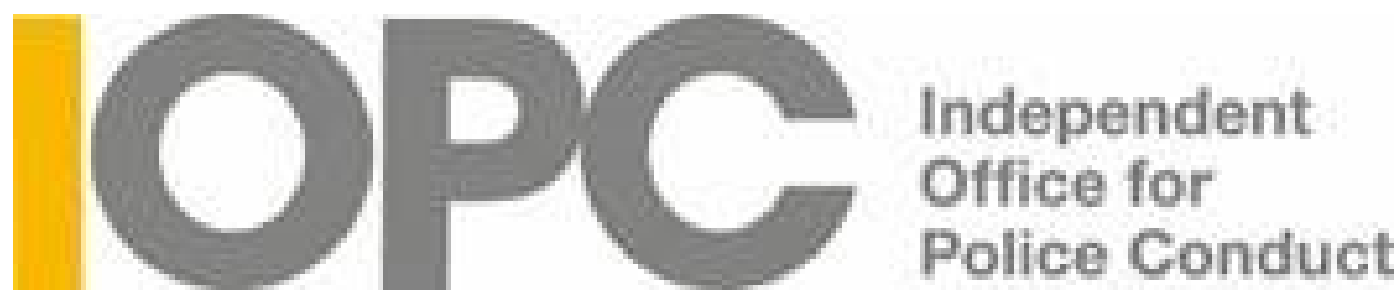


# Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Suffolk



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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.**

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

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

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## Acronyms used in this bulletin

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

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



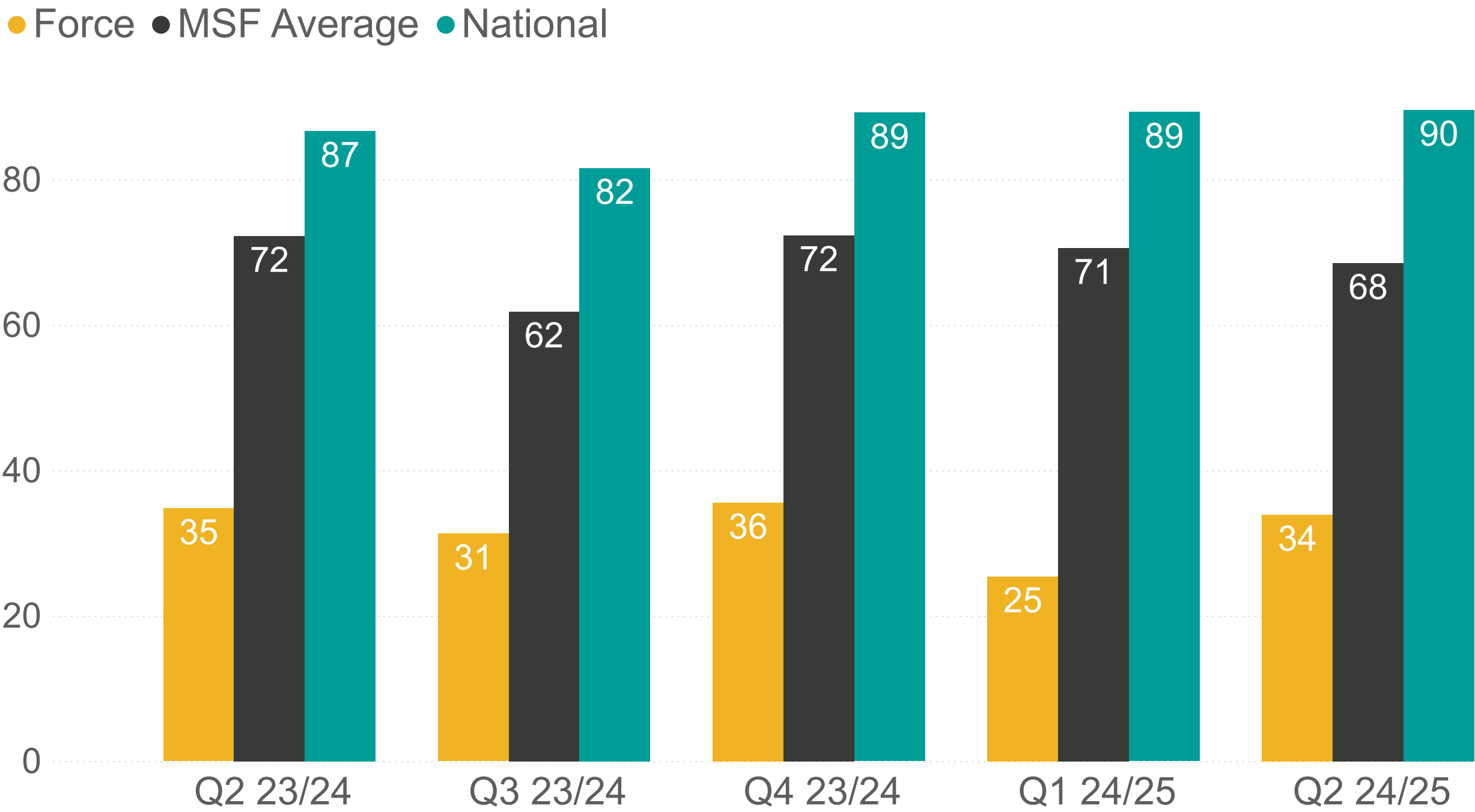
Section A1.1: Complaint cases and allegations logged

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

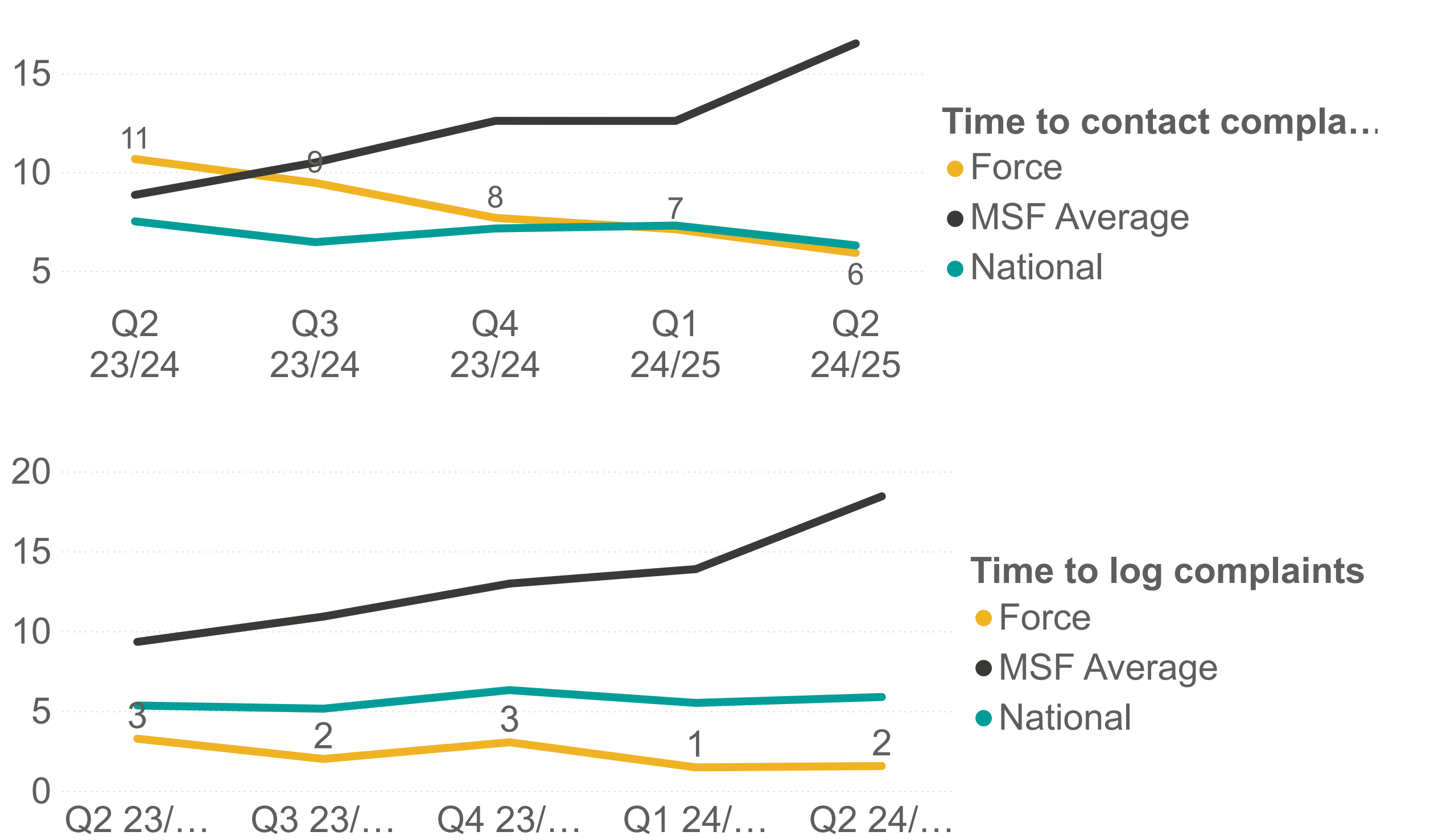
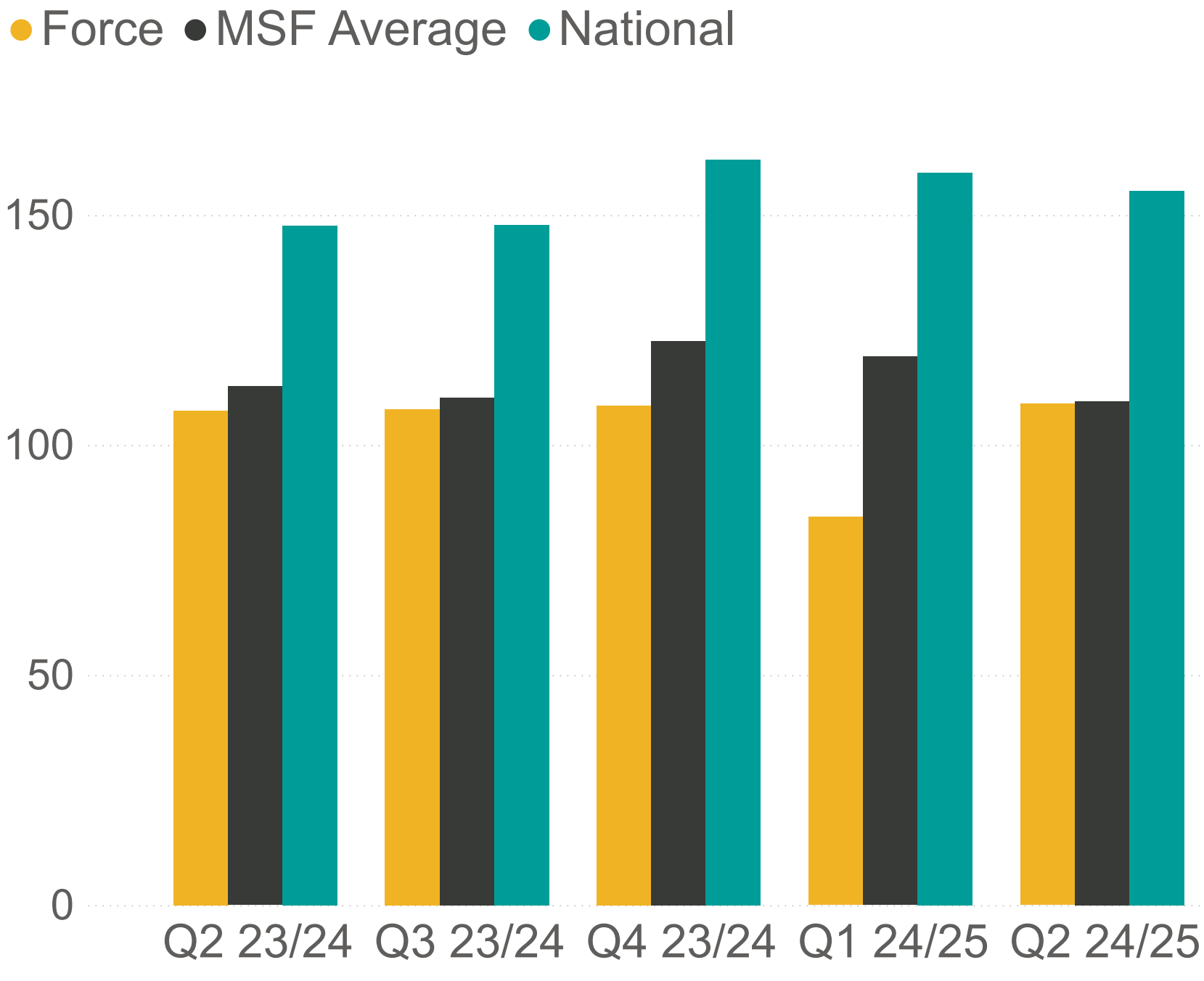
Note: Number of employees is a fixed number through the period, therefore complaints and allegations per 1,000 employees is higher for the full period (as in the table) than when broken down in to quarters (as per the charts)

Year to date	Complaint cases logged	Complaints per 1,000 employees	Allegations Logged	Allegations per 1,000 employees	Average working days to contact complainants	Average working days to log complaints
Force	154	59	502	193	6	2
SPLY	167	65	550	213	9	3
MSF Average	463	139	818	229	14	15
National	45,593	179	80,142	314	7	6

Complaints logged per 1,000 employees



Allegations logged per 1,000 employees



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

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

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	61	60	101	6,798
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	13	23	25	2,795
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	16	26	14	2,316
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	29	32	23	3,441
Total	119	141	163	15,350

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	51 %	43 %	52 %	44 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	11 %	16 %	22 %	18 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	13 %	18 %	12 %	15 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	24 %	23 %	14 %	22 %

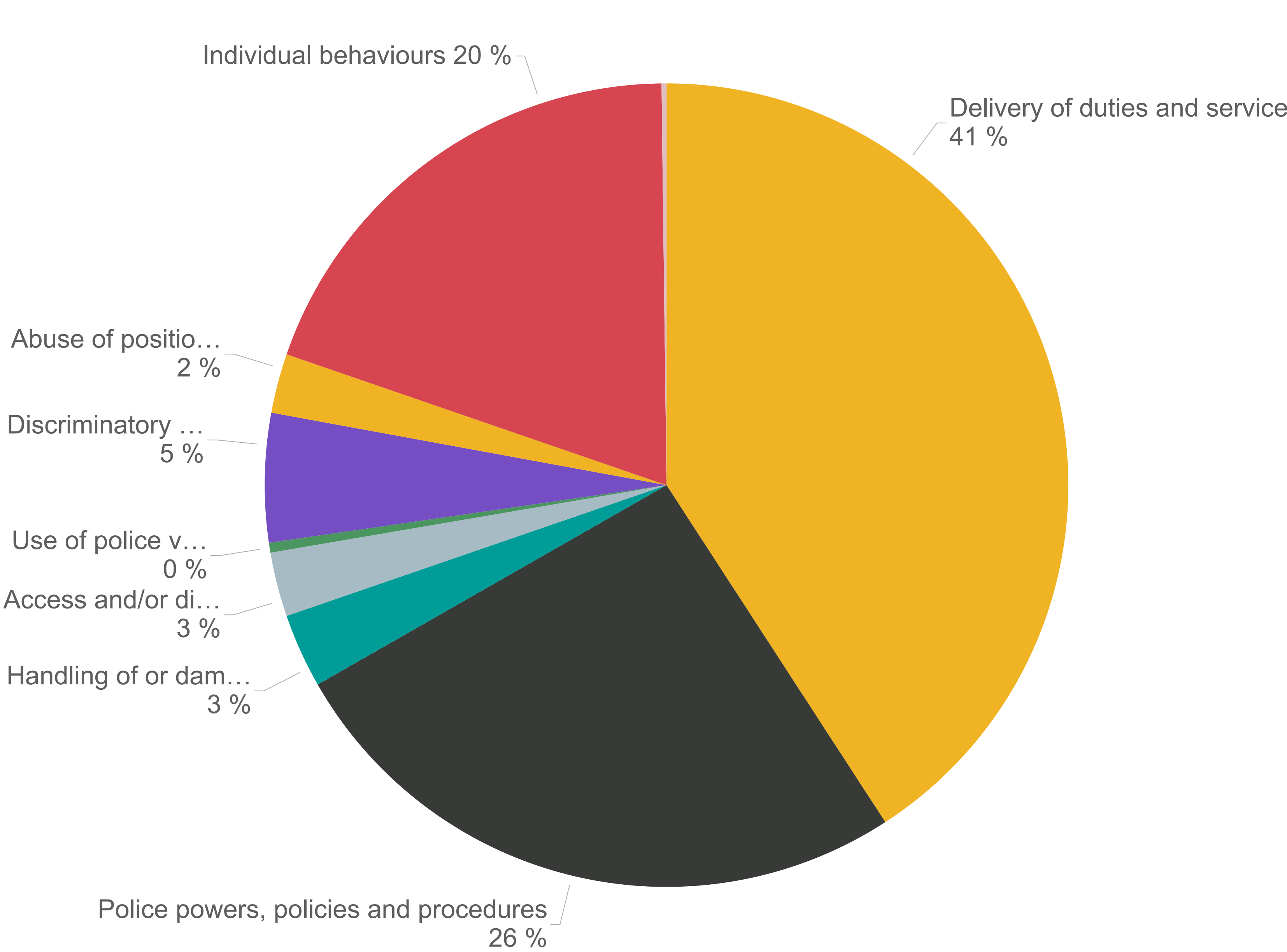
Section A1.3: Allegations logged – what has been complained about (YTD)

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.

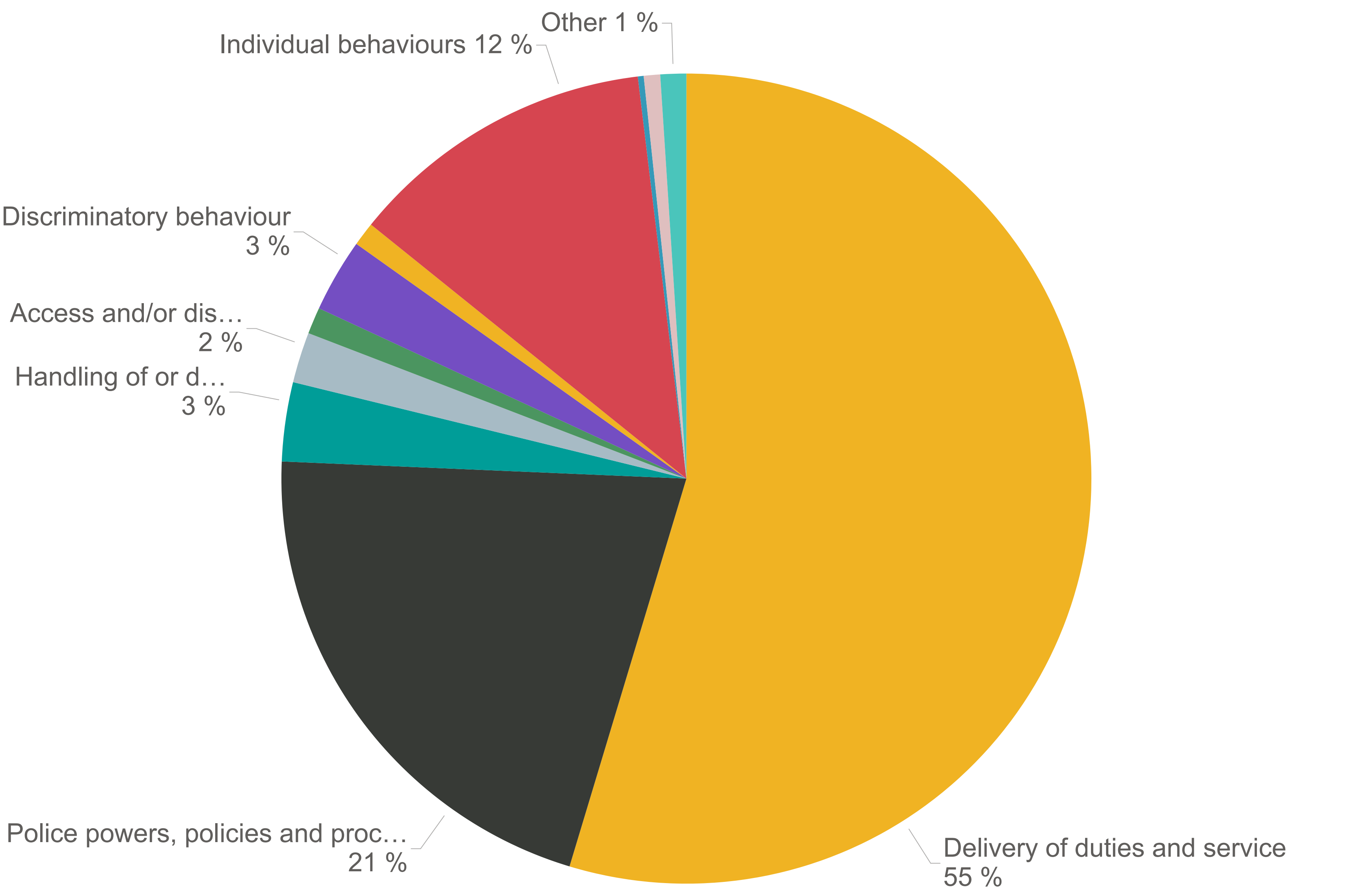
What has been complained about (YTD)

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	205	130	15	13	2	26	12	98	0	1	0	502
SPLY	200	151	27	15	6	23	14	112	0	1	1	550
MSF Average	398	197	28	17	9	25	10	116	2	8	8	818
National	43,804	16,841	2,527	1,617	850	2,349	762	9,854	186	523	826	80,139

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	205	41 %	200	35 %	398	47 %	43,801	55 %
	Police action following contact	83	40 %	87	43 %	136	36 %	18,035	41 %
	Information	49	24 %	56	27 %	59	17 %	4,976	11 %
	General level of service	41	20 %	30	15 %	135	28 %	14,604	33 %
	Decisions	32	16 %	27	13 %	68	18 %	6,186	14 %
Police powers, policies and procedures	Total	130	26 %	151	26 %	197	25 %	16,837	21 %
	Power to arrest and detain	29	22 %	24	15 %	37	19 %	3,002	18 %
	Detention in police custody	28	22 %	36	23 %	28	14 %	2,422	14 %
	Use of force	27	21 %	47	30 %	49	24 %	4,424	26 %
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	15	12 %	13	8 %	23	12 %	2,094	12 %
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	14	11 %	8	5 %	15	7 %	955	6 %
	Other policies and procedures	7	5 %	10	6 %	18	9 %	1,615	10 %
	Evidential procedures	6	5 %	7	4 %	17	9 %	1,283	8 %
	Stops, and stop and search	4	3 %	6	4 %	7	3 %	793	5 %
	Out of court disposals	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	1 %	249	1 %
Individual behaviours	Total	98	20 %	112	19 %	116	15 %	9,853	12 %
	Impolite language / tone	29	30 %	32	26 %	21	20 %	2,449	25 %
	Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	24	24 %	24	20 %	33	29 %	2,782	28 %
	Overbearing or harassing behaviours	24	24 %	35	29 %	22	18 %	1,756	18 %
	Lack of fairness and impartiality	14	14 %	12	10 %	20	18 %	1,368	14 %
	Impolite and intolerant actions	7	7 %	9	7 %	20	16 %	1,498	15 %
Discriminatory behaviour	Total	26	5 %	23	4 %	25	3 %	2,349	3 %
	Race	13	50 %	14	56 %	8	31 %	1,088	46 %
	Sex	8	31 %	4	16 %	5	20 %	394	17 %
	Disability	3	12 %	3	12 %	6	24 %	439	19 %
	Religion or belief	1	4 %	0	0 %	0	1 %	57	2 %
	Other	1	4 %	1	4 %	3	10 %	229	10 %
	Age	0	0 %	1	4 %	1	2 %	38	2 %
	Gender reassignment	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	2 %	25	1 %
	Marriage and civil partnership	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	1 %	2	0 %
	Pregnancy and maternity	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
	Sexual orientation	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	10 %	76	3 %
Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Total	15	3 %	27	5 %	28	3 %	2,467	3 %
	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	15	100 %	27	93 %	28	100 %	2,466	98 %
	Police action following contact	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %

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

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



Section A1.5: National complaint factors

Year to date Factors on all allegations	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged
Investigation	249	50 %	233	40 %	270	37 %	29,355	37 %
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	101	20 %	47	8 %	51	7 %	3,054	4 %
Arrest	88	18 %	148	26 %	116	15 %	10,232	13 %
Domestic / gender abuse	70	14 %	64	11 %	56	7 %	4,125	5 %
Child protection / CSA / CSE	57	11 %	44	8 %	28	4 %	1,370	2 %
Custody	50	10 %	60	10 %	52	6 %	4,574	6 %
None	33	7 %	45	8 %	208	20 %	15,525	19 %
Drugs / alcohol	24	5 %	21	4 %	16	2 %	897	1 %
Premises search	22	4 %	21	4 %	26	3 %	1,958	2 %
Roads/traffic	18	4 %	22	4 %	47	6 %	4,731	6 %
Stop and/or search	15	3 %	15	3 %	14	2 %	1,618	2 %
Mental health	14	3 %	27	5 %	19	2 %	2,317	3 %
VAWG - police perpetrated	13	3 %	18	3 %	11	1 %	539	1 %
Public order incident	11	2 %	0	0 %	4	1 %	645	1 %
Call Handling	10	2 %	8	1 %	26	3 %	3,424	4 %
Restraint equipment	10	2 %	18	3 %	11	1 %	855	1 %
Neighbourhood policing	9	2 %	12	2 %	37	4 %	3,752	5 %
Death	5	1 %	8	1 %	10	1 %	759	1 %
Hate Crime	5	1 %	8	1 %	9	1 %	468	1 %
Unknown	5	1 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	20	0 %
Missing persons	4	1 %	3	1 %	3	0 %	514	1 %
Fraud	2	0 %	1	0 %	4	0 %	485	1 %
VAWG - police victim	1	0 %	1	0 %	1	0 %	88	0 %
Coronavirus - other	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	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 %
Covert policing	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	48	0 %
Firearms	0	0 %	16	3 %	6	1 %	400	0 %
Police dogs or horses	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	54	0 %
PPDA	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	7	0 %
PPDA - Police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %
Prejudicial and improper behaviour	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Serious injury	0	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	168	0 %
Social media	0	0 %	1	0 %	3	0 %	330	0 %
Taser	0	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	105	0 %
VAWG' - dissatisfaction handling	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	14	0 %
VAWG' - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	14	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	1	0	0	0	0
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	8	0	2	3
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	63	12	0	4	21
Unknown	2	2	0	0	1
Stop and/or search	0	6	1	4	4
Roads/traffic	7	2	1	2	5
Restraint equipment	1	9	0	0	0
Public order incident	2	2	2	0	4
Premises search	4	12	1	1	2
None	15	4	0	1	7
Neighbourhood policing	2	4	0	0	2
Missing persons	4	0	0	0	0
Mental health	5	1	0	3	5
Investigation	137	26	9	12	49
Hate Crime	2	2	1	0	0
Fraud	1	0	0	0	0
Drugs / alcohol	8	7	5	1	2
Domestic / gender abuse	46	6	0	3	14
Death	5	0	0	0	0
Custody	6	34	1	0	9
Child protection / CSA / CSE	29	7	2	6	11
Call Handling	7	0	0	0	3
Arrest	14	50	3	4	13
Total	205	129	15	26	98

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
▼				
Q2 23/24	23	11	1	34
Q3 23/24	21	13	0	34
Q4 23/24	43	20	0	53
Q1 24/25	42	4	1	47
Q2 24/25	59	9	0	66
Total	188	57	2	234

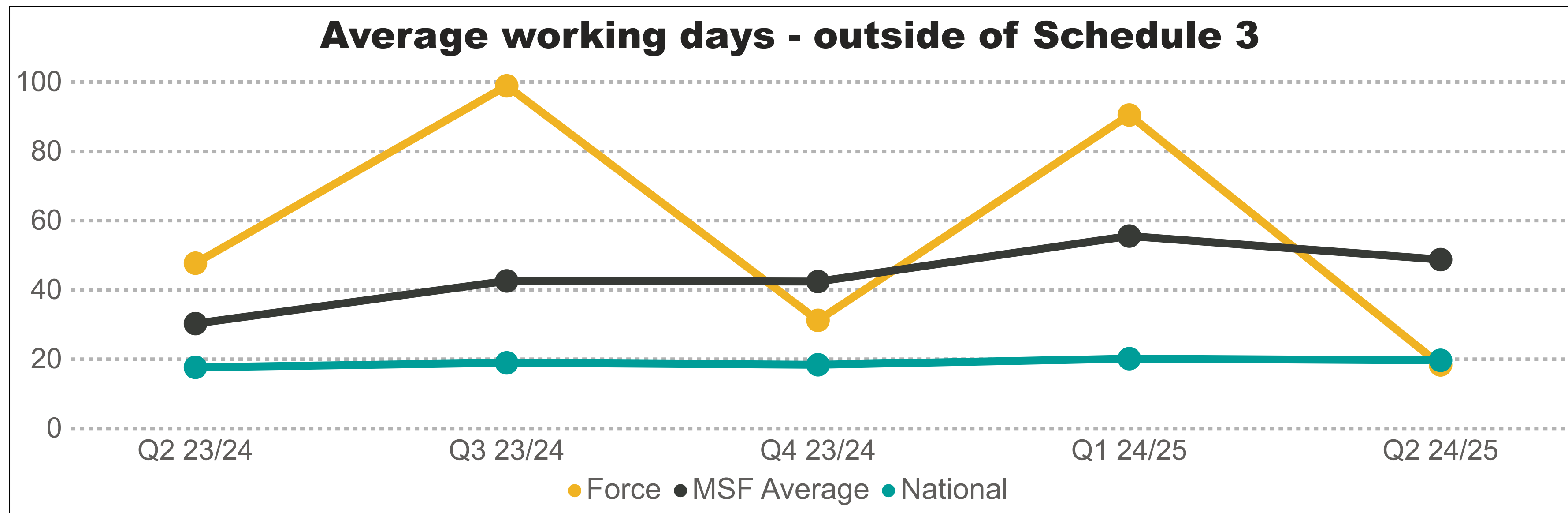
Section A2: Allegations timeliness

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.

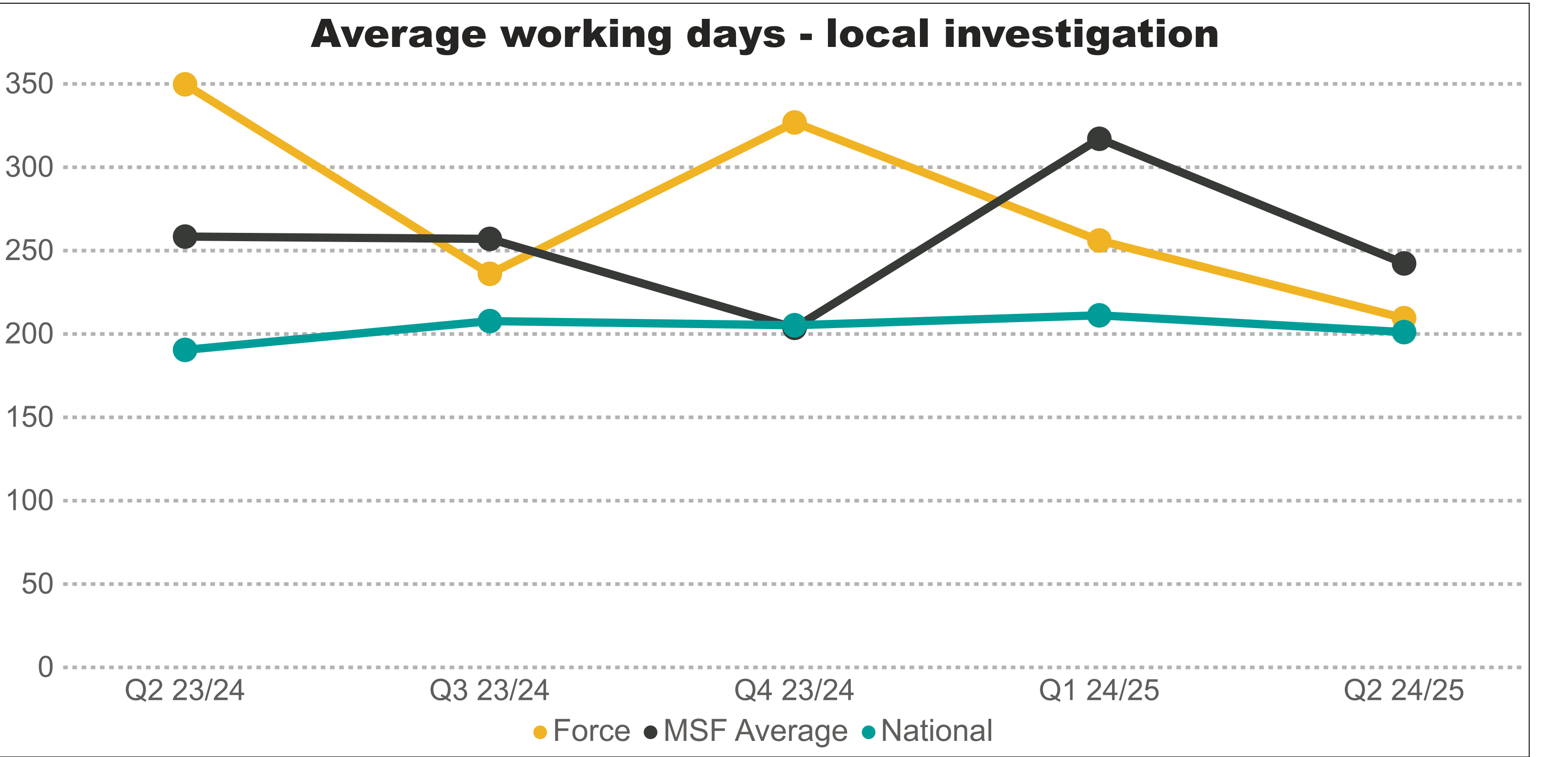
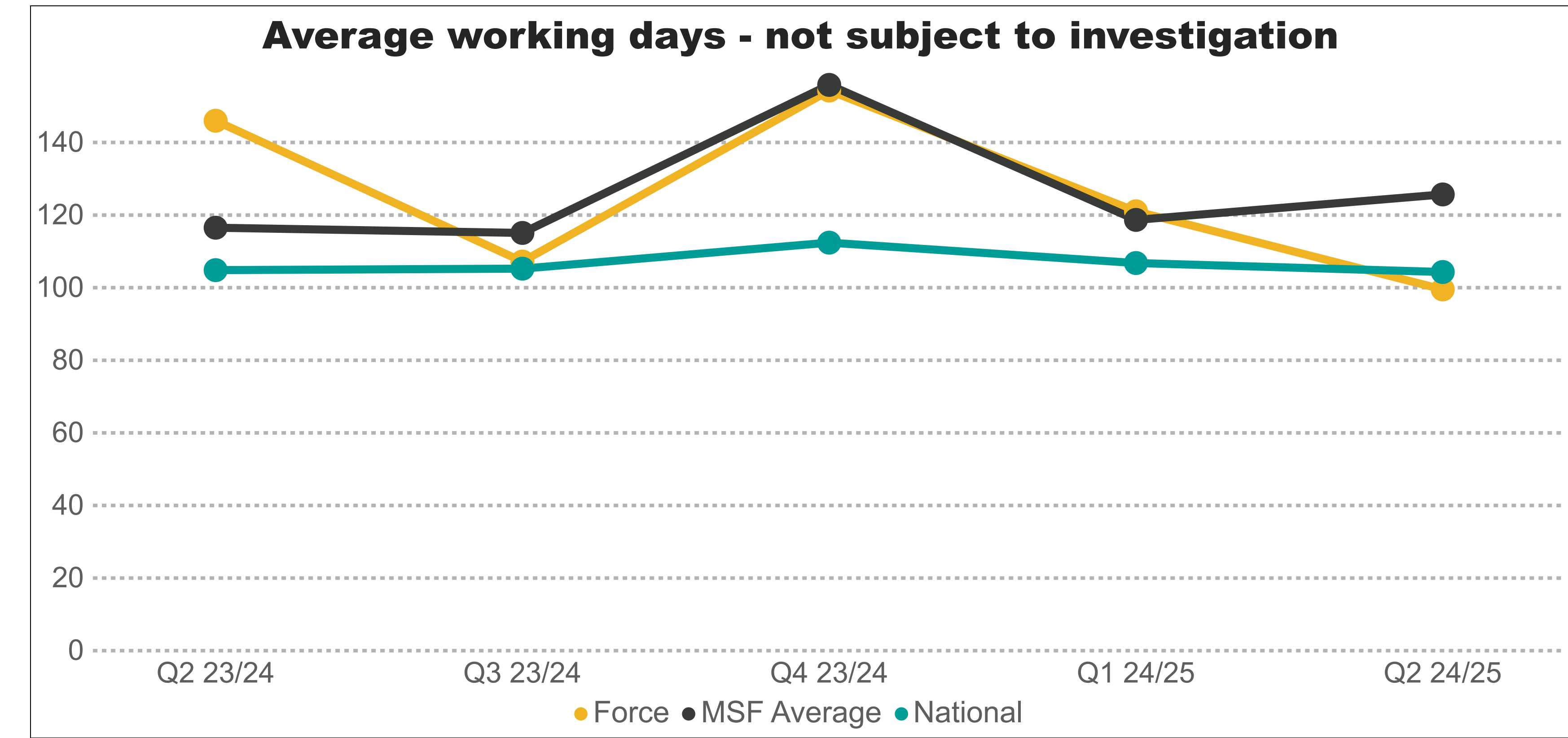
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

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	45	45	298	113	107	236	0	0
SPLY	50	44	361	134	47	288	0	0
MSF Average	325	51	343	123	69	260	0	0
National	33,250	20	35,230	105	8,680	206	109	282



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	16	544





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

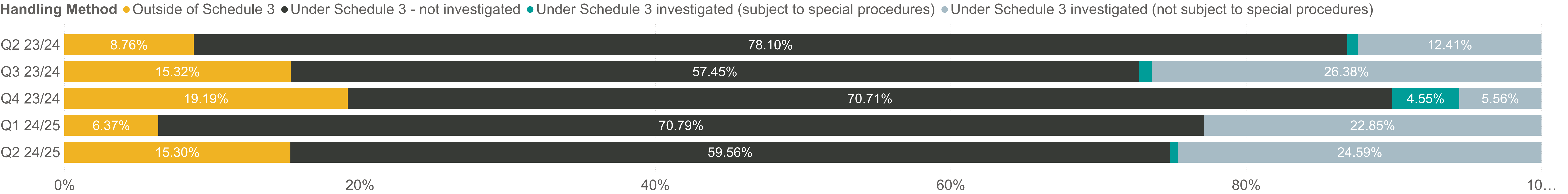
This section presents a breakdown of how allegations were handled information and the decisions being given. An allegation decision is logged for each allegation finalised.

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)	106	24 %	60	11 %	7,922	10 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	1	0 %	9	1 %	883	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	298	66 %	343	48 %	35,230	46 %
Outside of Schedule 3	45	10 %	325	40 %	33,250	43 %
Total	450	100 %	737	100 %	77,285	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					20	7 %	2,768	8 %			9	1 %			242	3 %
Regulation 41 applies							59	0 %			1	0 %			93	1 %
Service provided - unable to determine					7	2 %	3,238	9 %			10	1 %	12	11 %	770	10 %
Service provided - not acceptable					44	15 %	4,563	13 %			26	3 %	18	17 %	900	11 %
Service provided - acceptable					189	63 %	23,538	67 %			129	15 %	73	69 %	5,675	72 %
Not Resolved	5	11 %	1,876	6 %												
Resolved	40	89 %	31,373	94 %												
No Case to Answer											512	58 %				
Case to Answer									1	100 %	180	20 %				
Withdrawal					38	13 %	1,063	3 %			16	2 %	3	3 %	242	3 %



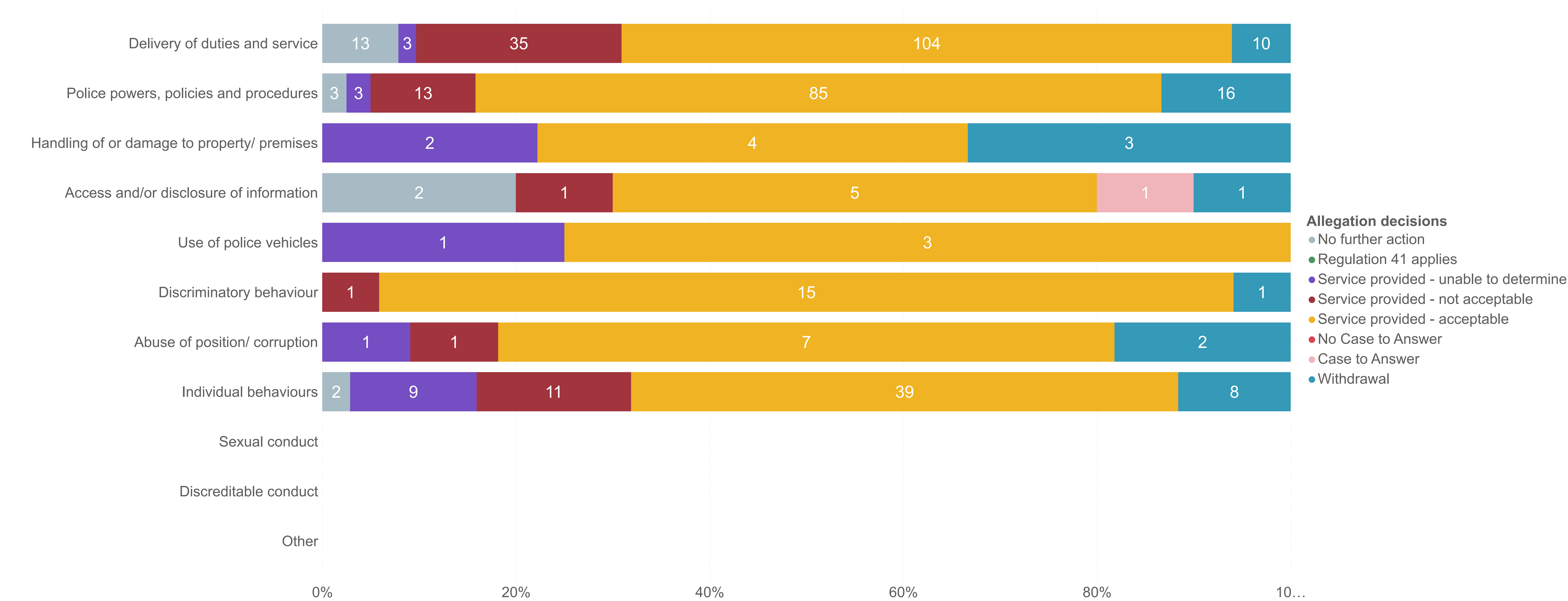
Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (Year to date by category)

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	22	3	1	3	1	1	2	7	0	0	0	40
Not Resolved	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

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 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.

. 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	2	4 %	1	2 %	1	1 %	132	0 %
Learning from reflection	5	11 %	5	10 %	5	4 %	935	3 %
Policy review	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	32	0 %
Goodwill gesture	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	52	0 %
Apology	7	16 %	5	10 %	45	14 %	3,241	10 %
Debrief	0	0 %	3	6 %	1	1 %	311	1 %
Explanation	25	56 %	35	70 %	155	50 %	20,147	61 %
No further action	6	13 %	0	0 %	29	13 %	3,760	11 %
Other action	0	0 %	1	2 %	79	15 %	4,135	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 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

. 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	12	3 %	11	3 %	5	1 %	398	1 %
Apology	27	7 %	19	5 %	17	4 %	1,605	4 %
Debrief	5	1 %	8	2 %	5	1 %	1,343	3 %
Explanation	245	60 %	276	68 %	223	54 %	27,139	62 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	11	0 %
No further action	56	14 %	44	11 %	122	29 %	9,817	22 %
Other action	0	0 %	2	0 %	3	1 %	432	1 %
Learning from reflection	56	14 %	34	8 %	23	6 %	2,263	5 %
Referral to RPRP	1	0 %	3	1 %	7	3 %	671	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

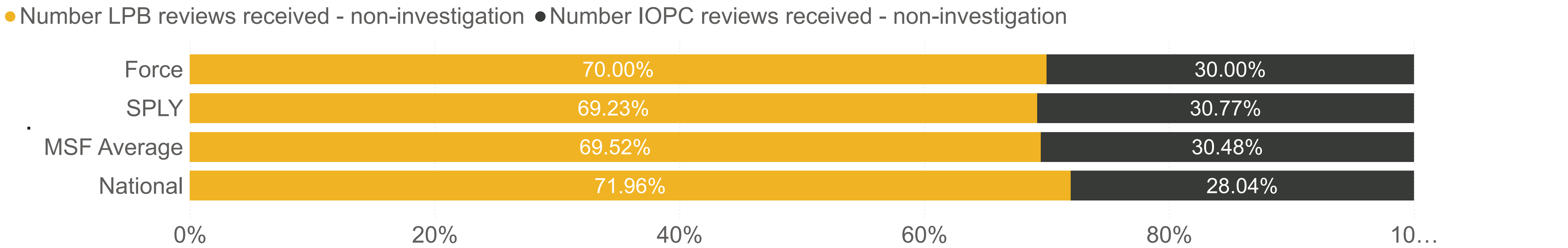
. Actions following Schedule 3 (special procedures) cases	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised
Misconduct proceedings	0	0 %	2	100 %	1	14 %	77	9 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	6 %	64	7 %
Referral to RPRP	1	100 %	0	0 %	2	23 %	161	18 %



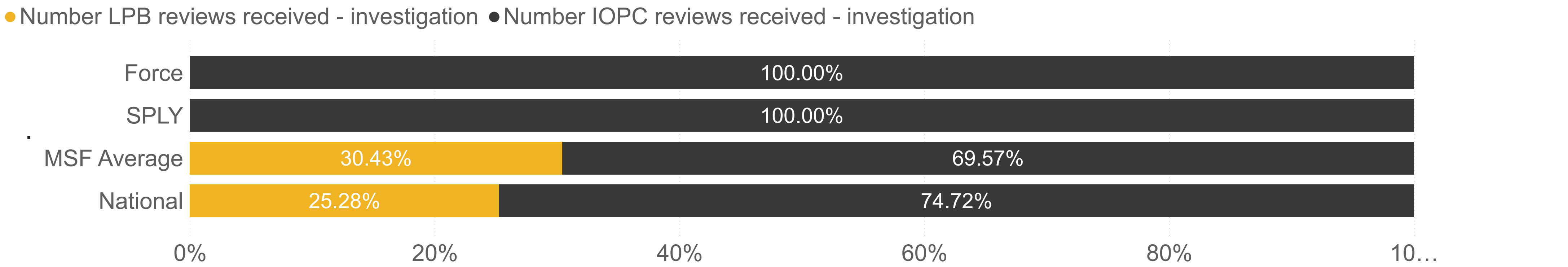
Section C1: Reviews received and timeliness (Year to date)

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	14	6
SPLY	18	8
MSF Average	18	8
National	1,850	721



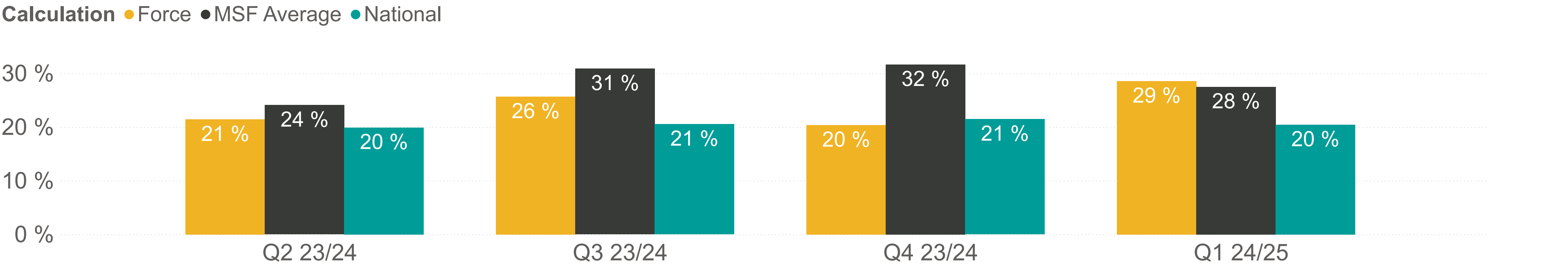
Investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	0	9
SPLY	0	1
MSF Average	2	4
National	159	470



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	29	123
SPLY	27	125
MSF Average	32	156
National	3,200	15,484

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	25	23	69	49
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	167	136	151	138

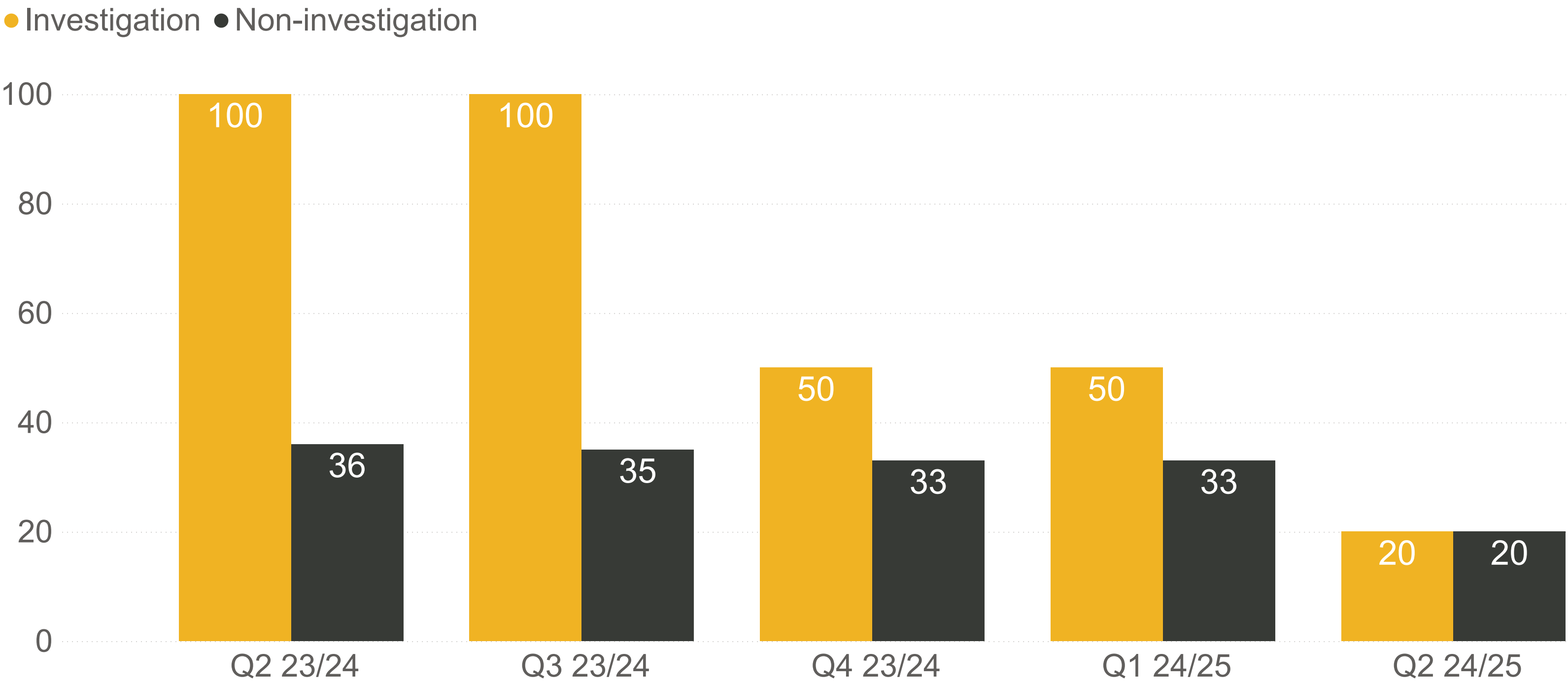


Section C2: Outcomes on reviews

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, 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. Contact the IOPC for specific recommendations and directions made as these are not available in this data set

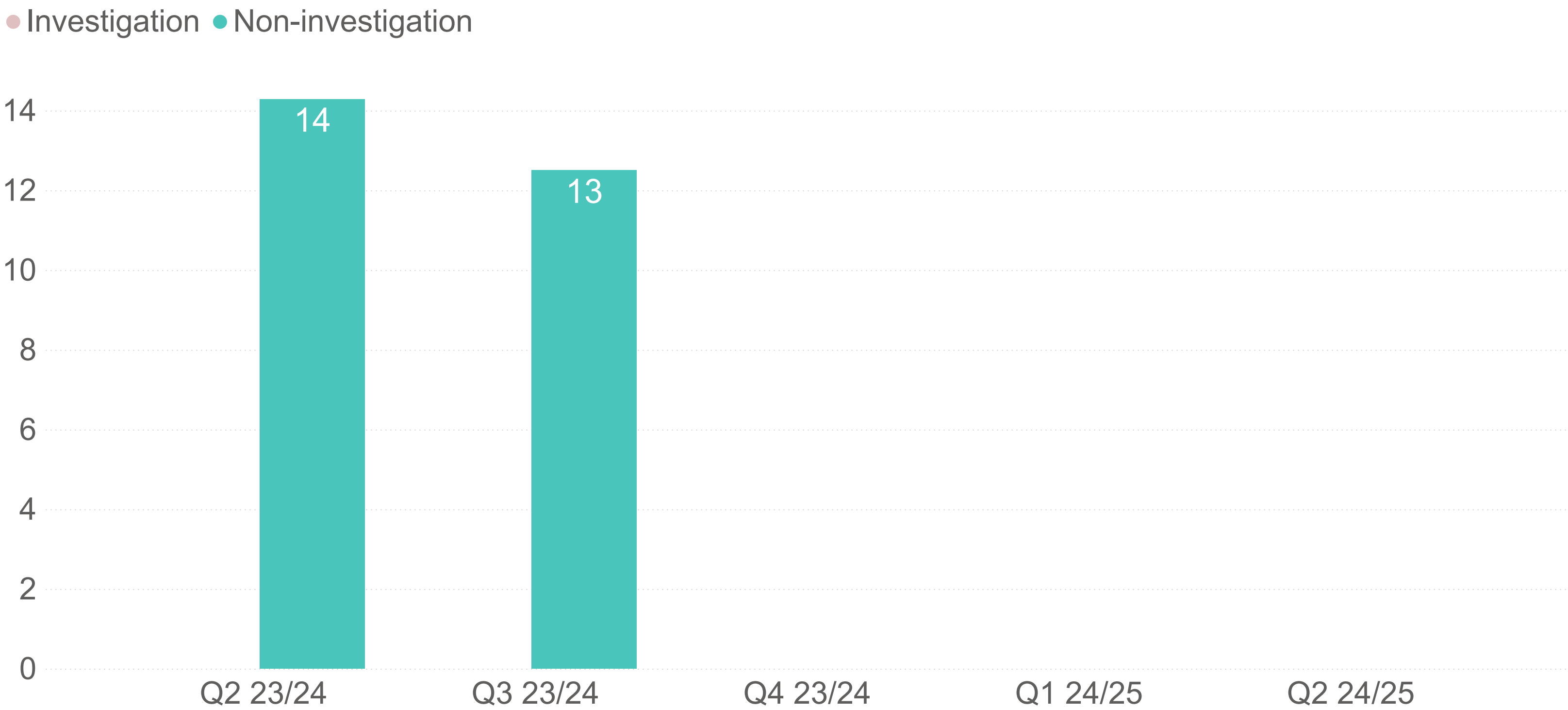
Investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed investigation (IOPC)	Upheld investigation (IOPC)	Completed investigation (LPB)	Upheld investigation (LPB)
Force	5	1	0	
SPLY	1	1	0	
MSF Average	5	1	1	4
National	453	139	157	39

% IOPC reviews upheld - Force



Non-investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed non-investigation (IOPC)	Upheld non-investigation (IOPC)	Completed non-investigation (LPB)	Upheld non-investigation (LPB)
Force	10	2	9	
SPLY	14	5	19	1
MSF Average	8	3	21	6
National	452	144	1,825	363

% LPB Reviews upheld - Force





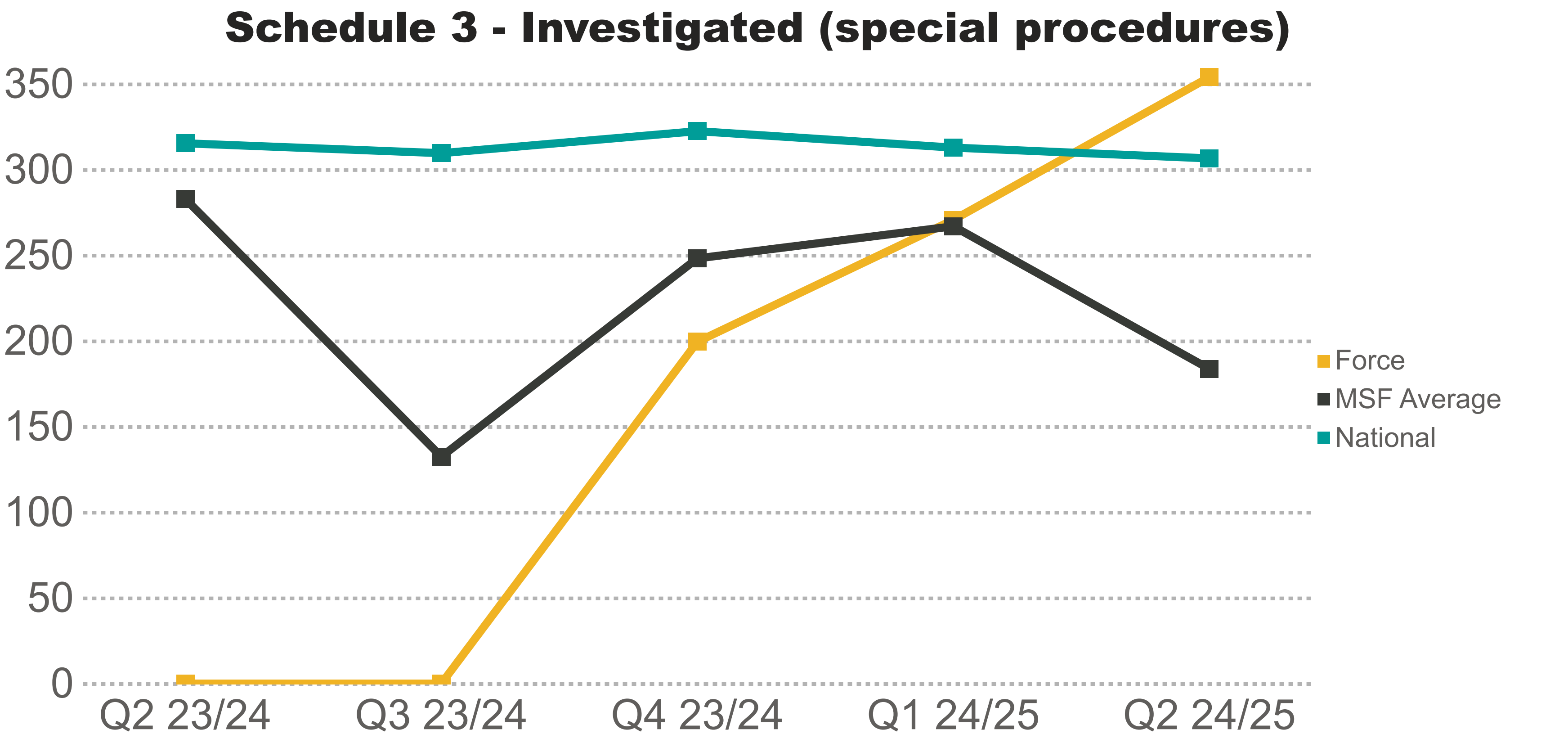
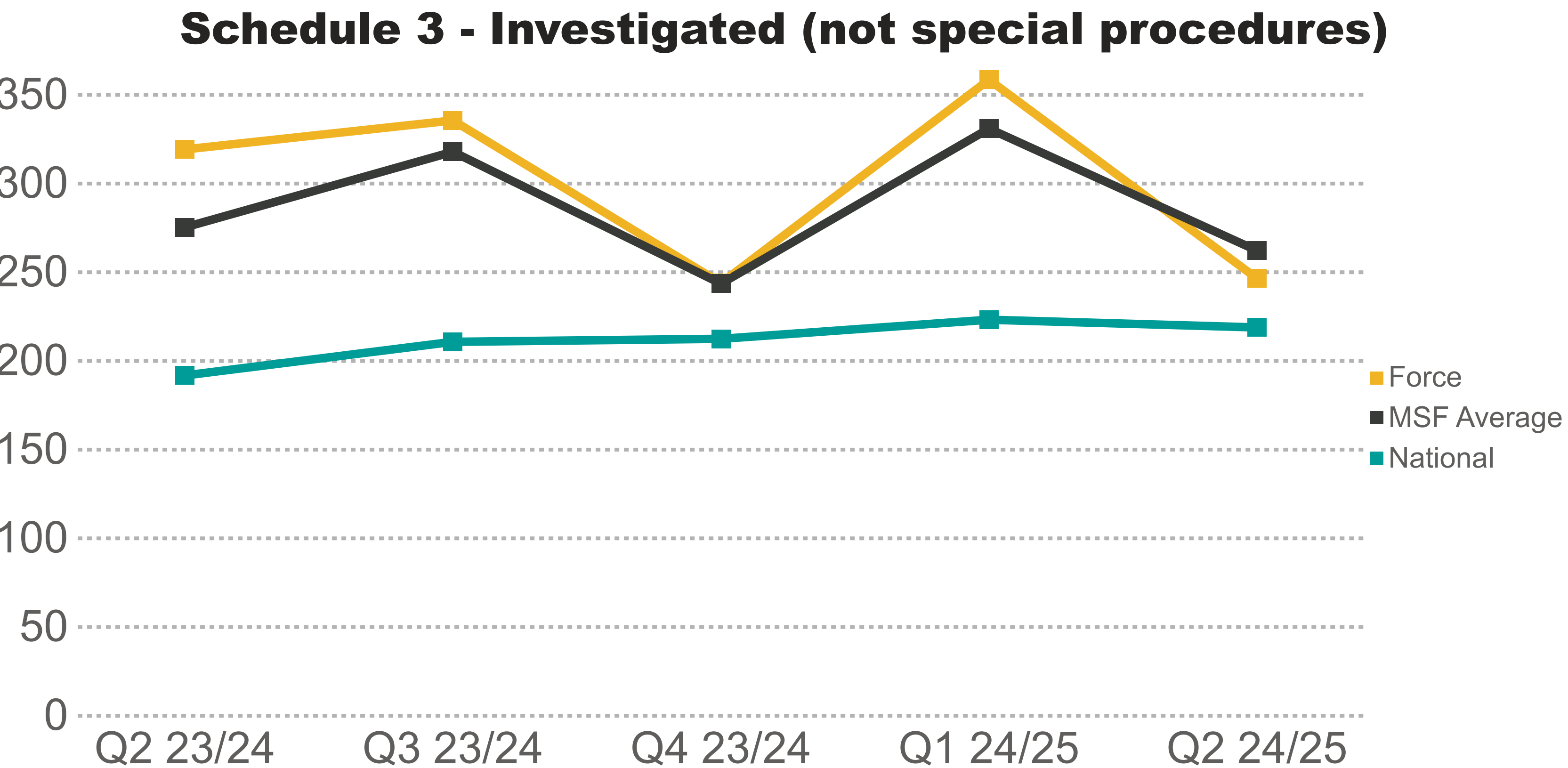
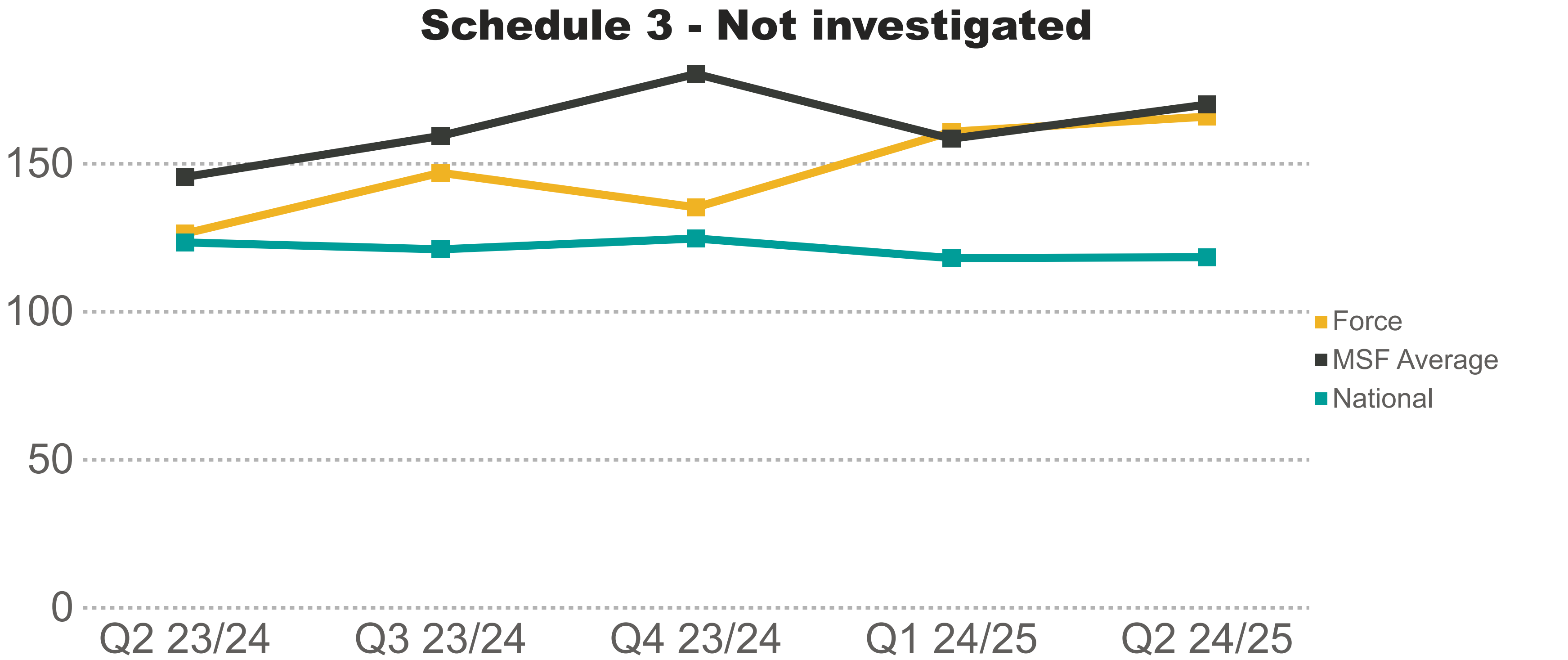
Section D1: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness

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)	292	0	304	310
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	285	135	285	221
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	163	139	162	118
Total	187	139	184	140

Number finalised (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	99	119	134	12,474
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	20	6	18	2,681
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	4		4	329
Total	123	125	156	15,484

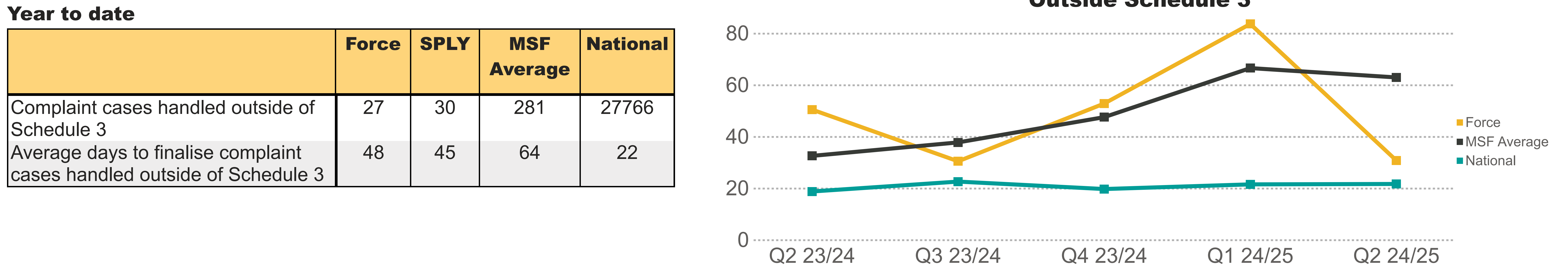




Section D2: Complaint cases finalised outside of Schedule 3 - timeliness

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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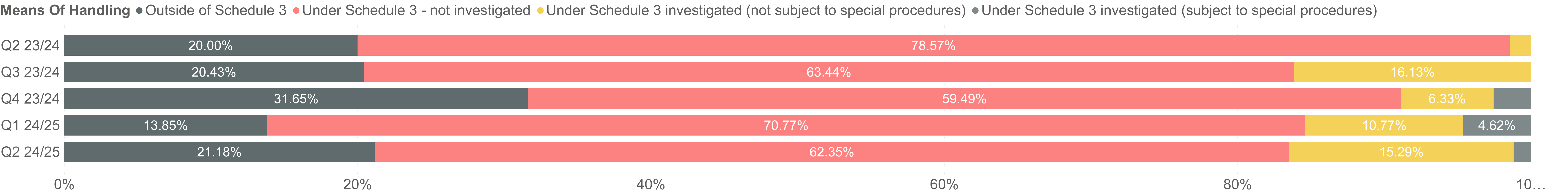


Section D3: How complaint cases handled

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.

Means Of Handling	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised
Outside of Schedule 3	27	18%	30	19%	281	64%	27,766	64%
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	99	66%	119	77%	134	31%	12,474	29%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	20	13%	6	4%	18	4%	2,681	6%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	4	3%			4	1%	329	1%
Total	150	100%	155	100%	437	100%	43,250	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.

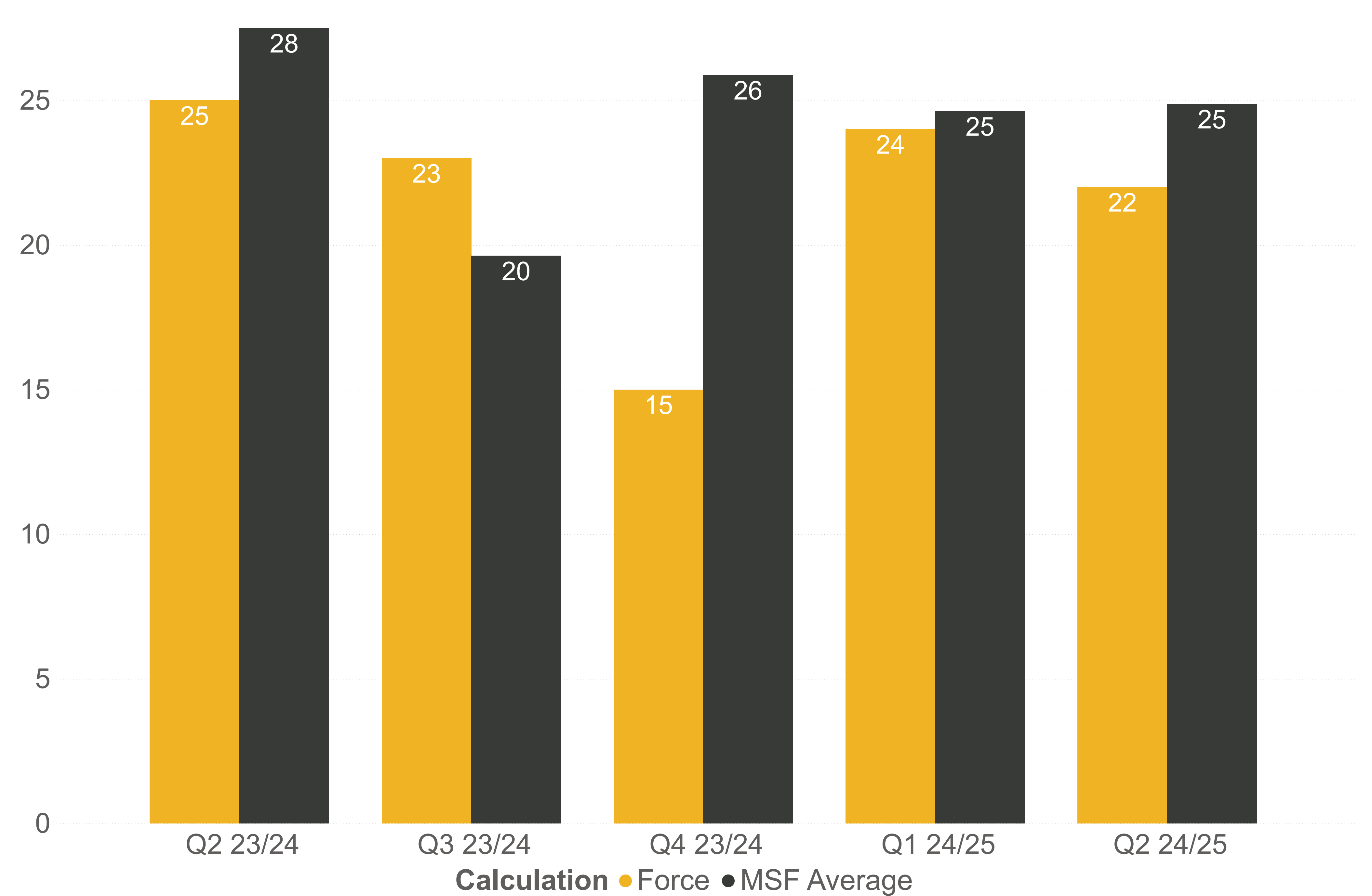
Where a referral is made by the force on a mandatory basis but does not meet the mandatory referral criteria, the matter may not fall within the IOPC’s remit to assess and will be determined invalid.

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	46	37	50	3,490
Number referrals completed	44	35	49	3,490
Decision: Independent Investigation	1	2	3	206
Decision: Directed Investigation	0	0	0	5
Decision: Local Investigation	21	21	27	1,935
Decision: Return to Force	20	8	17	1,262
Decision: Invalid	2	4	2	80

Force and MSF Group referrals received



Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Devon And Cornwall, Norfolk, North Wales, North Yorkshire, Suffolk, Warwickshire, West Mercia, 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 \(February 2020\)](#).