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#### Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: None

#### **About this bulletin**

This bulletin presents information about complaints defined under the Police Reform Act 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 (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

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## 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 <u>IOPC website</u> for explanations of customer perspective, initial handling and invalid dates.

Average number of working days to contact complainants	Customer perspective	Initial perfo
Force	3	
SPLY	3	
National	6	

Average number of working days to log complaint cases	Customer perspective	Initial perfo
Force	3	
SPLY	3	
National	5	

#### **Complaint cases logged**

	Force	SPLY	National
Complaint cases logged	736	788	85,458
Complaint cases logged per 1,000 employees	148	162	338

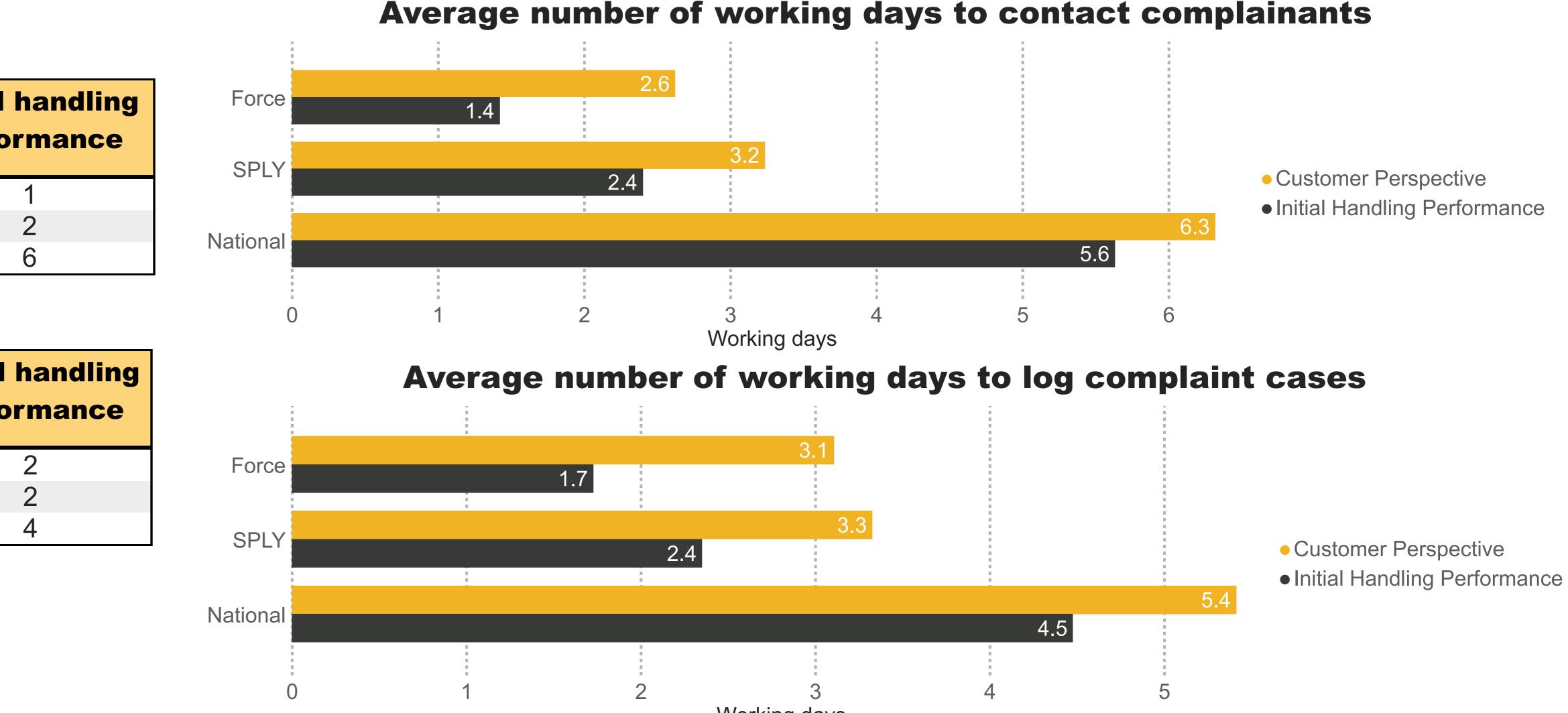
## Reasons complaint cases are recorded under Schedule 3 of the PRA 2002

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

AA/body responsible for initial handling decides Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded Dissatisfaction after initial handling Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint

Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: None



Working days

Fo	rce	SI	PLY	National				
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			
87	43 %	90	49 %	13,962	43 %			
5	2 %	2	1 %	6,808	21 %			
52	26 %	84	45 %	4,779	15 %			
57	28 %	9	5 %	6,962	21 %			

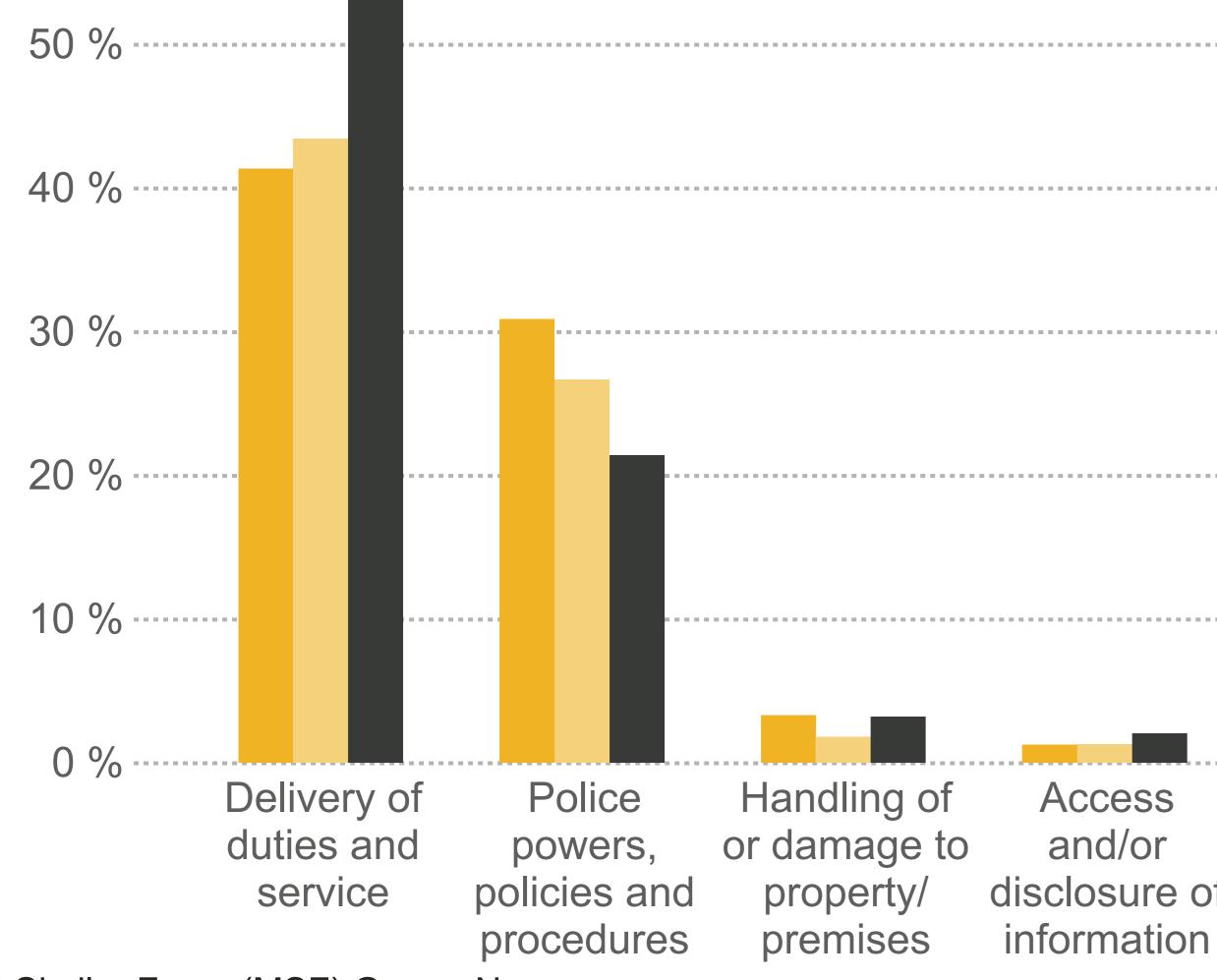
## Section A1.2: Allegations logged - what has been complained about

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 <u>Guidance on capturing data about police complaints</u> for guidance on logging allegations and complaint category definitions.

	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour	Abuse of position/ corruption	Individual behaviours	Sexual conduct	Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
Force	363	271	29	11	26	21	3	117	5	8	24	878
SPLY	409	251	17	12	17	27	1	167	6	4	31	942
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	41 %	31 %	3 %	1 %	3 %	2 %	0 %	13 %	1 %	1 %	3 %	100 %
SPLY	43 %	27 %	2 %	1 %	2 %	3 %	0 %	18 %	1 %	0 %	3 %	100 %
National	53 %	21 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	3 %	1 %	13 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	100 %

What has been complained about



Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: None

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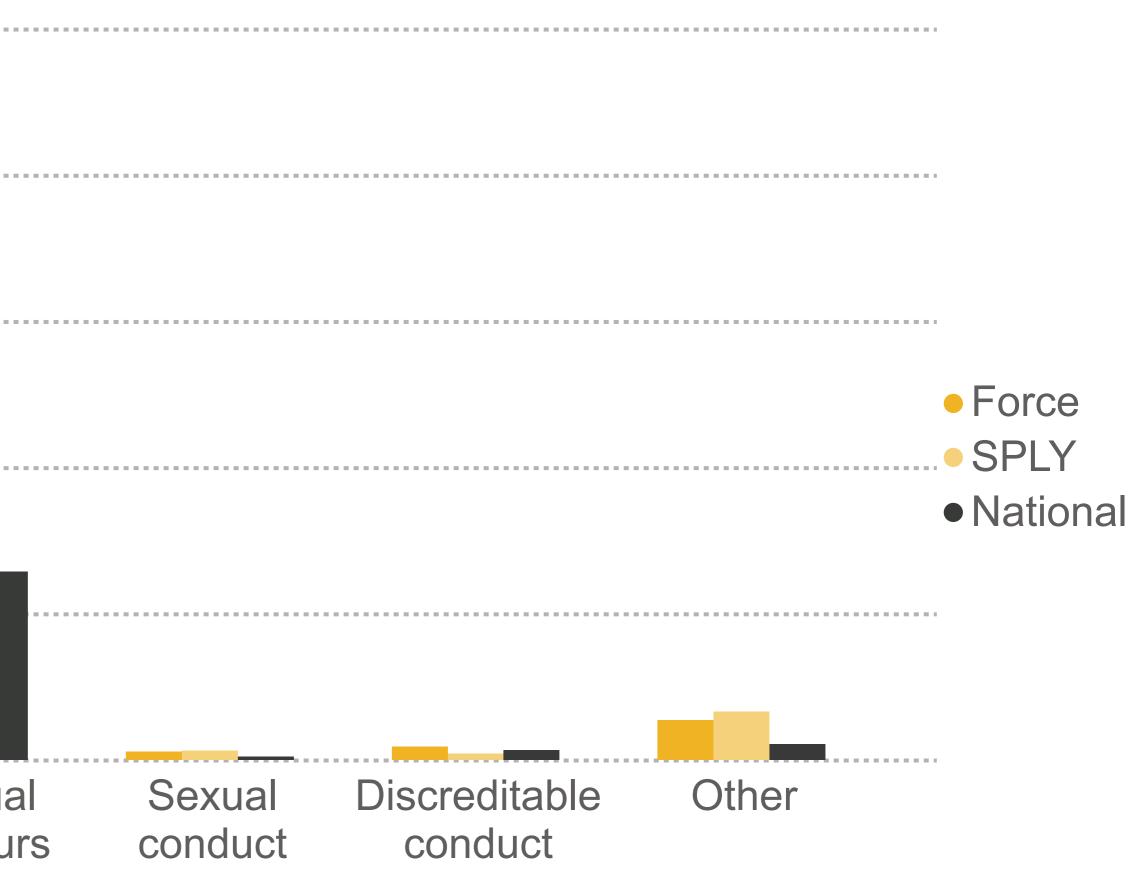
#### **Allegations logged**

Allegations Logged

Allegations logged per 1,000 employees

Access and/or closure of formation	Use of police vehicles	Discriminat behaviour	Abuse of position/ corruption	Individua behaviou

Force	SPLY	National
878	942	151,539
177	193	599



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

	-	Fo	orce	SI	PLY	Na	tional
Category	Subcategory	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Delivery of duties and service	Total	363	41 %	409	43 %	80,538	53 %
	General level of service	204	56 %	225	55 %	27,022	34 %
	Decisions	82	23 %	48	12 %	11,127	14 %
	Police action following contact	67	18 %	129	32 %	33,905	42 %
	Information	10	3 %	7	2 %	8,484	11 %
Police powers, policies and	Total	271	31 %	251	27 %	32,402	21 %
procedures	Use of force	128	47 %	121	48 %	8,552	26 %
	Other policies and procedures	39	14 %	35	14 %	3,545	11 %
	Stops, and stop and search	36	13 %	34	14 %	1,755	5 %
	Power to arrest and detain	36	13 %	27	11 %	5,404	17 %
	Evidential procedures	25	9 %	9	4 %	2,509	8 %
	Searches of premises and seizure of property			9	4 %	4,010	12 %
Detention in police custody		2	1 %	8	3 %	4,406	14 %
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	0	0 %	5	2 %	1,694	5 %
	Out of court disposals	0	0 %	3	1 %	527	2 %
Individual behaviours	Total	117	13 %	167	18 %	19,513	13 %
	Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	40	34 %	58	35 %	5,604	29 %
	Impolite and intolerant actions	29	25 %	37	22 %	2,751	14 %
	Impolite language / tone	24	21 %	35	21 %	5,035	26 %
	Overbearing or harassing behaviours	15	13 %	21	13 %	3,510	18 %
	Lack of fairness and impartiality	9	8 %	16	10 %	2,613	13 %
Handling of or damage to	Total	29	3 %	17	2 %	4,657	3 %
property/ premises	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	29	100 %	17	100 %	4,657	96 %
Use of police vehicles	Total	26	3 %	17	2 %	1,701	1 %
	Use of police vehicles	26	100 %	17	100 %	1,650	94 %
	Use of police vehicle	0	0 %	0	0 %	51	3 %

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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)

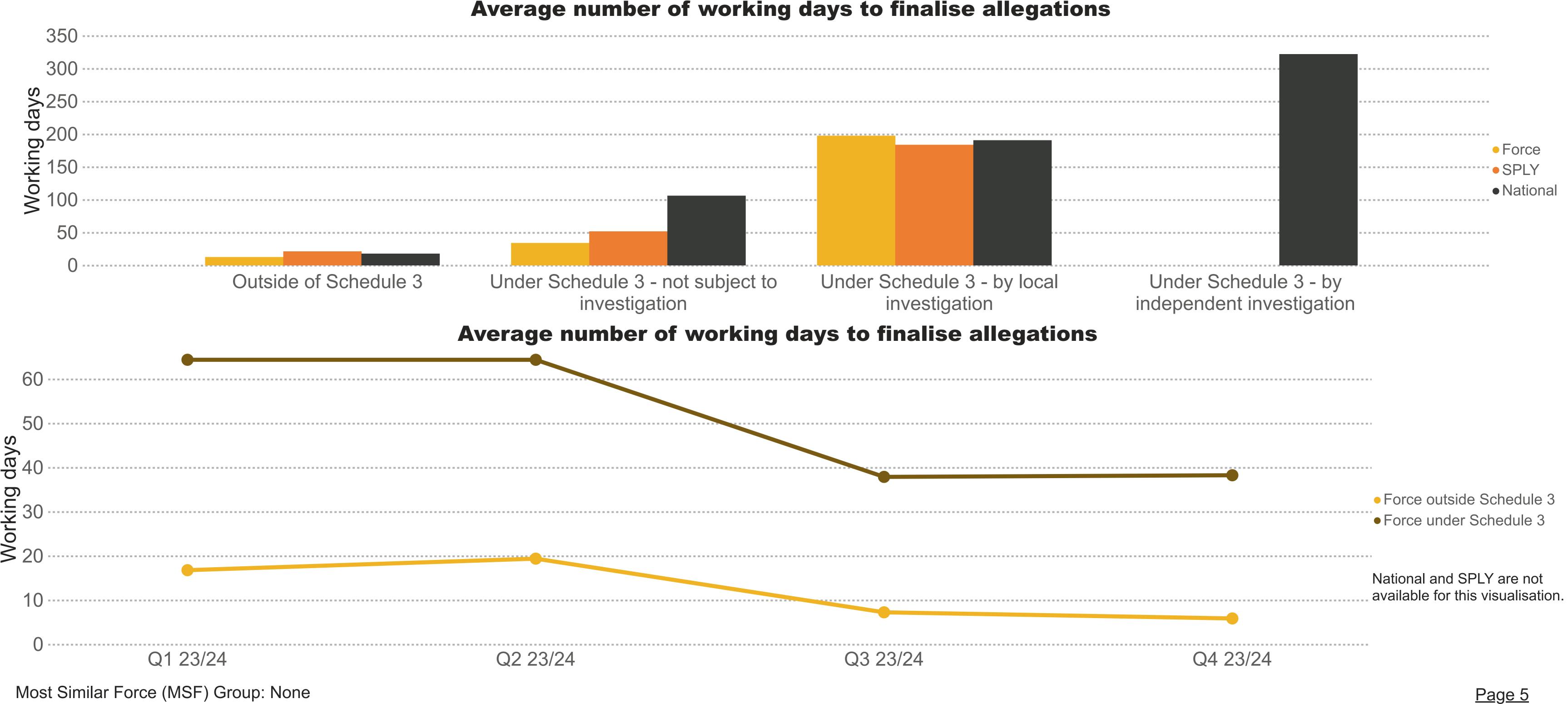
	Allegation category												
Factors	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Use of police vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour		Individual behaviours		Discreditable conduct	Other	<b>Total</b>	
None	104	36	12	6	2	6	2	56	0	1	18	243	
Investigation	113	39	4	4	0	2	0	5	0	0	2	169	
Arrest	15	91	5	0	0	5	1	9	1	3	0	130	
Call Handling	51	6	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	2	0	77	
Stop and/or search	11	47	2	0	0	7	0	8	1	0	0	76	
Neighbourhood policing	22	9	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	39	
Mental health	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	4	0	36	
Public order incident	6	17	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	29	
Roads/traffic	5	0	0	0	23	0	0	1	0	0	0	29	
Restraint equipment	1	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	22	
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	20	
Death	12	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	
Premises search	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Social media	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	6	
Custody	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Drugs / alcohol	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	
Missing persons	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Domestic / gender abuse	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	
Police dogs or horses	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	
Serious injury	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Covert policing	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Child protection / CSA / CSE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Hate Crime	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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 <u>Guidance on capturing data about police complaints</u> for definitions of categories and factors.

#### **Section A2: Allegations timeliness**

Average number of working days to finalise allegations	Force	SPLY	National
Outside of Schedule 3	13	21	18
Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation	34	52	106
Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation	198	184	191
Under Schedule 3 - by directed investigation	0	0	520
Under Schedule 3 - by independent investigation	0	0	322



Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: None

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.

### **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 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 <u>Guidance on capturing data about police complaints</u> for details of allegation decisions.

#### How allegations were handled

Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special proced Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures

Under Schedule 3 - not investigated

Outside of Schedule 3

Total

How allegations were handled	Out	side of s	Schedul	e 3	Under Schedule 3 - notUnder Schedule 3 investigatedinvestigated(subject to special procedures)											
Allegation decision	Force	Force	Nat.	Nat.	Force	Force	Nat.	Nat.	Force	Force	Nat.	Nat.	Force	Force	Nat.	Nat.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No further action					11	4 %	5,116	8 %			9	0 %	3	18 %	703	4 %
Regulation 41 applies							162	0 %			5	0 %			181	1 %
Service provided - unable to determine					15	6 %	5,111	8 %			59	3 %	1	6 %	1,462	9 %
Service provided - not acceptable	1	0 %	1	0 %	41	16 %	8,389	13 %			86	4 %	4	<mark>2</mark> 4 %	2,014	12 %
Service provided - acceptable			1	0 %	186	<mark>73 %</mark>	42,794	67 %			443	23 %	9	<b>53</b> %	12,054	71 %
Not Resolved	64	11 %	4,102	7 %												
Resolved	535	89 %	56,062	93 %												
No Case to Answer									8	<mark>62 %</mark>	818	42 %				
Case to Answer									5	<mark>3</mark> 8 %	500	26 %				
Withdrawal					1	0 %	2,060	3 %			39	2 %			486	3 %
Total	600	68 %	60,166	42 %	254	29 %	63,632	45 %	13	1 %	1,959	1 %	17	2 %	16,900	12 %

	Force No.	Force %	National No.	National %
edures)	17	2 %	16,901	12 %
es)	13	1 %	1,959	1 %
	254	29 %	63,632	45 %
	600	<mark>68 %</mark>	60,166	42 %
	884	100 %	142,658	100 %



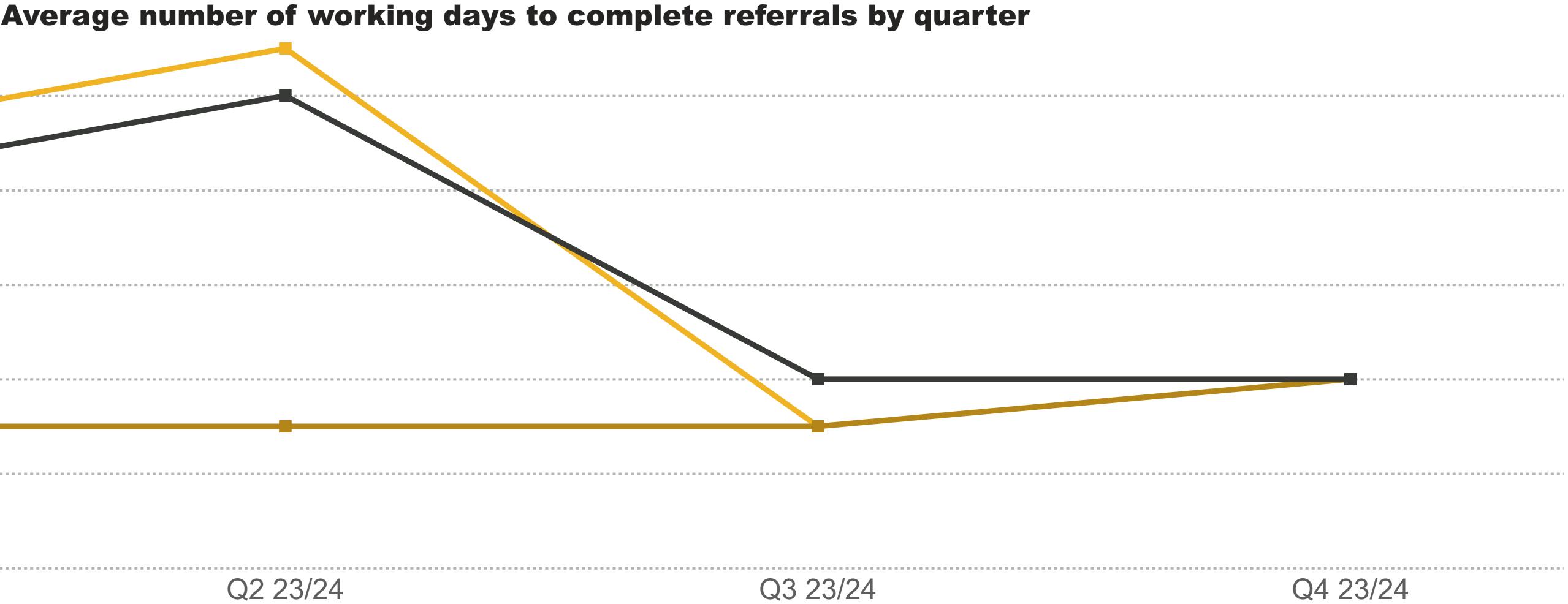
#### Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (category)

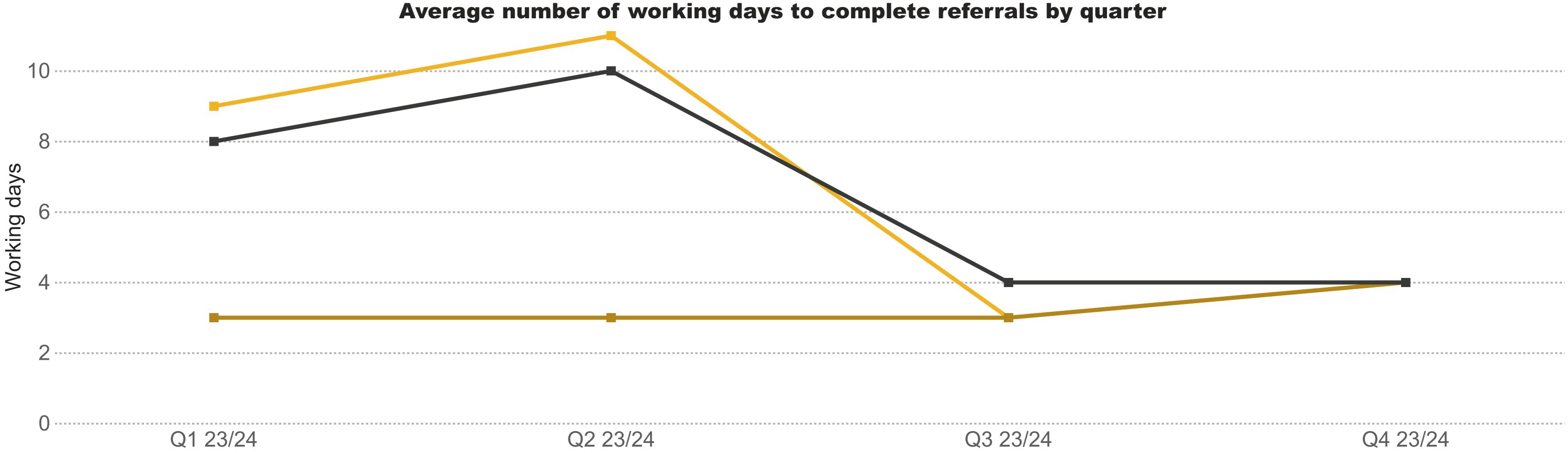
This section presents information about allegations handled both informally, grouped by the allegation decision and the category selected on each allegation. Each allegation has a single category selected.

	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		Individual behaviours		Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
No further action	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	0	1	14
Regulation 41 applies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Service provided - unable to determine	4	7	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	16
Service provided - not acceptable	20	14	2	2	0	0	0	5	0	1	2	46
Service provided - acceptable	62	79	8	3	0	15	0	17	2	1	8	195
Not Resolved	24	20	0	0	6	1	0	12	0	0	1	64
Resolved	260	134	15	6	20	5	1	81	1	0	12	535
No Case to Answer	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	8
Case to Answer	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	5
Withdrawal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

#### **Section B: Referrals**

	Force	SPLY	National
Number referrals received	76	53	6,942
Number referrals completed	76	53	6,866
Decision: Independent Investigation	6	2	417
Decision: Directed Investigation	0	0	35
Decision: Local Investigation	57	31	4,419
Decision: Return to Force	10	19	1,870
Decision: Invalid	3	1	124





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 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 to the attention of the appropriate authority before 1 February 2020 and have investigation type decisions of either managed or supervised.

Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: None

Force SPLY National

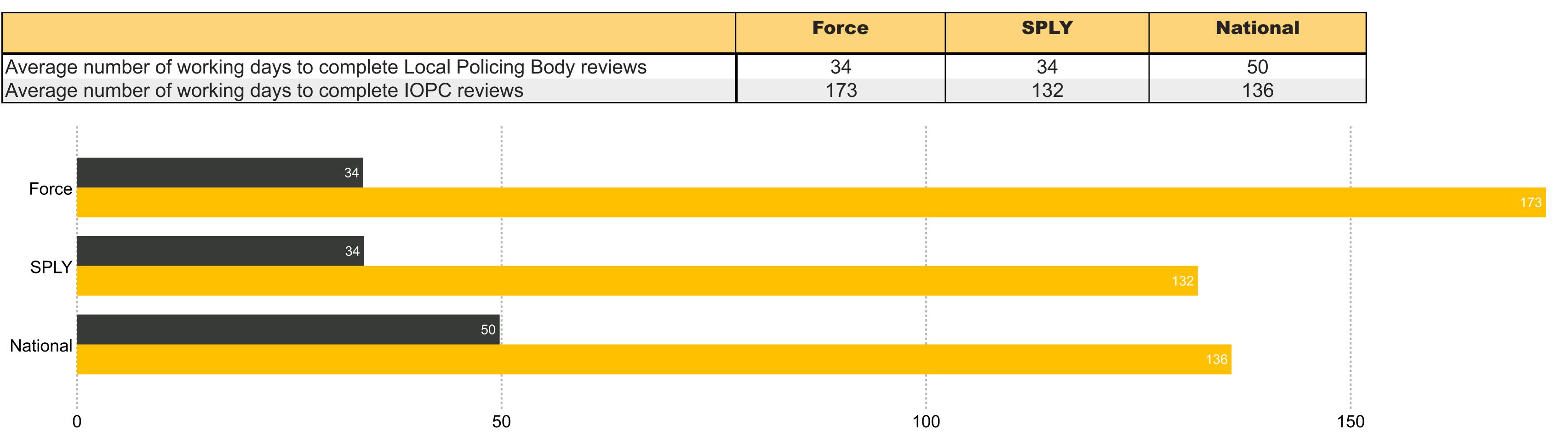
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#### **Section C1: Reviews received**

	Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3	<b>Reviews</b> received	Reviews received as proportion of complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3		Number LPB reviews received - non-investigation	Number IOPC reviews received - investigation	Number IOPC reviews received - non-investigation
Force	214	38	18 %	11	21	6	0
SPLY	212	36	17 %	14	18	4	0
National	31,182	6,411	21 %	430	3,845	890	1,246

#### **Section C2: Reviews timeliness**



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.

#### Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: None

	Force	SPLY
Body reviews	34	34
	173	132

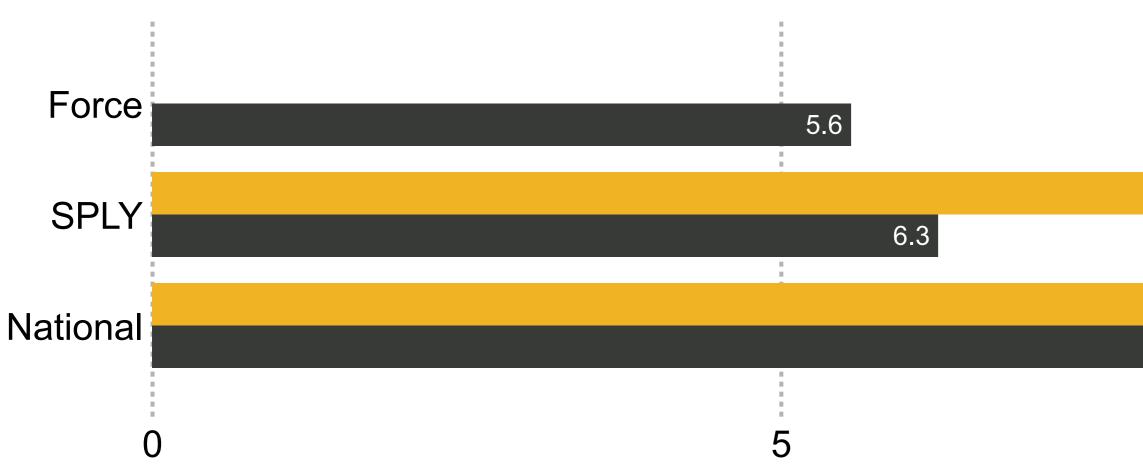
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## **Section C3: Decisions on LPB reviews**

This section presents information about the decisions made on 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

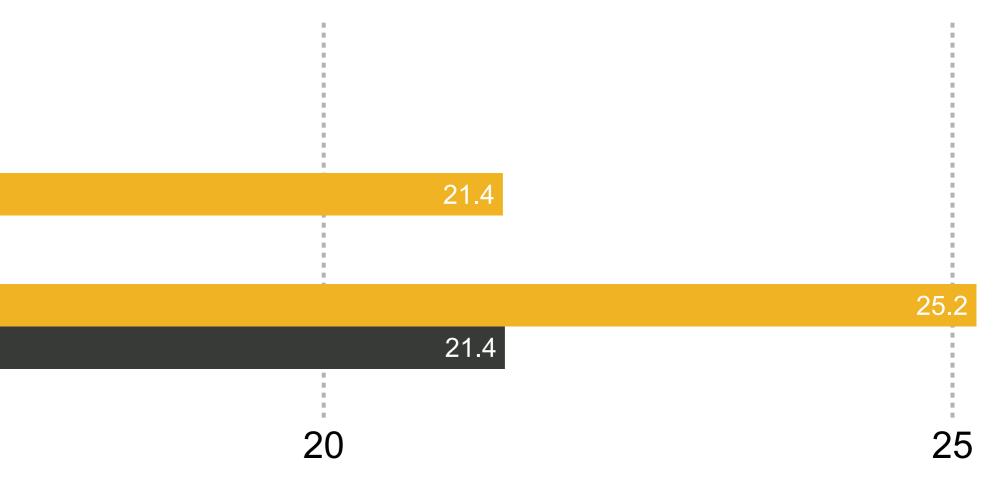
#### **LPB reviews found not reasonable and proportionate**

	. 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	9		0	18	1	6		
SPLY	14	3	21	16	1	6		
National	393	99	25	3,712	796	21		
Force SPLY	5.6				21.4			
Jational					21.4	25.2		
0	5	10	Investigation <ul> <li>Non-investigation</li> </ul>	15	20	25		



#### 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	1		0	
SPLY	3		0	1		0	
National	99	97	98	796	685	86	



## **Section C4: Decisions on IOPC reviews**

This section presents information about the decisions made on 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.

#### **IOPC** reviews found not reasonable and proportionate

Investigation	Valid completed reviews	Outco reasonable
Force	4	
SPLY	3	
National	864	

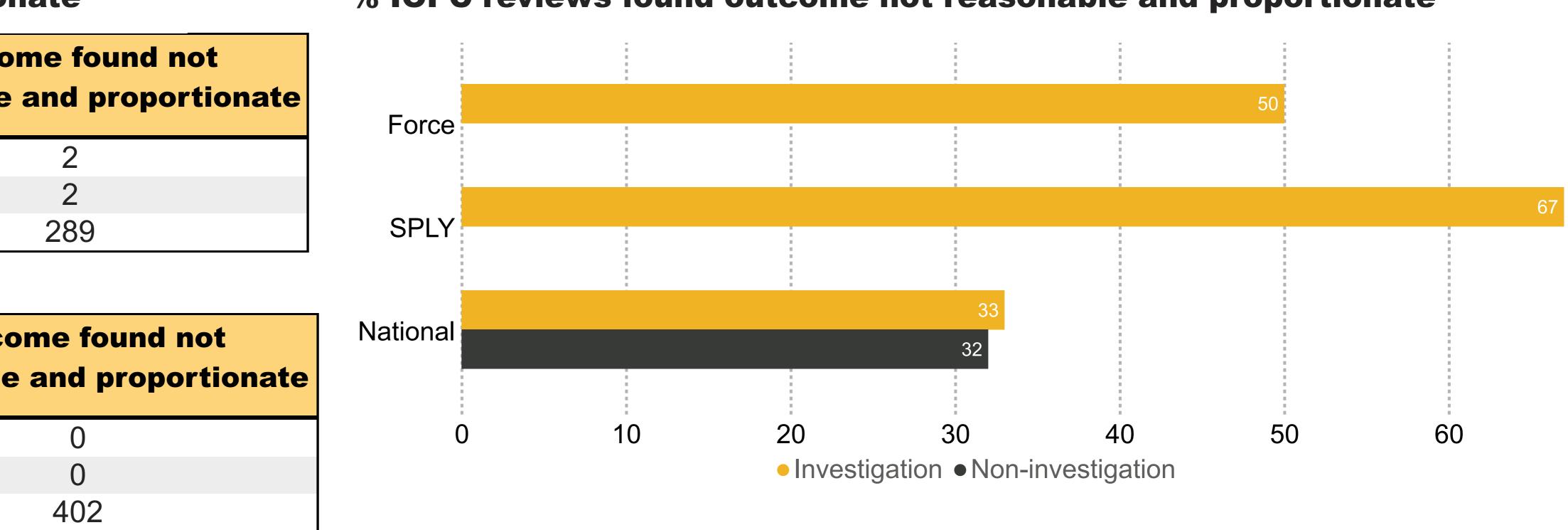
Non- investigation	Valid completed reviews	Outco reasonable
Force	0	
SPLY	0	
National	1,254	

#### **IOPC** review recommendations and directions

Investigation	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate	Recommendations made	<b>Directions made</b>	% resulting in direction
Force	2	0	1	50
SPLY	2	0	1	50
National	289	23	172	60
Non- investigation	Outcome found reasonable a proportionat	nd	ections made	% resulting in direction
Force	0		0	0
SPLY	0		0	0
	0		V	V

Investigation	Outcome found not reasonable and proportionate	Recommendations made	<b>Directions made</b>	% resulting in direction
Force	2	0	1	50
SPLY	2	0	1	50
National	289	23	172	60
Non- investigation	Outcome found reasonable a proportionat	nd	ections made	% resulting in direction
Force	0		0	0
SPLY	0		0	0
National	402		261	65

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

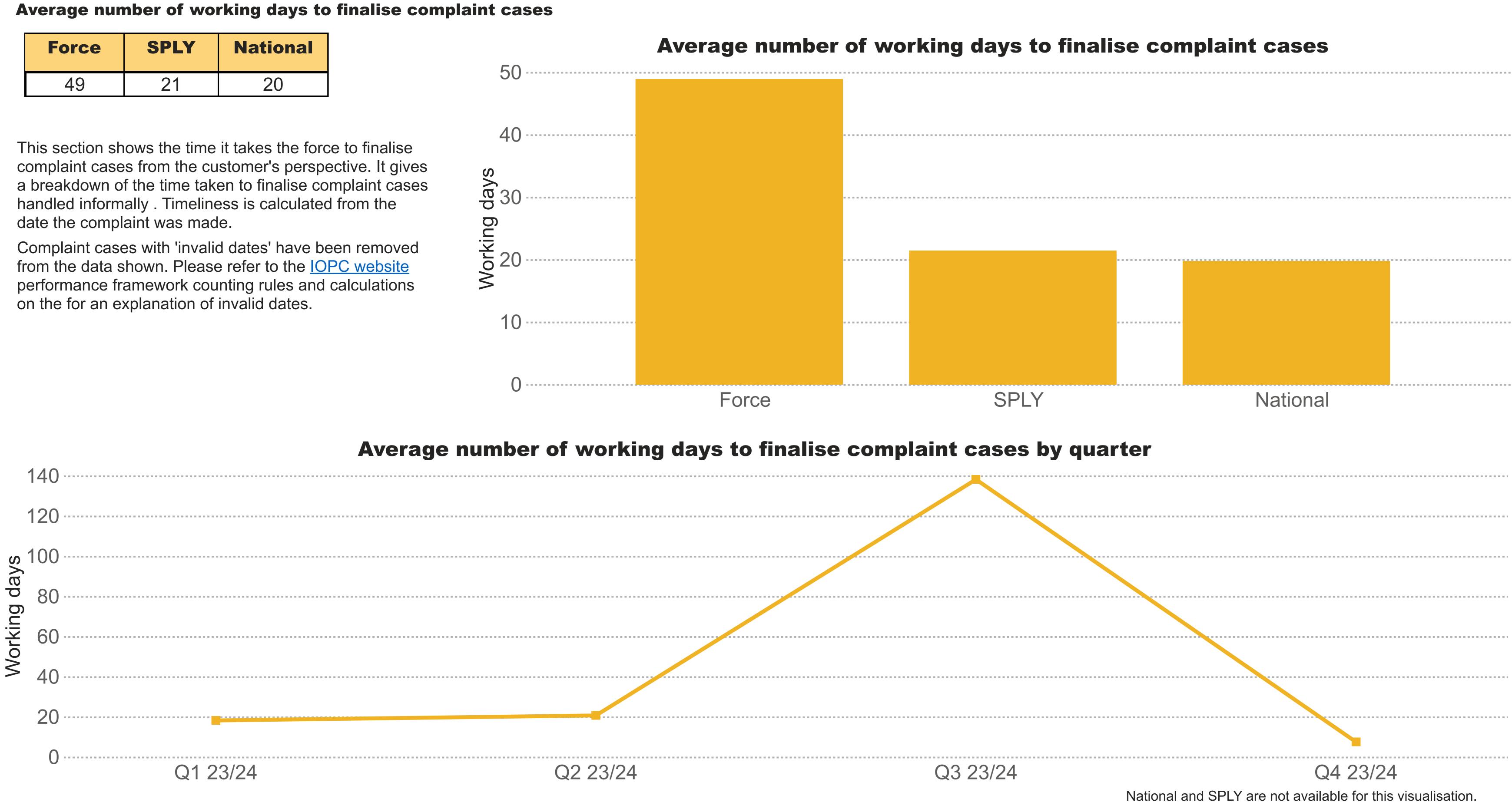


#### % IOPC reviews found outcome not reasonable and proportionate

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

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

Force	SPLY	National
49	21	20





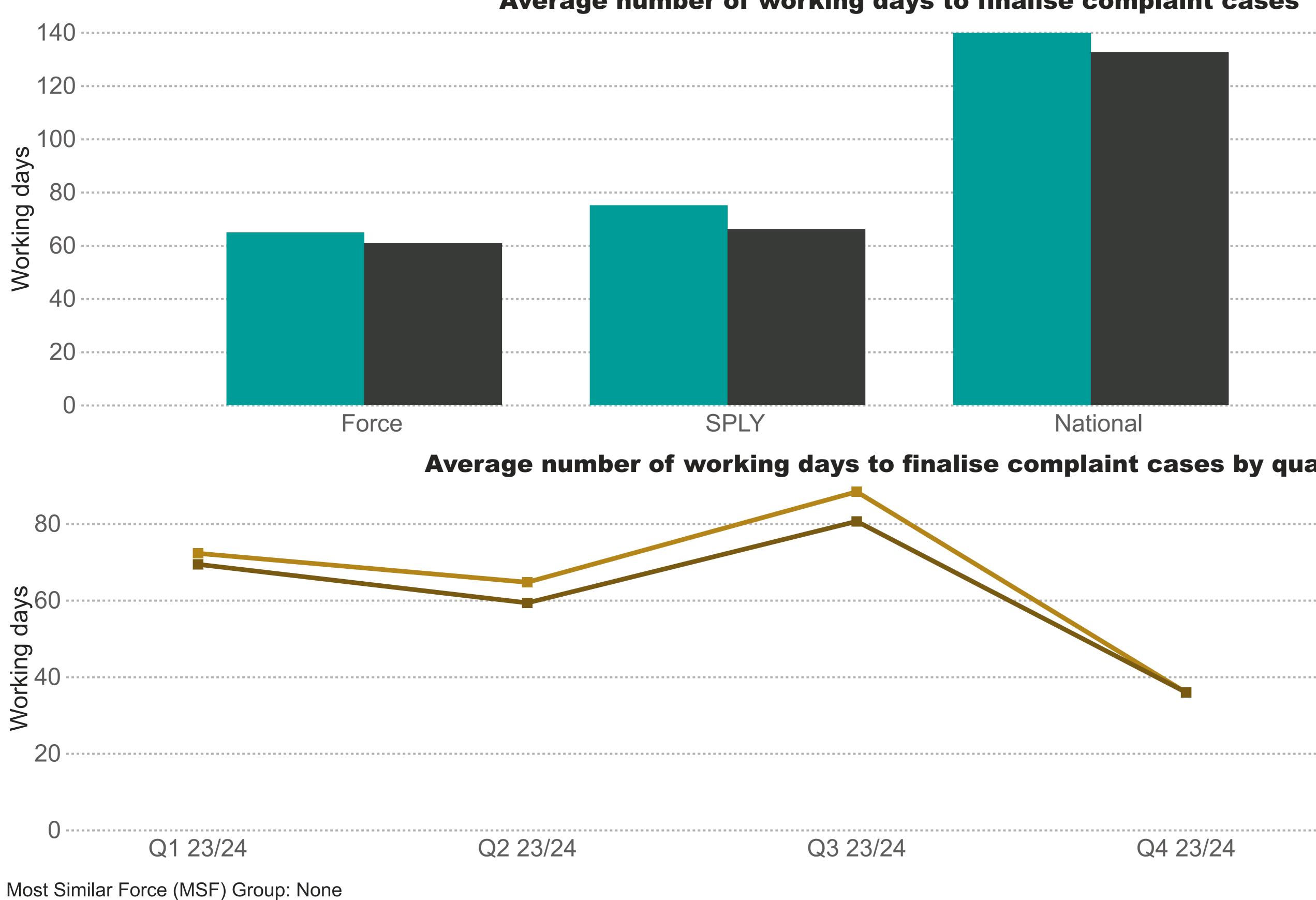


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## Section D1.2: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness

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

	Force	SPLY	National
Under Schedule 3 (inc suspension)	65	75	140
Under Schedule 3 (not inc suspension)	61	66	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 handled formally under Schedule 3. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made.

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

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

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cases
<ul> <li>Under Schedule 3 (inc suspension)</li> <li>Under Schedule 3 (not inc suspension)</li> </ul>
s by quarter

Force: Under Schedule 3 (inc suspension) Force: Under Schedule 3 (not inc suspension)

National and SPLY are not available for this visualisation

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

## **Actions following outside of Schedule 3 complaint** cases Organisational learning Learning from reflection Policy review Goodwill gesture Apology

Debrief Explanation No further action Other action

This section presents information about what happened as a result of the 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.

Eor	00	SPL	V	National		
Force						
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
1	0 %	9	2 %	167	0 %	
36	6 %	41	7 %	1346	3 %	
0	0 %	0	0 %	47	0 %	
4	1 %	5	1 %	101	0 %	
33	6 %	34	6 %	4826	10 %	
6	1 %	7	1 %	437	1 %	
323	55 %	279	47 %	29826	59 %	
121	21 %	201	34 %	6964	14 %	
25	4 %	28	5 %	5261	10 %	

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

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#### All complaint cases handled under Schedule 3

	Force		SPLY		National	
<b>Complaint cases resulting in below actions</b>	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Organisational learning	4	2 %	4	2 %	648	2 %
Apology	7	3 %	10	5 %	1822	6 %
Debrief	1	0 %	1	0 %	378	1 %
Explanation	82	38 %	42	20 %	17815	57 %
Criminal proceedings	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	2	1 %	0	0 %	28	0 %
No further action	78	36 %	106	50 %	9458	30 %
Other action	2	1 %	4	2 %	735	2 %
Learning from reflection	23	11 %	40	19 %	3404	11 %
Referral to RPRP	15	7 %	18	8 %	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

	Force		SPLY		National	
Complaint cases resulting in below actions	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Misconduct proceedings	1	11 %	7	70 %	141	25 %
Criminal proceedings	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	1 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	1	11 %	0	0 %	6	1 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	0	0 %	0	0 %	20	4 %
Referral to RPRP	4	44 %	0	0 %	165	29 %

#### Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: None

#### 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 <u>IOPC website</u>.

Figures for City of London include complaint cases logged in relation to 'Action Fraud'. Action Fraud'. Action Fraud'. Action Fraud'. Action Fraud'. 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 <u>IOPC website</u>.

- 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 <u>complaints system (February 2020)</u>.