

Interim Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Cheshire

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Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Avon And Somerset, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Devon And Cornwall, Northamptonshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Wiltshire

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.

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.

Please note: Due to one force being unable to submit data for this quarter, national figures are incomplete. Therefore these figures should not be considered definitive.

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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

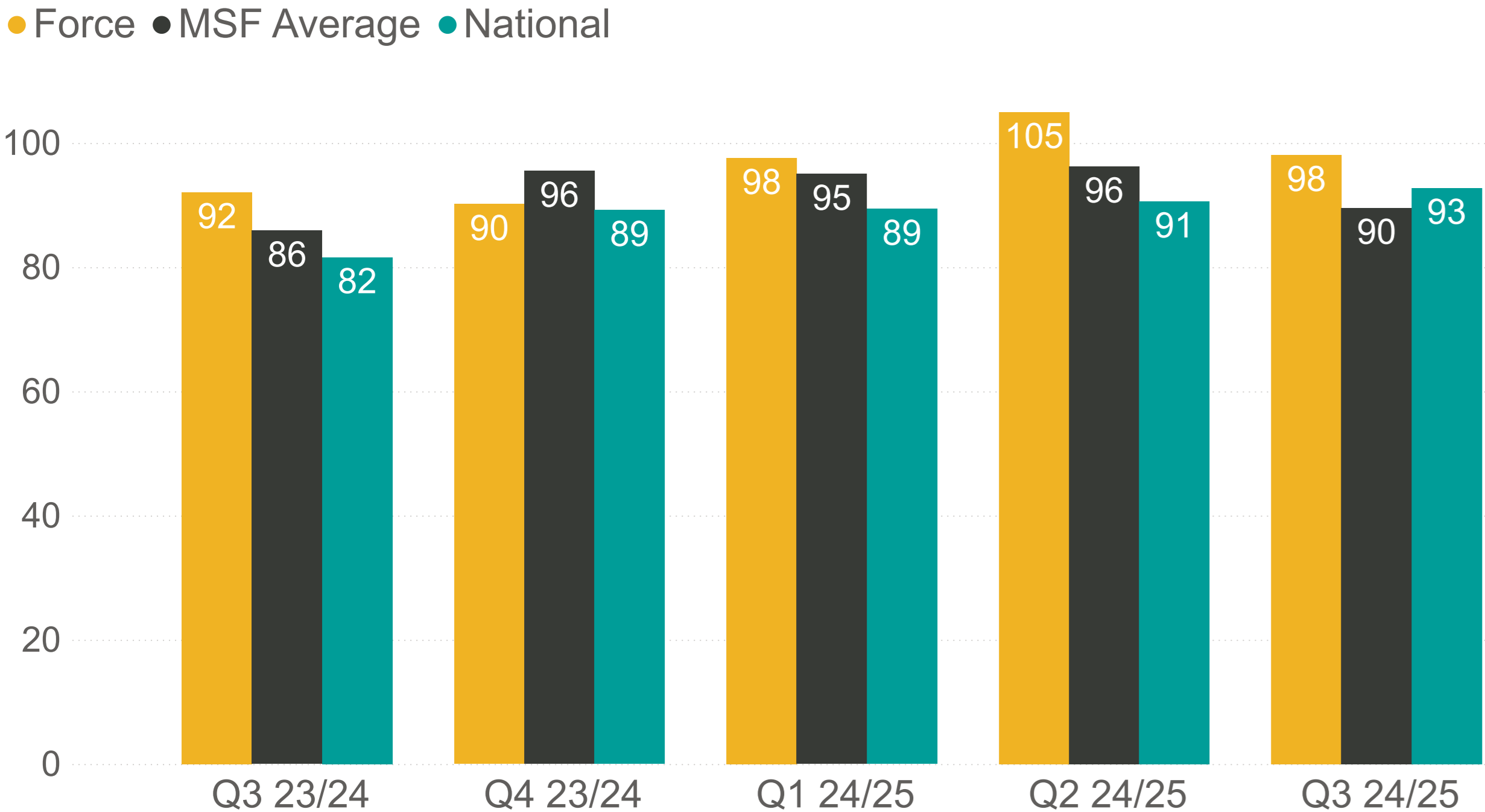
Nat. – National, **RPRP** – Reflective Practice Review Process, **UPP** – Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure

Section A1.1: Complaint cases and allegations logged

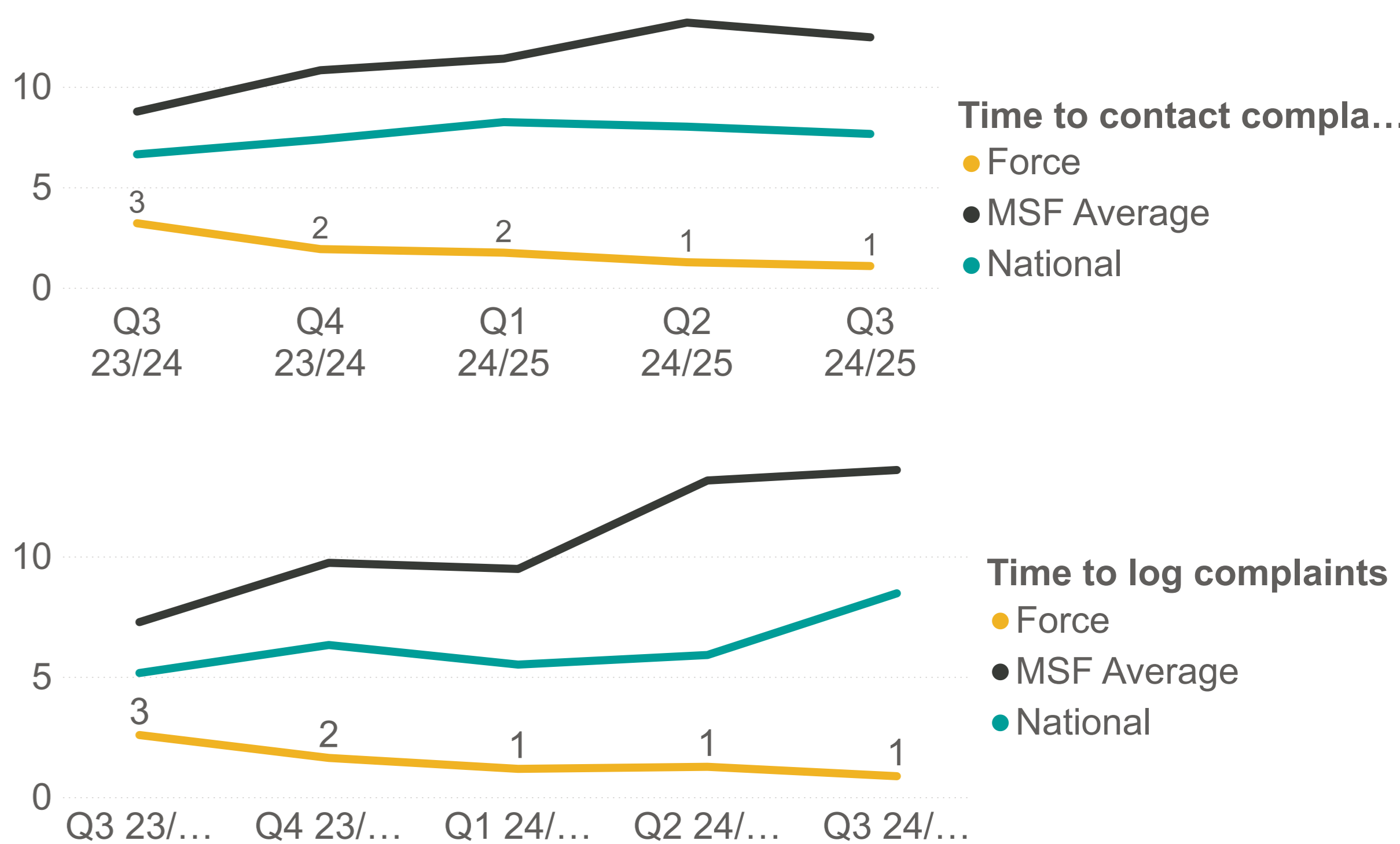
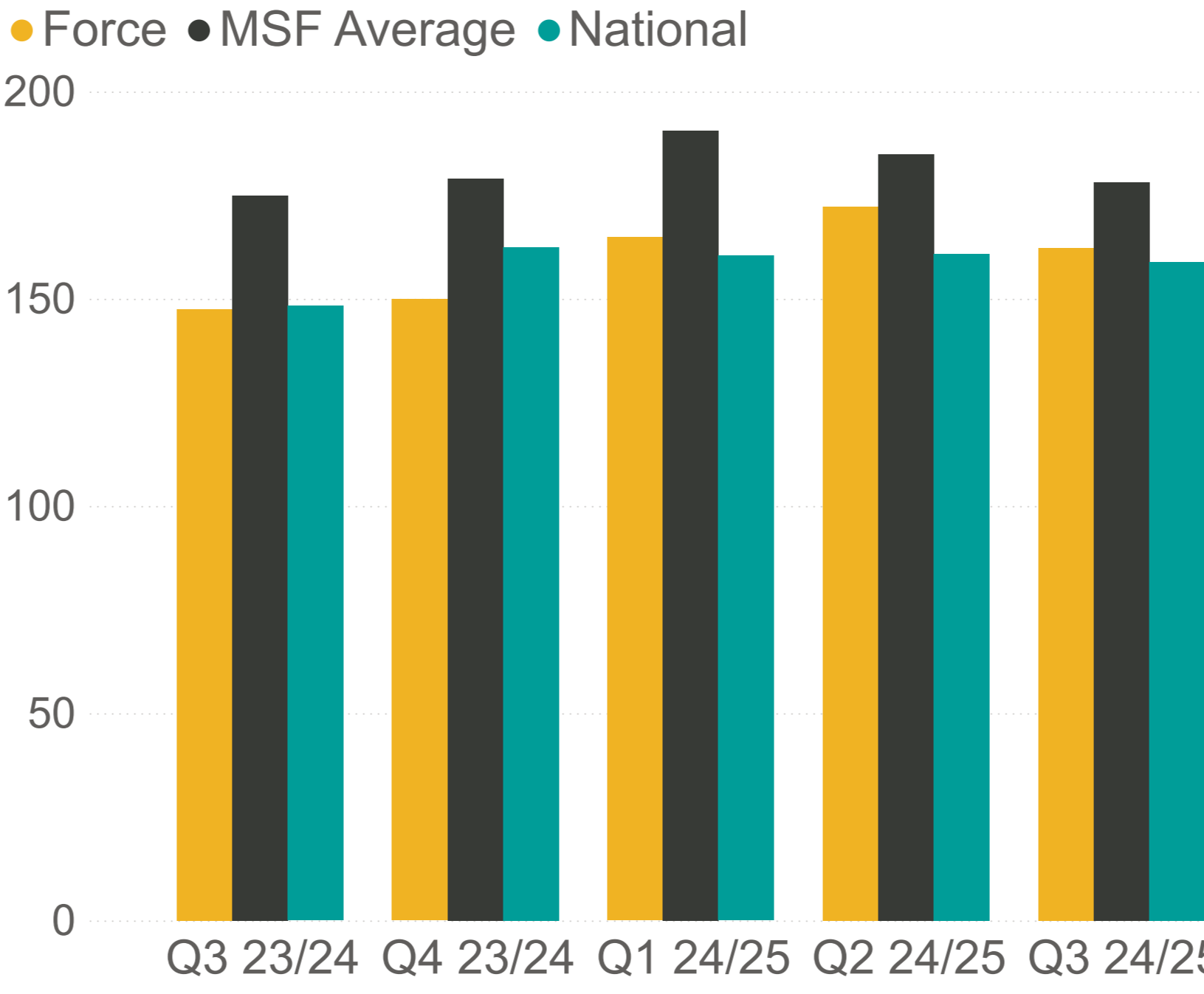
A complaint case is formed of one or more allegations. Numbers per 1,000 employees are used to demonstrate how the number of complaints/allegations against a force compare to their most similar force group and national figures. The force should contact the complainant and log the complaint as soon as 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	1,260	301	2,093	499	1	1
SPLY	1,167	278	1,871	445	2	1
MSF Average	1,138	281	2,315	554	12	11
National	69,504	273	122,348	480	8	7

Complaints logged per 1,000 employees



Allegations logged per 1,000 employees



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

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

Allegations should have an allegation category applied to them which will identify the root of what the allegation is about.

Forces can handle a complaint informally (known as Outside of Schedule 3), this should be used to deal with lower level complaints.

If a complaint is handled formally under Schedule 3, the force should record the reason why.

For more information on Schedule 3 of the Police Reform Act see here:

[Guidance on capturing data about police complaints.](#)

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	230	281	233	9,603
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	147	78	71	4,564
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	191	130	77	3,723
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	156	101	134	5,364
Total	724	590	516	23,254

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	32 %	48 %	45 %	41 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	20 %	13 %	13 %	20 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	26 %	22 %	17 %	16 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	22 %	17 %	25 %	23 %

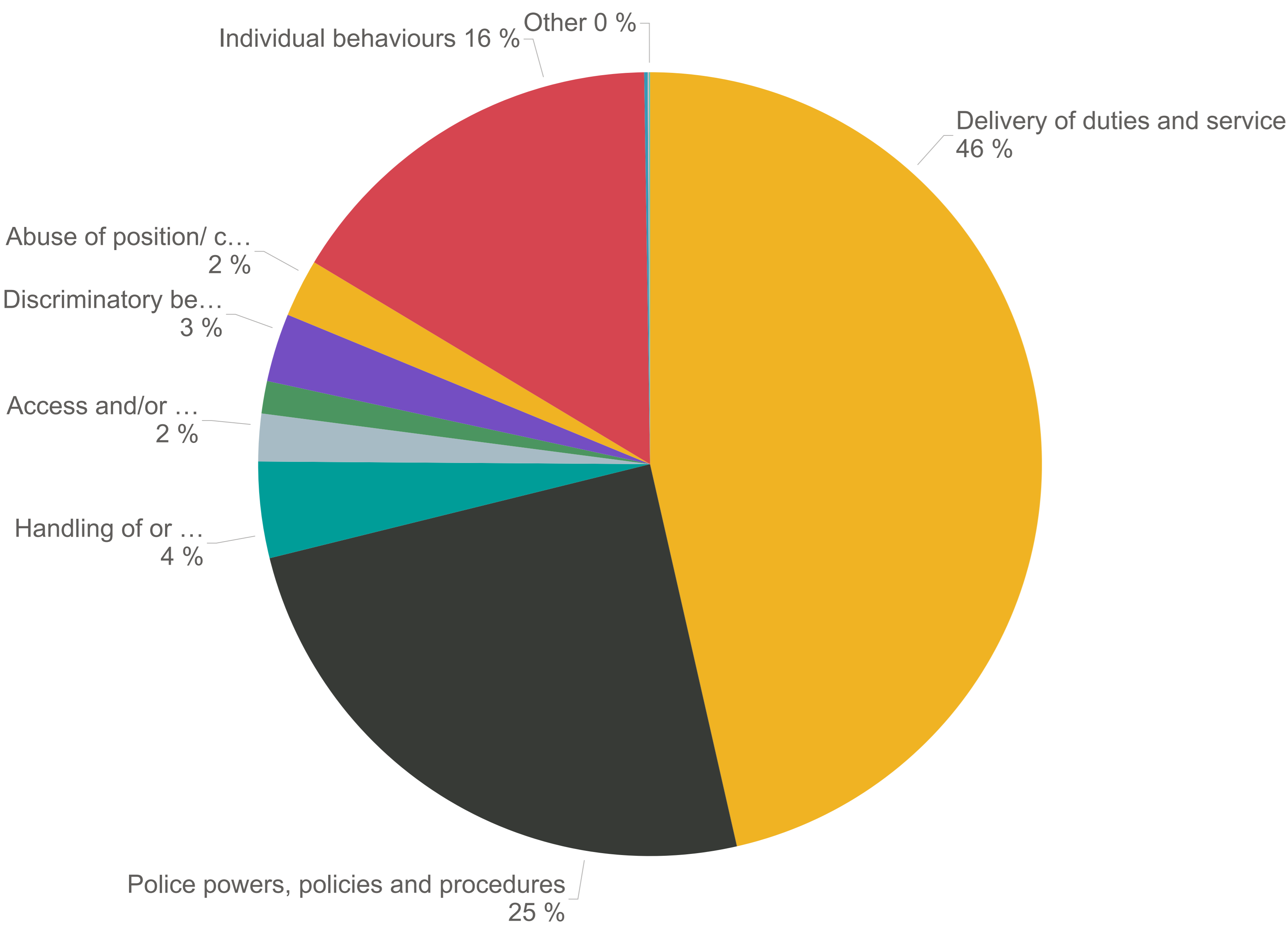
Section A1.3: Allegations logged – what has been complained about (YTD)

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.

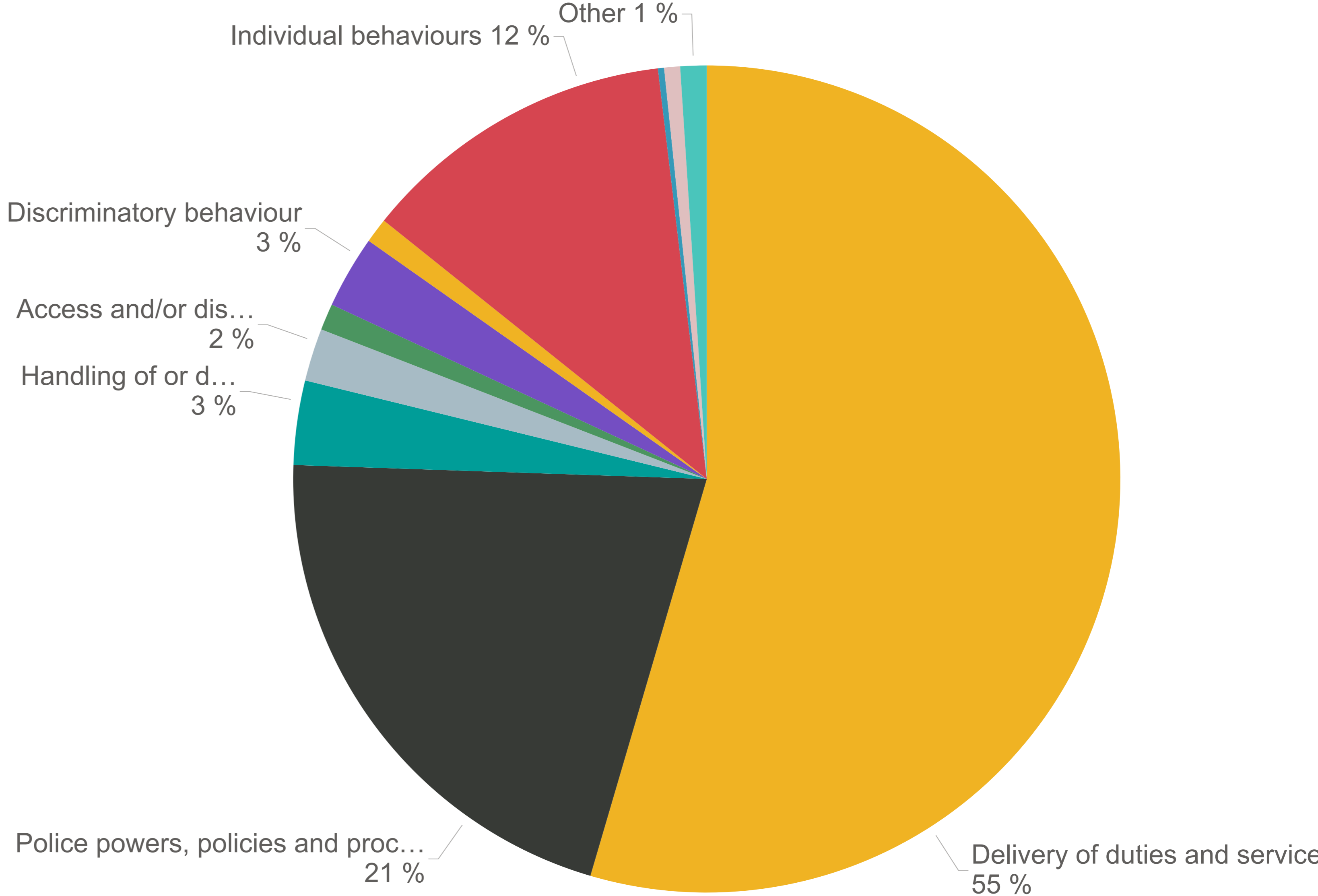
What has been complained about (YTD)

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	972	517	83	41	28	59	50	338	3	1	1	2,093
SPLY	892	522	62	32	22	40	40	246	4	11	0	1,871
MSF Average	1,234	477	68	41	28	64	41	332	7	14	10	2,315
National	66,729	25,690	4,027	2,522	1,266	3,476	1,192	15,133	293	761	1,257	122,346

What has been complained about (force - year to date)



What has been complained about (national - year to date)



Section A1.4: Allegations logged – Top five allegation categories and their sub-categories (Year to date)

Category	Year to date Subcategory	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Delivery of duties and service	Total	972	46 %	892	48 %	1,234	52 %	66,726	55 %	
	Police action following contact	521	54 %	470	53 %	540	43 %	27,618	41 %	
	Information	215	22 %	201	23 %	213	18 %	7,682	12 %	
	Decisions	181	19 %	131	15 %	216	17 %	9,699	15 %	
	General level of service	55	6 %	90	10 %	265	22 %	21,727	33 %	
Police powers, policies and procedures	Total	517	25 %	522	28 %	477	22 %	25,687	21 %	
	Power to arrest and detain	151	29 %	129	25 %	98	20 %	4,643	18 %	
	Use of force	144	28 %	142	27 %	119	25 %	6,584	26 %	
	Detention in police custody	94	18 %	118	23 %	83	17 %	3,661	14 %	
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	50	10 %	49	9 %	35	7 %	1,489	6 %	
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	33	6 %	43	8 %	54	11 %	3,261	13 %	
	Evidential procedures	18	3 %	15	3 %	24	6 %	1,861	7 %	
	Stops, and stop and search	10	2 %	18	3 %	14	3 %	1,218	5 %	
	Other policies and procedures	10	2 %	5	1 %	38	9 %	2,576	10 %	
	Out of court disposals	7	1 %	3	1 %	12	3 %	393	2 %	
	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	
	Individual behaviours	Total	338	16 %	246	13 %	332	15 %	15,132	12 %
		Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	106	31 %	71	29 %	84	26 %	4,272	28 %
		Overbearing or harassing behaviours	91	27 %	55	22 %	68	20 %	2,570	17 %
Impolite language / tone		87	26 %	89	36 %	83	25 %	3,890	26 %	
Lack of fairness and impartiality		49	14 %	26	11 %	64	18 %	2,089	14 %	
Impolite and intolerant actions		5	1 %	5	2 %	33	10 %	2,311	15 %	
Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Total	83	4 %	62	3 %	68	3 %	3,932	3 %	
	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	83	100 %	62	100 %	68	100 %	3,931	98 %	
Discriminatory behaviour	Police action following contact	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	
	Total	59	3 %	40	2 %	64	3 %	3,476	3 %	
	Race	28	47 %	11	28 %	28	42 %	1,655	48 %	
	Sex	12	20 %	15	38 %	11	17 %	561	16 %	
	Disability	10	17 %	9	23 %	15	23 %	663	19 %	
	Other	4	7 %	0	0 %	5	9 %	316	9 %	
	Age	2	3 %	0	0 %	2	2 %	53	2 %	
	Sexual orientation	2	3 %	2	5 %	2	4 %	105	3 %	
	Religion or belief	1	2 %	3	8 %	1	1 %	84	2 %	
	Gender reassignment	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	1 %	36	1 %	
	Marriage and civil partnership	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	
	Pregnancy and maternity	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	

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

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

Section A1.5: National complaint factors

Year to date Factors on all allegations	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged
None	717	34 %	552	30 %	505	20 %	22,863	19 %
Investigation	475	23 %	442	24 %	846	39 %	46,292	38 %
Arrest	298	14 %	272	15 %	278	13 %	15,683	13 %
Custody	176	8 %	190	10 %	141	7 %	7,020	6 %
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	138	7 %	110	6 %	96	6 %	5,179	4 %
Roads/traffic	115	5 %	142	8 %	130	6 %	7,298	6 %
Domestic / gender abuse	103	5 %	80	4 %	123	7 %	6,828	6 %
Call Handling	69	3 %	50	3 %	90	4 %	5,209	4 %
Restraint equipment	59	3 %	62	3 %	23	1 %	1,321	1 %
Stop and/or search	58	3 %	76	4 %	27	1 %	2,543	2 %
Neighbourhood policing	51	2 %	43	2 %	103	4 %	5,699	5 %
Premises search	28	1 %	33	2 %	42	2 %	2,989	2 %
Mental health	23	1 %	34	2 %	47	2 %	3,667	3 %
Child protection / CSA / CSE	16	1 %	20	1 %	46	3 %	2,199	2 %
Fraud	14	1 %	7	0 %	7	0 %	779	1 %
Death	13	1 %	8	0 %	23	1 %	1,105	1 %
Drugs / alcohol	12	1 %	7	0 %	25	2 %	1,408	1 %
Hate Crime	12	1 %	1	0 %	13	1 %	699	1 %
Missing persons	9	0 %	7	0 %	16	1 %	771	1 %
VAWG - police perpetrated	7	0 %	17	1 %	11	1 %	848	1 %
Public order incident	4	0 %	4	0 %	26	1 %	972	1 %
Social media	4	0 %	5	0 %	8	0 %	506	0 %
Firearms	3	0 %	1	0 %	11	1 %	559	0 %
Police dogs or horses	3	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	76	0 %
Taser	3	0 %	2	0 %	3	0 %	146	0 %
VAWG - police victim	3	0 %	3	0 %	1	0 %	107	0 %
Covert policing	2	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	66	0 %
Serious injury	1	0 %	4	0 %	3	0 %	256	0 %
Coronavirus - other	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on infectiou	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on restricti	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
PPDA	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	27	0 %
PPDA - Police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %
Prejudicial and improper behaviour	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %
Unknown	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	23	0 %
VAWG' - dissatisfaction handling	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	16	0 %
VAWG' - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	23	0 %

This section presents information that shows the situational context of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint.

Each allegation should have a single category selected. However, multiple factors can be selected on a single allegation. Therefore, the sum of factors will not equal the total allegations logged in each category and the percentages here will add up to over 100%. Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for definitions of categories and factors.

Section A1.6: National complaint factors on top five allegation categories

Factors on top five allegation categories (Year to date)	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Discriminatory behaviour	Individual behaviours
VAWG - police victim	2	0	0	1	0
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	5	0	0	0
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	118	5	0	2	9
Taser	0	3	0	0	0
Stop and/or search	8	21	3	3	19
Social media	3	0	0	0	0
Serious injury	0	1	0	0	0
Roads/traffic	52	11	2	1	25
Restraint equipment	0	58	0	1	0
Public order incident	3	1	0	0	0
Premises search	3	17	5	0	1
Police dogs or horses	0	2	0	0	1
None	320	84	53	22	174
Neighbourhood policing	35	2	0	2	10
Missing persons	6	2	0	0	1
Mental health	5	13	0	1	4
Investigation	385	31	5	8	32
Hate Crime	10	1	0	1	0
Fraud	13	0	0	0	1
Firearms	2	1	0	0	0
Drugs / alcohol	2	4	1	1	2
Domestic / gender abuse	71	17	0	3	10
Death	9	2	0	0	2
Custody	20	116	9	9	17
Covert policing	0	1	0	0	1
Child protection / CSA / CSE	12	2	0	0	1
Call Handling	39	0	0	3	26
Arrest	33	218	7	8	27
Total	971	517	83	59	338

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
Q3 23/24	33	3	2	38
Q4 23/24	44	1	0	45
Q1 24/25	30	3	2	33
Q2 24/25	45	2	1	48
Q3 24/25	63	2	0	65
Total	215	11	5	229

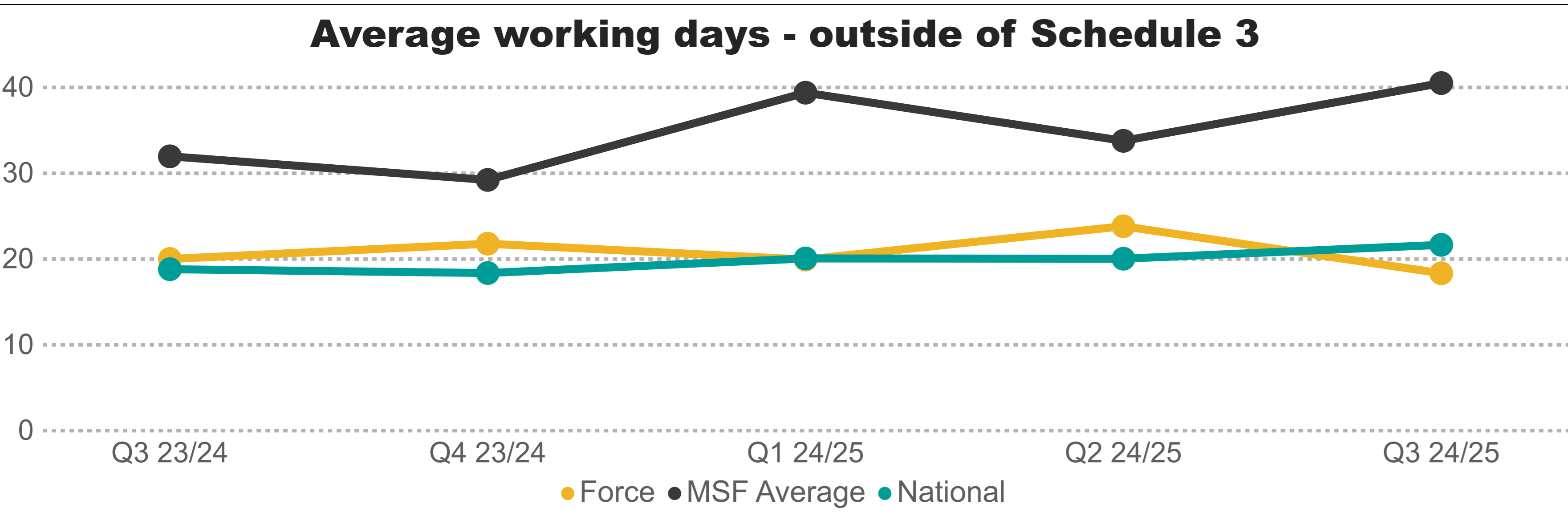
Section A2: Allegations timeliness

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.

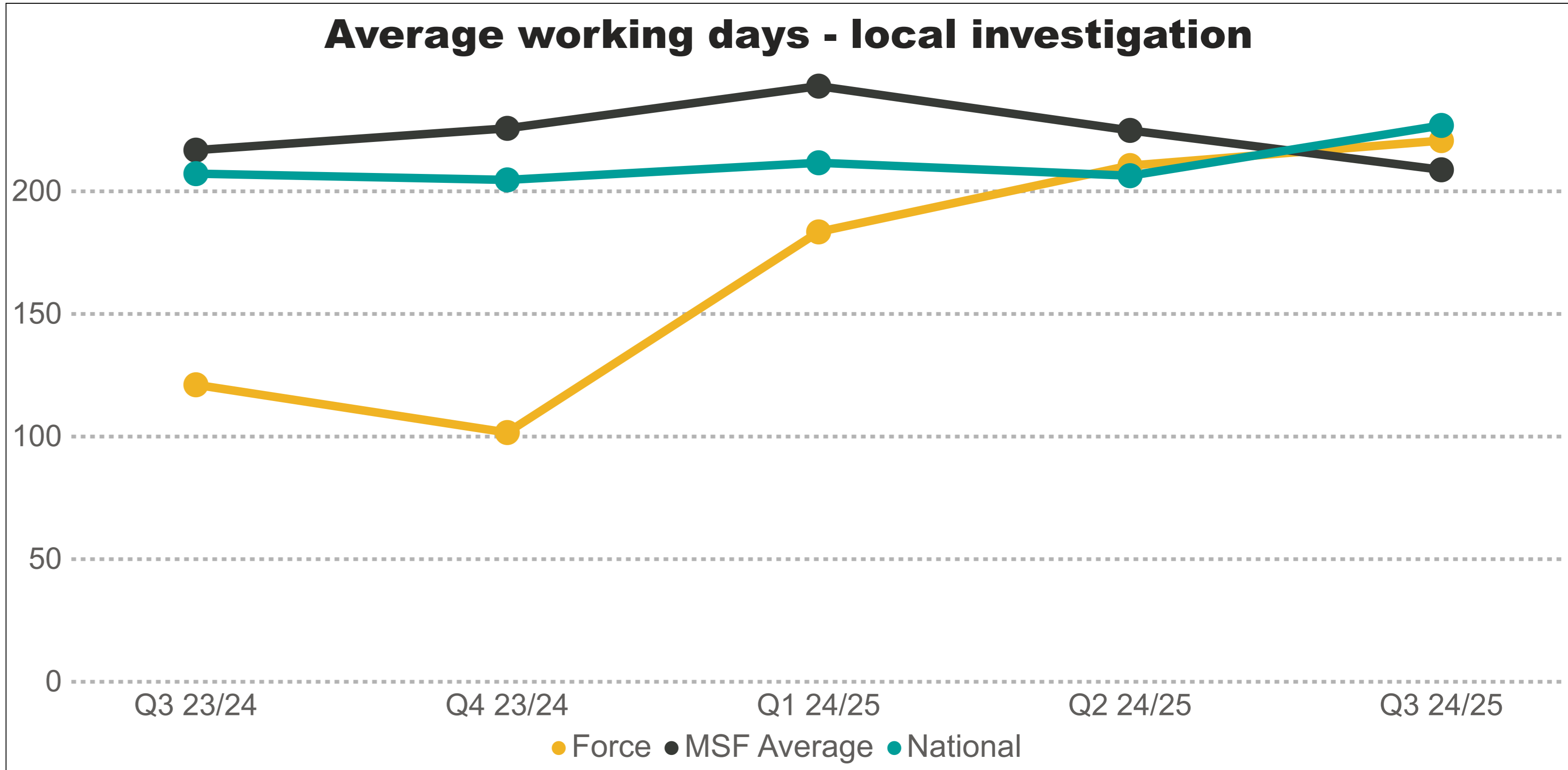
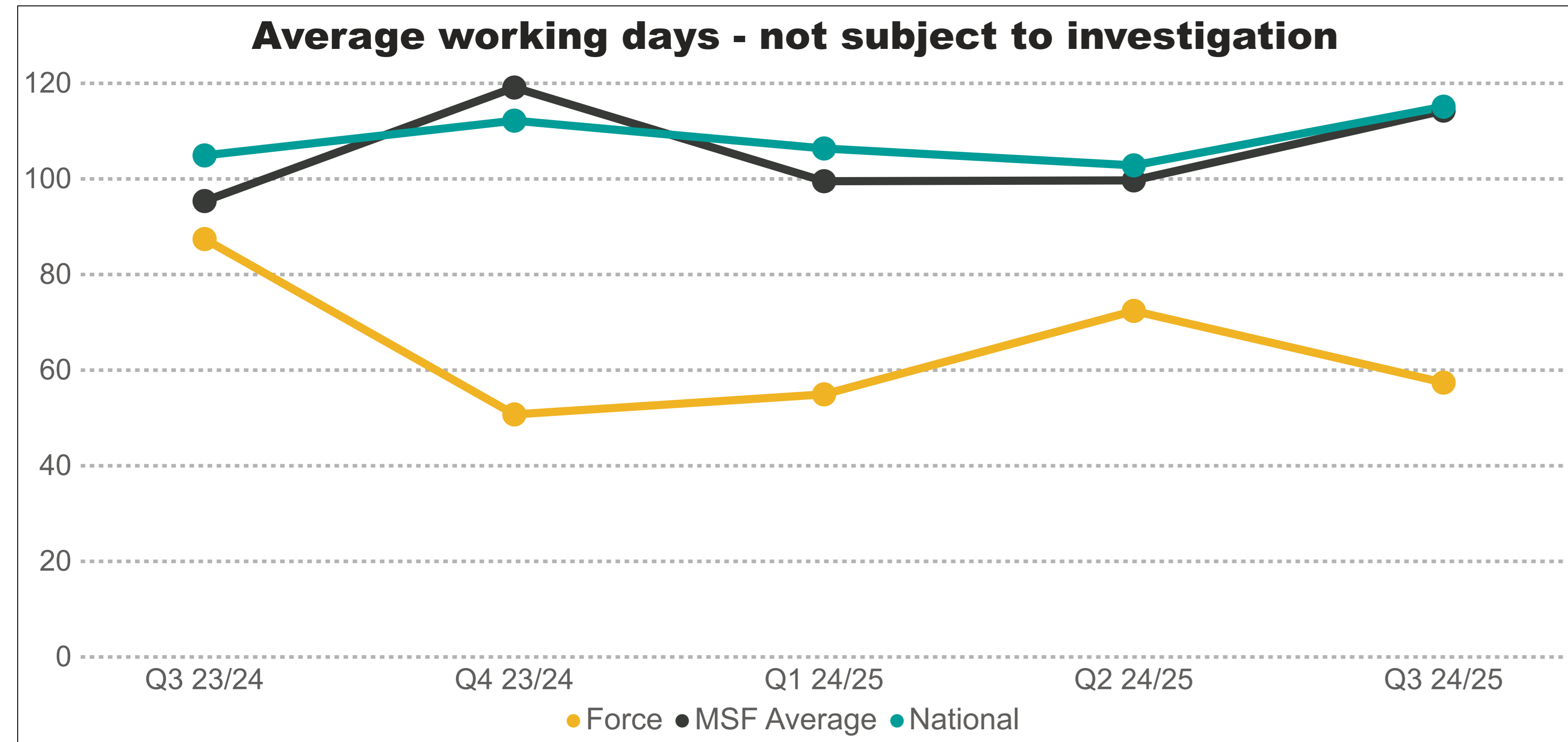
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

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	534	21	1,399	62	101	205	0	0
SPLY	581	21	1,144	78	167	123	0	0
MSF Average	758	36	1,201	105	163	222	1	90
National	51,937	20	53,990	108	13,259	214	224	307



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	17	574

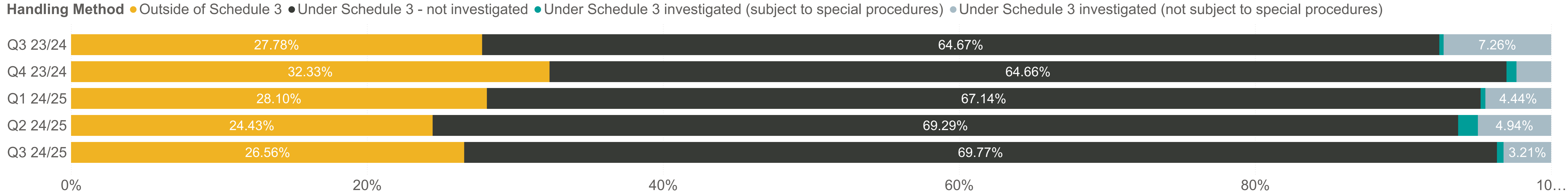


Section A3.1: How allegations were handled and their decisions

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)	86	4 %	148	8 %	12,092	10 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	15	1 %	16	1 %	1,408	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	1,399	69 %	1201	57 %	53,990	45 %
Outside of Schedule 3	534	26 %	758	34 %	51,937	43 %
Total	2,034	100 %	2122	100 %	119,427	100 %

Force: percent of allegations finalised by handling method



How allegations were handled (Year to date)	Outside of Schedule 3				Under Schedule 3 - not investigated				Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)				Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)			
	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					66	5 %	4,006	7 %			22	2 %	2	2 %	347	3 %
Regulation 41 applies							77	0 %			3	0 %			155	1 %
Service provided - unable to determine					28	2 %	4,930	9 %			18	1 %	2	2 %	1,148	9 %
Service provided - not acceptable					198	14 %	7,176	13 %	1	7 %	43	3 %	13	15 %	1,461	12 %
Service provided - acceptable					1081	77 %	36,299	67 %	4	27 %	199	14 %	69	80 %	8,649	72 %
Not Resolved	28	5 %	2,767	5 %												
Resolved	506	95 %	49,169	95 %												
No Case to Answer									4	27 %	796	57 %				
Case to Answer									6	40 %	301	21 %				
Withdrawal					26	2 %	1,501	3 %			26	2 %			332	3 %

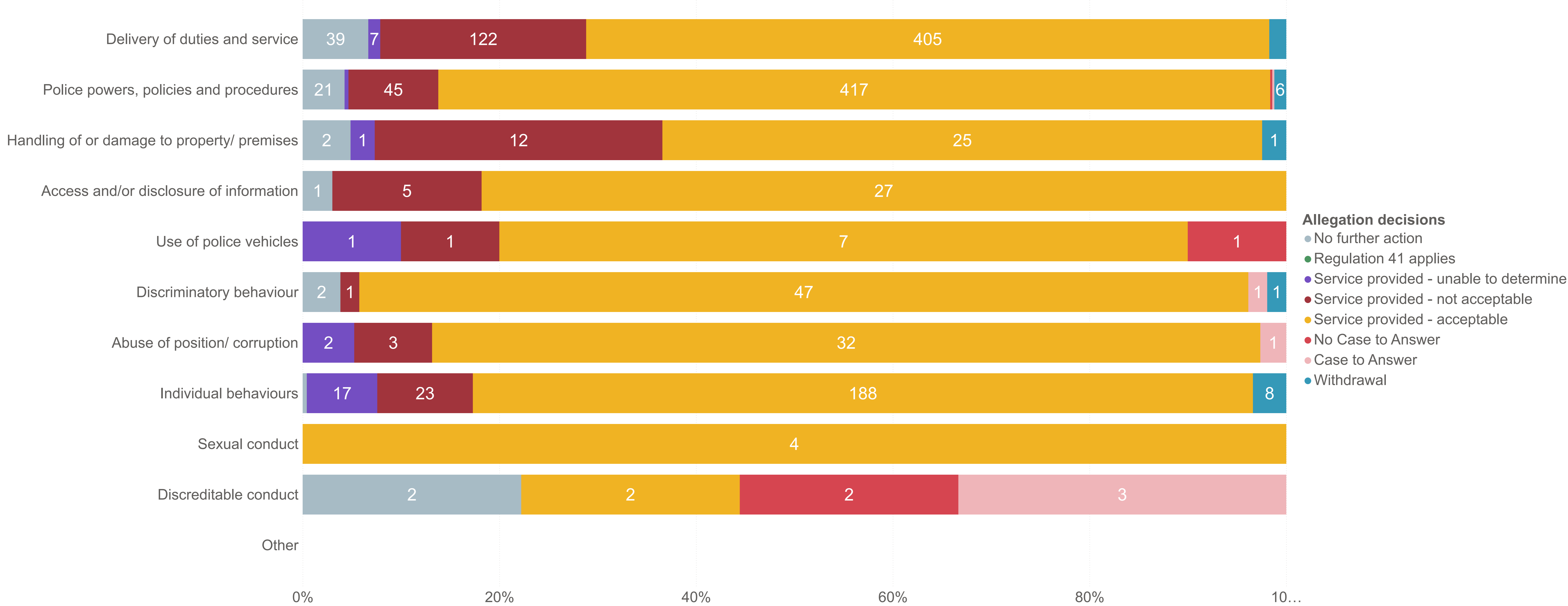
Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (Year to date by category)

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

Outside Schedule 3 allegation decisions

Allegation decisions	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Use of police vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour	Abuse of position/ corruption	Individual behaviours	Sexual conduct	Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
Resolved	331	39	31	4	15	0	0	85	0	0	1	506
Not Resolved	18	4	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	28

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	7	1 %	5	1 %	2	1 %	199	0 %
Learning from reflection	10	2 %	19	3 %	8	2 %	1,462	3 %
Policy review	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %	48	0 %
Goodwill gesture	4	1 %	8	1 %	1	0 %	80	0 %
Apology	75	14 %	56	10 %	88	13 %	4,995	10 %
Debrief	3	1 %	7	1 %	5	1 %	436	1 %
Explanation	310	58 %	374	65 %	580	73 %	32,190	62 %
No further action	91	17 %	86	15 %	49	8 %	5,660	11 %
Other action	32	6 %	22	4 %	24	3 %	6,288	12 %

Section B1.2: Allegation actions - on allegations handled under Schedule 3 (Year to date)

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All complaint cases handled under Schedule 3

Actions following Schedule 3 complaint cases	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised
Organisational learning	48	3 %	42	3 %	17	1 %	586	1 %
Apology	76	5 %	41	3 %	57	4 %	2,663	4 %
Debrief	0	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %	1,928	3 %
Explanation	1,011	67 %	469	36 %	808	58 %	41,875	62 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	27	0 %
No further action	251	17 %	591	45 %	378	28 %	14,539	22 %
Other action	6	0 %	14	1 %	7	1 %	670	1 %
Learning from reflection	100	7 %	136	10 %	67	5 %	3,600	5 %
Referral to RPRP	4	0 %	5	0 %	14	1 %	1,026	2 %

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

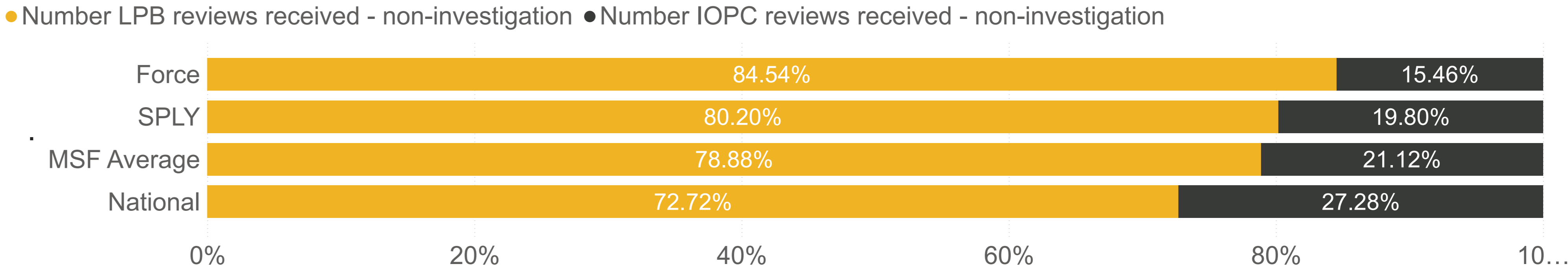
Complaint cases handled under Schedule 3 that are investigated and subject to Special Procedures can result in misconduct proceedings

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	4	27 %	4	40 %	3	12 %	157	11 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	10	1 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	0	0 %	1	10 %	1	5 %	93	7 %
Referral to RPRP	1	7 %	2	20 %	2	19 %	230	16 %

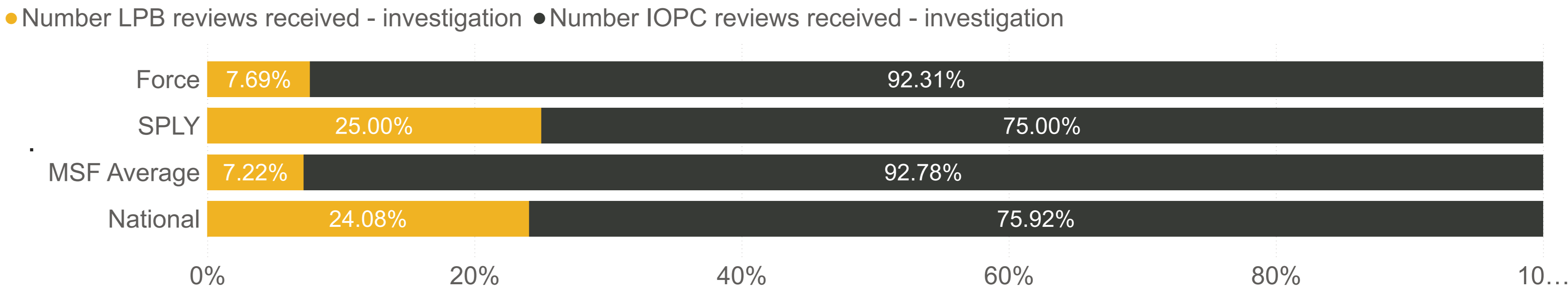
Section C1: Reviews received and timeliness (Year to date)

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	82	15
SPLY	81	20
MSF Average	62	17
National	2,868	1,076

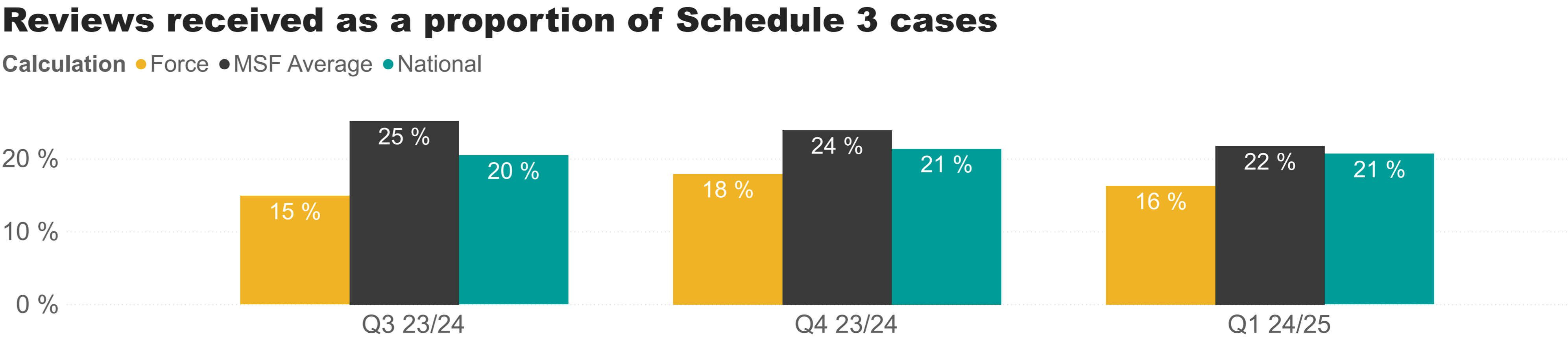


Investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	1	12
SPLY	2	6
MSF Average	1	11
National	230	725



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	110	707
SPLY	109	613
MSF Average	90	456
National	4,899	23,364



	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Average number of working days to complete Local Policing Body reviews	59	46	41	48
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	159	139	138	137

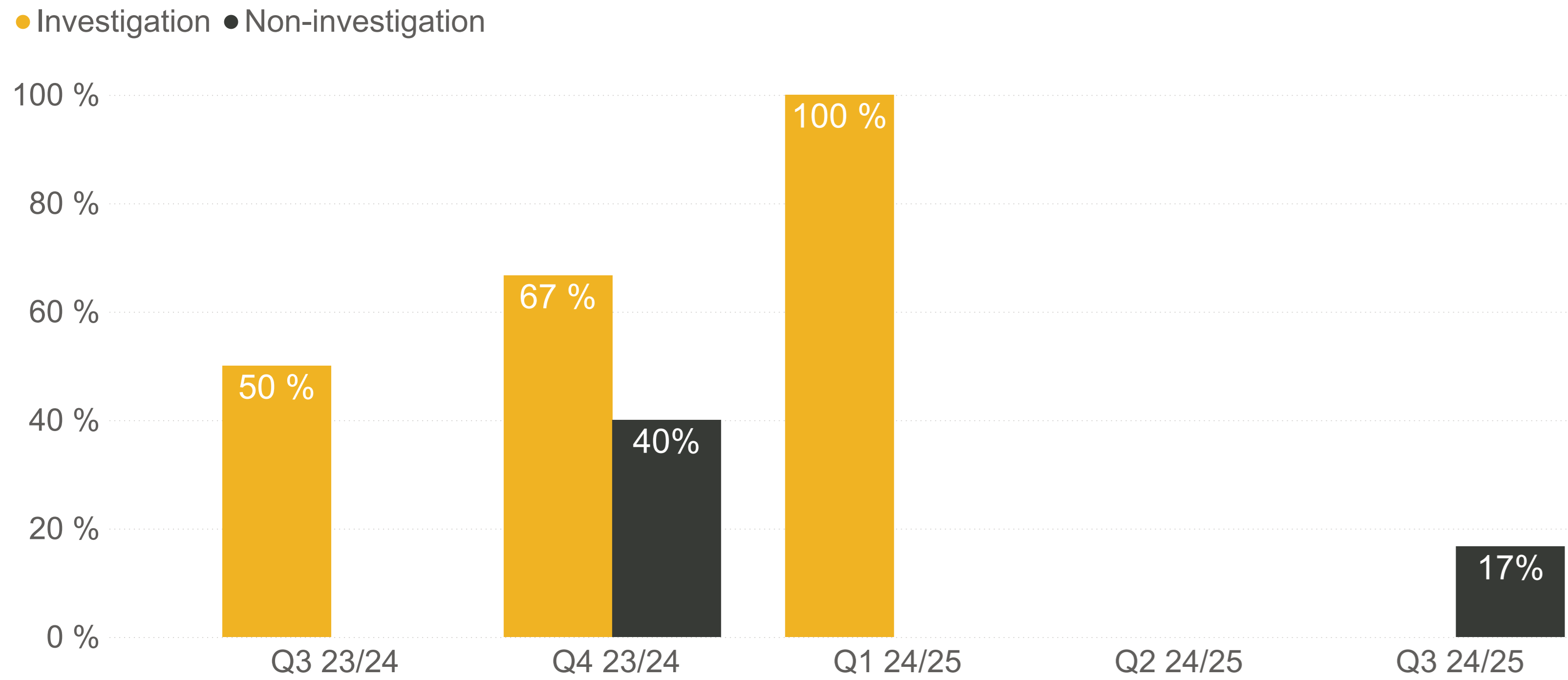
Section C2: Outcomes on reviews

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 leading to the review being upheld.

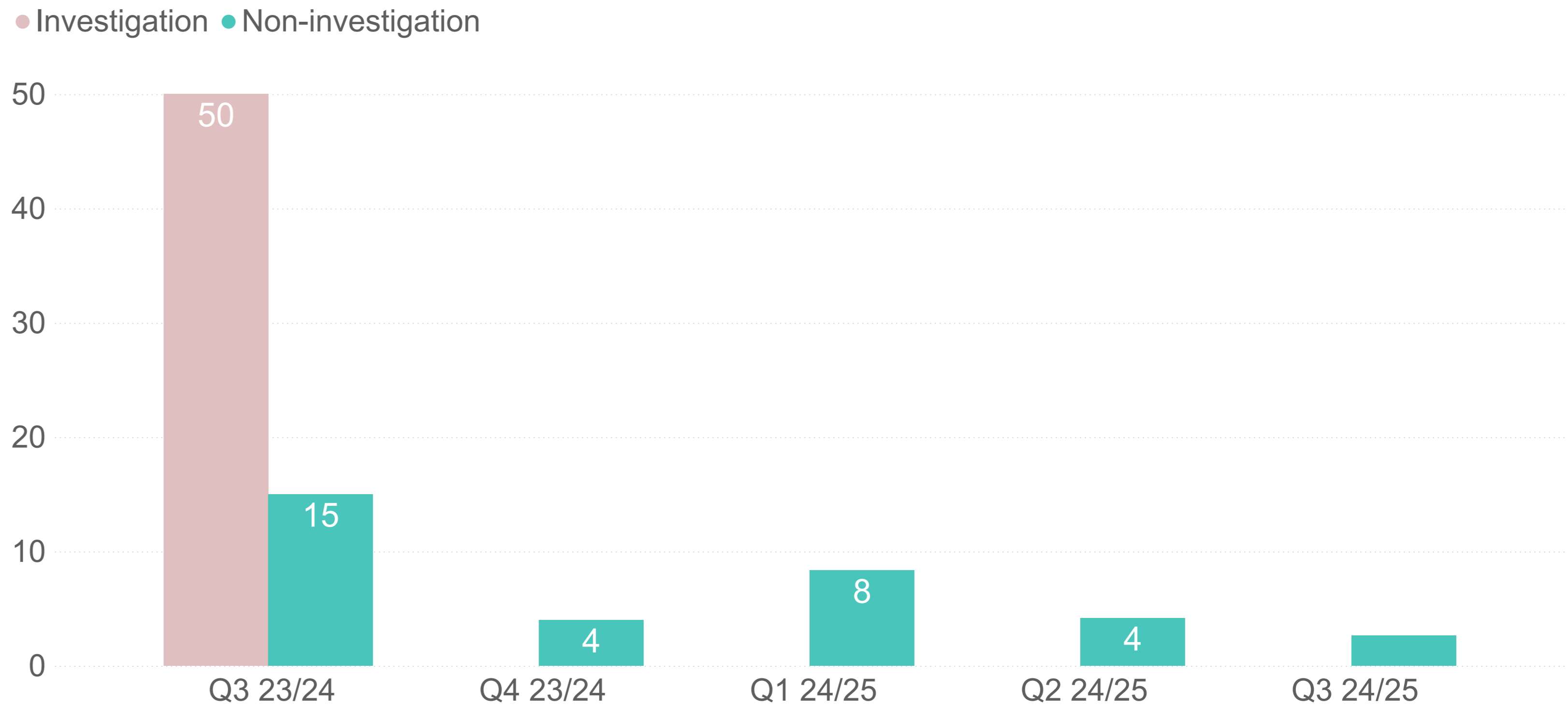
Investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed investigation (IOPC)	Upheld investigation (IOPC)	Completed investigation (LPB)	Upheld investigation (LPB)
Force	5	2	2	
SPLY	7	2	2	1
MSF Average	9	3	1	1
National	631	201	215	57

Non-investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed non-investigation (IOPC)	Upheld non-investigation (IOPC)	Completed non-investigation (LPB)	Upheld non-investigation (LPB)
Force	13	1	86	4
SPLY	20	3	72	5
MSF Average	13	4	58	12
National	729	226	2,774	578

% IOPC reviews upheld - Force



% LPB Reviews upheld - Force



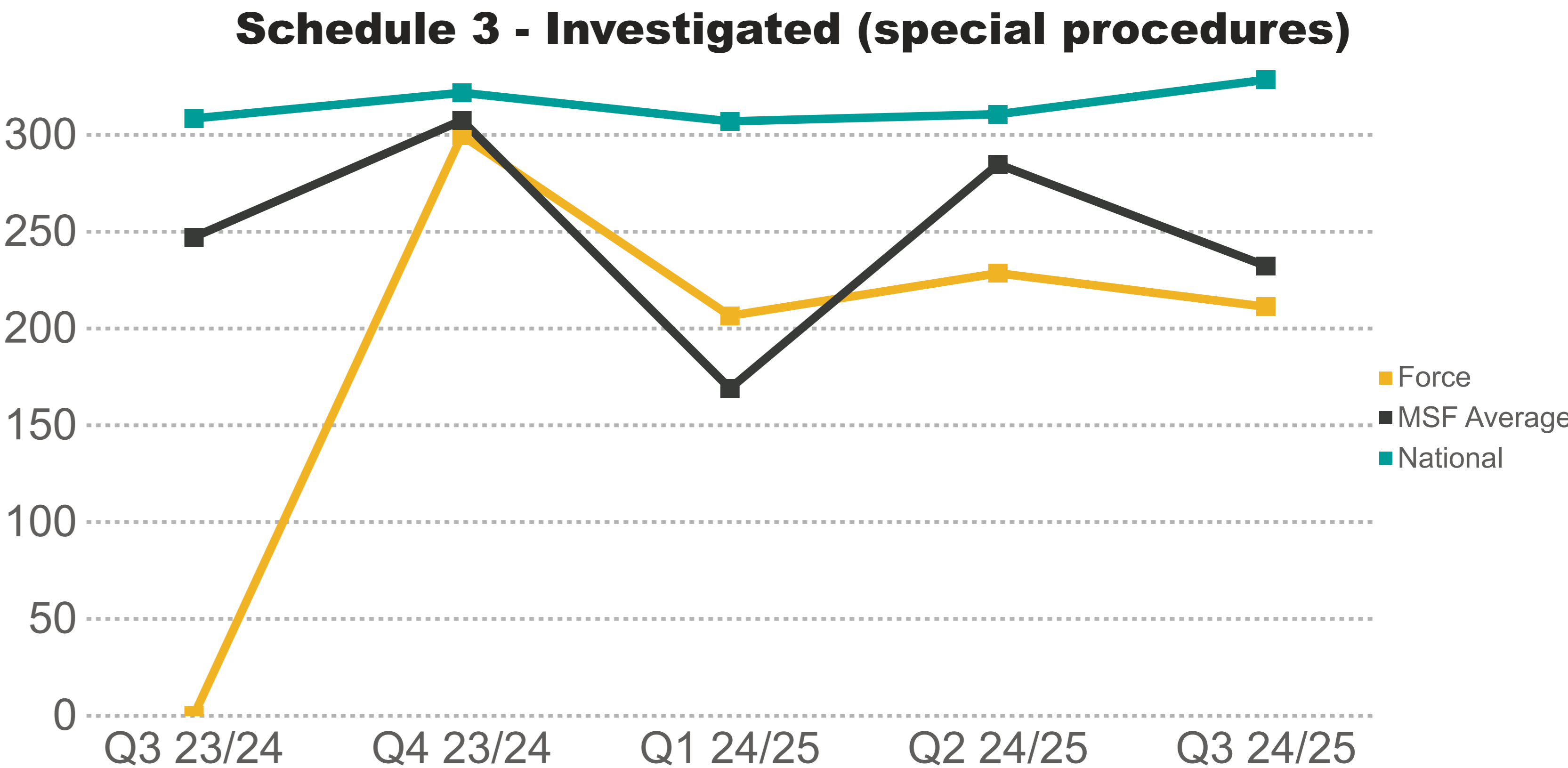
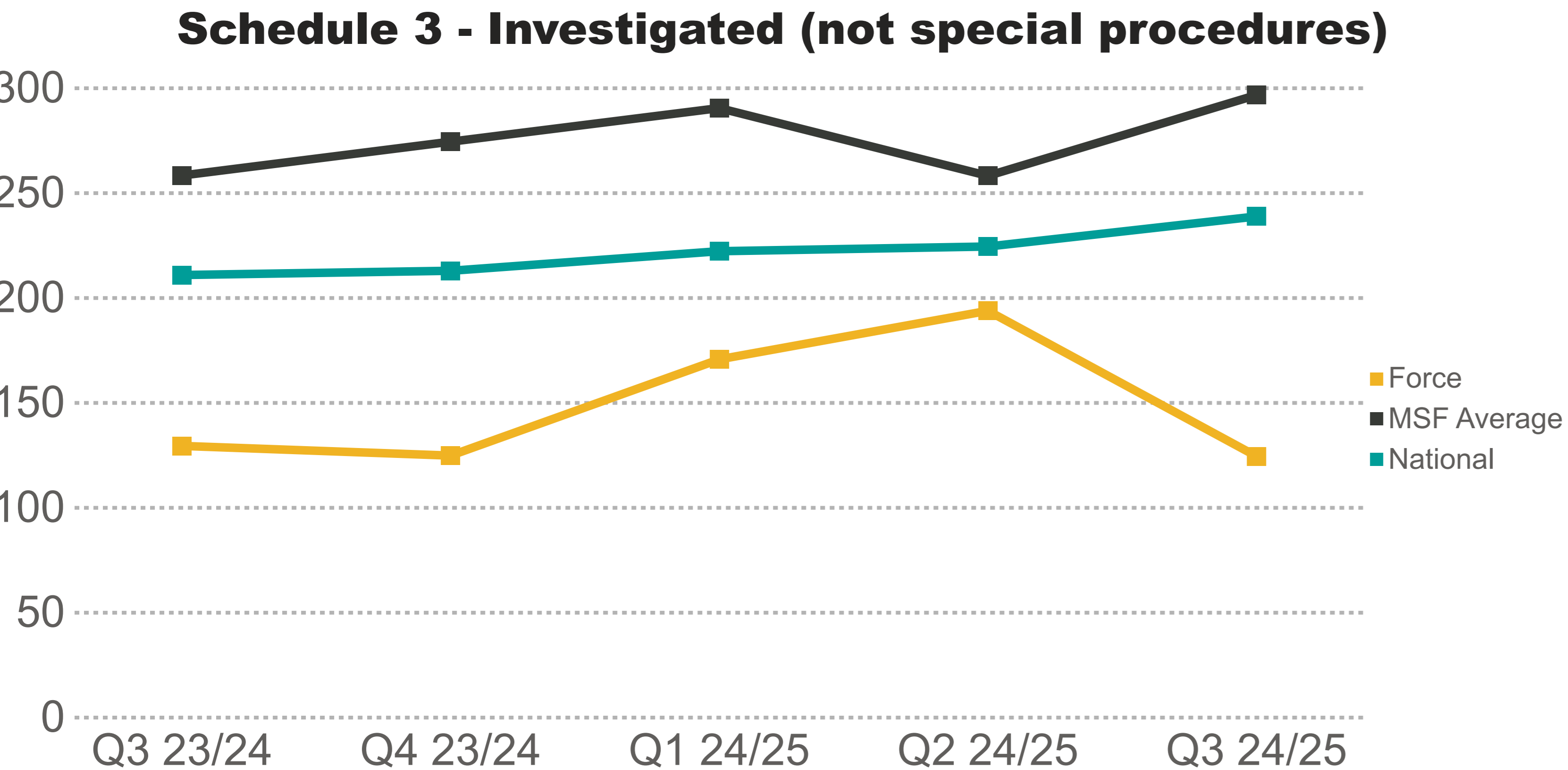
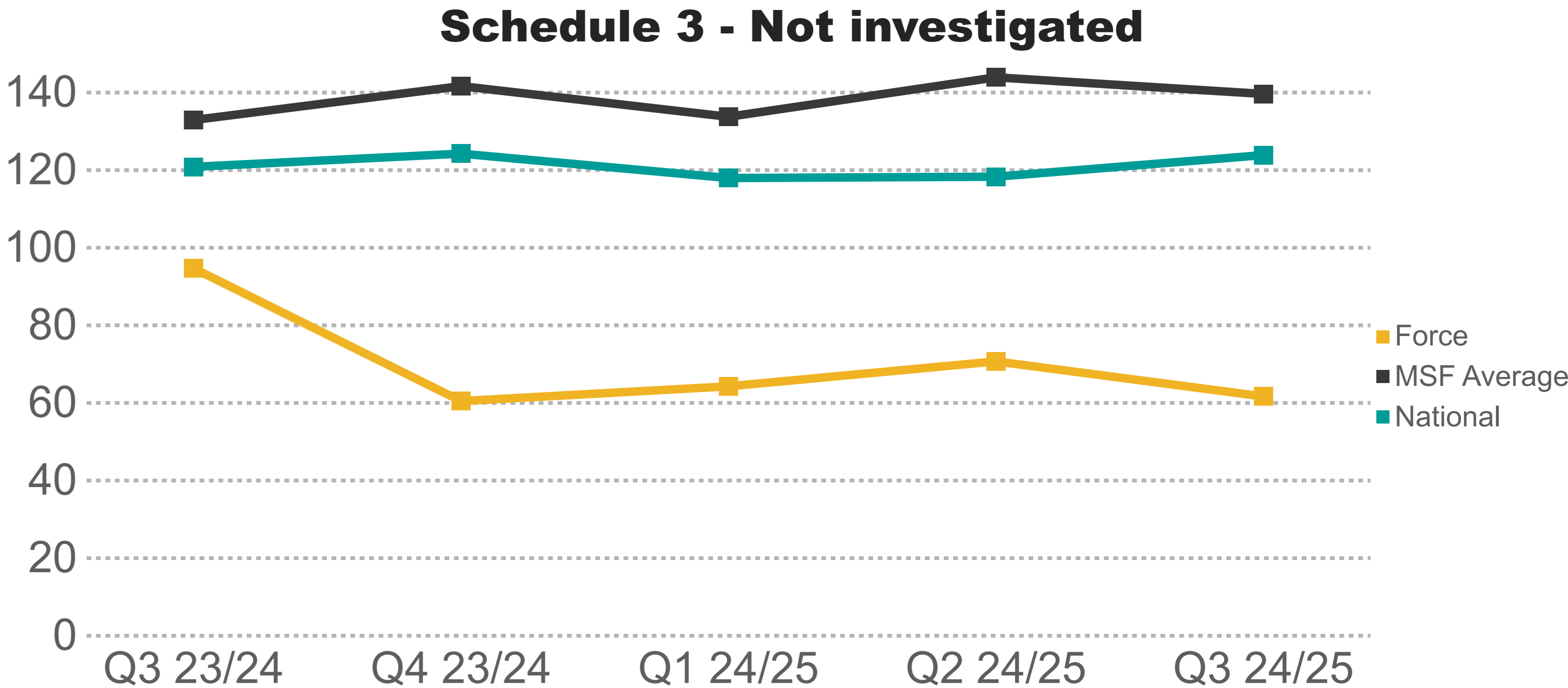
Section D1: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness

This section shows the time it takes the force to finalise complaint cases from the customer's perspective. It gives a breakdown of the time taken to finalise complaint cases handled formally under Schedule 3. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made. On cases under Schedule 3, the below figures include the time a case may spend suspended due to criminal matters.

Complaint cases with 'invalid dates' have been removed from the data shown. Please refer to the [IOPC website](#) performance framework counting rules and calculations on the for an explanation of invalid dates. For more information on the proportion of complaints handled under each method (along with outside if Schedule 3) please see page 14

Average working days to finalise (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	216	93	322	315
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	171	113	267	228
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	65	87	139	120
Total	71	90	154	142

Number finalised (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	670	547	406	19,007
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	30	63	43	3,833
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	7	3	7	524
Total	707	613	456	23,364



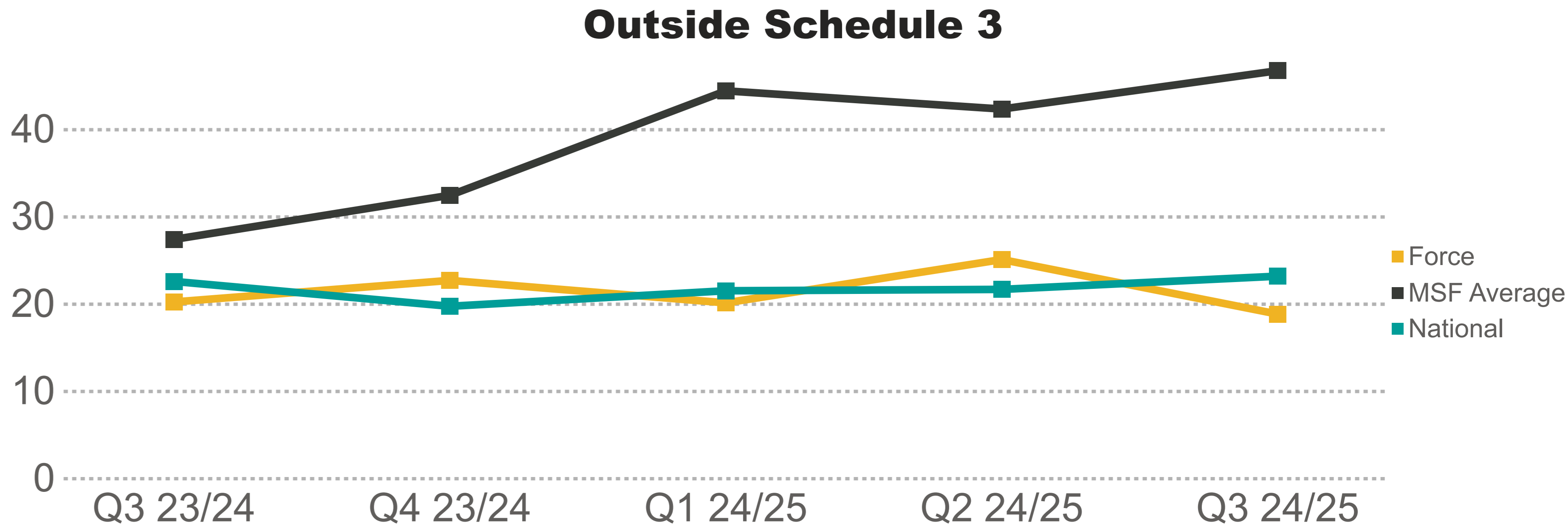
Section D2: Complaint cases finalised outside of Schedule 3 - timeliness

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.

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Year to date

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	511	554	600	43520
Average days to finalise complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	21	22	43	22



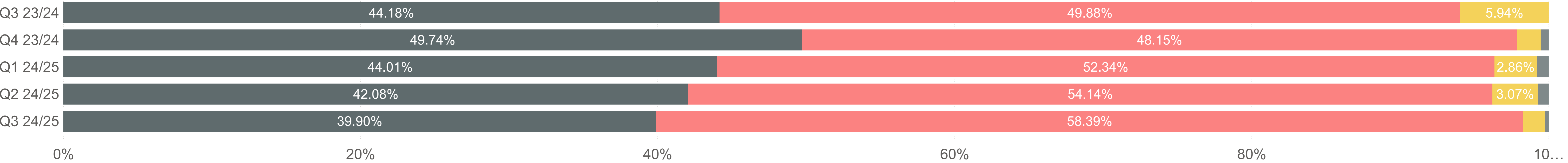
Section D3: How complaint cases handled

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 (YTD)	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised
Outside of Schedule 3	511	42%	554	47%	600	57%	43,520	65%
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	670	55%	547	47%	406	38%	19,007	28%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	30	2%	64	5%	43	4%	3,834	6%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	7	1%	3	0%	7	1%	524	1%
Total	1,218	100%	1,168	100%	1,057	100%	66,885	100%

Force: percent of complaint cases finalised by handling method

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



Section E: Referrals

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

When the IOPC receives a referral from the force, it reviews the information they have provided. The IOPC decides whether the matter requires an investigation, and the type of investigation.

Referrals may have been completed in a different period to when they were received.

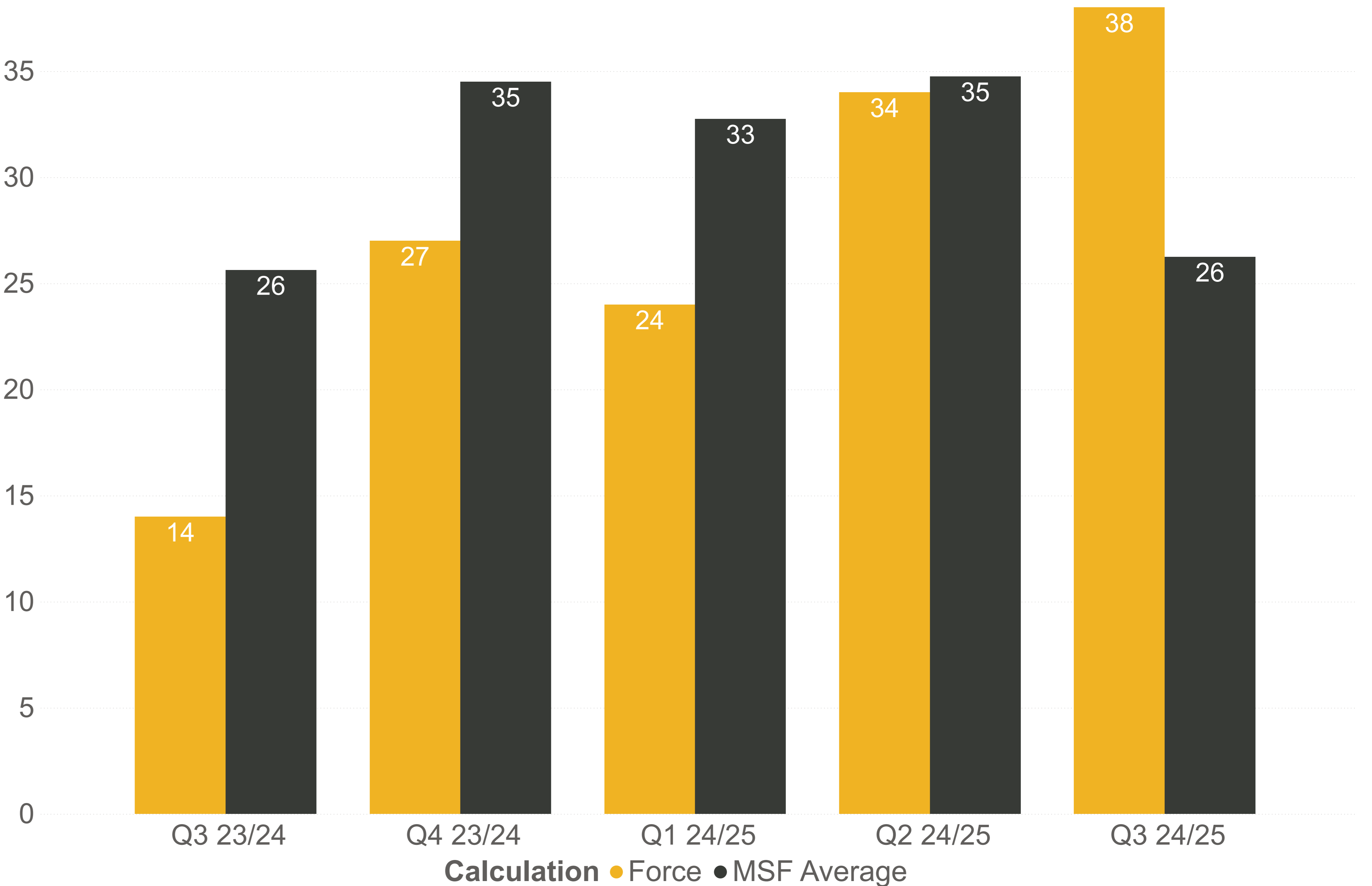
Where a referral is made by the force on a mandatory basis but does not meet the mandatory referral criteria, the matter may not fall within the IOPC’s remit to assess and will be determined invalid.

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

Year to date

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Number referrals received	96	58	94	5,168
Number referrals completed	96	59	93	5,081
Decision: Independent Investigation	2	1	4	279
Decision: Directed Investigation	0	1	0	23
Decision: Local Investigation	43	36	51	2,754
Decision: Return to Force	47	20	35	1,907
Decision: Invalid	4	1	3	116

Force and MSF Group referrals received



Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Avon And Somerset, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Devon And Cornwall, Northamptonshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Wiltshire

Notes

Data sources

- Data in this bulletin is taken from XML data submissions made by forces to the IOPC every quarter except for IOPC performance data which is taken from the IOPC case management system.
- Police force employee numbers are taken from the latest [police workforce England and Wales statistics](#) published by the Home Office.
- The most similar force (MSF) groups used for the calculation of the MSF averages in this bulletin are those determined by HMICFRS. Please note that the British Transport Police and City of London Police do not have an MSF group. A list of the MSF groups is available on the [IOPC website](#).
- Figures for City of London include complaint cases logged in relation to 'Action Fraud'. Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime. The service is run by the City of London Police, which is the national policing lead for economic crime.

Performance Framework counting rules and calculation

- The counting rules and calculations used to produce the data shown in this bulletin can be found on the [IOPC website](#).
- Average times are presented in working days and do not include weekends or bank holidays.
- Some percentages may add up to more or less than 100% due to rounding.
- Complaint cases and allegations with invalid start/end dates have been removed from average time calculations. Therefore, the numbers of complaint cases and allegations used in the average time calculations may be lower than the total number of complaint cases and allegations logged or finalised.

Data constraints

- The data is sourced from live case management systems and provides a snapshot of information as it was at that time. Therefore, there may be variances between the information in this bulletin and information reported at a later date.

Further Information

- A glossary providing a full list of definitions used in this bulletin, can be found on the [IOPC website](#).
- Additional information about the recording of police complaints, including the definitions of the complaint categories, can be found in appendix A of the IOPC's [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#).
- Information about how the police complaints system operates, who can complain and how reviews are dealt with can be found in the IOPC's [Statutory Guidance on the police complaints system \(February 2020\)](#).