

# Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Bedfordshire

**Reporting Period: 01 April 2023 - 31 March 2024 (Q4 2023/24)**

**Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Bedfordshire, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire**

## About this bulletin

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

It sets out performance against a number of measures and compares force results to their most similar force (MSF) group (where applicable) and with the overall result for all forces (national).

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## Acronyms used in this bulletin

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

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

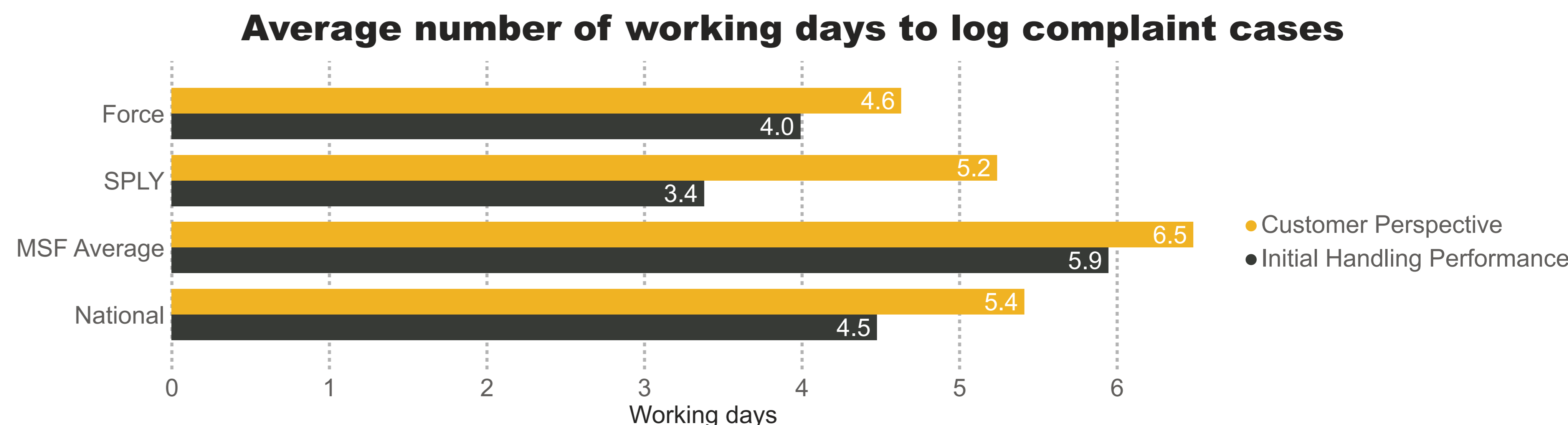
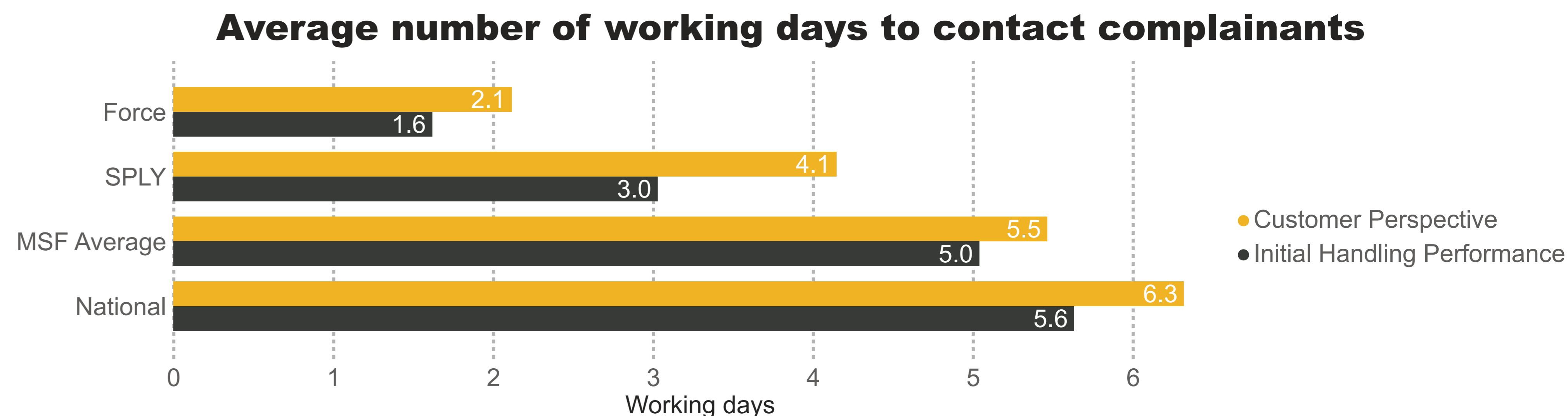
**Section A1.1: Complaint cases logged and initial handling**

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

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

Average number of working days to contact complainants	Customer perspective	Initial handling performance
Force	2	2
SPLY	4	3
MSF Average	5	5
National	6	6

Average number of working days to log complaint cases	Customer perspective	Initial handling performance
Force	5	4
SPLY	5	3
MSF Average	6	6
National	5	4



**Complaint cases logged**

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Complaint cases logged	914	956	1,847	85,458
Complaint cases logged per 1,000 employees	334	356	365	338

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

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

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	68	23 %	83	27 %	495	48 %	13,962	43 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	39	13 %	50	16 %	45	8 %	6,808	21 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	46	16 %	54	18 %	129	23 %	4,779	15 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	139	48 %	117	38 %	122	21 %	6,962	21 %

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

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

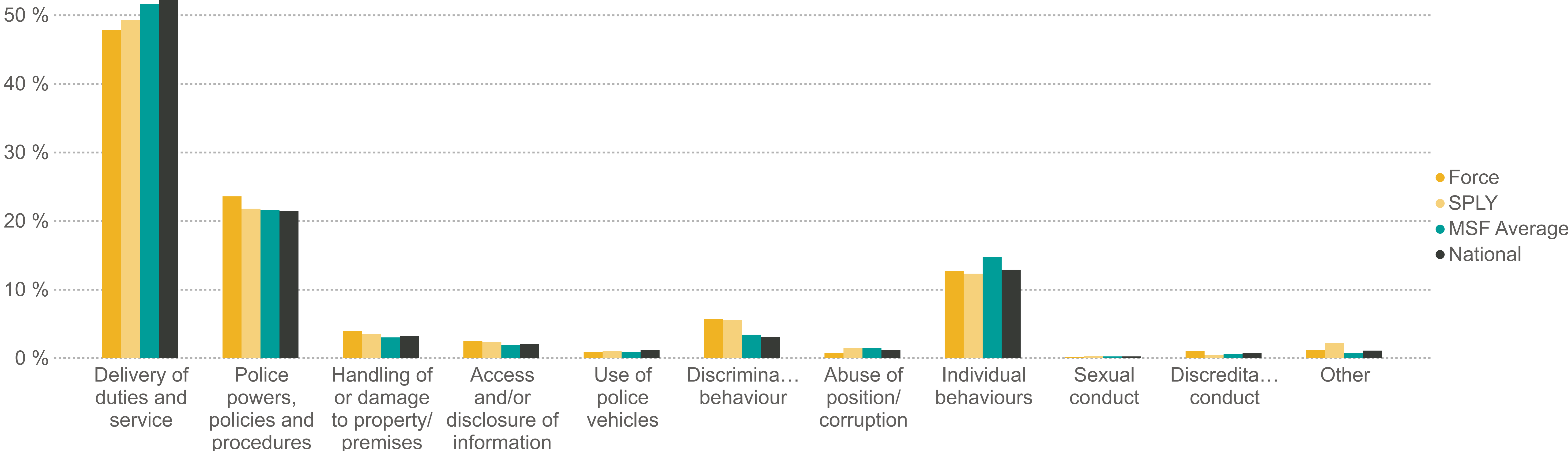
Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for guidance on logging allegations and complaint category definitions.

**Allegations logged**

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Allegations Logged	1,520	1,423	3,543	151,539
Allegations logged per 1,000 employees	556	529	689	599

**What has been complained about**

	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Use of police vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour	Abuse of position/corruption	Individual behaviours	Sexual conduct	Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
Force	726	358	59	37	14	87	11	193	3	15	17	1,520
SPLY	701	310	49	33	15	79	20	175	4	6	31	1,423
MSF Average	1,840	764	103	68	32	118	55	515	8	17	23	3,543
National	80,544	32,410	4,836	3,089	1,758	4,575	1,838	19,514	324	1,019	1,630	151,537
Force	48 %	24 %	4 %	2 %	1 %	6 %	1 %	13 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	100 %
SPLY	49 %	22 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	6 %	1 %	12 %	0 %	0 %	2 %	100 %
MSF Average	52 %	22 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	3 %	1 %	15 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	100 %
National	53 %	21 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	3 %	1 %	13 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	100 %



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

Category	Subcategory	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Delivery of duties and service	<b>Total</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>48 %</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>49 %</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>52 %</b>	<b>80,538</b>	<b>53 %</b>	
	Police action following contact	302	42 %	271	39 %	707	39 %	33,905	42 %	
	General level of service	176	24 %	252	36 %	588	30 %	27,022	34 %	
	Decisions	152	21 %	124	18 %	304	17 %	11,127	14 %	
	Information	96	13 %	54	8 %	241	14 %	8,484	11 %	
Police powers, policies and procedures	<b>Total</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>24 %</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>22 %</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>22 %</b>	<b>32,402</b>	<b>21 %</b>	
	Use of force	99	28 %	74	24 %	193	26 %	8,552	26 %	
	Other policies and procedures	65	18 %	61	20 %	73	10 %	3,545	11 %	
	Power to arrest and detain	55	15 %	41	13 %	130	17 %	5,404	17 %	
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	38	11 %	36	12 %	102	14 %	4,010	12 %	
	Detention in police custody	36	10 %	32	10 %	97	13 %	4,406	14 %	
	Evidential procedures	26	7 %	24	8 %	68	8 %	2,509	8 %	
	Stops, and stop and search	21	6 %	20	6 %	33	5 %	1,755	5 %	
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	16	4 %	19	6 %	50	6 %	1,694	5 %	
	Out of court disposals	2	1 %	3	1 %	19	2 %	527	2 %	
	Individual behaviours	<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>13 %</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>12 %</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>15 %</b>	<b>19,513</b>	<b>13 %</b>
		Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	65	34 %	72	41 %	147	29 %	5,604	29 %
		Impolite language / tone	40	21 %	25	14 %	107	21 %	5,035	26 %
Overbearing or harassing behaviours		39	20 %	38	22 %	105	20 %	3,510	18 %	
Lack of fairness and impartiality		31	16 %	29	17 %	85	16 %	2,613	13 %	
Impolite and intolerant actions		18	9 %	11	6 %	72	14 %	2,751	14 %	
Discriminatory behaviour	<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>6 %</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>6 %</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>3 %</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>3 %</b>	
	Race	50	57 %	49	62 %	55	48 %	2,279	50 %	
	Sex	15	17 %	12	15 %	22	16 %	645	14 %	
	Disability	14	16 %	7	9 %	23	21 %	838	18 %	
	Religion or belief	5	6 %	5	6 %	3	3 %	141	3 %	
	Sexual orientation	2	2 %	0	0 %	3	2 %	156	3 %	
	Other	1	1 %	4	5 %	9	7 %	393	9 %	
	Age	0	0 %	1	1 %	2	1 %	73	2 %	
	Gender reassignment	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	1 %	45	1 %	
	Marriage and civil partnership	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %	
	Pregnancy and maternity	0	0 %	1	1 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	
Access and/or disclosure of information	<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2 %</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2 %</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2 %</b>	<b>3,089</b>	<b>2 %</b>	
	Disclosure of information	23	62 %	22	67 %	52	75 %	2,084	67 %	
	Handling of information	9	24 %	7	21 %	11	16 %	617	20 %	
	Use of police systems	4	11 %	1	3 %	4	6 %	243	8 %	
	Accessing and handling of information from other sources	1	3 %	3	9 %	2	4 %	144	5 %	
	Decisions	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	

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

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

**Section A1.4: Allegations logged – What has been complained about (category) and the situational context of complaints (factors)**

Allegation category												
Factors	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Use of police vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour	Abuse of position/corruption	Individual behaviours	Sexual conduct	Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
Investigation	377	57	7	4	0	8	4	28	0	1	1	487
None	133	55	34	19	3	39	5	80	0	8	9	385
Arrest	33	90	4	1	1	6	1	9	1	0	0	146
Roads/traffic	39	20	4	4	9	6	0	15	0	1	1	99
Call Handling	74	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	1	94
Custody	11	52	4	1	0	3	1	4	1	0	0	77
Mental health	30	13	0	0	0	5	0	15	0	1	0	64
Stop and/or search	15	25	3	0	0	9	0	9	0	0	0	61
Neighbourhood policing	45	2	0	1	0	4	0	8	0	0	0	60
Premises search	12	30	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	49
Domestic / gender abuse	31	2	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	40
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	18	4	0	2	0	5	1	3	0	0	0	33
Drugs / alcohol	6	15	0	2	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	31
Restraint equipment	4	25	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Public order incident	5	7	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	20
Firearms	5	8	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	16
Child protection / CSA / CSE	6	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	14
Death	10	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	12
Serious injury	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Social media	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	11
Taser	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Missing persons	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Fraud	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Hate Crime	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Police dogs or horses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

This section presents information that shows what people are complaining about using a combination of allegation categories and factors. Categories capture the root of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint. Factors capture the situational context of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint. The combination of categories and factors provides a richer picture of what people are complaining about compared to the categories alone.

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

**Section A2: Allegations timeliness**

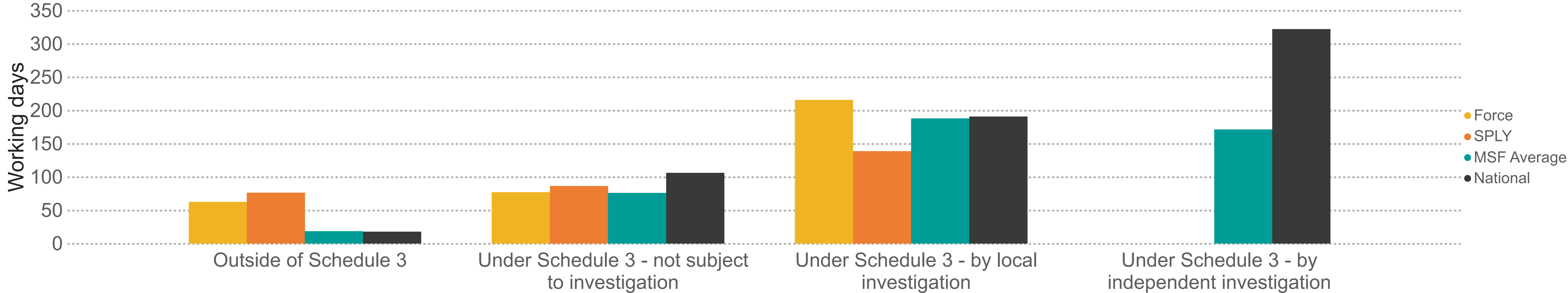
Average number of working days to finalise allegations	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Outside of Schedule 3	63	77	19	18
Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation	77	86	76	106
Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation	216	139	188	191
Under Schedule 3 - by directed investigation	0	0	0	520
Under Schedule 3 - by independent investigation	0	0	171	322

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.

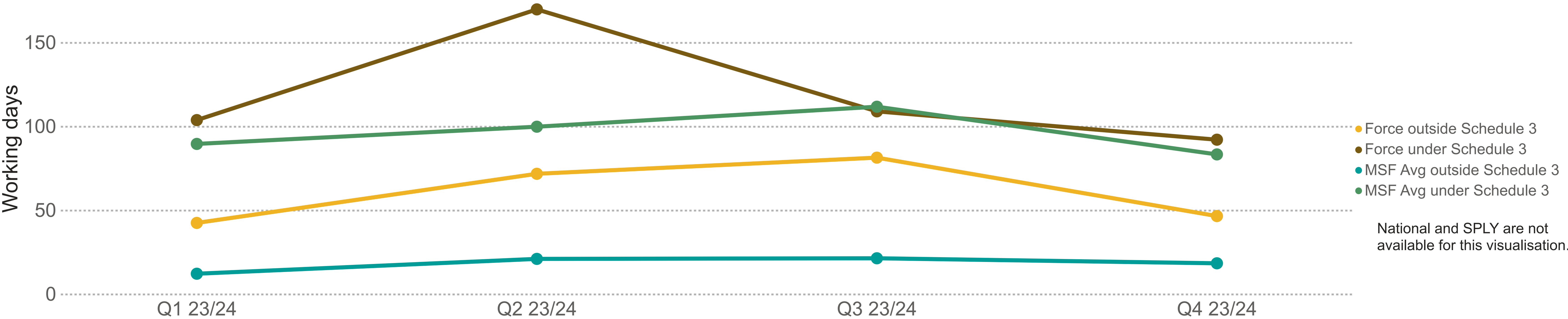
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

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.

**Average number of working days to finalise allegations**



**Average number of working days to finalise allegations**



National and SPLY are not available for this visualisation.

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

This section presents a breakdown of how allegations were handled information and the decisions being given. An allegation decision is logged for each allegation finalised. The allegation decision reflects how the complaint case has been handled, with different decisions available for the different means of handling. Both the allegation decisions and the subsequent actions available will depend on two things: firstly, whether the complaint case has been handled outside or under Schedule 3; and secondly, the means of handling where it has been dealt with under Schedule 3. Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for details of allegation decisions.

How allegations were handled	Force No.	Force %	MSF Average No.	MSF Average %	National No.	National %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	271	16 %	437	12 %	16,901	12 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	9	1 %	28	1 %	1,959	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	656	38 %	1692	49 %	63,632	45 %
Outside of Schedule 3	800	46 %	1238	38 %	60,166	42 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>3396</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>142,658</b>	<b>100 %</b>

How allegations were handled	Outside of Schedule 3				Under Schedule 3 - not investigated				Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)				Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)			
	Force No.	Force %	Nat. No.	Nat. %	Force No.	Force %	Nat. No.	Nat. %	Force No.	Force %	Nat. No.	Nat. %	Force No.	Force %	Nat. No.	Nat. %
No further action					38	6 %	5,116	8 %			9	0 %	5	2 %	703	4 %
Regulation 41 applies							162	0 %			5	0 %			181	1 %
Service provided - unable to determine					35	5 %	5,111	8 %			59	3 %	35	13 %	1,462	9 %
Service provided - not acceptable			1	0 %	74	11 %	8,389	13 %			86	4 %	32	12 %	2,014	12 %
Service provided - acceptable			1	0 %	475	72 %	42,794	67 %	2	22 %	443	23 %	186	69 %	12,054	71 %
Not Resolved	158	20 %	4,102	7 %												
Resolved	642	80 %	56,062	93 %												
No Case to Answer									6	67 %	818	42 %				
Case to Answer									1	11 %	500	26 %				
Withdrawal					34	5 %	2,060	3 %			39	2 %	13	5 %	486	3 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>46 %</b>	<b>60,166</b>	<b>42 %</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>38 %</b>	<b>63,632</b>	<b>45 %</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1 %</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>1 %</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>16 %</b>	<b>16,900</b>	<b>12 %</b>

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

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

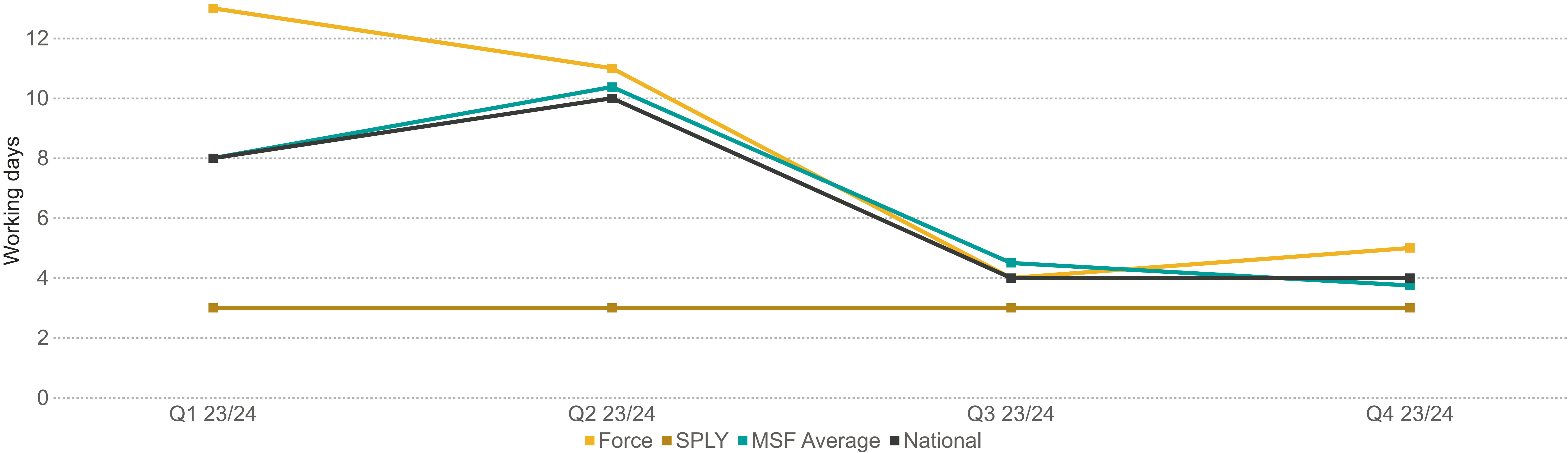
Allegation category												
Allegation decisions	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Use of police vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour	Abuse of position/corruption	Individual behaviours	Sexual conduct	Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
No further action	21	11	3	2	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	43
Regulation 41 applies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Service provided - unable to determine	17	23	2	2	0	2	2	21	0	1	0	70
Service provided - not acceptable	50	20	4	6	0	1	5	20	0	0	0	106
Service provided - acceptable	182	234	20	20	3	91	14	89	0	7	3	663
Not Resolved	104	21	7	2	5	0	0	15	1	1	2	158
Resolved	450	71	28	8	6	3	0	59	1	1	15	642
No Case to Answer	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	6
Case to Answer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Withdrawal	8	23	2	0	0	5	1	6	1	0	1	47



**Section B: Referrals**

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Number referrals received	69	77	134	6,942
Number referrals completed	69	76	133	6,866
Decision: Independent Investigation	2	1	6	417
Decision: Directed Investigation	0	1	0	35
Decision: Local Investigation	42	54	82	4,419
Decision: Return to Force	23	17	41	1,870
Decision: Invalid	2	3	3	124

**Average number of working days to complete referrals by quarter**



The figures presented in this section include all referrals that the force makes to the IOPC (received), not just those arising from complaints.

When the IOPC receives a referral from the force, it reviews the information they have provided. The IOPC decides whether the matter requires an investigation, and the type of investigation. Referrals may have been completed in a different period to when they were received.

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

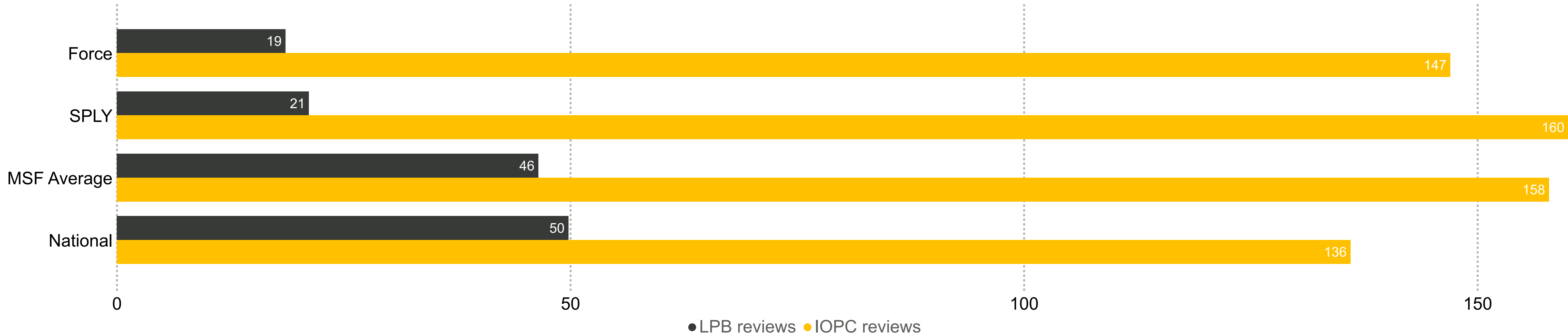
The sum of decisions may not match the number of referrals completed. This is because some matters referred may have come to the attention of the appropriate authority before 1 February 2020 and have investigation type decisions of either managed or supervised.

**Section C1: Reviews received**

	Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3	Reviews received	Reviews received as proportion of complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3	Number LPB reviews received - investigation	Number LPB reviews received - non-investigation	Number IOPC reviews received - investigation	Number IOPC reviews received - non-investigation
Force	363	94	26 %	0	52	20	22
SPLY	271	52	19 %	1	22	18	11
MSF Average	787	159	22 %	1	103	23	33
National	31,182	6,411	21 %	430	3,845	890	1,246

**Section C2: Reviews timeliness**

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Average number of working days to complete Local Policing Body reviews	19	21	46	50
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	147	160	158	136



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

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

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

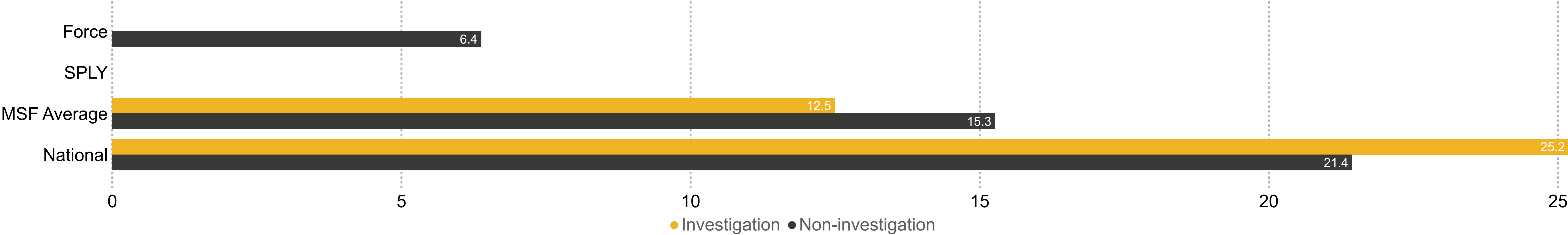
Reviews with ‘invalid dates’ have been removed from reviews timeliness. Please refer to the performance framework counting rules and calculations on the IOPC website for an explanation of invalid dates.

**Section C3: Decisions on LPB reviews**

This section presents information about the decisions made on reviews including the proportion of reviews that found the outcome of the complaint was not reasonable and proportionate, those which resulted in a recommendation and, if necessary, a direction to the appropriate authority in respect of any person serving with the police. Please note: Numbers are not available for the MSF Average - % only

**LPB reviews found not reasonable and proportionate**

	Investigation			Non-investigation		
	Valid completed reviews	Found not reasonable and proportionate	% found not reasonable and proportionate	Valid completed reviews	Found not reasonable and proportionate	% found not reasonable and proportionate
Force	0		0	47	3	6
SPLY	1		0	18		0
MSF Average			13			15
National	393	99	25	3,712	796	21



**LPB reviews resulting in recommendations**

	Investigation			Non-investigation		
	Found not reasonable and proportionate	Resulting in recommendations	% resulting in recommendations	Found not reasonable and proportionate	Resulting in recommendations	% resulting in recommendations
Force			0	3	3	100
SPLY			0			0
MSF Average			13			88
National	99	97	98	796	685	86

**Section C4: Decisions on IOPC reviews**

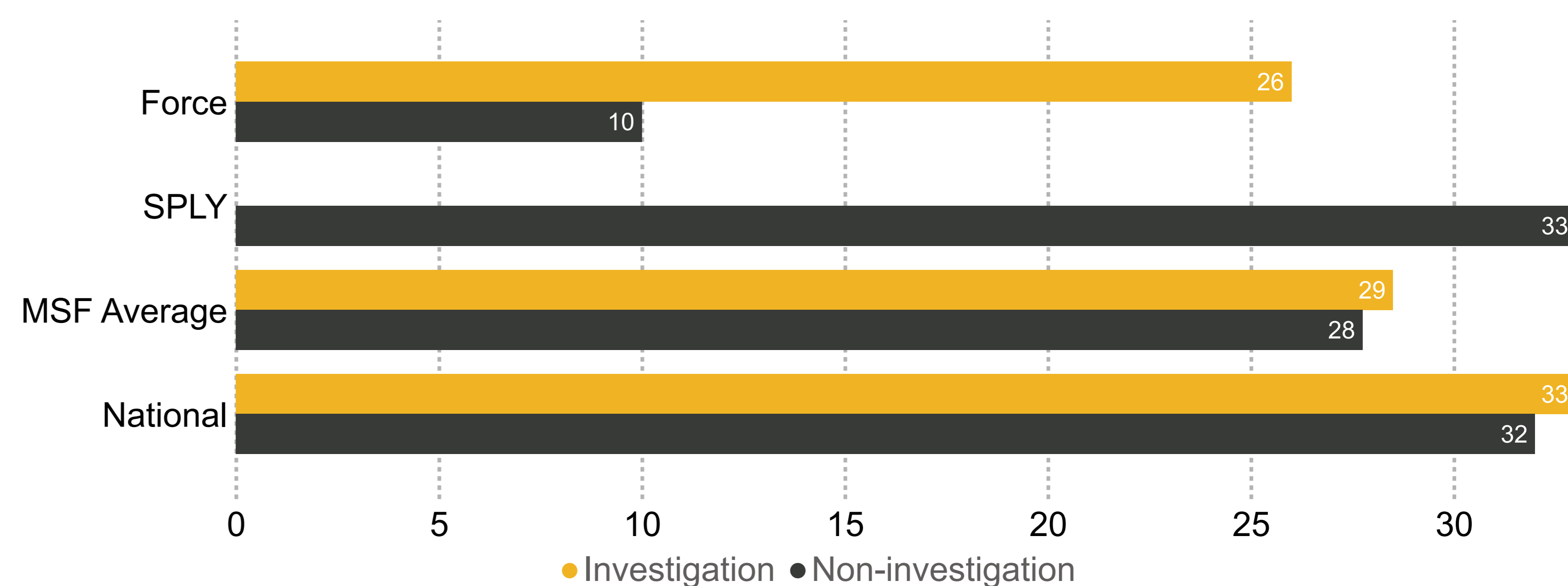
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**IOPC reviews found not reasonable and proportionate**

Investigation	Valid completed reviews	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate
Force	23	6
SPLY	9	0
MSF Average	28	9
National	864	289

Non-investigation	Valid completed reviews	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate
Force	20	2
SPLY	6	2
MSF Average	36	9
National	1,254	402

**% IOPC reviews found outcome not reasonable and proportionate**



**IOPC review recommendations and directions**

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

Investigation	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate	Recommendations made	Directions made	% resulting in direction
Force	6	1	4	67
SPLY	0	0	0	0
National	289	23	172	60

Non-investigation	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate	Directions made	% resulting in direction
Force	2	2	100
SPLY	2	2	100
National	402	261	65

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

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

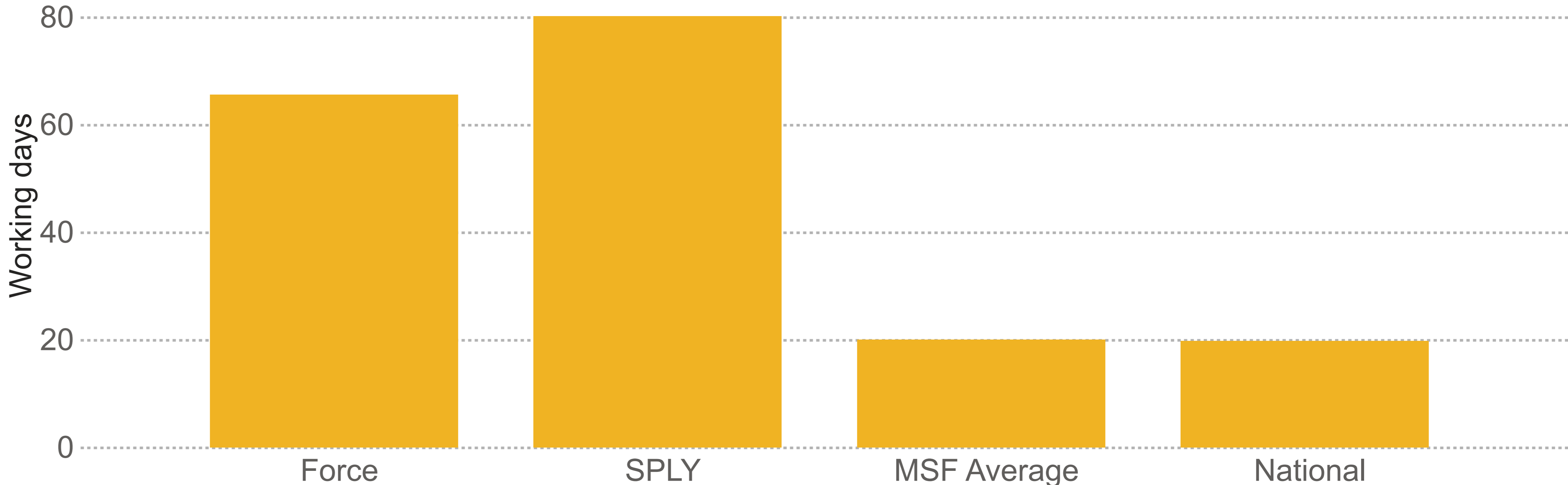
**Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases**

Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
66	80	20	20

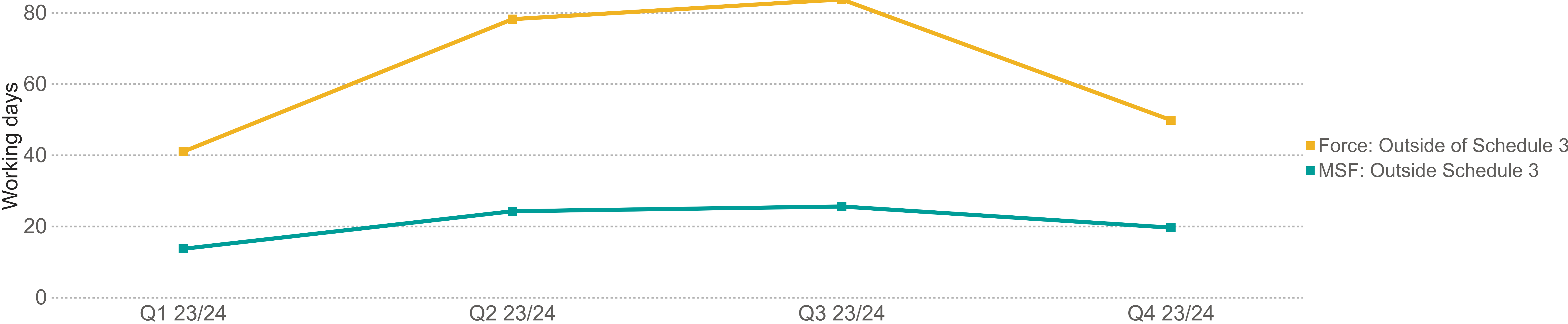
This section shows the time it takes the force to finalise complaint cases from the customer's perspective. It gives a breakdown of the time taken to finalise complaint cases handled informally. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made.

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

**Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases**



**Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases by quarter**



National and SPLY are not available for this visualisation.

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

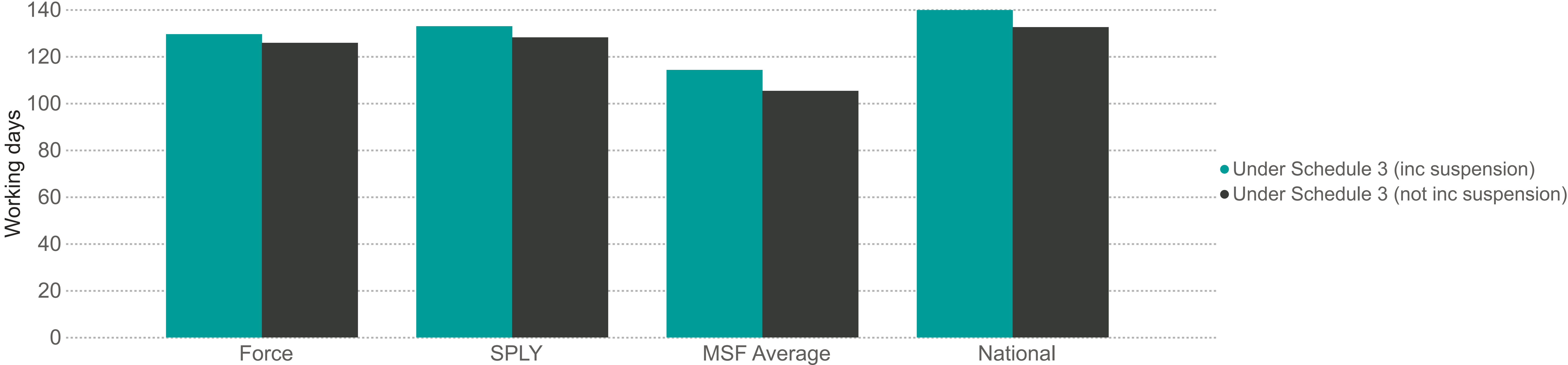
**Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases**

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 (inc suspension)	130	133	114	140
Under Schedule 3 (not inc suspension)	126	128	105	133

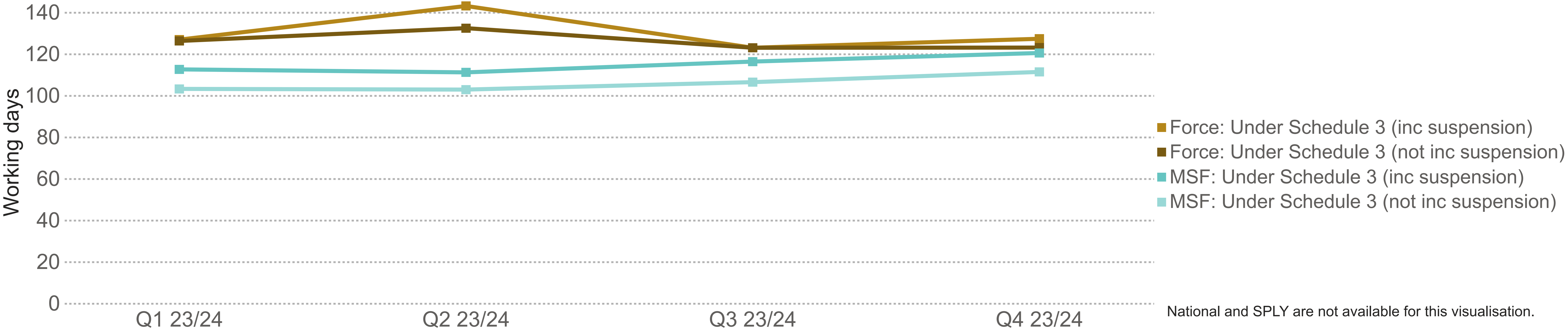
This section shows the time it takes the force to finalise complaint cases from the customer's perspective. It gives a breakdown of the time taken to finalise complaint cases handled formally under Schedule 3. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made.

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**Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases**



**Average number of working days to finalise complaint cases by quarter**



National and SPLY are not available for this visualisation.

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

Actions following outside of Schedule 3 complaint cases	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Organisational learning	16	2 %	12	2 %	9	1 %	167	0 %
Learning from reflection	107	15 %	73	11 %	56	9 %	1346	3 %
Policy review	4	1 %	2	0 %	3	1 %	47	0 %
Goodwill gesture	1	0 %	12	2 %	4	1 %	101	0 %
Apology	28	4 %	45	7 %	69	7 %	4826	10 %
Debrief	5	1 %	6	1 %	6	1 %	437	1 %
Explanation	181	25 %	202	31 %	601	53 %	29826	59 %
No further action	235	32 %	202	31 %	153	16 %	6964	14 %
Other action	36	5 %	27	4 %	40	3 %	5261	10 %

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

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

Please note: not all of the available actions arising from the complaint handling are shown. The actions presented in this section are those that focus on putting an issue right and preventing it from happening again by encouraging those involved to reflect on their actions and learn.

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

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

The actions available once an allegation is finalised depend on how the complaint case has been handled. Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for details of actions available. Please note: not all of the available actions arising from the complaint handling are shown. The actions presented in this section are those that focus on putting an issue right and preventing it from happening again by encouraging those involved to reflect on their actions and learn.

**All complaint cases handled under Schedule 3**

Complaint cases resulting in below actions	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Organisational learning	2	1 %	2	1 %	25	2 %	648	2 %
Apology	11	3 %	10	4 %	29	4 %	1822	6 %
Debrief	0	0 %	1	0 %	0	0 %	378	1 %
Explanation	244	67 %	156	58 %	340	49 %	17815	57 %
Criminal proceedings	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	28	0 %
No further action	92	25 %	74	27 %	339	39 %	9458	30 %
Other action	0	0 %	1	0 %	56	4 %	735	2 %
Learning from reflection	70	19 %	59	22 %	111	14 %	3404	11 %
Referral to RPRP	6	2 %	12	4 %	15	2 %	881	3 %

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

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

Complaint cases resulting in below actions	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Misconduct proceedings	1	20 %	0	0 %	4	31 %	141	25 %
Criminal proceedings	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	1 %	3	1 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	1 %	6	1 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	5 %	20	4 %
Referral to RPRP	2	40 %	4	80 %	3	26 %	165	29 %



Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Bedfordshire, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire

## Notes

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### 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 \(February 2020\)](#).