

# Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Northamptonshire

**Reporting Period: 01 April 2024 - 30 June 2024 (Q1 2024/25)**

**Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Avon And Somerset, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Essex, Kent, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire**

## 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

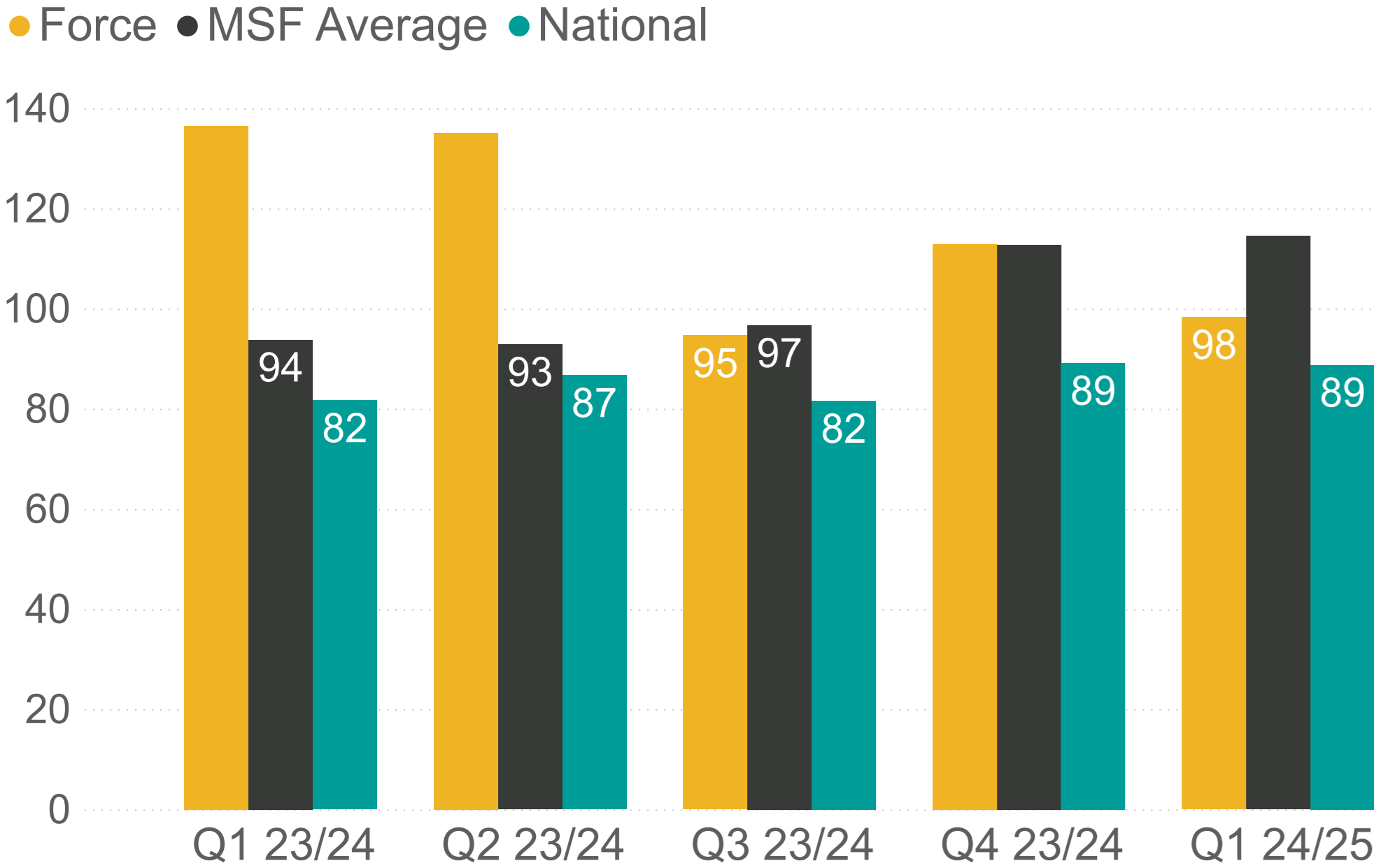
**Nat.** – National, **RPRP** – Reflective Practice Review Process, **UPP** – Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure

**Section A1.1: Complaint cases and allegations logged**

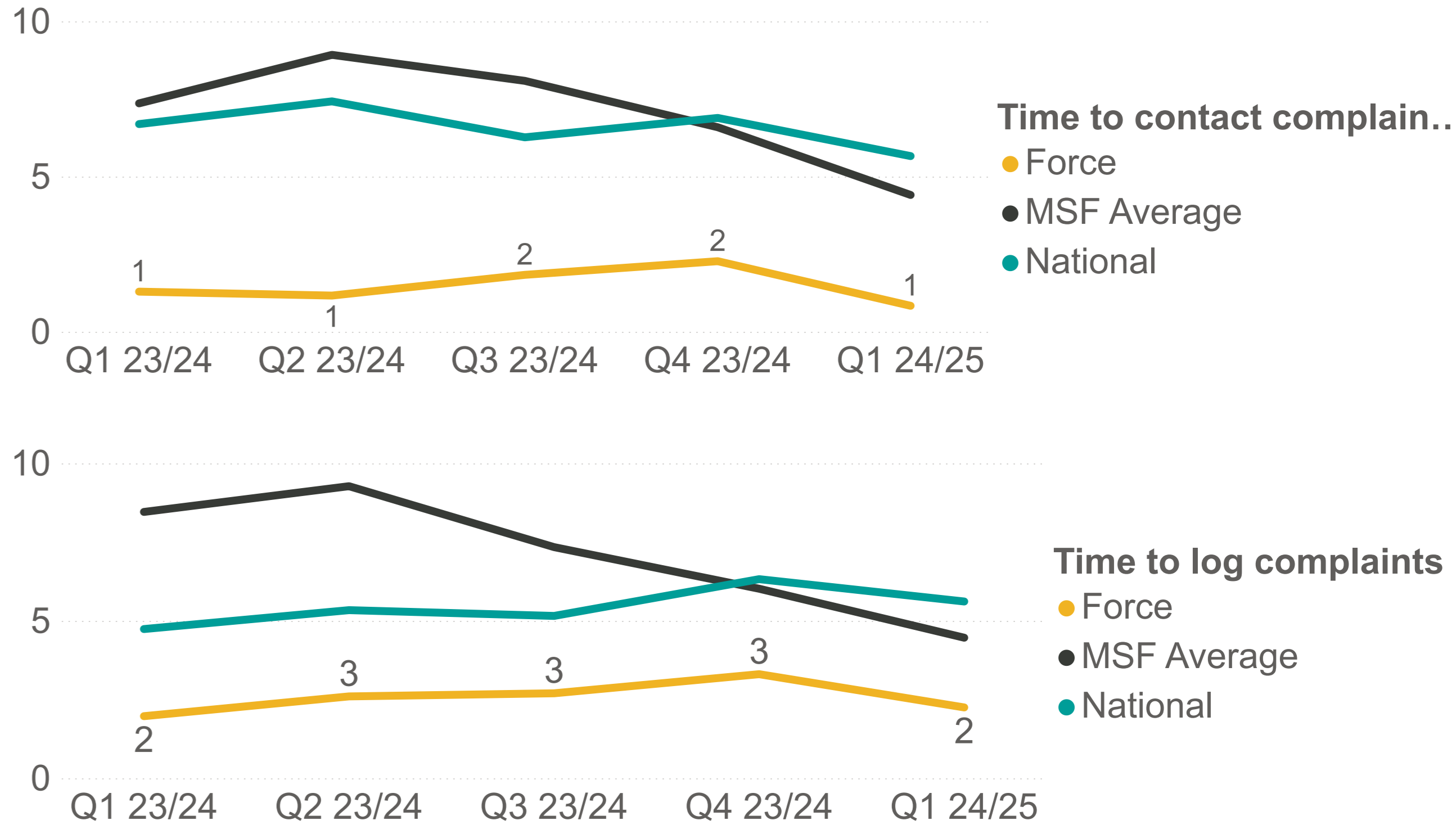
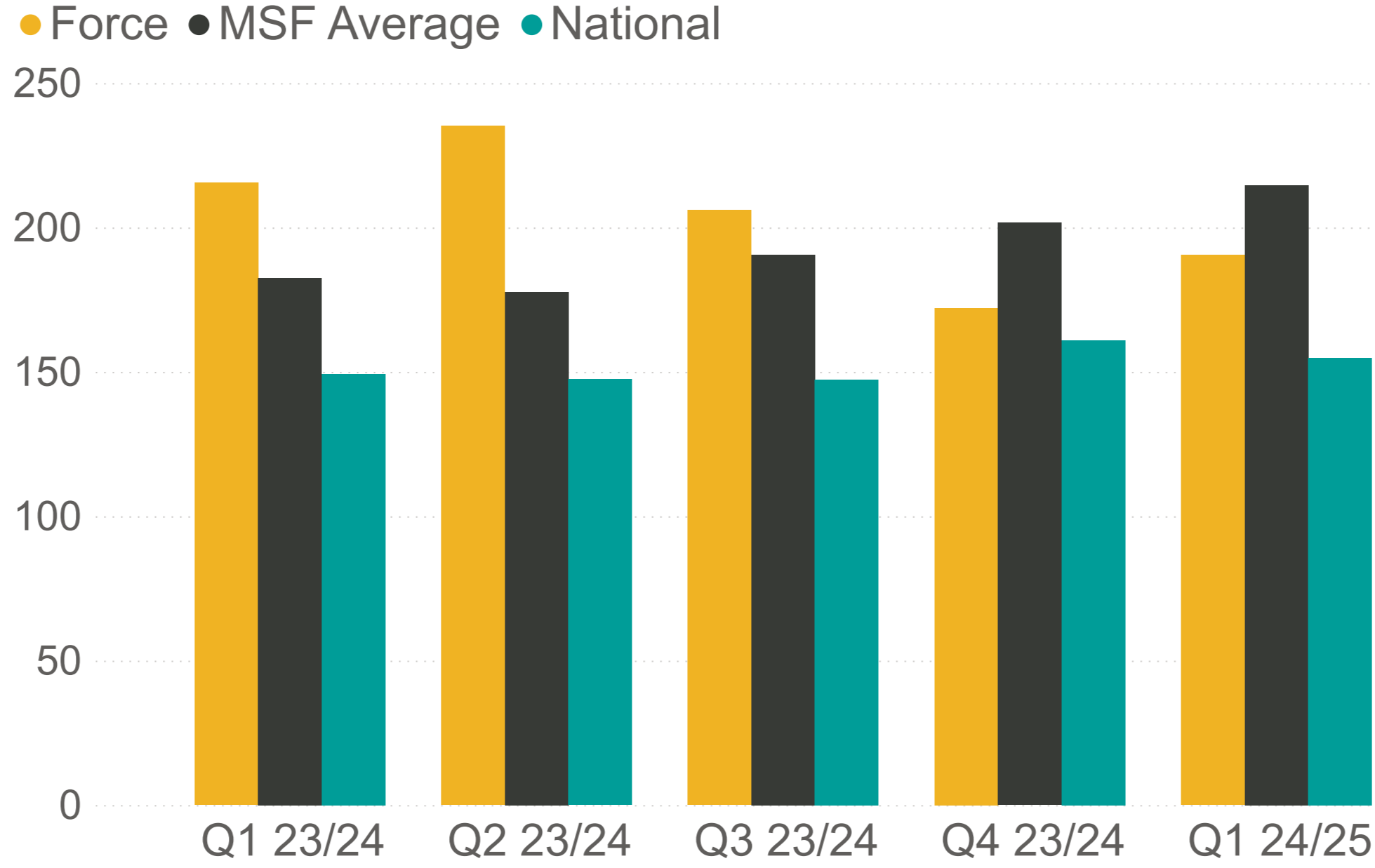
A complaint case is formed of one or more allegations. Numbers per 1,000 employees are used to demonstrate how the number of complaints/allegations against a force compare to their most similar force group and national figures. The force should contact the complainant and log the complaint as soon as 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	271	98	525	190	1	2
SPLY	375	137	592	216	1	2
MSF Average	567	115	1,065	215	4	4
National	22,622	89	39,473	155	6	6

**Complaints logged per 1,000 employees**



**Allegations logged per 1,000 employees**



For space reasons, the figures in the above charts are the force averages only

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

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	26	22	116	3,426
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	20	41	29	1,294
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	24	37	33	1,062
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	17	46	50	1,571
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>7,353</b>

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	30 %	15 %	44 %	47 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	23 %	28 %	13 %	18 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	28 %	25 %	20 %	14 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	20 %	32 %	23 %	21 %

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

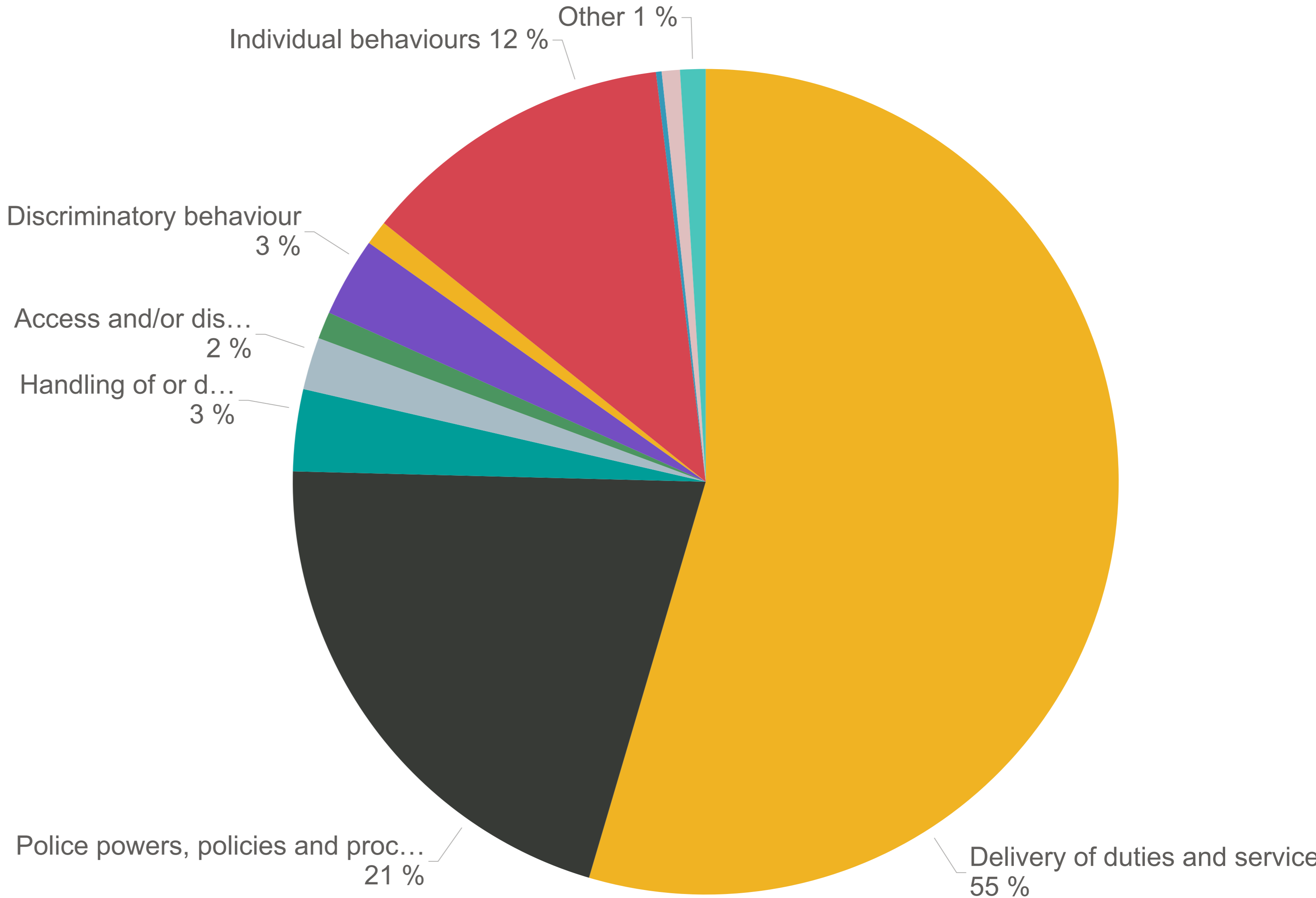
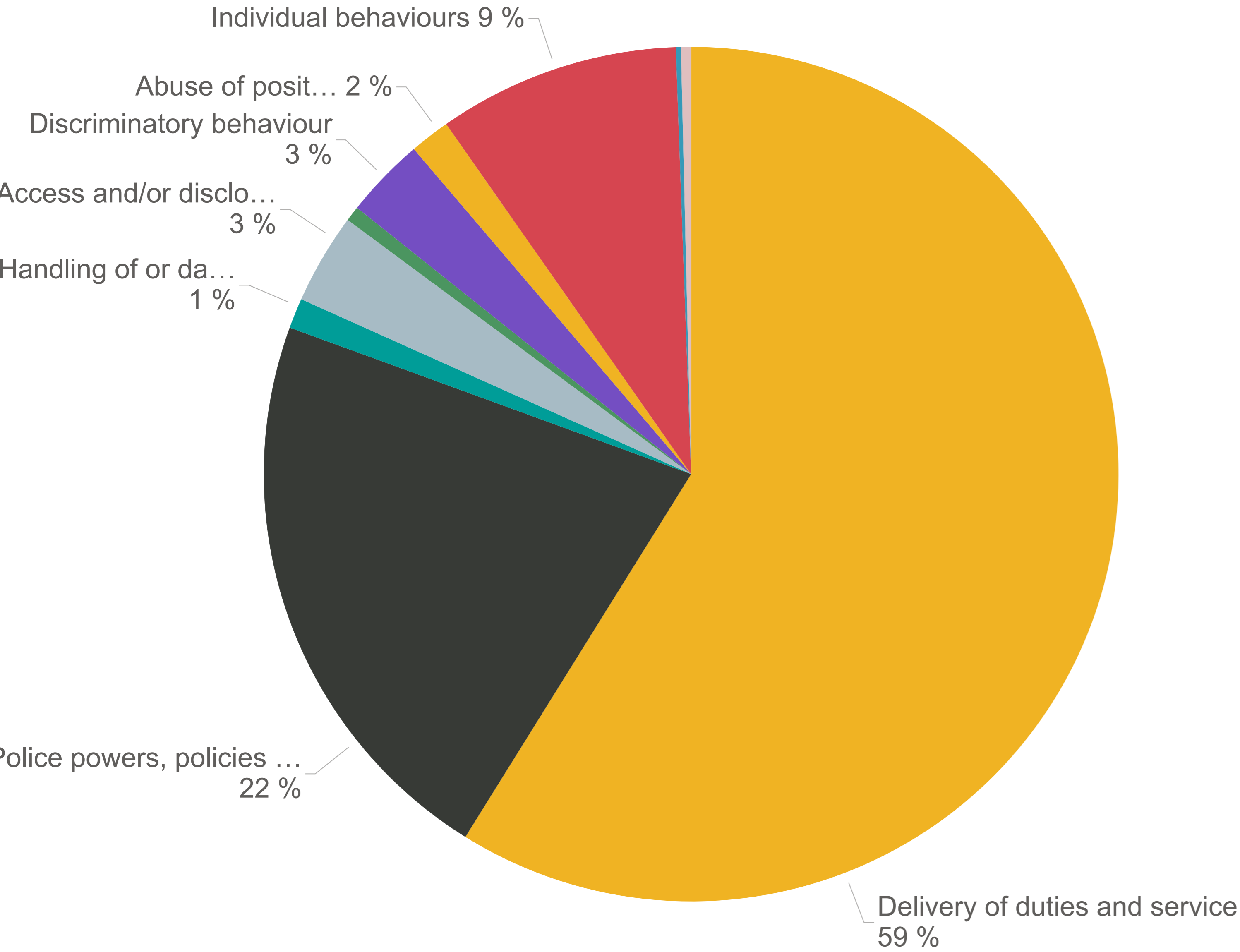
This section presents the three most commonly recorded categories for allegations that have been logged. A complaint case will contain one or more allegations and one category (and sub-category, where available) is selected for each allegation logged. Total % is of the total number of allegations logged. 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	309	114	6	18	3	16	8	48	1	2	0	525
SPLY	380	101	6	24	1	12	4	57	3	4	0	592
MSF Average	601	200	29	21	9	35	14	142	2	5	6	1,065
National	21,535	8,225	1,265	809	419	1,225	378	4,853	87	280	393	39,469

**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	<b>Total</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>59 %</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>64 %</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>56 %</b>	<b>21,534</b>	<b>55 %</b>	
	General level of service	150	49 %	201	53 %	193	29 %	7,280	34 %	
	Decisions	91	29 %	93	24 %	100	18 %	3,041	14 %	
	Police action following contact	43	14 %	58	15 %	217	37 %	8,745	41 %	
Police powers, policies and procedures	Information	25	8 %	28	7 %	92	16 %	2,468	11 %	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>22 %</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>17 %</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20 %</b>	<b>8,223</b>	<b>21 %</b>	
	Use of force	26	23 %	21	21 %	49	24 %	2,145	26 %	
	Power to arrest and detain	23	20 %	16	16 %	39	19 %	1,454	18 %	
	Evidential procedures	23	20 %	9	9 %	14	7 %	638	8 %	
	Other policies and procedures	14	12 %	18	18 %	20	10 %	800	10 %	
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	9	8 %	14	14 %	25	12 %	1,035	13 %	
	Detention in police custody	8	7 %	14	14 %	28	13 %	1,145	14 %	
	Stops, and stop and search	6	5 %	7	7 %	7	4 %	386	5 %	
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	5	4 %	0	0 %	13	6 %	485	6 %	
	Out of court disposals	0	0 %	2	2 %	6	3 %	135	2 %	
	Individual behaviours	<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9 %</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10 %</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>13 %</b>	<b>4,853</b>	<b>12 %</b>
		Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	22	46 %	12	21 %	40	30 %	1,338	28 %
Lack of fairness and impartiality		8	17 %	9	16 %	25	16 %	686	14 %	
Impolite language / tone		7	15 %	16	28 %	36	25 %	1,190	25 %	
Impolite and intolerant actions		6	13 %	12	21 %	15	11 %	727	15 %	
Overbearing or harassing behaviours		5	10 %	8	14 %	27	17 %	912	19 %	
Access and/or disclosure of information	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3 %</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4 %</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2 %</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>2 %</b>	
	Disclosure of information	13	72 %	15	63 %	16	77 %	547	68 %	
	Handling of information	4	22 %	7	29 %	3	14 %	163	20 %	
	Accessing and handling of information from other sources	1	6 %	1	4 %	1	4 %	30	4 %	
	Decisions	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	
	Use of police systems	0	0 %	1	4 %	1	4 %	68	8 %	
Discriminatory behaviour	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	1 %	1	0 %	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3 %</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2 %</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3 %</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>3 %</b>	
	Race	8	50 %	4	33 %	14	40 %	549	45 %	
	Sex	3	19 %	2	17 %	7	18 %	211	17 %	
	Disability	2	13 %	5	42 %	7	22 %	224	18 %	
	Age	1	6 %	0	0 %	1	4 %	18	1 %	
	Sexual orientation	1	6 %	0	0 %	2	6 %	44	4 %	
	Other	1	6 %	1	8 %	3	8 %	134	11 %	
	Gender reassignment	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	1 %	15	1 %	
	Marriage and civil partnership	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	
	Pregnancy and maternity	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	
Religion or belief	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	1 %	28	2 %		

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**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	241	46 %	264	45 %	364	36 %	14,194	36 %
Arrest	64	12 %	57	10 %	98	10 %	4,881	12 %
None	45	9 %	38	6 %	264	21 %	7,961	20 %
Custody	34	6 %	22	4 %	48	5 %	2,207	6 %
Neighbourhood policing	32	6 %	44	7 %	31	3 %	1,815	5 %
Roads/traffic	32	6 %	29	5 %	61	6 %	2,358	6 %
Call Handling	22	4 %	32	5 %	44	4 %	1,621	4 %
Domestic / gender abuse	14	3 %	13	2 %	39	4 %	2,010	5 %
Stop and/or search	9	2 %	14	2 %	13	1 %	804	2 %
Firearms	8	2 %	44	7 %	3	0 %	196	0 %
Mental health	8	2 %	10	2 %	19	2 %	1,083	3 %
Child protection / CSA / CSE	7	1 %	2	0 %	16	2 %	687	2 %
Drugs / alcohol	5	1 %	3	1 %	5	1 %	442	1 %
Premises search	5	1 %	9	2 %	18	2 %	941	2 %
Death	4	1 %	3	1 %	8	1 %	351	1 %
Public order incident	3	1 %	3	1 %	9	1 %	296	1 %
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	3	1 %	1	0 %	34	3 %	1,405	4 %
Serious injury	2	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %	93	0 %
Hate Crime	1	0 %	4	1 %	6	1 %	252	1 %
Missing persons	1	0 %	1	0 %	7	1 %	255	1 %
Police dogs or horses	1	0 %	5	1 %	0	0 %	16	0 %
Restraint equipment	1	0 %	1	0 %	6	1 %	365	1 %
Social media	1	0 %	3	1 %	2	0 %	170	0 %
Coronavirus - other	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on infectiou	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on restricti	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Covert policing	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	18	0 %
Fraud	0	0 %	1	0 %	3	0 %	249	1 %
Prejudicial and improper behaviour	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Taser	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	43	0 %
Unknown	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	8	0 %
VAWG' - dissatisfaction handling	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	8	0 %
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	0 %	2	0 %	11	1 %	304	1 %
VAWG' - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	9	0 %
VAWG - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	5	0 %	61	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	Access and/or disclosure of information	Discriminatory behaviour	Individual behaviours
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	0	2	0	1	0
Stop and/or search	0	8	0	0	1
Social media	0	0	1	0	0
Serious injury	0	2	0	0	0
Roads/traffic	15	4	0	2	7
Restraint equipment	0	1	0	0	0
Public order incident	1	1	0	1	0
Premises search	0	4	0	0	1
Police dogs or horses	0	1	0	0	0
None	34	3	5	0	1
Neighbourhood policing	19	3	2	2	6
Missing persons	0	0	0	0	1
Mental health	1	5	0	1	1
Investigation	186	23	3	4	14
Hate Crime	0	1	0	0	0
Firearms	8	0	0	0	0
Drugs / alcohol	3	2	0	0	0
Domestic / gender abuse	6	3	1	2	1
Death	2	1	0	0	1
Custody	6	17	2	2	6
Child protection / CSA / CSE	2	2	1	1	1
Call Handling	20	0	0	1	1
Arrest	12	41	1	2	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>47</b>

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
Q1 23/24	1	2	0	3
Q2 23/24	1	0	0	1
Q3 23/24	0	1	0	1
Q1 24/25	3	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

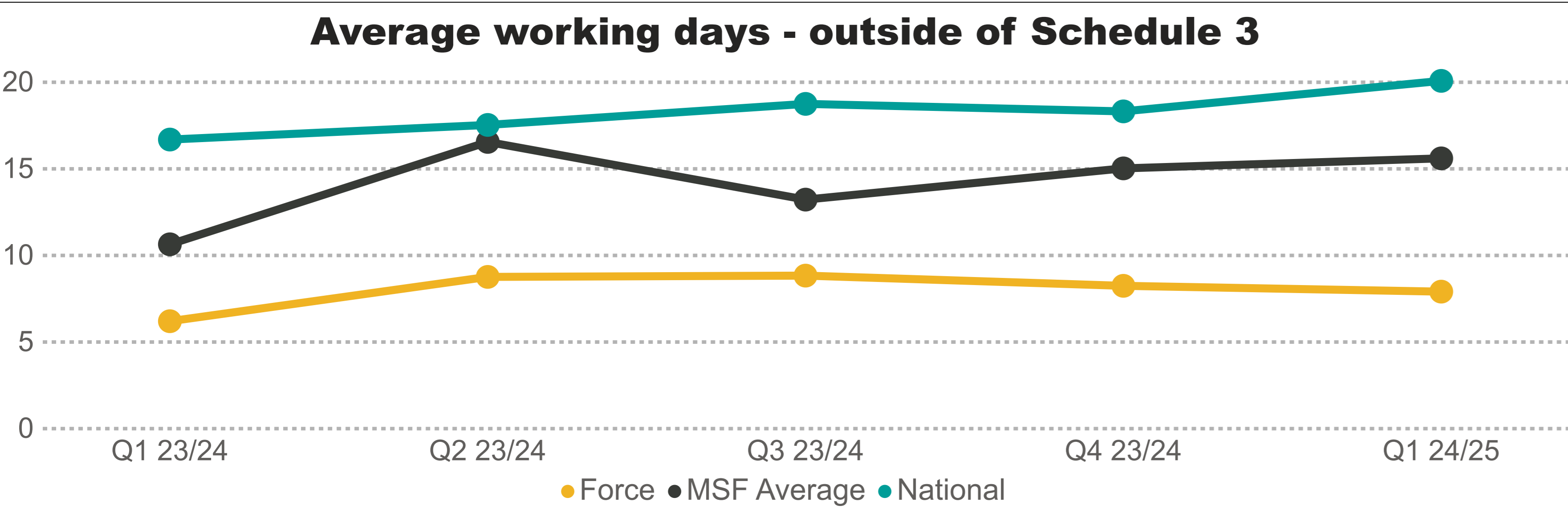
**Section A2: Allegations timeliness**

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.

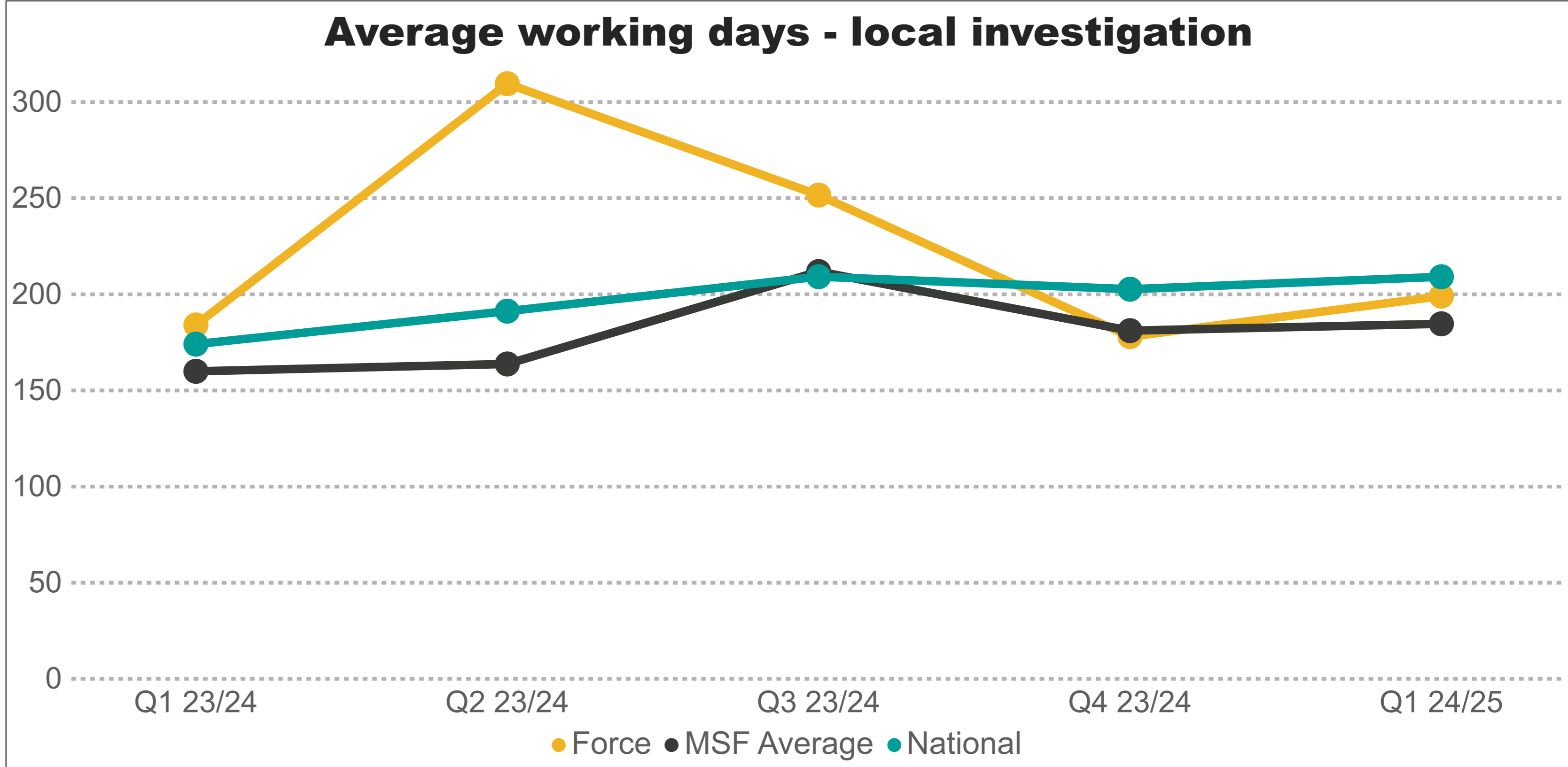
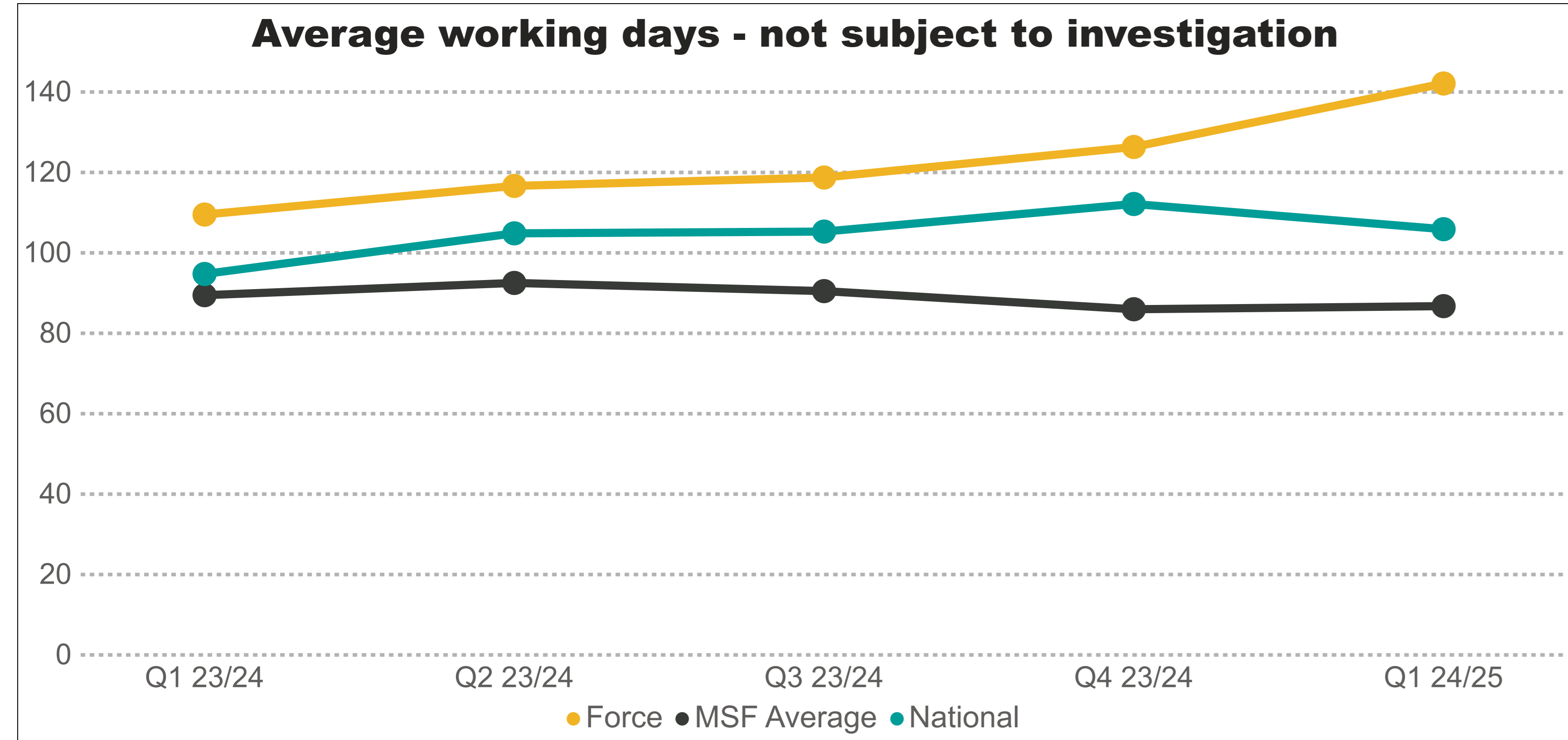
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

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	216	8	234	142	57	199	0	0
SPLY	266	6	198	109	61	184	0	0
MSF Average	363	16	488	87	96	184	1	73
National	16,487	20	17,104	105	4,492	208	23	360



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	12	619

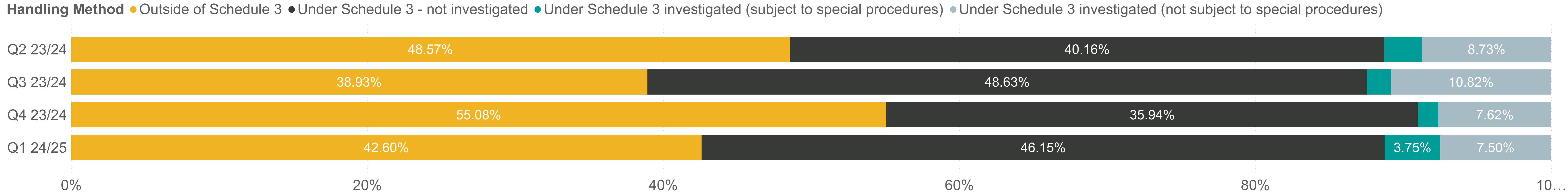


**Section A3.1: How allegations were handled and their decisions**

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)	38	7 %	91	8 %	4,102	11 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	19	4 %	6	1 %	425	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	234	46 %	488	51 %	17,104	45 %
Outside of Schedule 3	216	43 %	363	40 %	16,487	43 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>38,118</b>	<b>100 %</b>

**Force: percent of allegations finalised by handling method**



How allegations were handled (Year to date)	Outside of Schedule 3				Under Schedule 3 - not investigated				Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)				Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)			
	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				0 %	36	15 %	1,340	4 %			4	0 %			124	0 %
Regulation 41 applies				0 %			31	0 %			1	0 %			45	0 %
Service provided - unable to determine				0 %	17	7 %	1,503	4 %			4	0 %	2	5 %	381	1 %
Service provided - not acceptable				0 %	20	9 %	2,230	6 %			14	0 %	3	8 %	471	1 %
Service provided - acceptable				0 %	159	68 %	11,528	30 %	4	21 %	44	0 %	32	84 %	2,928	8 %
Not Resolved			930	2 %				0 %				0 %				0 %
Resolved	216	100 %	15,557	41 %				0 %				0 %				0 %
No Case to Answer				0 %				0 %	8	42 %	255	1 %				0 %
Case to Answer				0 %				0 %	7	37 %	90	0 %				0 %
Withdrawal				0 %	2	1 %	471	1 %			13	0 %	1	3 %	153	0 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>43 %</b>	<b>16,487</b>	<b>43 %</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>46 %</b>	<b>17,103</b>	<b>45 %</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4 %</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1 %</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7 %</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>11 %</b>



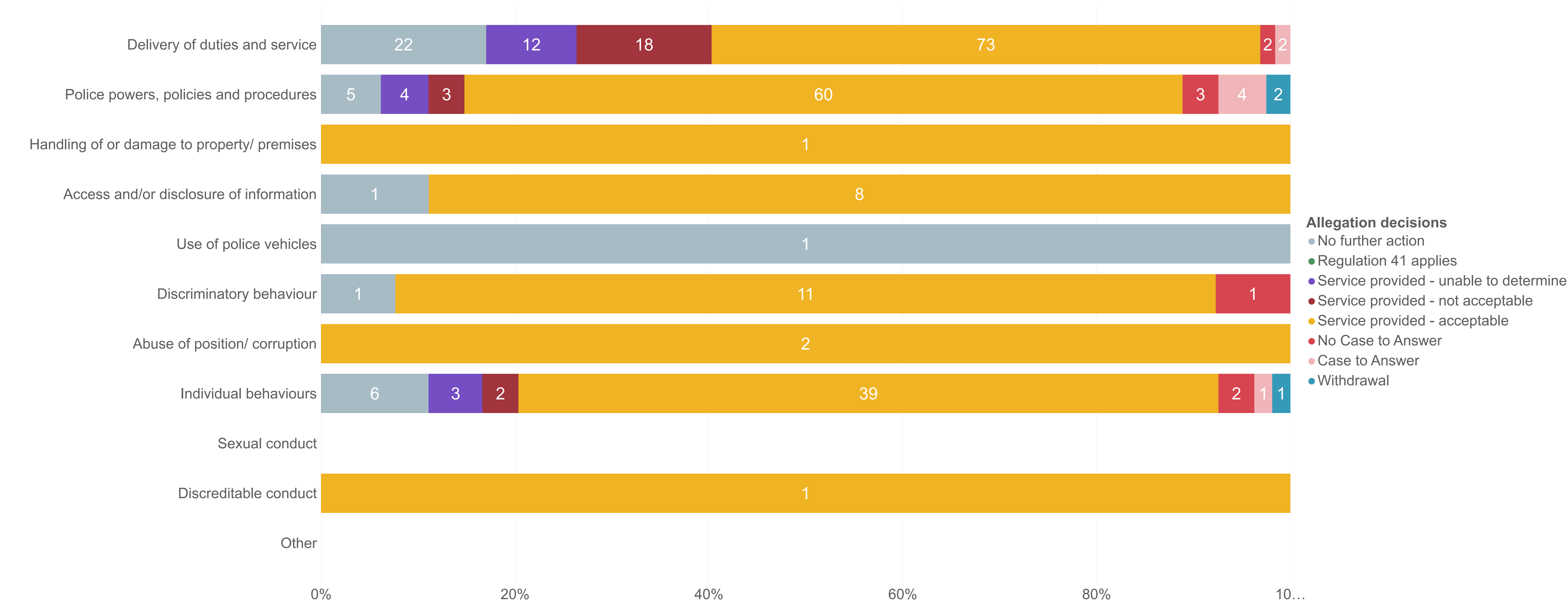
**Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (Year to date by category)**

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	186	24	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	216
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	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	1 %	69	0 %
Learning from reflection	0	0 %	0	0 %	18	4 %	460	3 %
Policy review	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	16	0 %
Goodwill gesture	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	16	0 %
Apology	2	1 %	2	1 %	29	8 %	1,689	10 %
Debrief	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	155	1 %
Explanation	212	98 %	264	99 %	248	70 %	10,008	61 %
No further action	0	0 %	0	0 %	43	12 %	1,776	11 %
Other action	2	1 %	0	0 %	15	4 %	1,954	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%.

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**

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	2	1 %	5	2 %	6	1 %	202	1 %
Apology	13	4 %	19	7 %	16	3 %	744	3 %
Debrief	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	513	2 %
Explanation	226	78 %	195	75 %	306	53 %	13,366	62 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	5	0 %
No further action	34	12 %	27	10 %	200	33 %	4,931	23 %
Other action	1	0 %	0	0 %	10	2 %	168	1 %
Learning from reflection	6	2 %	5	2 %	34	6 %	1,178	5 %
Referral to RPRP	6	2 %	6	2 %	3	1 %	327	2 %

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

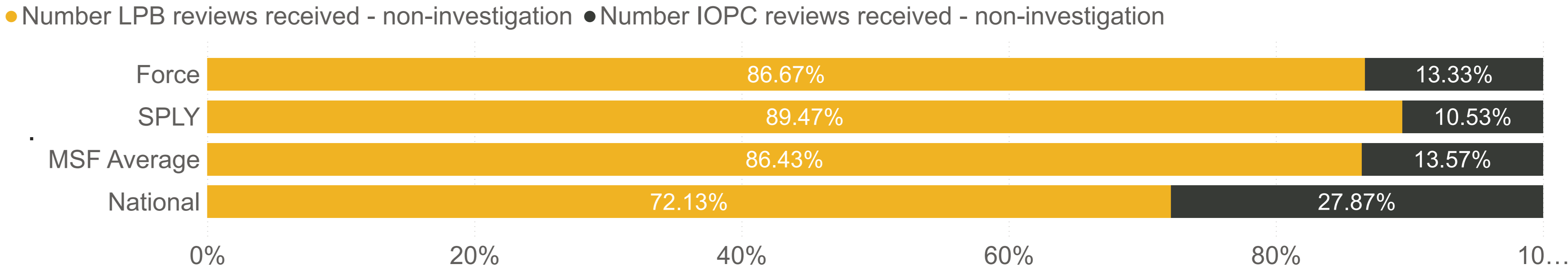
Complaint cases handled under Schedule 3 that are investigated and subject to Special Procedures can result in misconduct proceedings

Actions following Schedule 3 (special procedures) cases	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised
Misconduct proceedings	0	0 %	2	17 %	0	1 %	39	9 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	3	16 %	0	0 %	2	25 %	45	11 %
Referral to RPRP	2	11 %	1	8 %	0	3 %	81	19 %

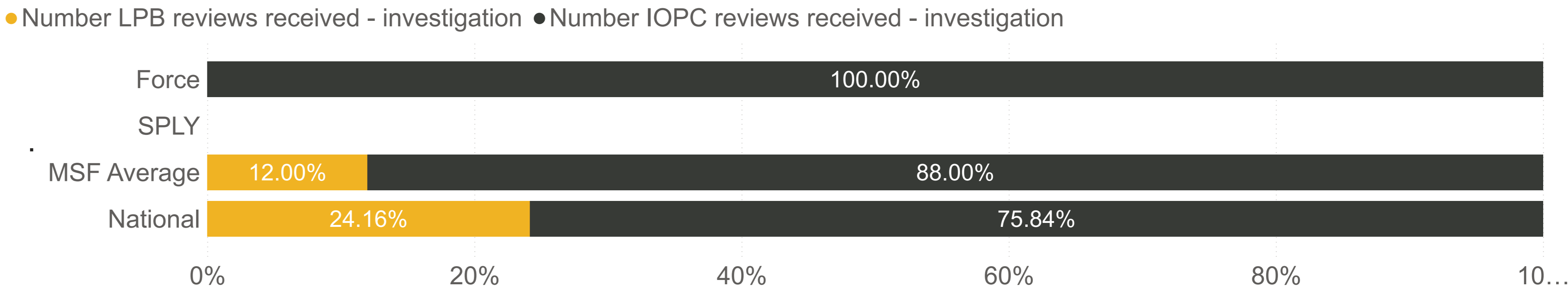
**Section C1: Reviews received and timeliness (Year to date)**

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	13	2
SPLY	17	2
MSF Average	28	4
National	893	345

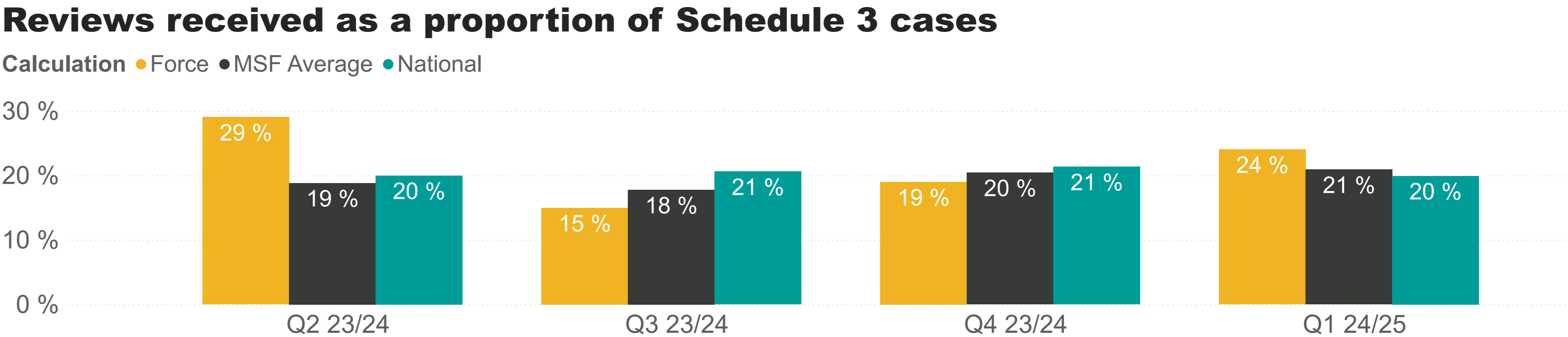


Investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	0	4
SPLY	0	0
MSF Average	1	6
National	79	248



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	19	79
SPLY	19	91
MSF Average	39	208
National	1,565	7,851



	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Average number of working days to complete Local Policing Body reviews	22	23	44	55
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	86	134	146	141

**Section C2: Outcomes on reviews**

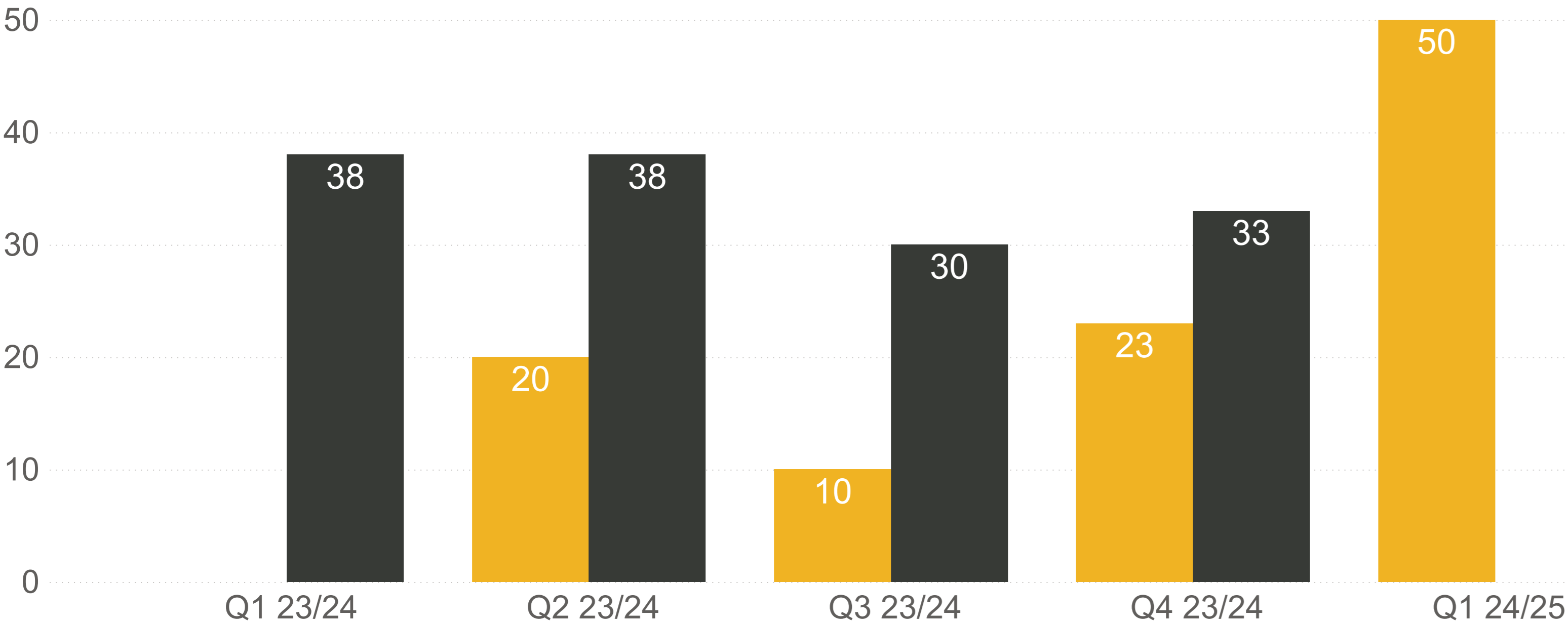
This section presents information about the decisions made on reviews including the proportion of reviews that found the outcome of the complaint was not reasonable and proportionate, those which resulted in a recommendation and, if necessary, a direction to the appropriate authority in respect of any 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	2	1	0	
SPLY	3	0	0	
MSF Average	7	3	1	2
National	221	68	67	9

Non-investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed non-investigation (IOPC)	Upheld non-investigation (IOPC)	Completed non-investigation (LPB)	Upheld non-investigation (LPB)
Force	1	0	12	5
SPLY	8	3	13	7
MSF Average	4	1	23	3
National	225	79	849	156

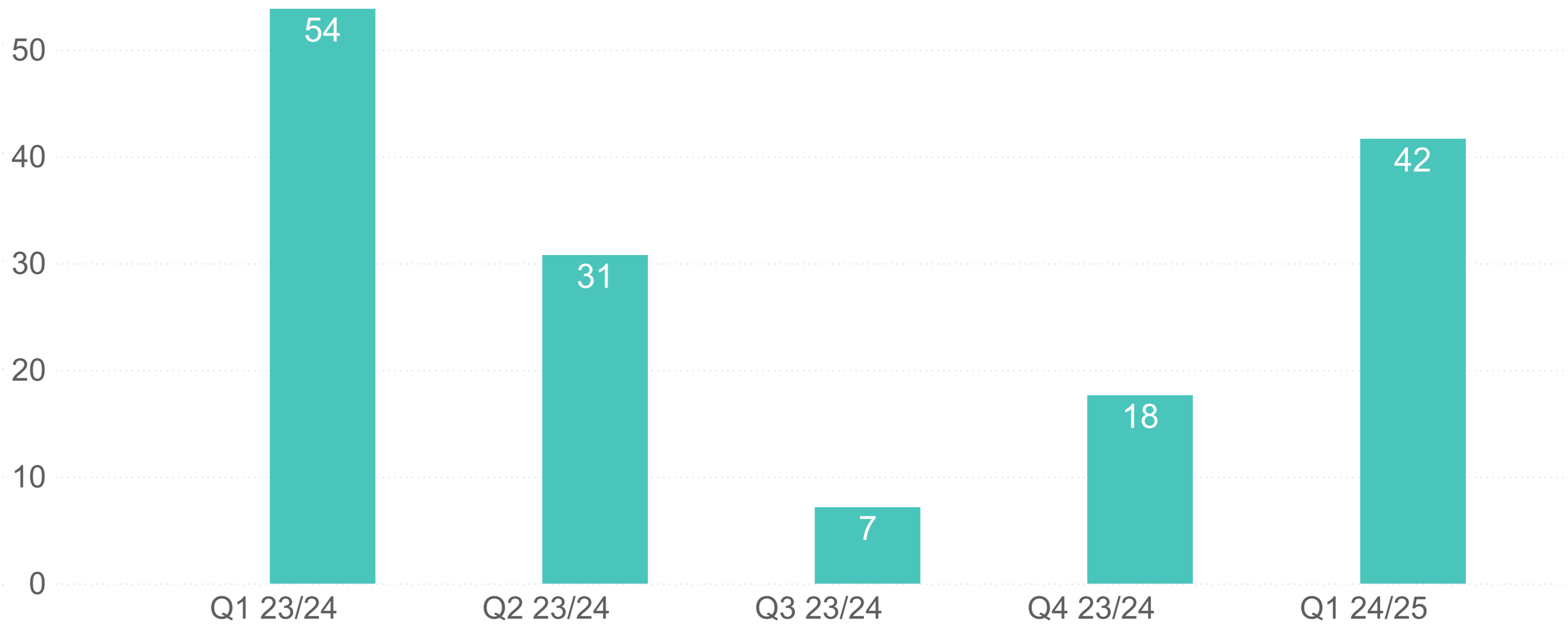
**% IOPC reviews upheld - Force**

● Investigation ● Non-investigation



**% LPB Reviews upheld - Force**

● Investigation ● Non-investigation



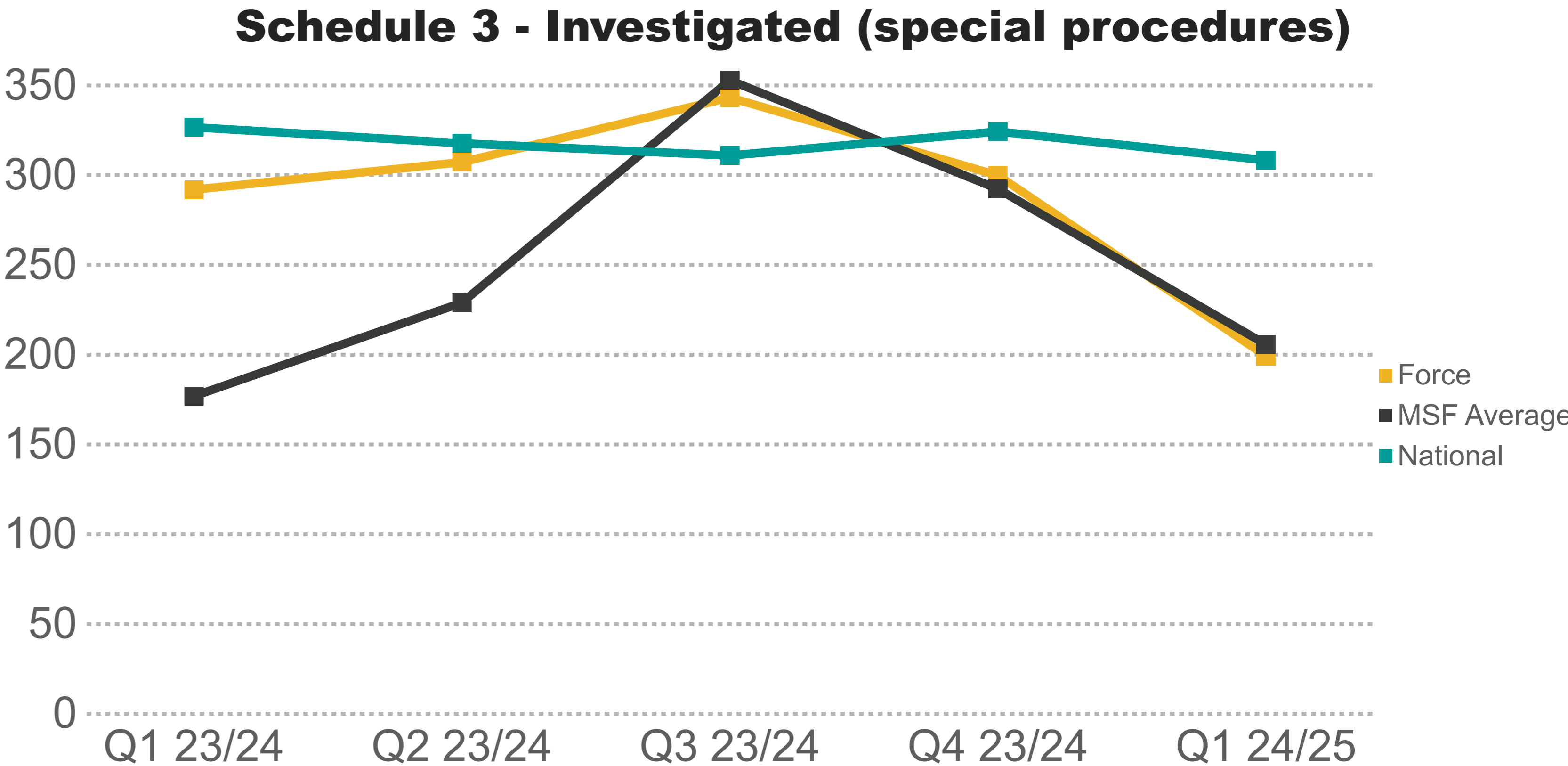
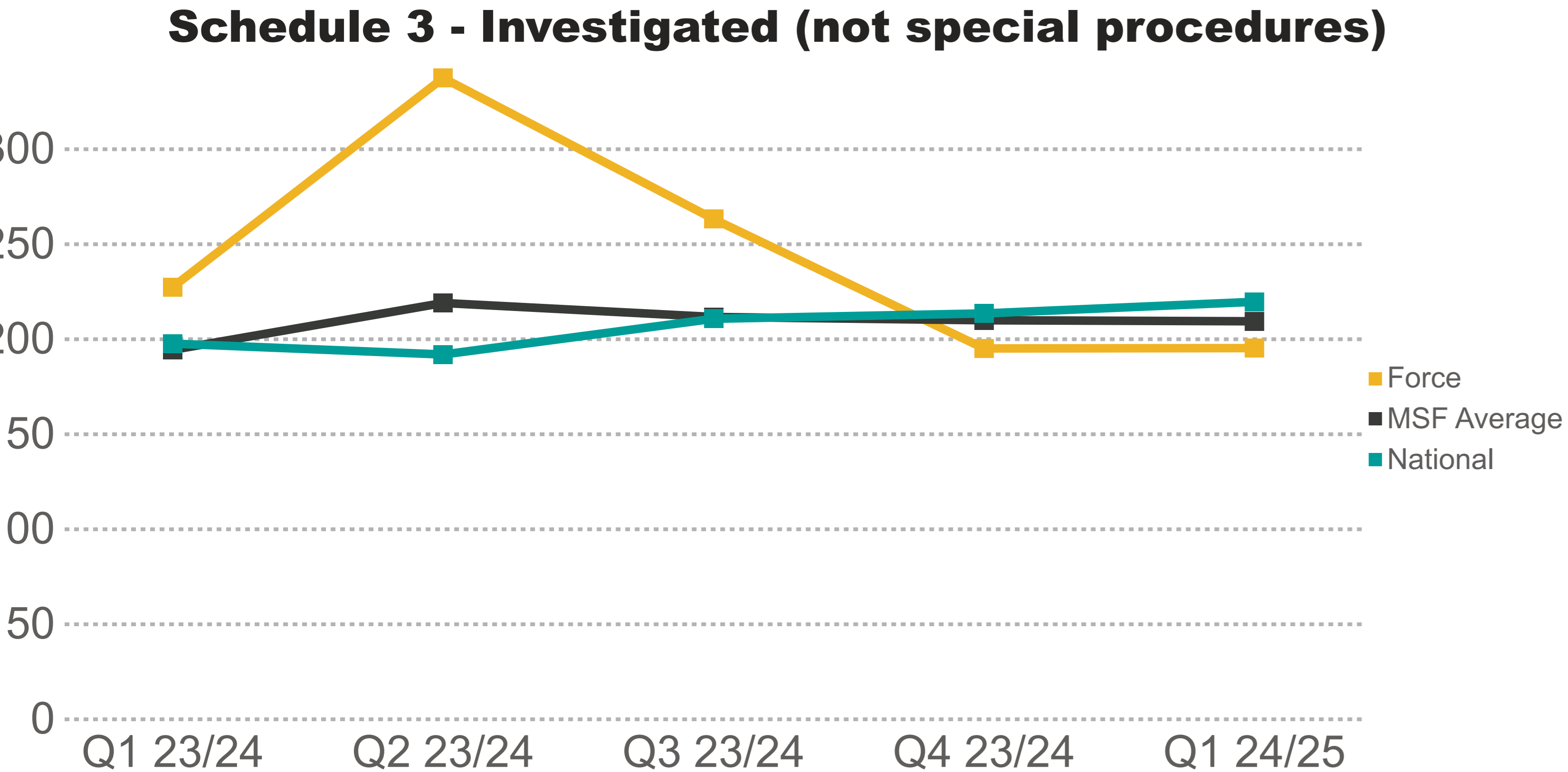
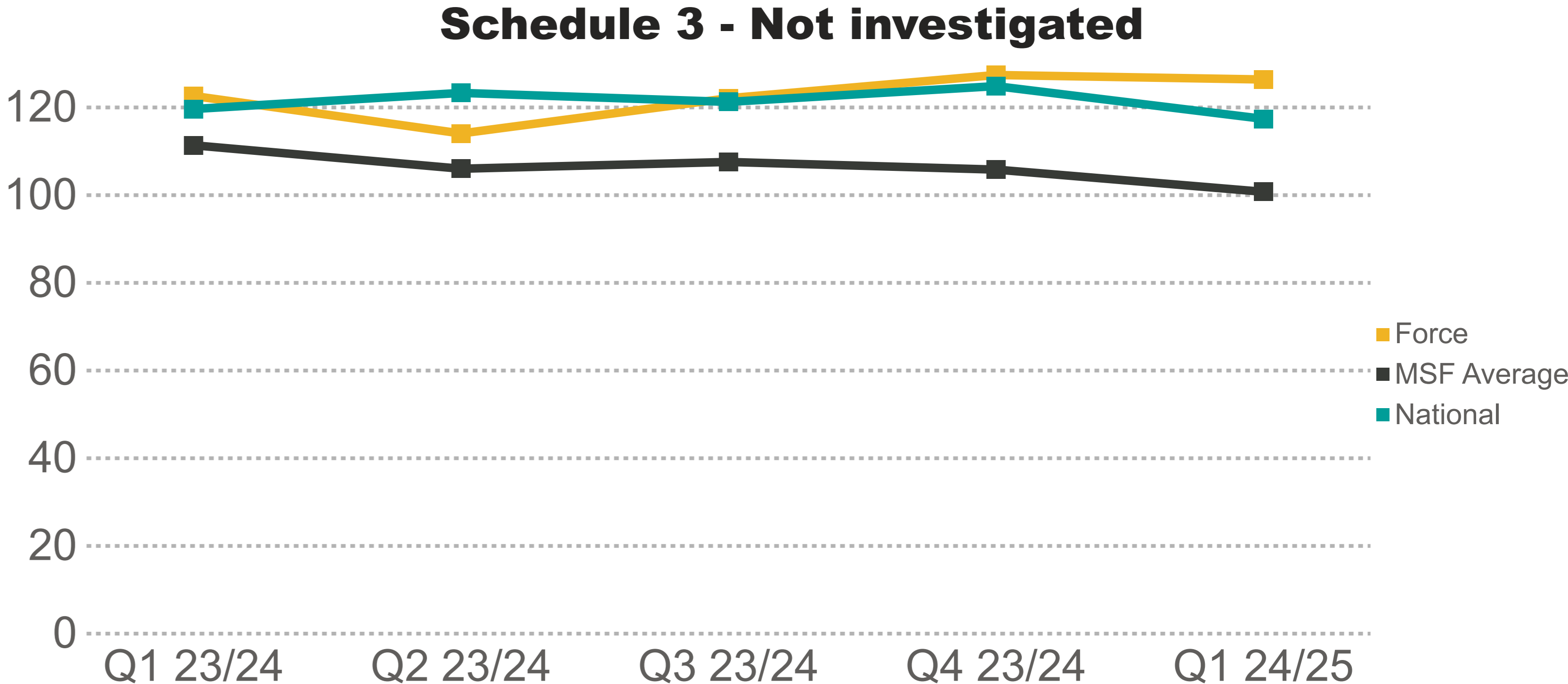
**Section D1: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness**

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)	199	292	205	308
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	195	227	209	219
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	126	123	101	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>140</b>

Number finalised (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	65	75	176	6,264
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	12	13	30	1,416
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	2	3	4	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>7,851</b>



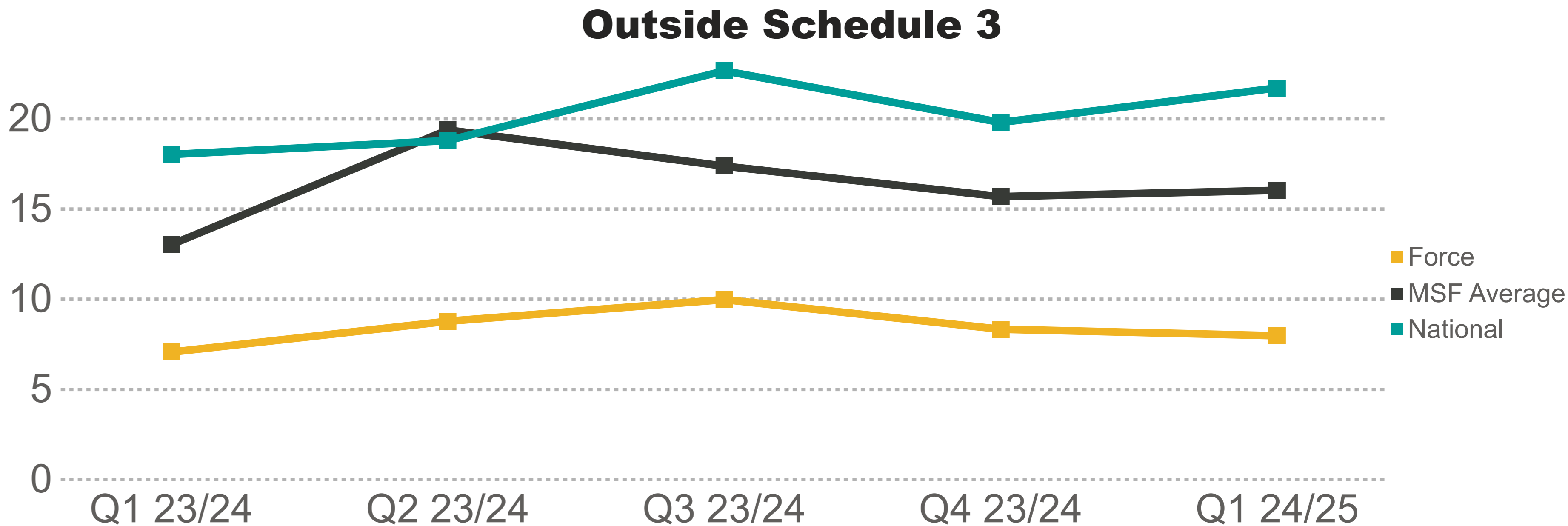
**Section D2: Complaint cases finalised outside of Schedule 3 - timeliness**

This section shows the time it takes the force to finalise complaint cases from the customer's perspective. It gives a breakdown of the time taken to finalise complaint cases handled 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.

**Year to date**

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	147	220	308	13766
Average days to finalise complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	8	7	16	22



**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	147	65%	220	71%	308	60%	13,766	64%
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	65	29%	75	24%	176	34%	6,264	29%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	12	5%	13	4%	30	6%	1,416	7%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	2	1%	3	1%	4	1%	171	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21,617</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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.

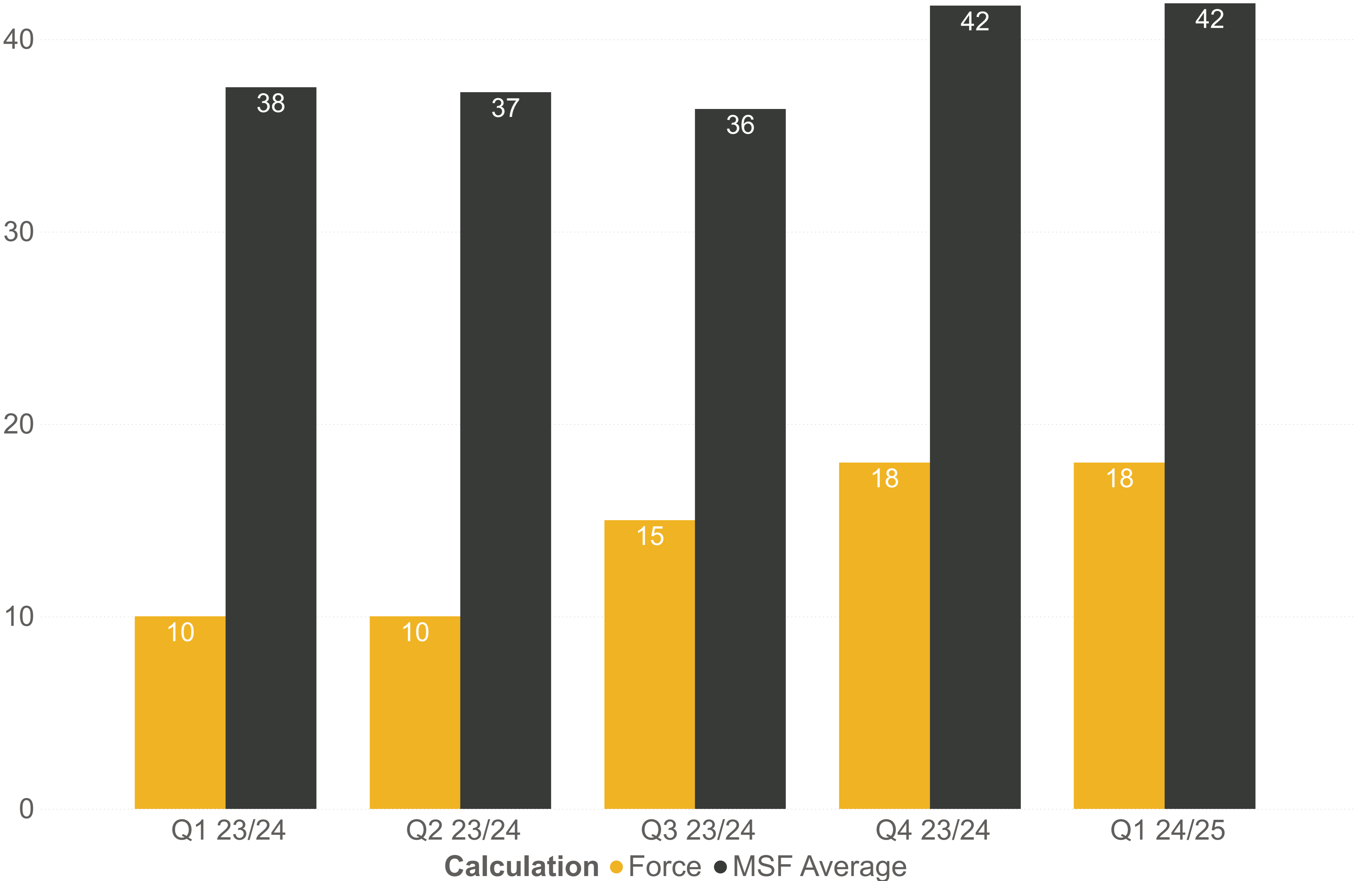
Where a referral is made by the force on a mandatory basis but does not meet the mandatory referral criteria, the matter may not fall within the IOPC’s remit to assess and will be determined invalid.

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	18	10	42	1,753
Number referrals completed	18	9	41	1,725
Decision: Independent Investigation	1	0	2	110
Decision: Directed Investigation	0	0	0	4
Decision: Local Investigation	11	3	23	966
Decision: Return to Force	4	6	15	611
Decision: Invalid	2	0	2	34

**Force and MSF Group referrals received**





Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Avon And Somerset, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Essex, Kent, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire

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