

Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Lincolnshire

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Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Cumbria, Devon And Cornwall, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, North Wales, North Yorkshire, Suffolk, West Mercia

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

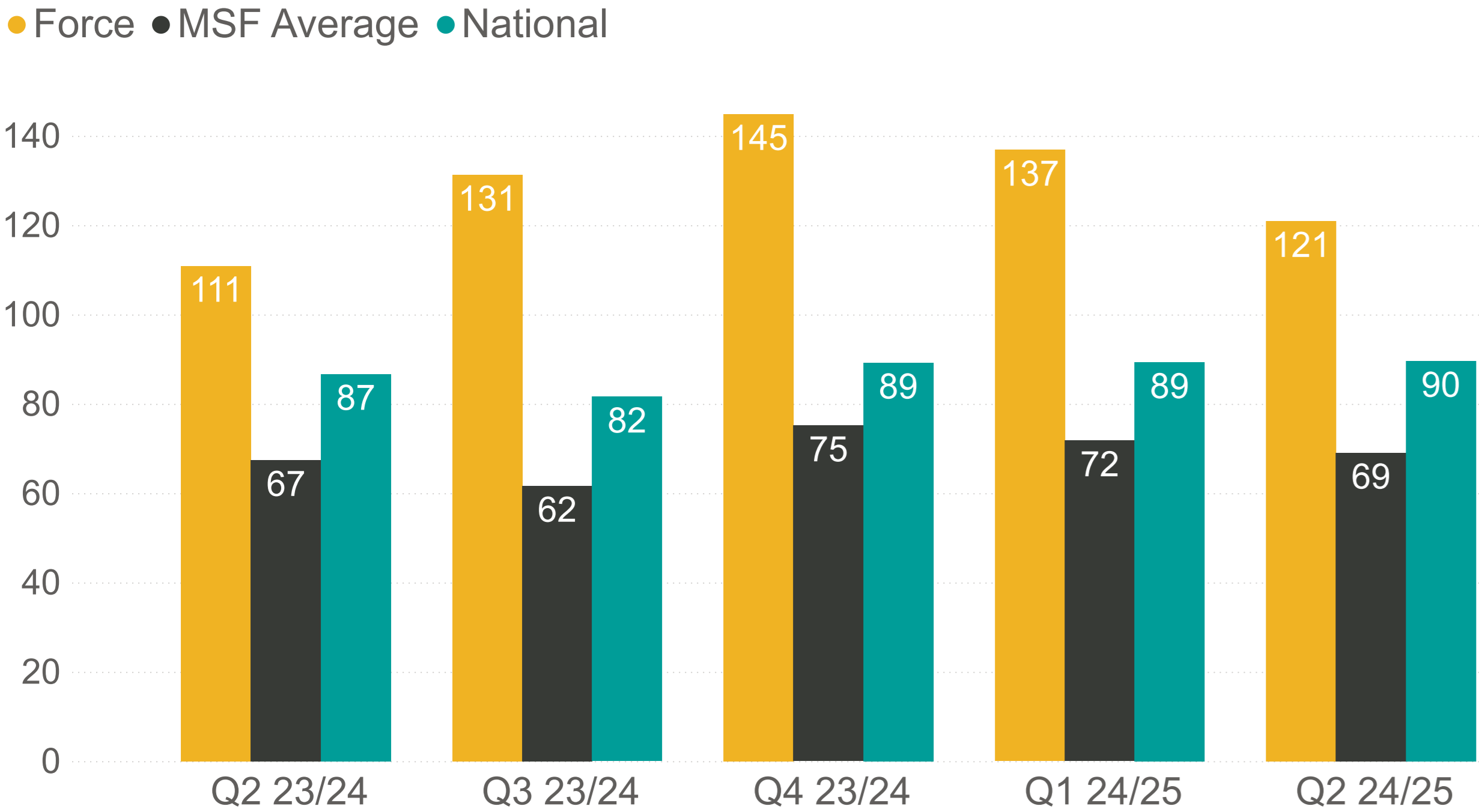
Nat. – National, **RPRP** – Reflective Practice Review Process, **UPP** – Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure

Section A1.1: Complaint cases and allegations logged

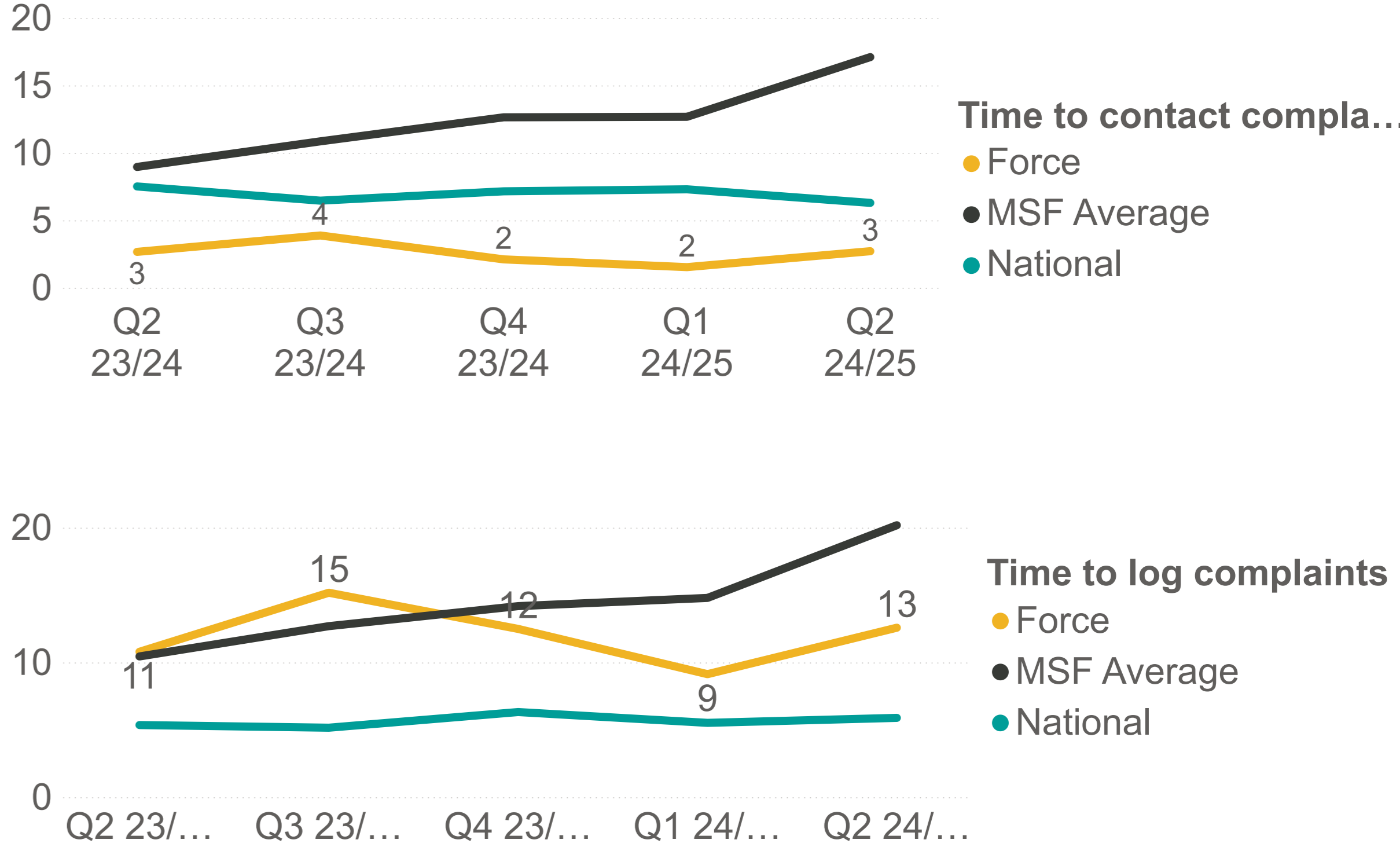
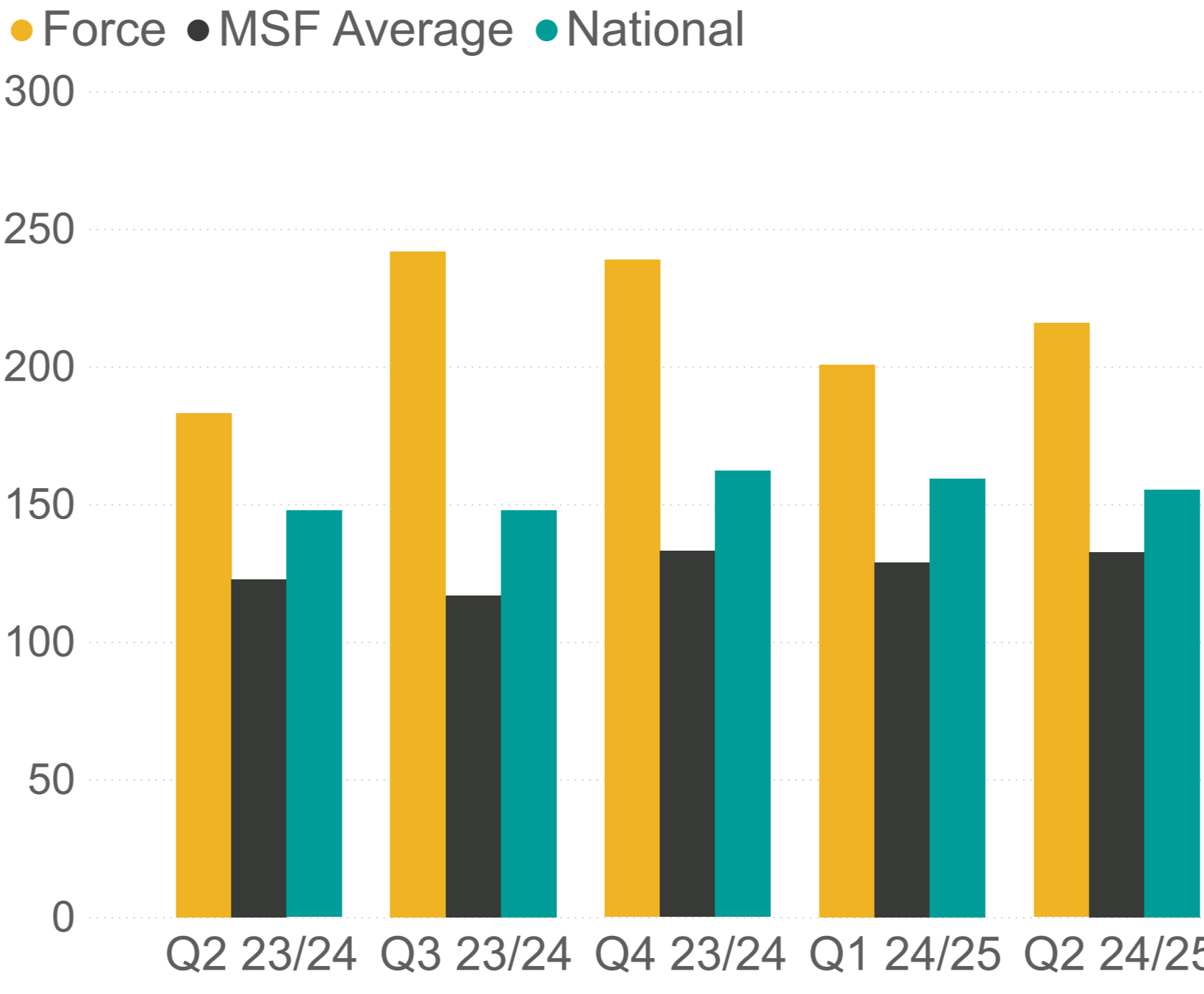
A complaint case is formed of one or more allegations. Numbers per 1,000 employees are used to demonstrate how the number of complaints/allegations against a force compare to their most similar force group and national figures. The force should contact the complainant and log the complaint as soon as 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	614	258	992	416	2	11
SPLY	522	222	871	370	3	9
MSF Average	464	141	886	261	14	17
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	24	281	95	6,798
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	39	44	26	2,795
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	413	1	63	2,316
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	11	5	22	3,441
Total	487	331	205	15,350

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	5 %	85 %	47 %	44 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	8 %	13 %	19 %	18 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	85 %	0 %	20 %	15 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	2 %	2 %	13 %	22 %

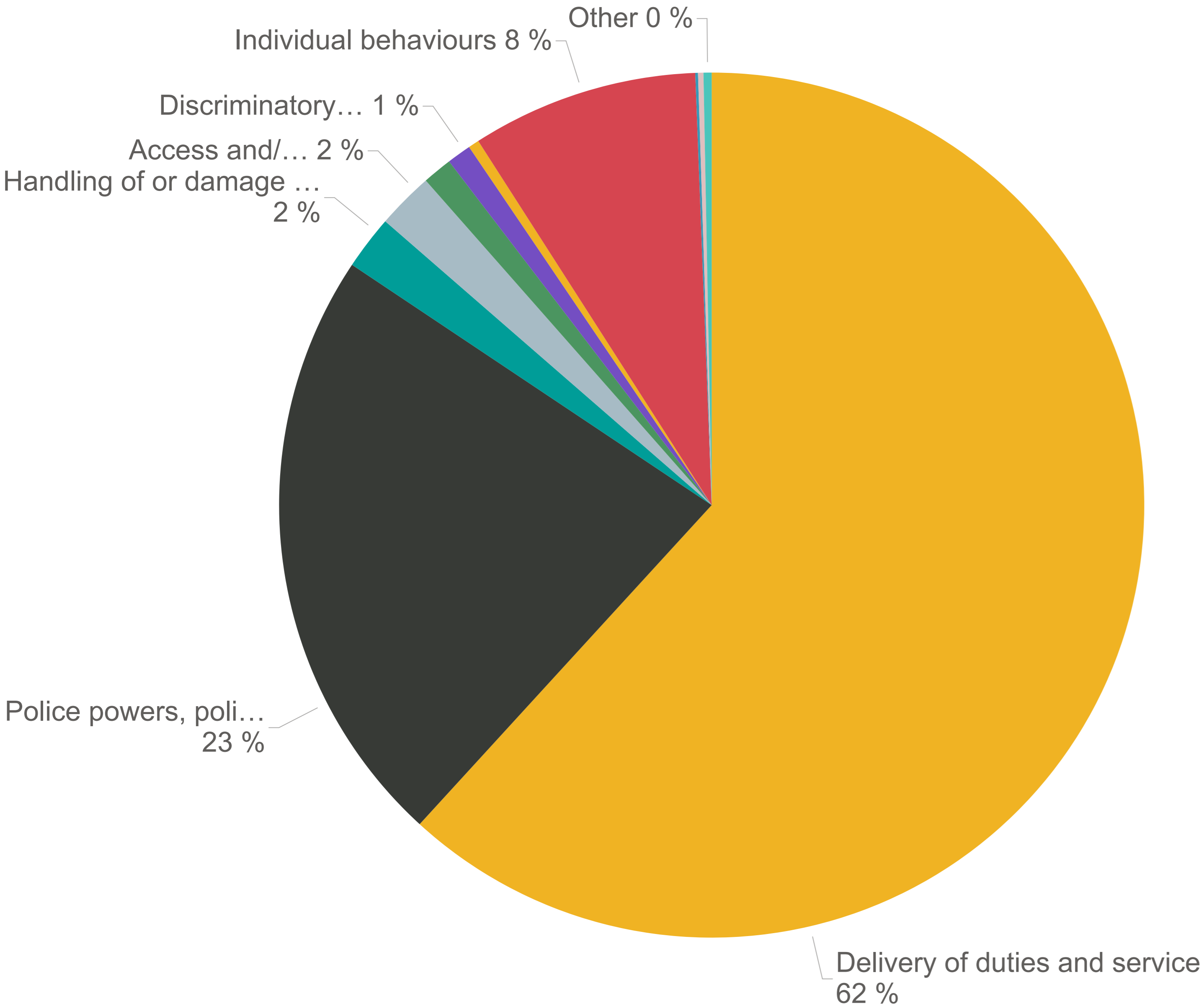
Section A1.3: Allegations logged – what has been complained about (YTD)

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.

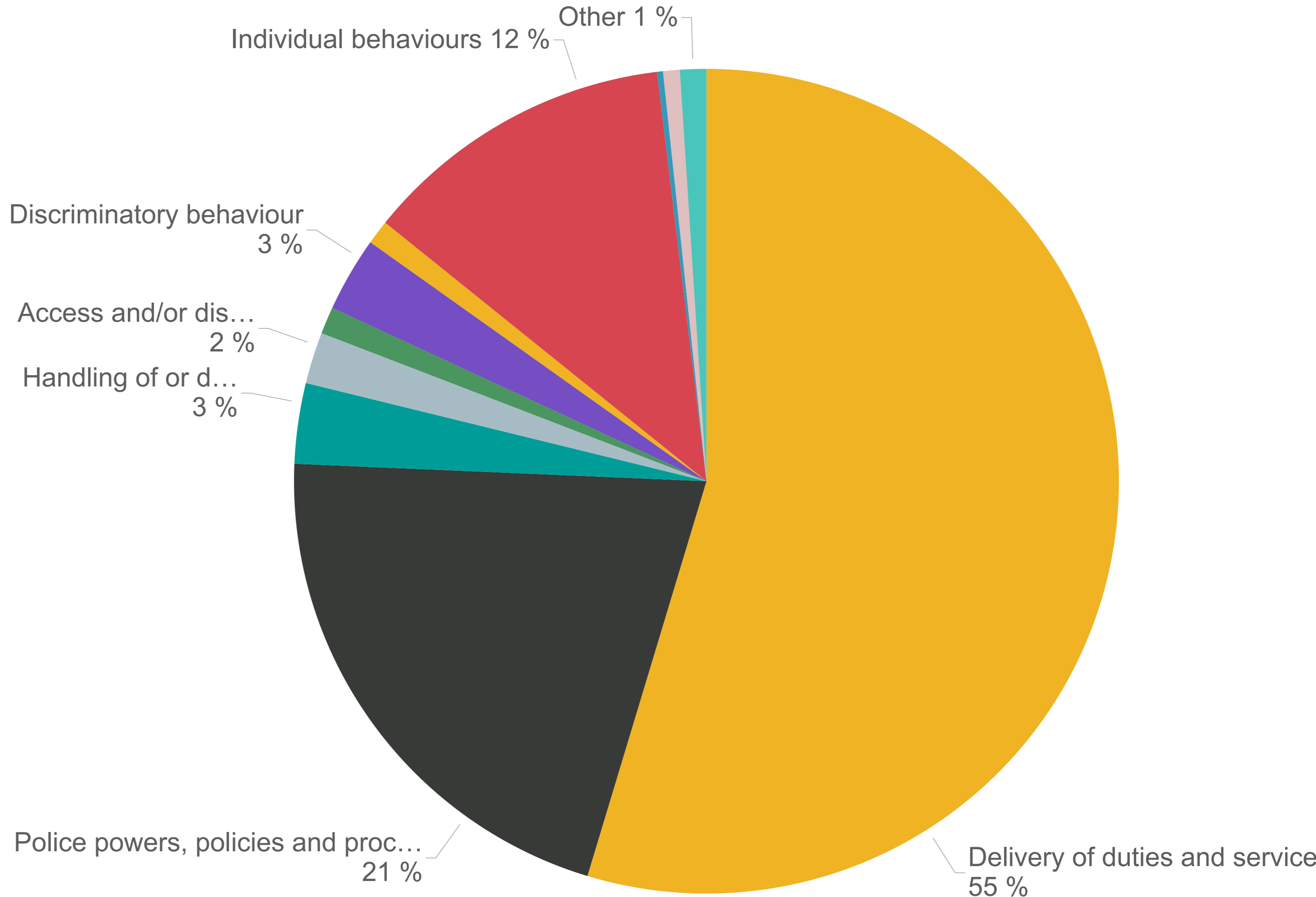
What has been complained about (YTD)

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	613	224	20	21	11	9	4	84	1	2	3	992
SPLY	442	220	33	15	18	10	8	113	1	2	9	871
MSF Average	443	212	32	18	9	23	10	121	3	9	7	886
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	613	62 %	441	51 %	443	47 %	43,801	55 %	
	Police action following contact	483	79 %	201	45 %	197	45 %	18,035	41 %	
	Decisions	73	12 %	125	28 %	67	17 %	6,186	14 %	
	General level of service	33	5 %	53	12 %	122	22 %	14,604	33 %	
	Information	24	4 %	62	14 %	57	16 %	4,976	11 %	
Police powers, policies and procedures	Total	224	23 %	220	25 %	212	25 %	16,837	21 %	
	Use of force	48	21 %	49	22 %	53	25 %	4,424	26 %	
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	46	21 %	17	8 %	27	12 %	2,094	12 %	
	Detention in police custody	38	17 %	31	14 %	32	16 %	2,422	14 %	
	Power to arrest and detain	35	16 %	37	17 %	39	18 %	3,002	18 %	
	Other policies and procedures	25	11 %	54	25 %	19	8 %	1,615	10 %	
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	16	7 %	13	6 %	16	7 %	955	6 %	
	Stops, and stop and search	7	3 %	13	6 %	8	4 %	793	5 %	
	Evidential procedures	5	2 %	1	0 %	16	8 %	1,283	8 %	
	Out of court disposals	4	2 %	5	2 %	3	1 %	249	1 %	
	Individual behaviours	Total	84	8 %	113	13 %	121	14 %	9,853	12 %
		Impolite language / tone	67	80 %	64	57 %	28	27 %	2,449	25 %
		Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	11	13 %	13	12 %	37	30 %	2,782	28 %
Lack of fairness and impartiality		2	2 %	24	21 %	18	14 %	1,368	14 %	
Overbearing or harassing behaviours		2	2 %	10	9 %	22	17 %	1,756	18 %	
Impolite and intolerant actions		2	2 %	2	2 %	16	12 %	1,498	15 %	
Access and/or disclosure of information	Total	21	2 %	15	2 %	18	2 %	1,617	2 %	
	Disclosure of information	16	76 %	7	47 %	13	71 %	1,086	67 %	
	Handling of information	3	14 %	5	33 %	3	20 %	340	21 %	
	Use of police systems	1	5 %	3	20 %	2	7 %	128	8 %	
	Accessing and handling of information from other sources	1	5 %	0	0 %	1	2 %	62	4 %	
	Decisions	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	
Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	
	Total	20	2 %	33	4 %	32	3 %	2,467	3 %	
	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	20	100 %	33	100 %	32	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	410	41 %	387	44 %	285	35 %	29,355	37 %
None	186	19 %	164	19 %	234	21 %	15,525	19 %
Arrest	125	13 %	85	10 %	119	15 %	10,232	13 %
Custody	83	8 %	51	6 %	63	7 %	4,574	6 %
Call Handling	80	8 %	54	6 %	34	3 %	3,424	4 %
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	74	7 %	56	6 %	56	7 %	3,054	4 %
Neighbourhood policing	61	6 %	27	3 %	34	4 %	3,752	5 %
Domestic / gender abuse	54	5 %	59	7 %	55	7 %	4,125	5 %
Premises search	49	5 %	15	2 %	32	4 %	1,958	2 %
Child protection / CSA / CSE	36	4 %	35	4 %	31	4 %	1,370	2 %
Stop and/or search	24	2 %	27	3 %	18	2 %	1,618	2 %
Mental health	23	2 %	18	2 %	22	2 %	2,317	3 %
Drugs / alcohol	21	2 %	29	3 %	16	2 %	897	1 %
Roads/traffic	19	2 %	28	3 %	42	4 %	4,731	6 %
Fraud	5	1 %	1	0 %	6	1 %	485	1 %
Missing persons	5	1 %	3	0 %	3	0 %	514	1 %
Death	4	0 %	6	1 %	10	1 %	759	1 %
Serious injury	4	0 %	5	1 %	3	0 %	168	0 %
Social media	4	0 %	4	0 %	2	0 %	330	0 %
VAWG - police perpetrated	4	0 %	4	0 %	12	2 %	539	1 %
Restraint equipment	3	0 %	8	1 %	11	1 %	855	1 %
Taser	3	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	105	0 %
Hate Crime	2	0 %	5	1 %	7	1 %	468	1 %
Public order incident	2	0 %	4	0 %	5	1 %	645	1 %
Firearms	1	0 %	0	0 %	7	1 %	400	0 %
Police dogs or horses	1	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	54	0 %
VAWG - police victim	1	0 %	0	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 %
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 %
Unknown	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	20	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	Access and/or disclosure of information	Individual behaviours
VAWG - police victim	0	1	0	0	0
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	4	0	0	0
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	53	9	0	3	7
Taser	0	3	0	0	0
Stop and/or search	8	12	2	0	2
Social media	3	0	0	1	0
Serious injury	0	4	0	0	0
Roads/traffic	6	2	0	0	5
Restraint equipment	0	3	0	0	0
Public order incident	1	0	0	0	1
Premises search	8	35	6	0	0
Police dogs or horses	1	0	0	0	0
None	96	22	6	11	38
Neighbourhood policing	54	1	0	1	4
Missing persons	3	1	1	0	0
Mental health	7	13	0	0	3
Investigation	353	31	4	4	14
Hate Crime	2	0	0	0	0
Fraud	5	0	0	0	0
Firearms	0	1	0	0	0
Drugs / alcohol	4	17	0	0	0
Domestic / gender abuse	37	12	0	0	4
Death	4	0	0	0	0
Custody	13	61	0	1	5
Child protection / CSA / CSE	30	4	0	2	0
Call Handling	60	3	0	0	15
Arrest	30	84	2	1	3
Total	610	224	20	21	83

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	28	2	0	30
Q3 23/24	58	1	1	60
Q4 23/24	35	2	0	37
Q1 24/25	32	1	1	34
Q2 24/25	42	3	0	45
Total	195	9	2	206

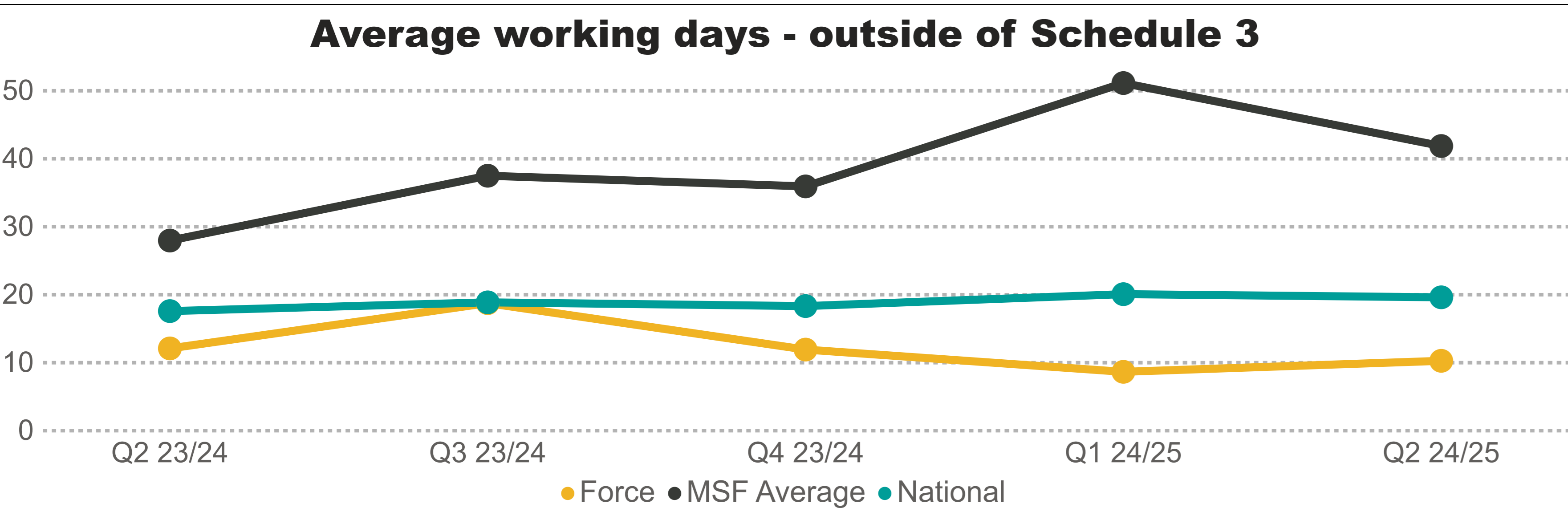
Section A2: Allegations timeliness

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.

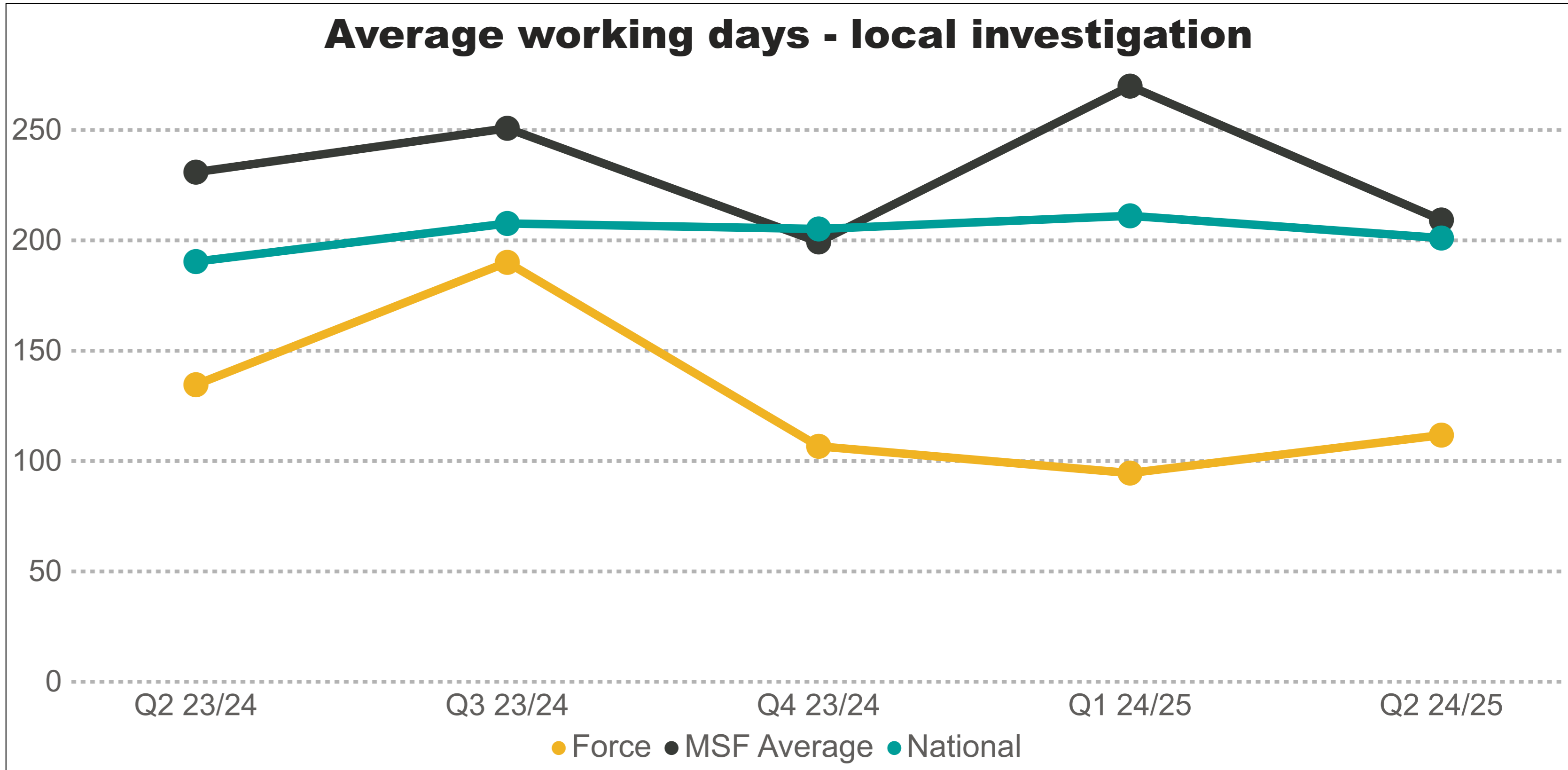
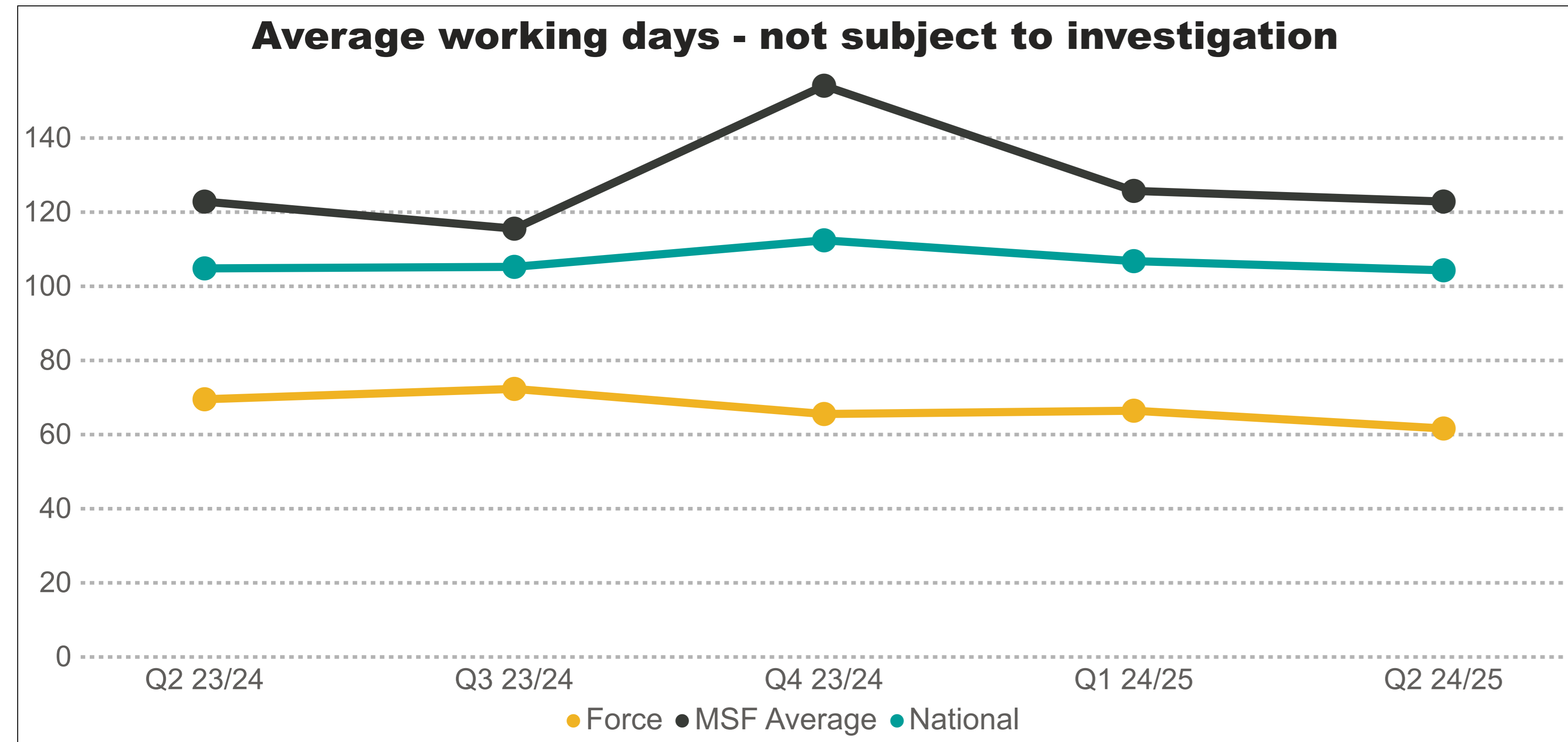
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

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 Allegations	Outside of Schedule 3		Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation		Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation		Under Schedule 3 - by independent investigation	
	Number Finalised	Average days	Number Finalised	Average days	Number Finalised	Average days	Number Finalised	Average days
Force	150	9	789	65	68	102	0	0
SPLY	199	11	601	69	44	133	1	201
MSF Average	305	45	429	124	68	221	1	29
National	33,250	20	35,230	105	8,680	206	109	282



Year to date Allegations	Under Schedule 3 - by directed investigation	
	Number Finalised	Average days
Force	0	0
SPLY	0	0
MSF Average	0	0
National	16	544



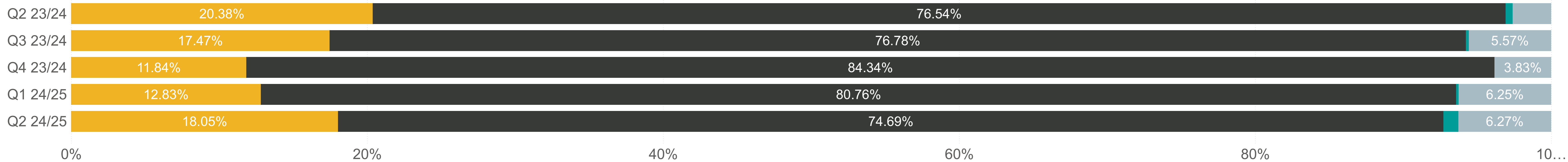
Section A3.1: How allegations were handled and their decisions

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)	63	6 %	60	10 %	7,922	10 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	5	0 %	9	1 %	883	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	789	78 %	429	56 %	35,230	46 %
Outside of Schedule 3	150	15 %	305	32 %	33,250	43 %
Total	1,007	100 %	802	100 %	77,285	100 %

Force: percent of allegations finalised by handling method

Handling Method • 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)



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)			
	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					3	0 %	2,768	8 %			9	1 %			242	3 %
Regulation 41 applies							59	0 %			1	0 %			93	1 %
Service provided - unable to determine					61	8 %	3,238	9 %			10	1 %	5	8 %	770	10 %
Service provided - not acceptable					96	12 %	4,563	13 %			26	3 %	3	5 %	900	11 %
Service provided - acceptable					620	79 %	23,538	67 %			129	15 %	51	81 %	5,675	72 %
Not Resolved			1,876	6 %												
Resolved	150	100 %	31,373	94 %												
No Case to Answer									4	80 %	512	58 %				
Case to Answer									1	20 %	180	20 %				
Withdrawal					9	1 %	1,063	3 %			16	2 %	4	6 %	242	3 %

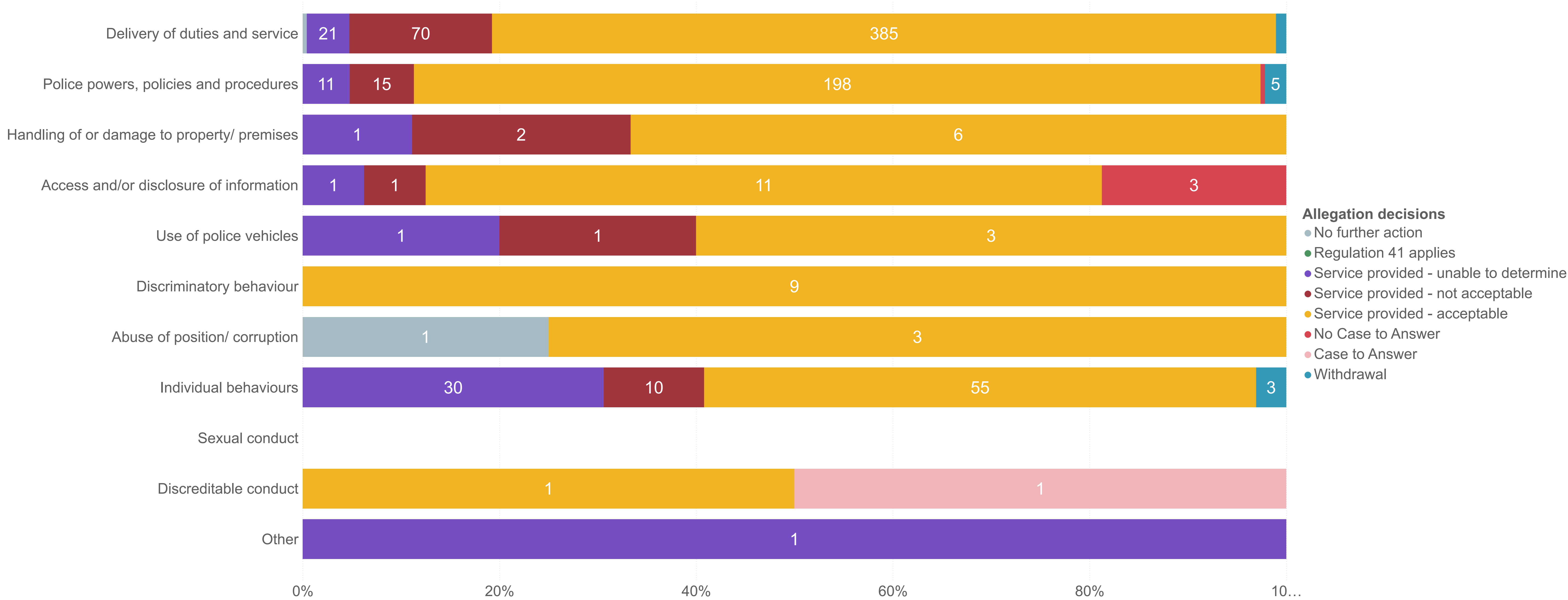
Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (Year to date by category)

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	103	18	13	2	2	0	0	9	0	0	3	150
Not Resolved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	1	1 %	1	1 %	1	1 %	132	0 %
Learning from reflection	2	1 %	11	6 %	4	4 %	935	3 %
Policy review	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	32	0 %
Goodwill gesture	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	52	0 %
Apology	5	3 %	6	3 %	19	10 %	3,241	10 %
Debrief	1	1 %	0	0 %	1	1 %	311	1 %
Explanation	124	83 %	150	75 %	156	54 %	20,147	61 %
No further action	5	3 %	22	11 %	40	15 %	3,760	11 %
Other action	12	8 %	9	5 %	75	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	0	0 %	12	2 %	5	1 %	398	1 %
Apology	51	6 %	10	2 %	24	4 %	1,605	4 %
Debrief	0	0 %	2	0 %	5	1 %	1,343	3 %
Explanation	745	87 %	511	79 %	328	63 %	27,139	62 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	11	0 %
No further action	46	5 %	55	9 %	93	21 %	9,817	22 %
Other action	3	0 %	3	0 %	3	1 %	432	1 %
Learning from reflection	8	1 %	38	6 %	26	7 %	2,263	5 %
Referral to RPRP	0	0 %	3	0 %	4	1 %	671	2 %

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

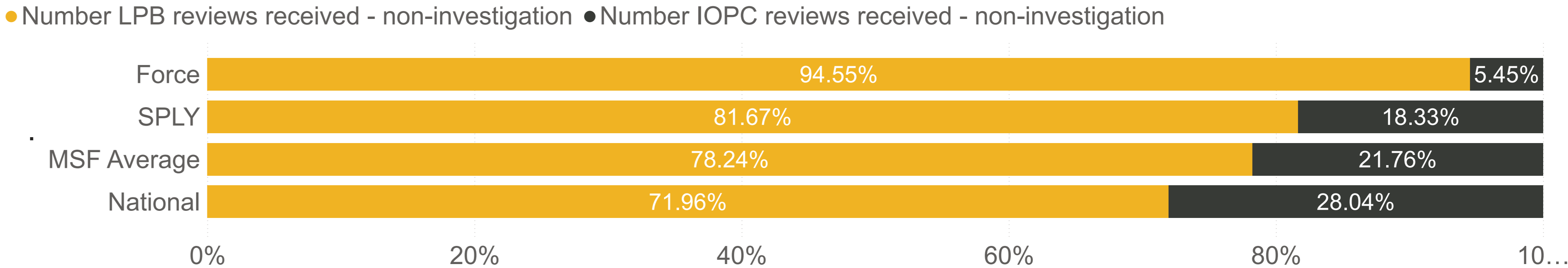
Complaint cases handled under Schedule 3 that are investigated and subject to Special Procedures can result in misconduct proceedings

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 %	1	33 %	2	16 %	77	9 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	1	20 %	0	0 %	1	8 %	64	7 %
Referral to RPRP	0	0 %	1	33 %	1	20 %	161	18 %

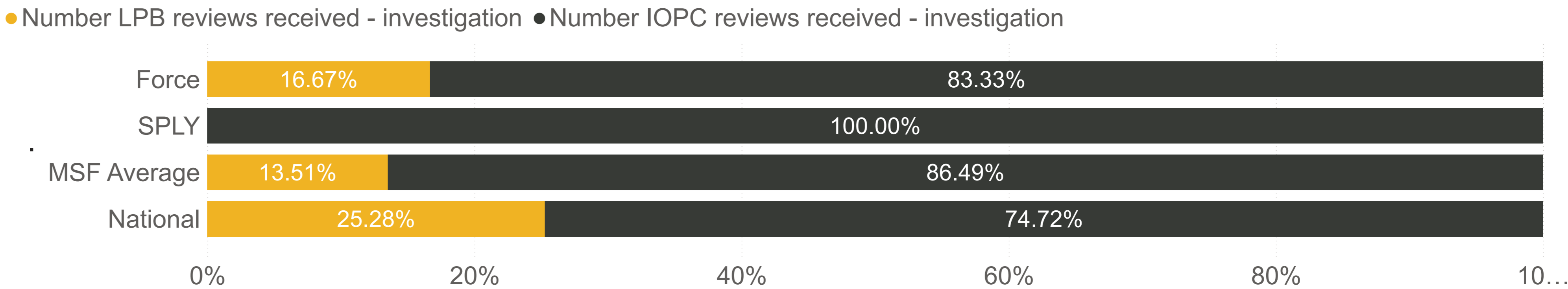
Section C1: Reviews received and timeliness (Year to date)

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	52	3
SPLY	49	11
MSF Average	26	7
National	1,850	721



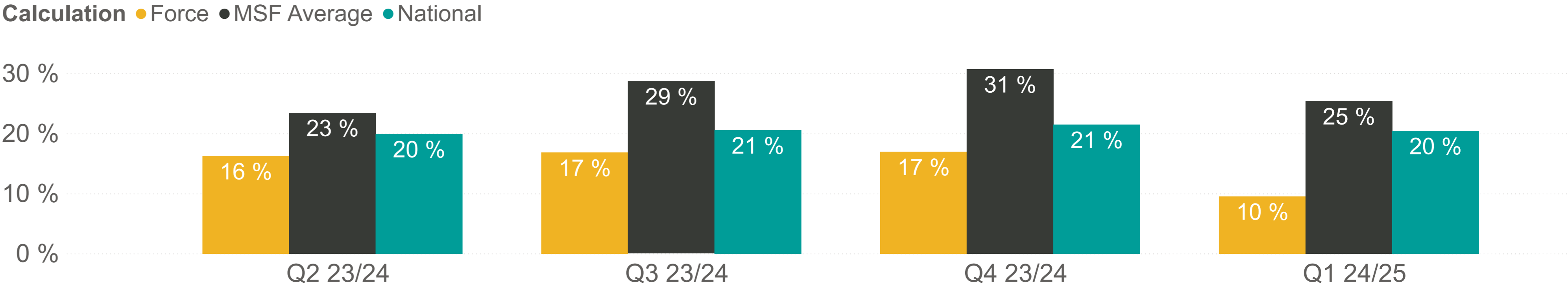
Investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	1	5
SPLY	0	5
MSF Average	1	4
National	159	470



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	61	544
SPLY	65	381
MSF Average	37	208
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	11	42	68	49
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	144	148	154	138

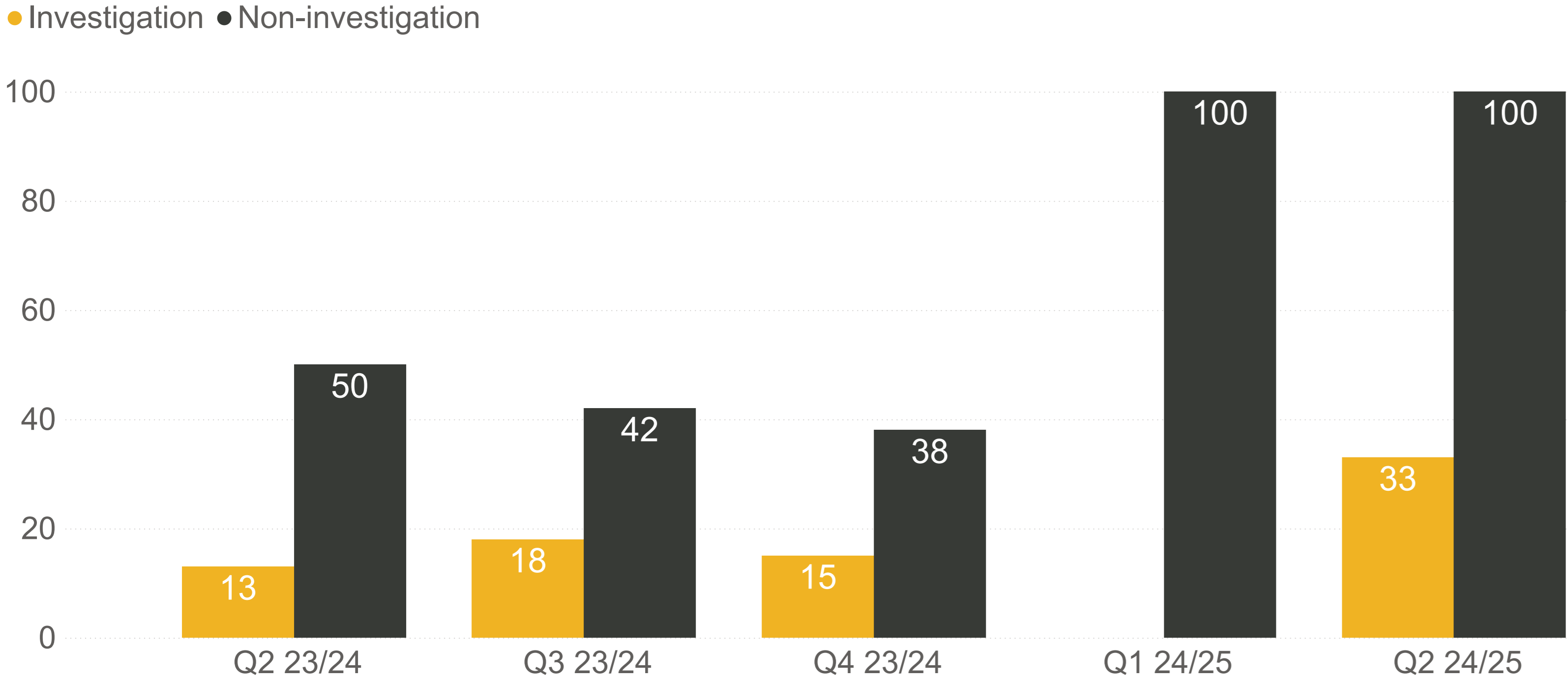
Section C2: Outcomes on reviews

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

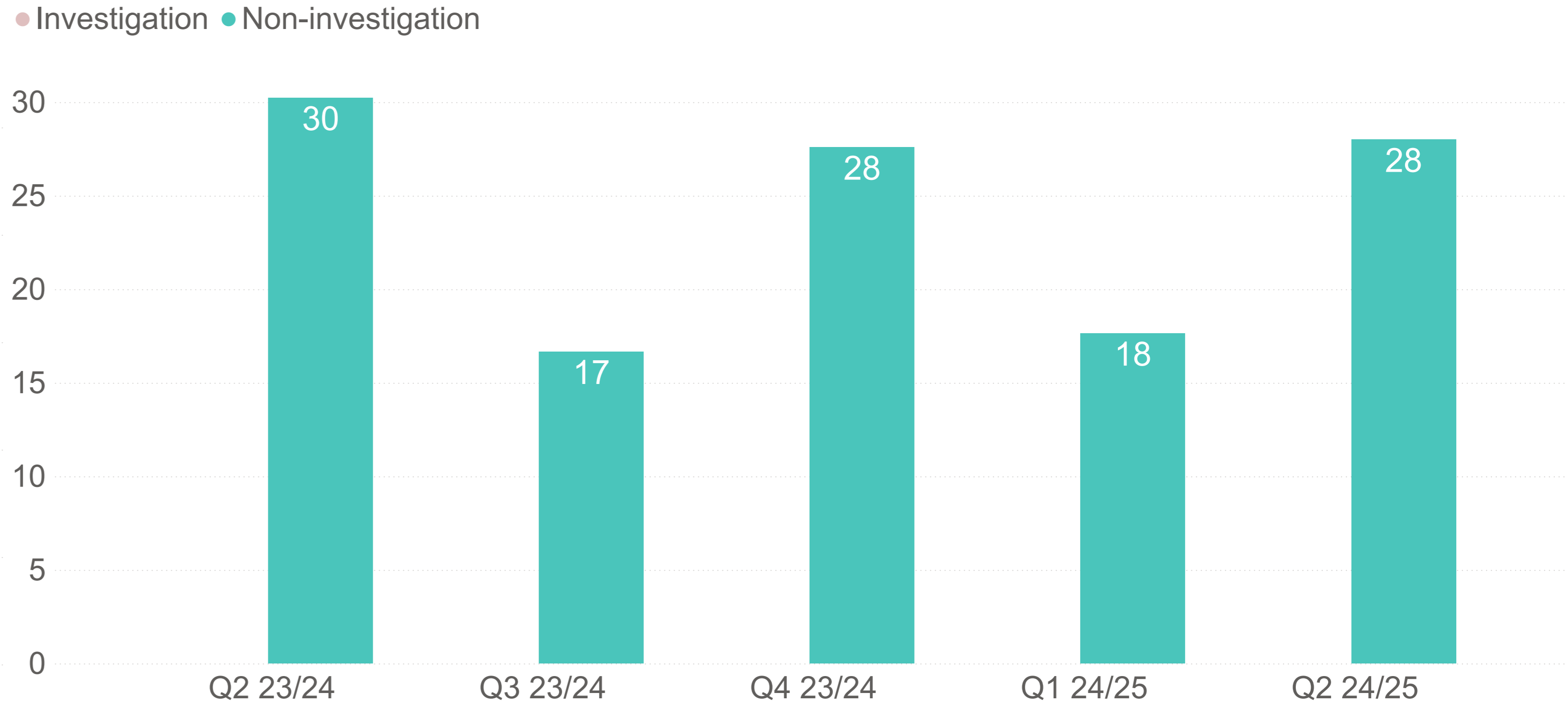
Investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed investigation (IOPC)	Upheld investigation (IOPC)	Completed investigation (LPB)	Upheld investigation (LPB)
Force	3	1	1	
SPLY	8	1	0	
MSF Average	4	1	0	
National	453	139	157	39

Non-investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed non-investigation (IOPC)	Upheld non-investigation (IOPC)	Completed non-investigation (LPB)	Upheld non-investigation (LPB)
Force	1	1	59	13
SPLY	6	3	54	14
MSF Average	7	2	29	7
National	452	144	1,825	363

% IOPC reviews upheld - Force



% LPB Reviews upheld - Force



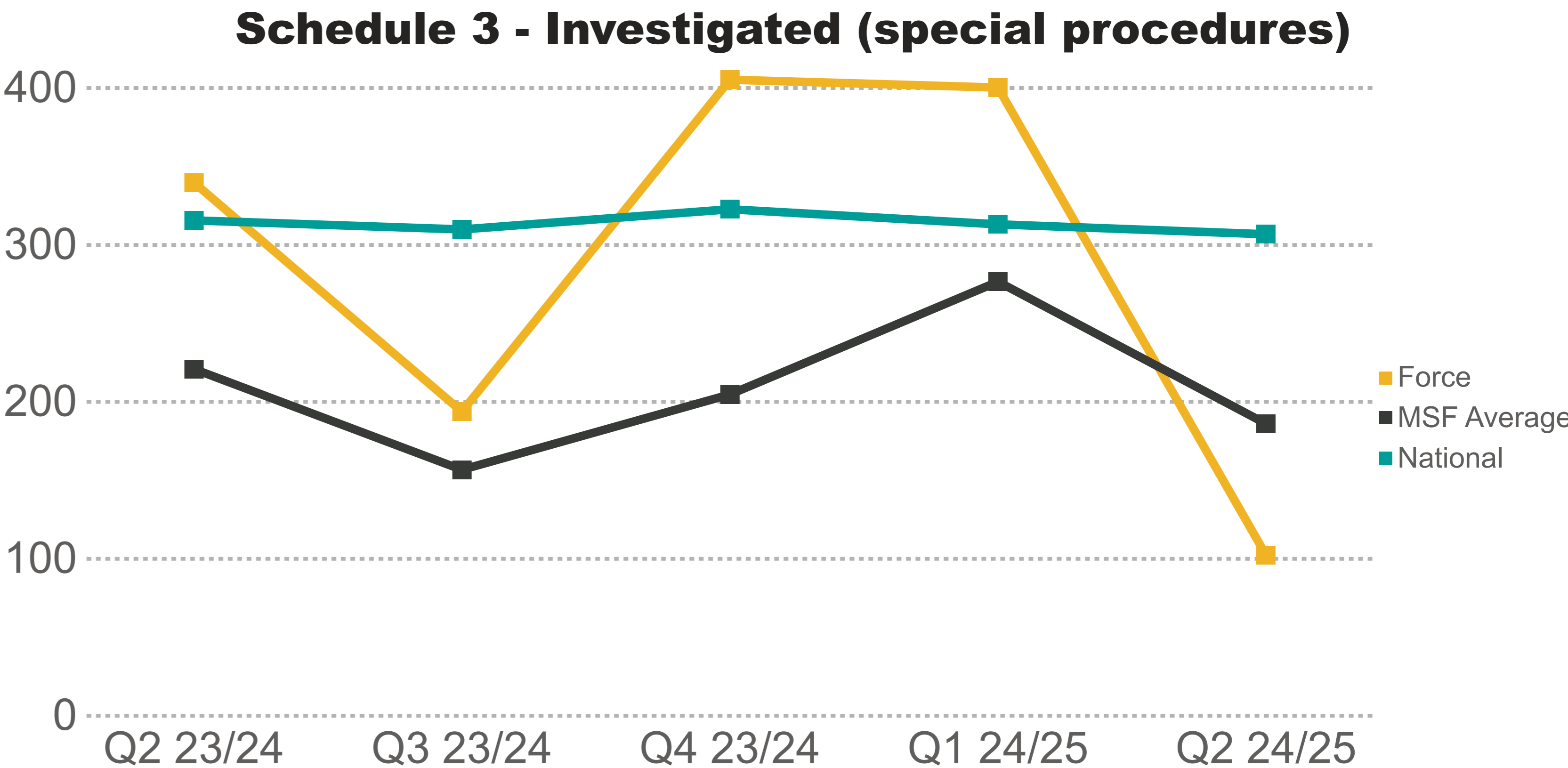
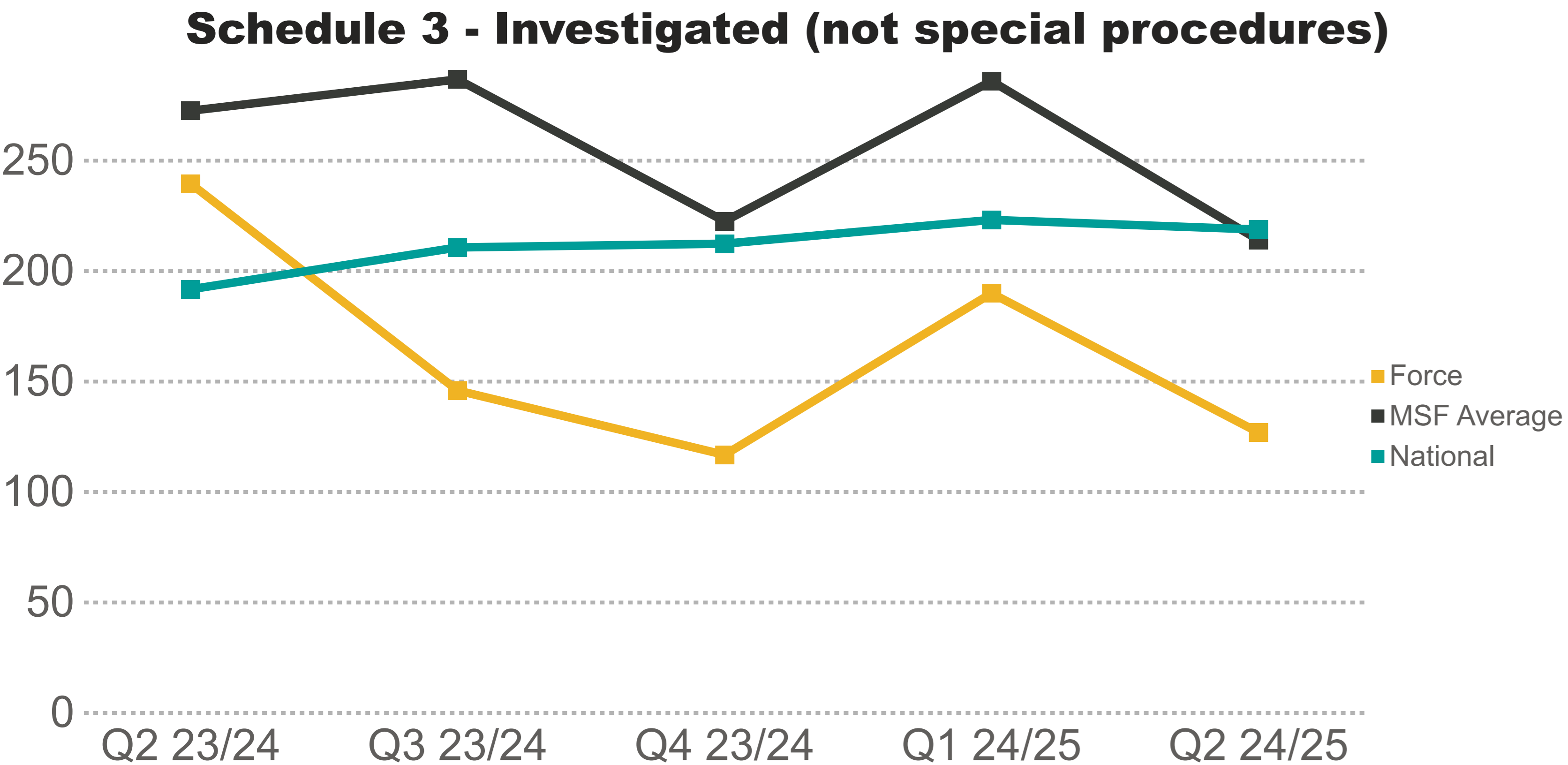
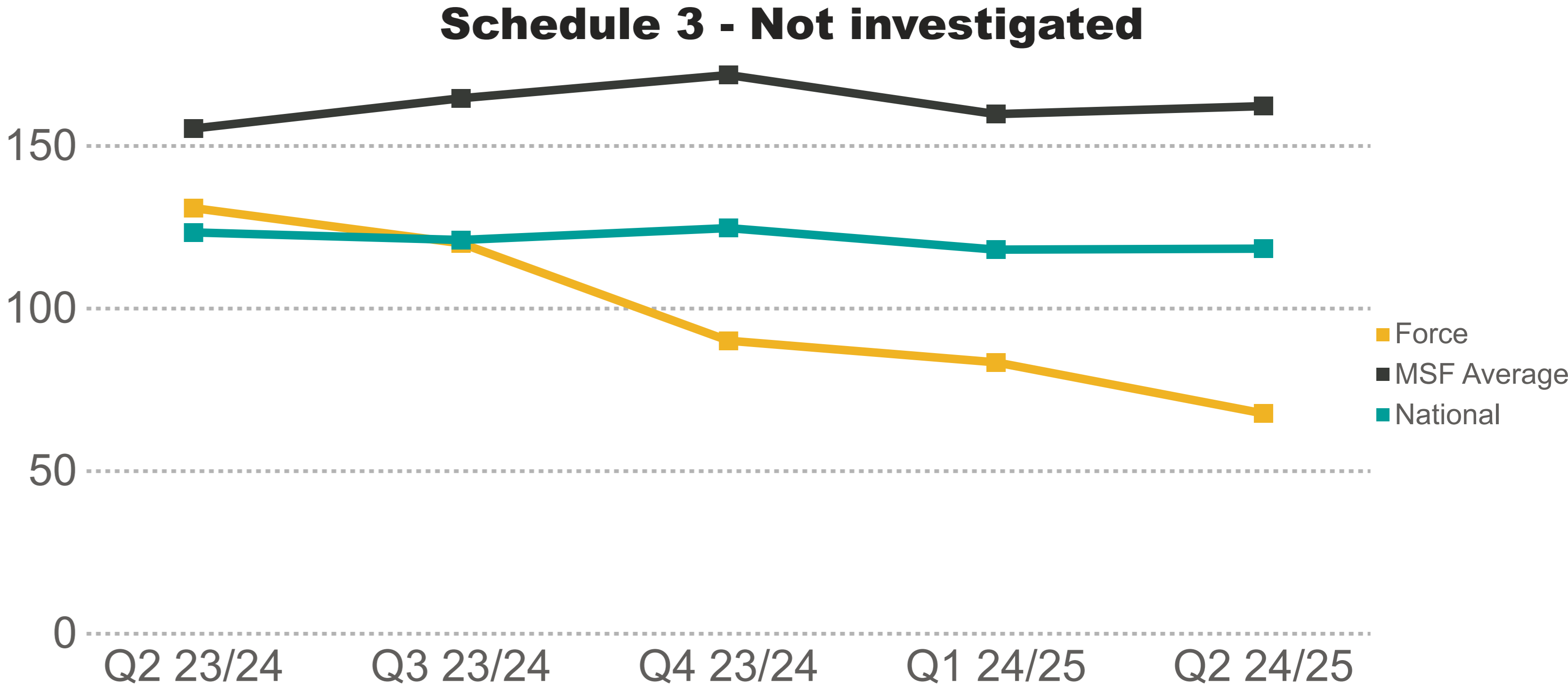
Section D1: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness

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)	301	321	296	310
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	178	200	250	221
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	78	124	159	118
Total	83	131	171	140

Number finalised (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	520	353	189	12,474
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	21	25	15	2,681
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	3	3	4	329
Total	544	381	208	15,484



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

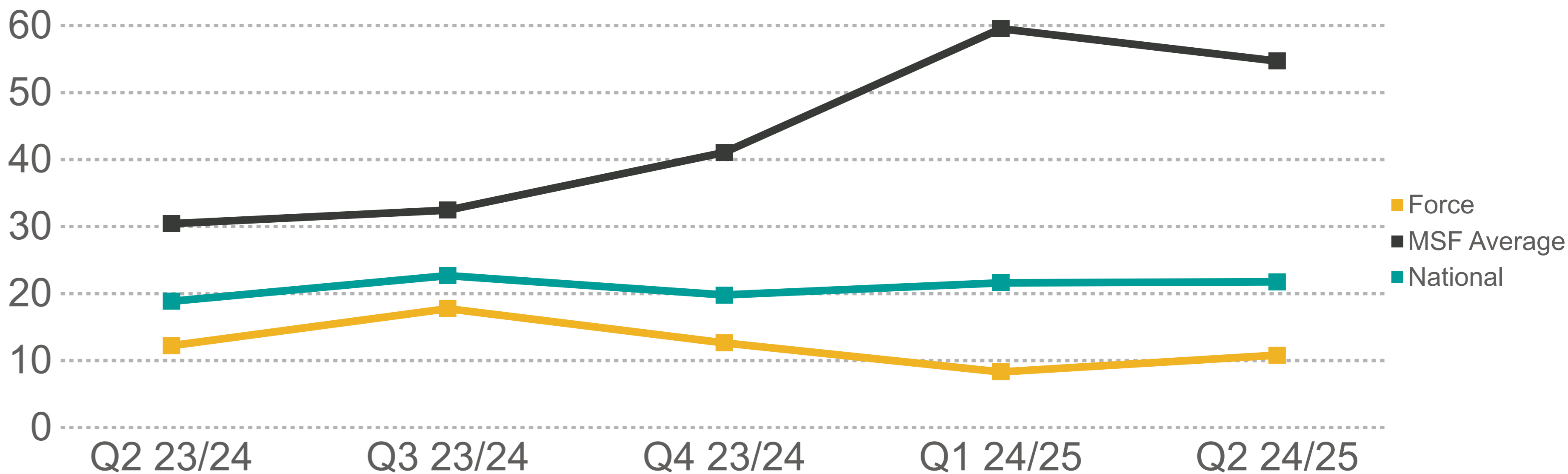
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Year to date

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	130	194	251	27766
Average days to finalise complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	9	11	56	22

Outside Schedule 3



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	130	19%	194	34%	251	55%	27,766	64%
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	520	77%	353	61%	189	41%	12,474	29%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	21	3%	25	4%	15	3%	2,681	6%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	3	0%	3	1%	4	1%	329	1%
Total	674	100%	575	100%	459	100%	43,250	100%

Force: percent of complaint cases finalised by handling method

Means Of Handling • Outside of Schedule 3 • Under Schedule 3 - not investigated • Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures) • Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)



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.

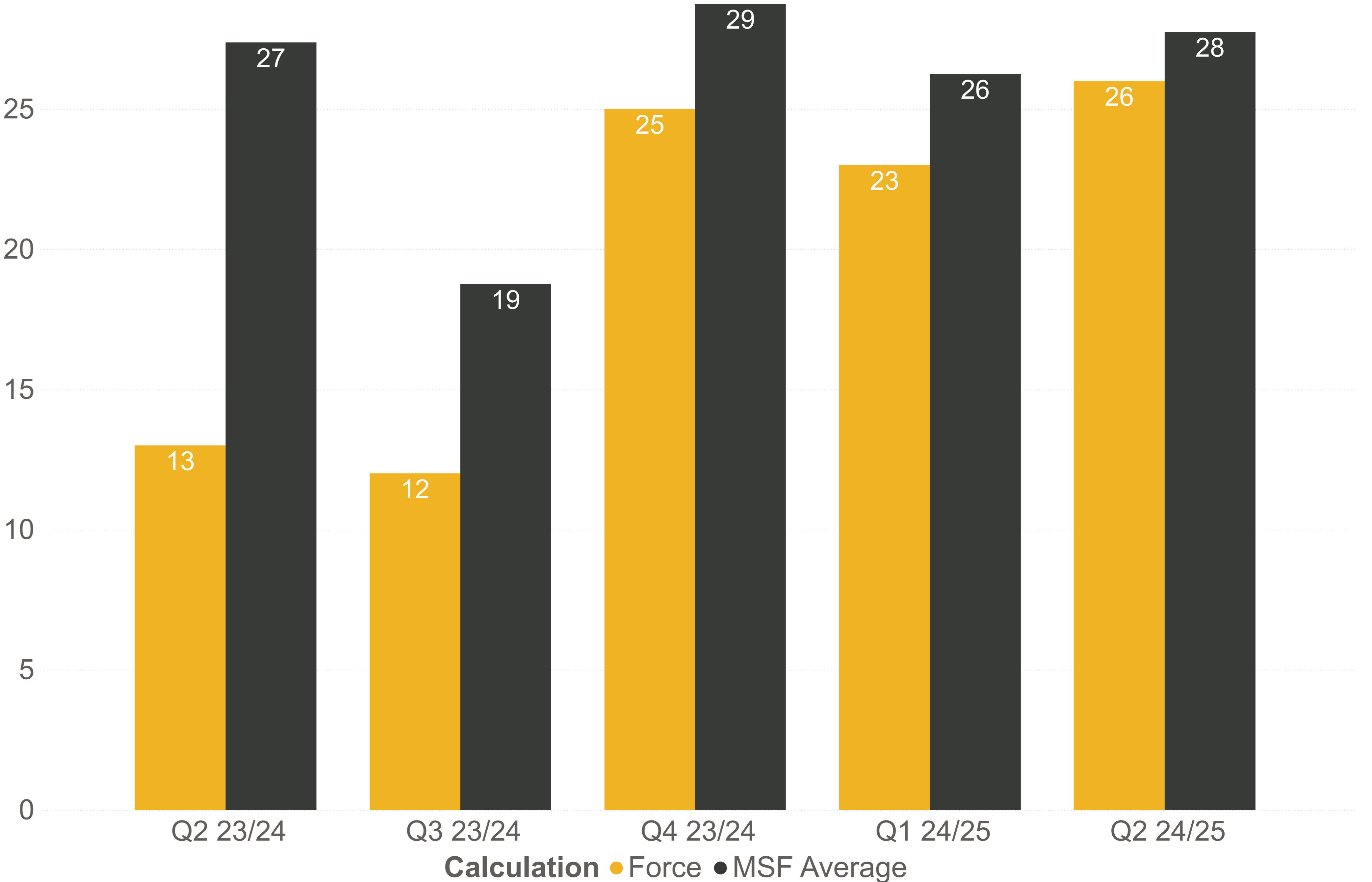
Where a referral is made by the force on a mandatory basis but does not meet the mandatory referral criteria, the matter may not fall within the IOPC’s remit to assess and will be determined invalid.

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	49	28	54	3,490
Number referrals completed	47	27	53	3,490
Decision: Independent Investigation	4	1	3	206
Decision: Directed Investigation	0	0	0	5
Decision: Local Investigation	32	19	28	1,935
Decision: Return to Force	9	7	21	1,262
Decision: Invalid	2	0	2	80

Force and MSF Group referrals received



Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Cumbria, Devon And Cornwall, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, North Wales, North Yorkshire, Suffolk, West Mercia

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 \(February 2020\)](#).