

Interim Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Gwent

Reporting Period: 01 April 2024 - 31 December 2024 (Q3 2024/25)

Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Durham, Gwent, Humberside, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Northumbria, South Wales, South Yorkshire

About this bulletin

This bulletin presents information about complaints defined under the Police Reform Act 2002 (PRA 2002), as amended by the Police and Crime Act 2017.

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

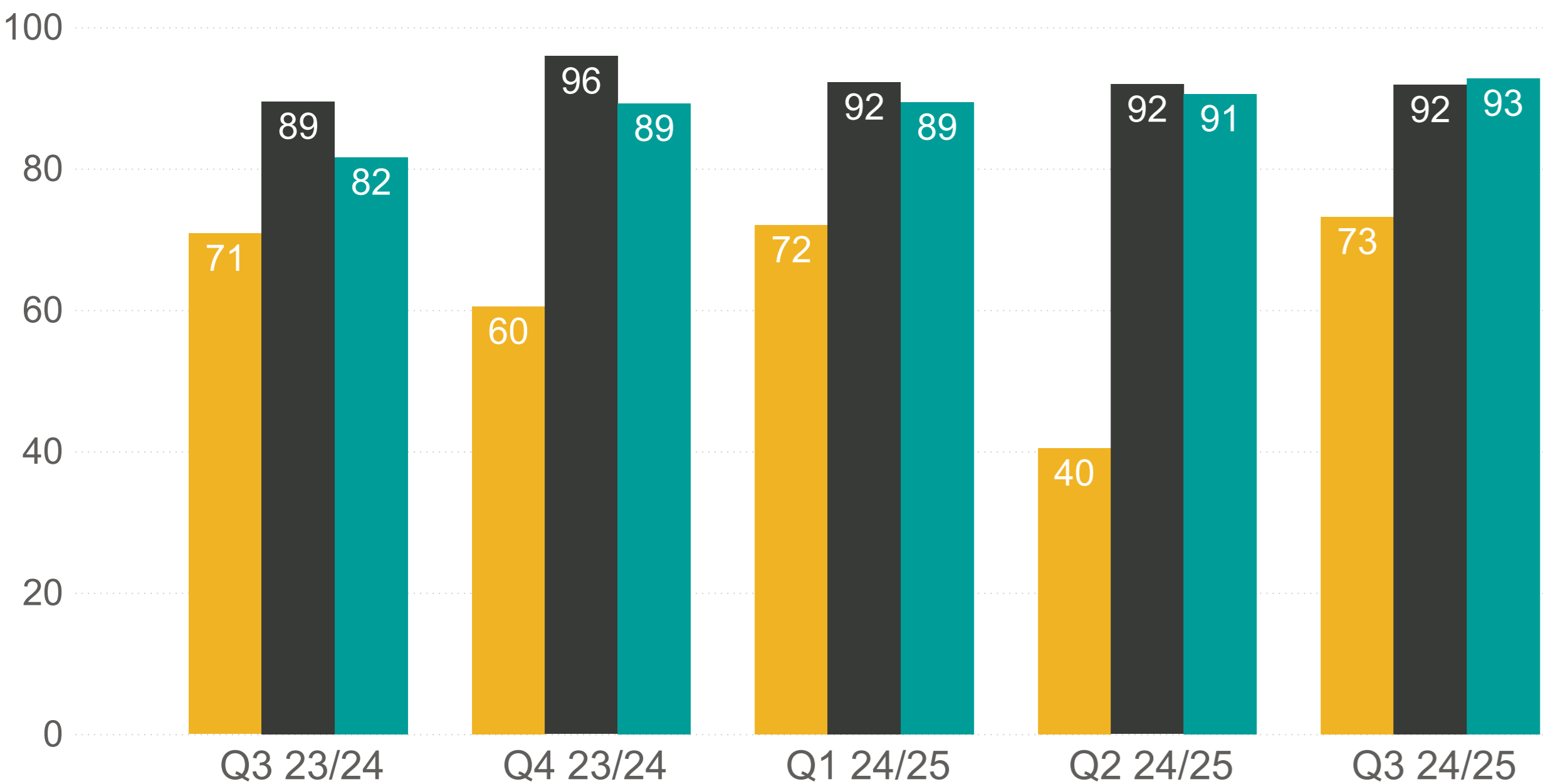
A complaint case is formed of one or more allegations. Numbers per 1,000 employees are used to demonstrate how the number of complaints/allegations against a force compare to their most similar force group and national figures. The force should contact the complainant and log the complaint as soon as 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	482	186	831	320	27	52
SPLY	649	248	1,085	415	12	32
MSF Average	1,283	276	2,478	519	8	11
National	69,504	273	122,348	480	8	7

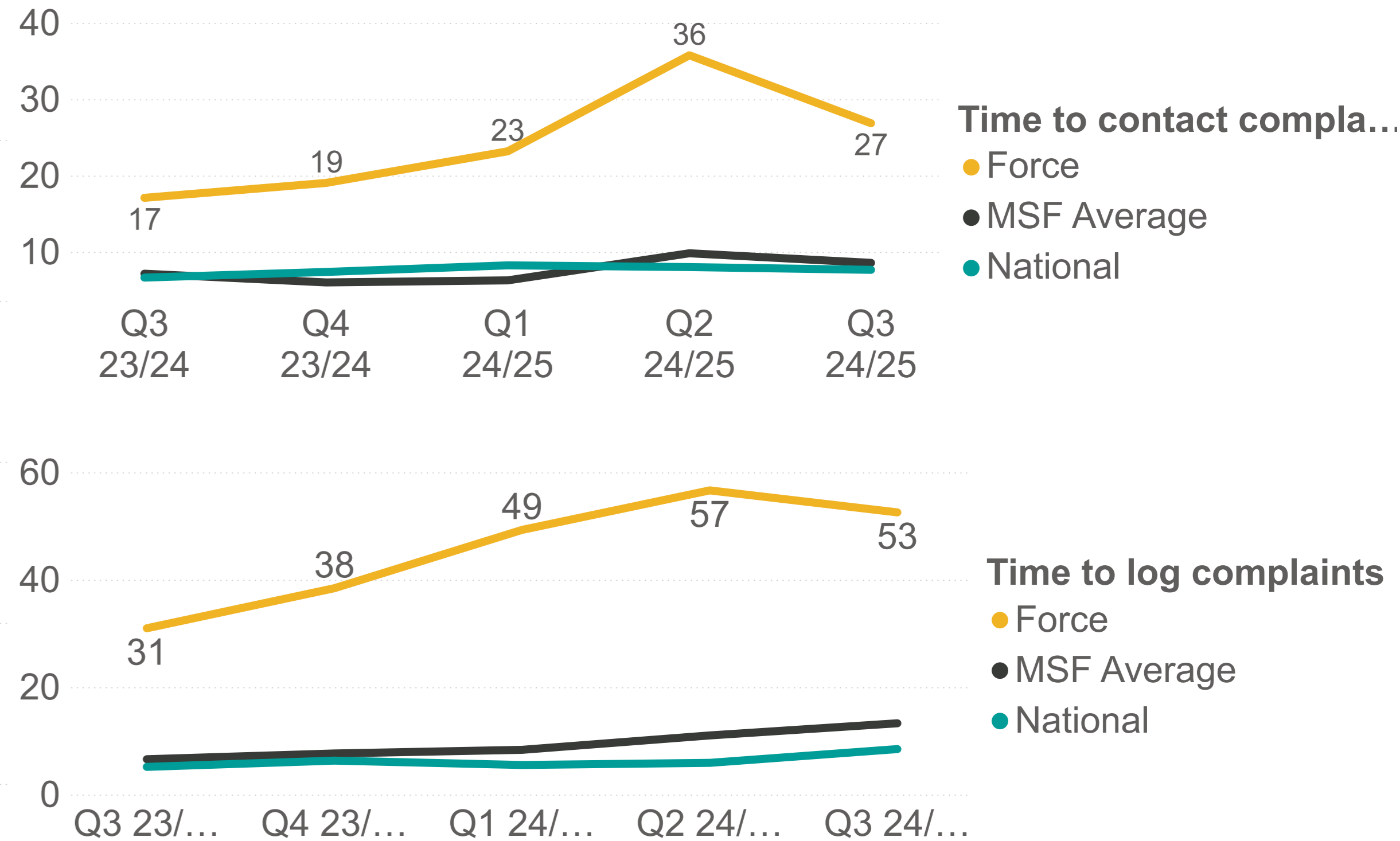
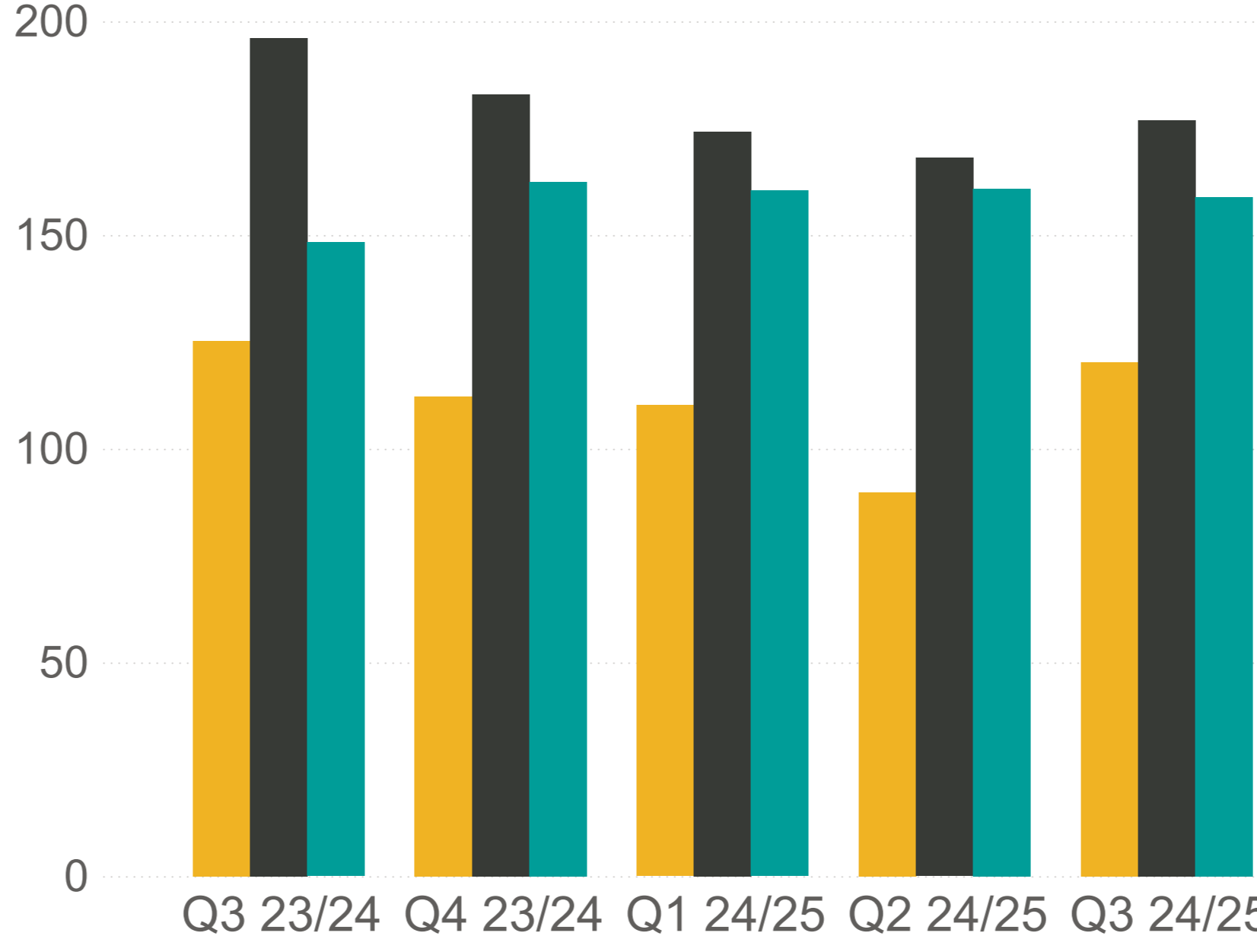
Complaints logged per 1,000 employees

● Force ● MSF Average ● National



Allegations logged per 1,000 employees

● Force ● MSF Average ● National



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	4	2	71	9,603
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	73	93	221	4,564
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	6	10	38	3,723
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	7	10	116	5,364
Total	90	115	445	23,254

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	4 %	2 %	20 %	41 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	81 %	81 %	36 %	20 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	7 %	9 %	18 %	16 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	8 %	9 %	25 %	23 %

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

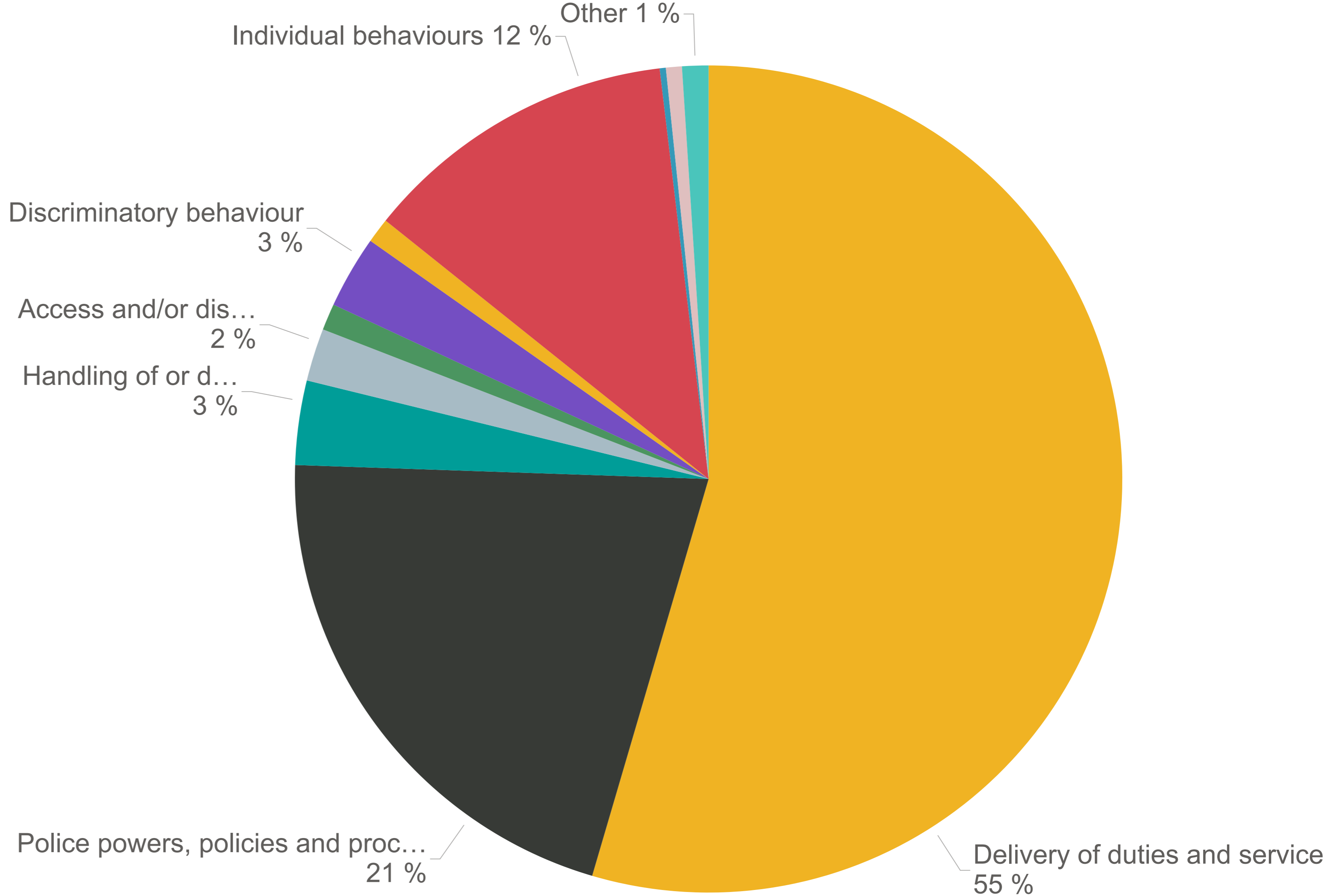
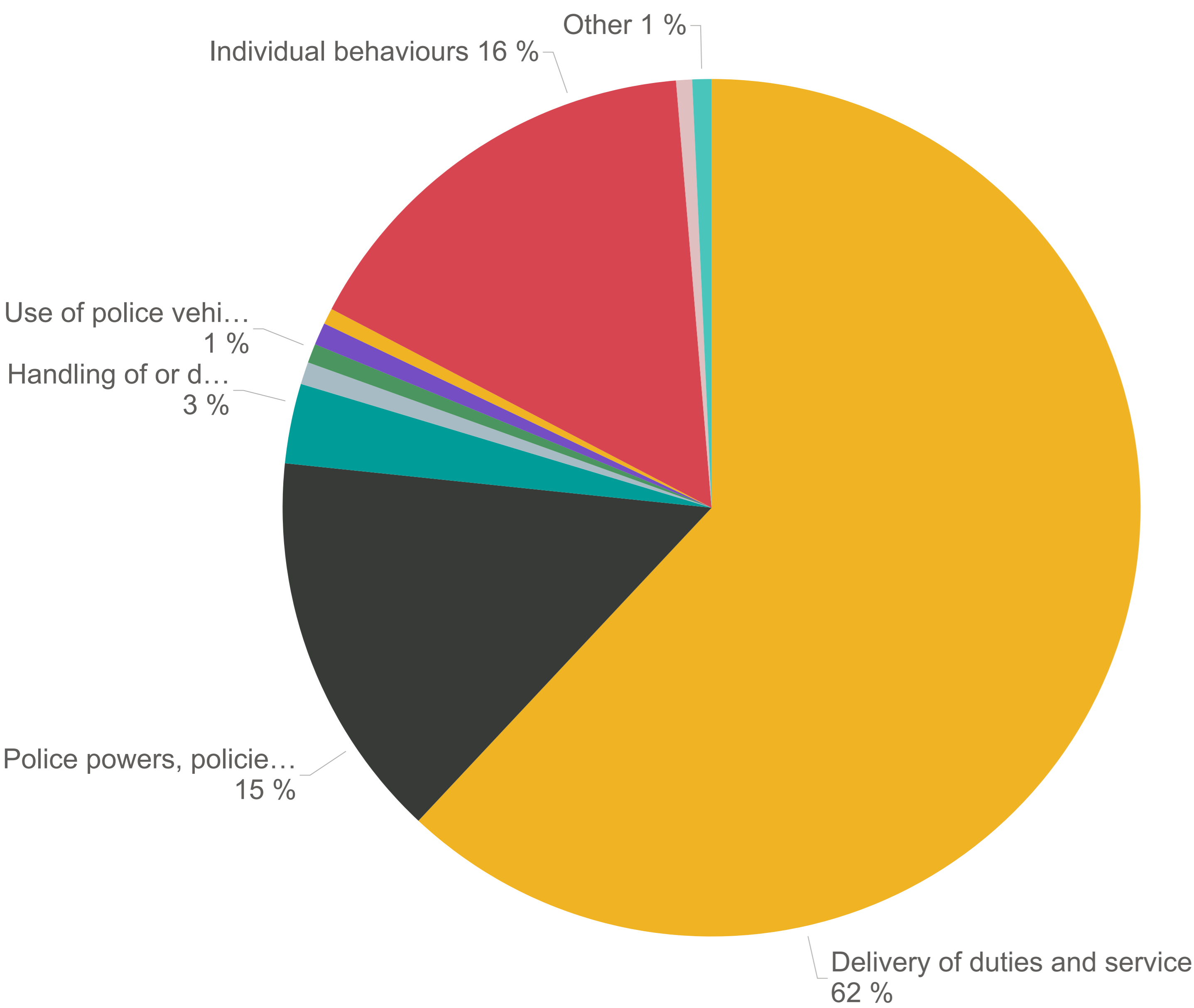
This section presents the three most commonly recorded categories for allegations that have been logged. A complaint case will contain one or more allegations and one category (and sub-category, where available) is selected for each allegation logged. Total % is of the total number of allegations logged. 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	515	122	25	7	6	7	5	133	0	5	6	831
SPLY	668	142	19	22	8	10	10	189	0	9	8	1,085
MSF Average	1,293	499	82	65	26	63	31	360	3	11	46	2,478
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	515	62 %	668	62 %	1,293	55 %	66,726	55 %
	Police action following contact	351	68 %	474	71 %	548	42 %	27,618	41 %
	Information	65	13 %	86	13 %	147	12 %	7,682	12 %
	General level of service	54	10 %	50	7 %	364	28 %	21,727	33 %
Individual behaviours	Total	133	16 %	189	17 %	360	13 %	15,132	12 %
	Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	77	58 %	115	61 %	102	31 %	4,272	28 %
	Impolite and intolerant actions	18	14 %	19	10 %	68	15 %	2,311	15 %
	Overbearing or harassing behaviours	14	11 %	22	12 %	59	13 %	2,570	17 %
Police powers, policies and procedures	Total	122	15 %	142	13 %	499	20 %	25,687	21 %
	Use of force	36	30 %	37	26 %	140	26 %	6,584	26 %
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	25	20 %	23	16 %	72	15 %	3,261	13 %
	Power to arrest and detain	19	16 %	25	18 %	84	17 %	4,643	18 %
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	13	11 %	10	7 %	23	5 %	1,489	6 %
	Detention in police custody	9	7 %	22	15 %	82	15 %	3,661	14 %
	Evidential procedures	8	7 %	2	1 %	31	7 %	1,861	7 %
	Other policies and procedures	7	6 %	5	4 %	41	10 %	2,576	10 %
	Out of court disposals	4	3 %	3	2 %	8	2 %	393	2 %
	Stops, and stop and search	1	1 %	15	11 %	18	3 %	1,218	5 %
	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Total	25	3 %	19	2 %	82	3 %	3,932
Handling of or damage to property/ premises		25	100 %	19	100 %	82	100 %	3,931	98 %
Access and/or disclosure of information	Police action following contact	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
	Total	7	1 %	22	2 %	65	2 %	2,522	2 %
	Disclosure of information	6	86 %	15	68 %	37	64 %	1,678	67 %
	Handling of information	1	14 %	2	9 %	21	24 %	552	22 %
	Decisions	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
	Use of police systems	0	0 %	2	9 %	5	8 %	191	8 %
	Accessing and handling of information from other sources	0	0 %	3	14 %	2	4 %	100	4 %
Discriminatory behaviour	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
	Total	7	1 %	10	1 %	63	2 %	3,476	3 %
	Sex	3	43 %	1	10 %	12	20 %	561	16 %
	Race	2	29 %	5	50 %	23	39 %	1,655	48 %
	Disability	1	14 %	2	20 %	12	17 %	663	19 %
	Other	1	14 %	0	0 %	9	12 %	316	9 %
	Age	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	7 %	53	2 %
	Gender reassignment	0	0 %	1	10 %	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 %
Religion or belief	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	1 %	84	2 %	
Sexual orientation	0	0 %	1	10 %	2	3 %	105	3 %	

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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	245	29 %	301	28 %	929	41 %	46,292	38 %
None	217	26 %	289	27 %	309	14 %	22,863	19 %
Roads/traffic	76	9 %	81	7 %	131	6 %	7,298	6 %
Domestic / gender abuse	61	7 %	129	12 %	150	5 %	6,828	6 %
Arrest	47	6 %	66	6 %	344	12 %	15,683	13 %
Neighbourhood policing	32	4 %	50	5 %	102	4 %	5,699	5 %
Custody	30	4 %	37	3 %	161	6 %	7,020	6 %
Call Handling	20	2 %	29	3 %	81	4 %	5,209	4 %
Child protection / CSA / CSE	16	2 %	12	1 %	49	2 %	2,199	2 %
Death	15	2 %	22	2 %	32	1 %	1,105	1 %
Mental health	15	2 %	14	1 %	102	3 %	3,667	3 %
Missing persons	10	1 %	17	2 %	19	1 %	771	1 %
Fraud	9	1 %	6	1 %	11	0 %	779	1 %
Premises search	9	1 %	12	1 %	53	2 %	2,989	2 %
Drugs / alcohol	8	1 %	7	1 %	51	2 %	1,408	1 %
Firearms	7	1 %	25	2 %	12	1 %	559	0 %
Stop and/or search	7	1 %	18	2 %	28	1 %	2,543	2 %
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	7	1 %	8	1 %	108	4 %	5,179	4 %
Social media	5	1 %	3	0 %	12	0 %	506	0 %
Public order incident	4	0 %	4	0 %	30	1 %	972	1 %
Hate Crime	2	0 %	2	0 %	16	1 %	699	1 %
Serious injury	2	0 %	0	0 %	6	0 %	256	0 %
VAWG - police perpetrated	2	0 %	4	0 %	16	1 %	848	1 %
Restraint equipment	1	0 %	3	0 %	23	1 %	1,321	1 %
Taser	1	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %	146	0 %
Coronavirus - other	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on infectiou	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on restricti	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Covert policing	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	66	0 %
Police dogs or horses	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	76	0 %
PPDA	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	27	0 %
PPDA - Police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %
Prejudicial and improper behaviour	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	4	0 %
Unknown	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	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 %
VAWG - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %	107	0 %

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

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

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

Factors on top five allegation categories (Year to date)	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Discriminatory behaviour	Individual behaviour
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	0	0	0	0	1
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	7	0	0	0	0	0
Taser	0	1	0	0	0	0
Stop and/or search	2	4	0	0	0	1
Social media	1	0	0	0	0	4
Serious injury	1	1	0	0	0	0
Roads/traffic	39	7	4	1	2	18
Restraint equipment	0	1	0	0	0	0
Public order incident	1	0	0	0	0	2
Premises search	0	6	2	0	0	1
None	114	24	6	2	0	64
Neighbourhood policing	26	3	0	0	1	2
Missing persons	7	1	0	0	0	2
Mental health	7	5	0	0	0	2
Investigation	202	12	9	3	1	14
Hate Crime	2	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	9	0	0	0	0	0
Firearms	3	2	0	0	1	1
Drugs / alcohol	4	3	0	0	0	0
Domestic / gender abuse	49	5	1	0	2	4
Death	13	0	1	0	0	1
Custody	6	17	0	1	0	5
Child protection / CSA / CSE	14	0	0	1	0	1
Call Handling	14	0	0	0	0	6
Arrest	8	32	2	0	0	4
Total	514	122	25	7	7	133

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	6	0	0	6
Q1 24/25	1	0	0	1
Q2 24/25	3	1	0	4
Q3 24/25	3	1	0	4
Total	13	2	0	15

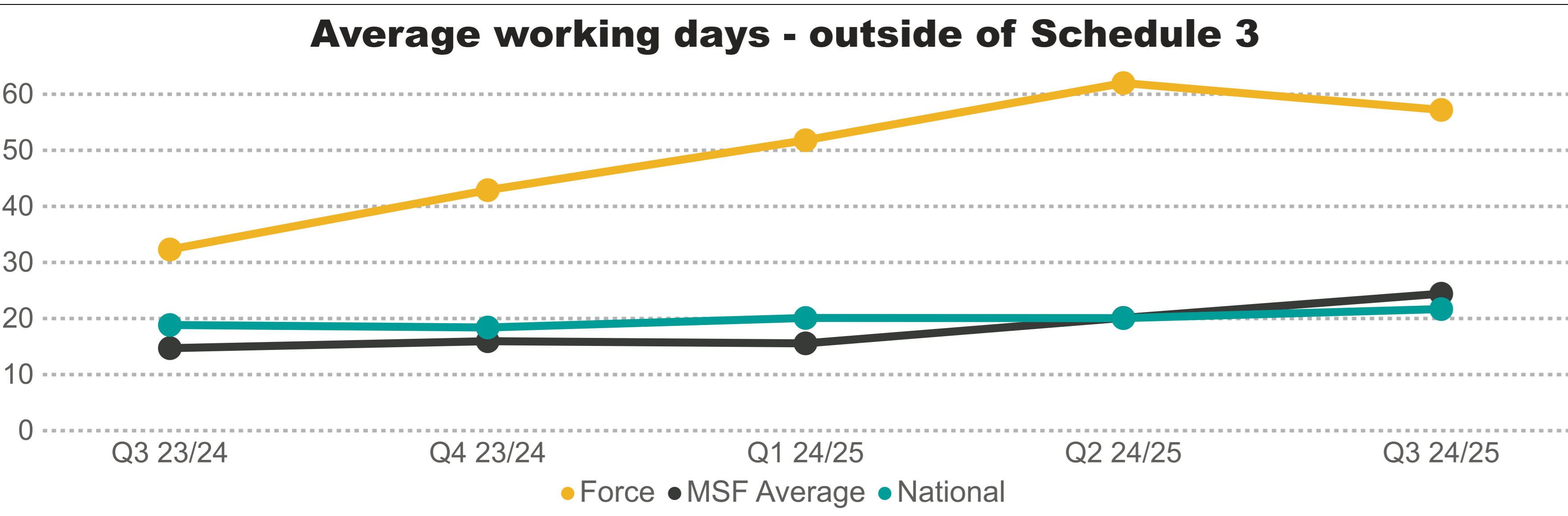
Section A2: Allegations timeliness

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.

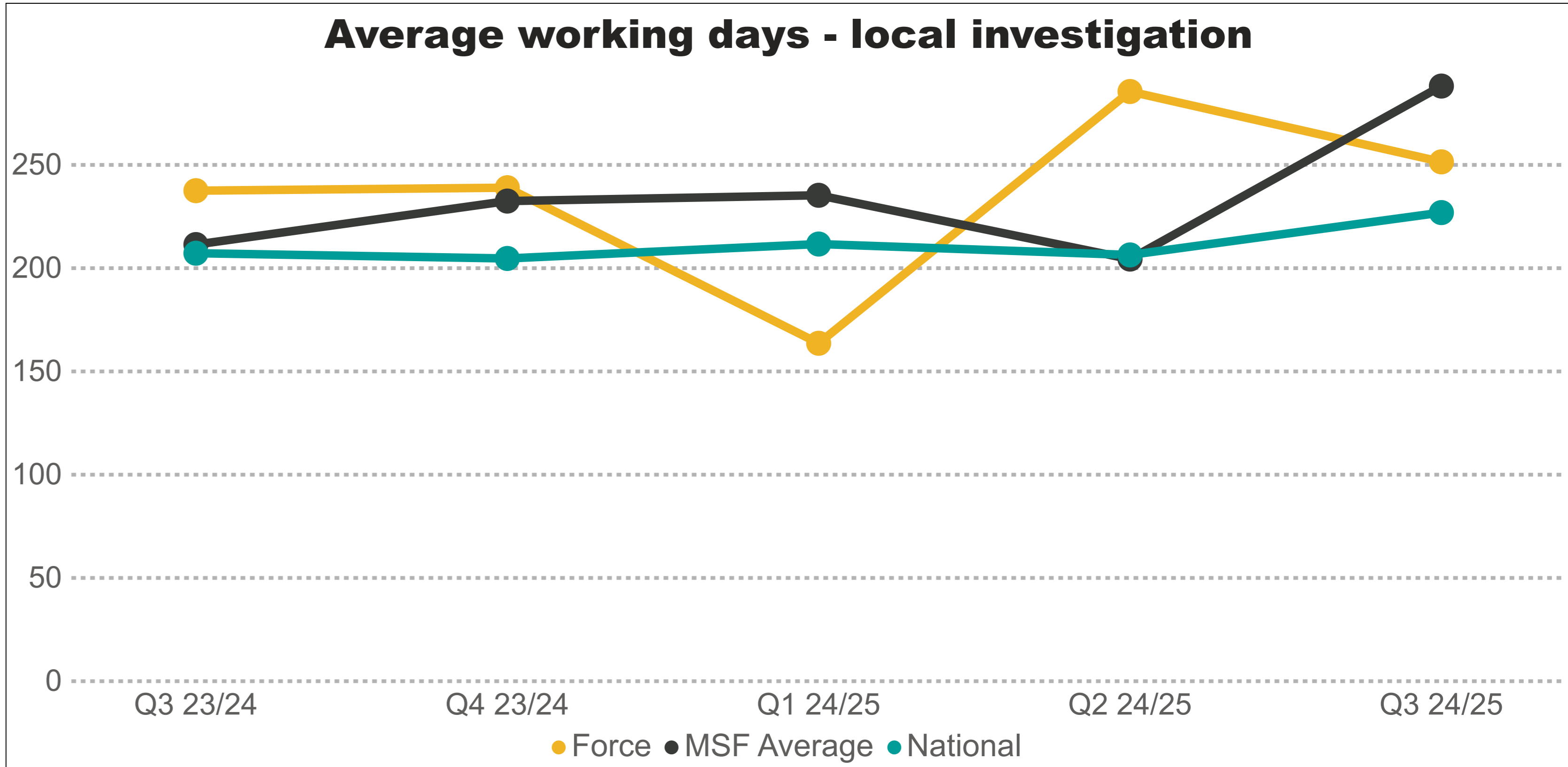
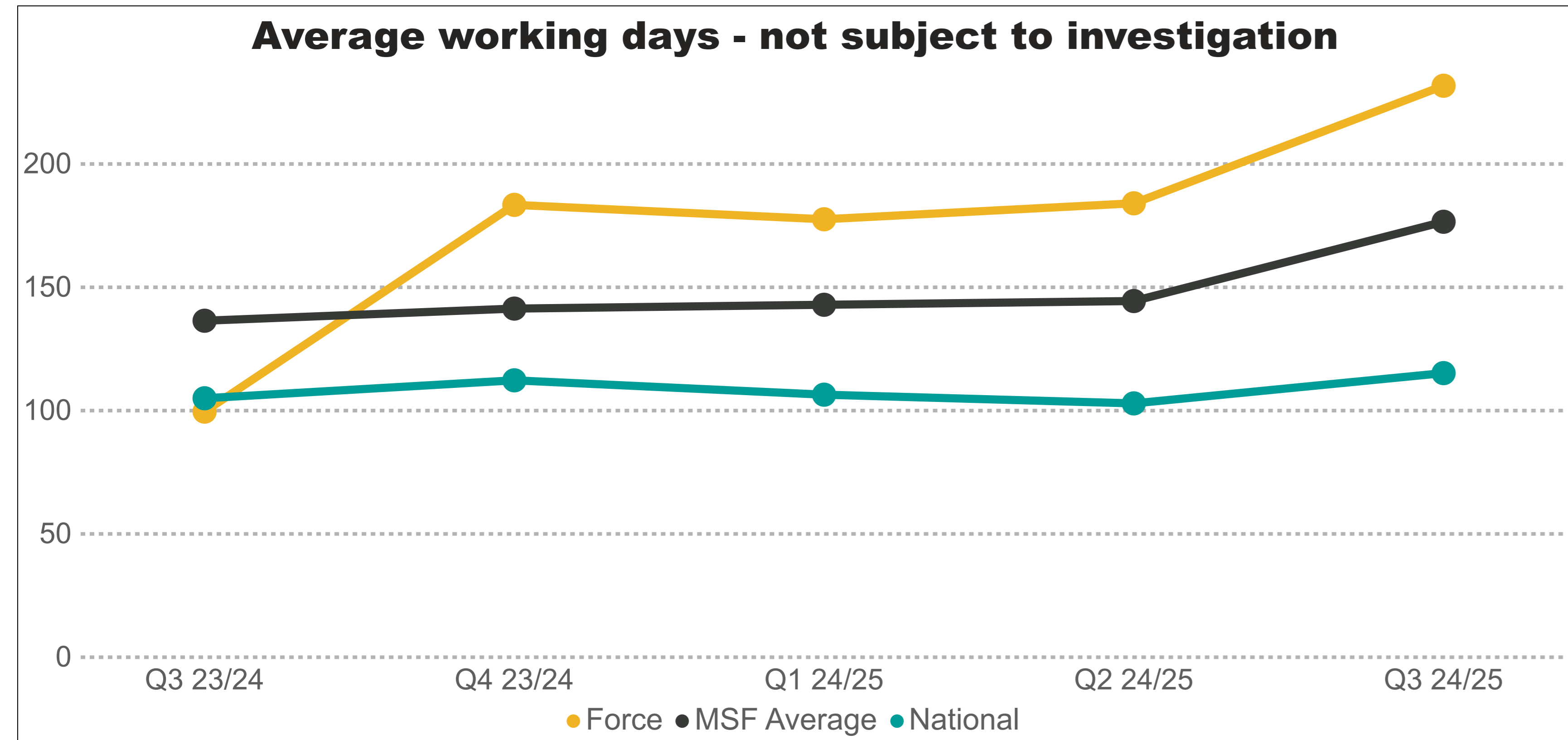
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

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	506	56	237	201	176	223	1	76
SPLY	609	31	154	100	198	160	1	727
MSF Average	978	19	961	154	319	227	4	185
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	130
National	17	574

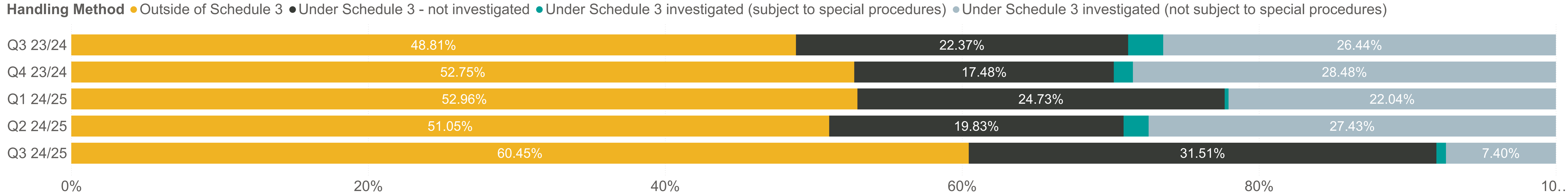


Section A3.1: How allegations were handled and their decisions

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)	170	18 %	302	12 %	12,092	10 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	7	1 %	22	1 %	1,408	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	237	26 %	961	40 %	53,990	45 %
Outside of Schedule 3	506	55 %	978	47 %	51,937	43 %
Total	920	100 %	2262	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					22	9 %	4,006	7 %			22	2 %	9	5 %	347	3 %
Regulation 41 applies							77	0 %			3	0 %			155	1 %
Service provided - unable to determine					15	6 %	4,930	9 %			18	1 %	7	4 %	1,148	9 %
Service provided - not acceptable					21	9 %	7,176	13 %			43	3 %	32	19 %	1,461	12 %
Service provided - acceptable					179	76 %	36,299	67 %			199	14 %	106	62 %	8,649	72 %
Not Resolved	9	2 %	2,767	5 %												
Resolved	497	98 %	49,169	95 %												
No Case to Answer									6	86 %	796	57 %				
Case to Answer									1	14 %	301	21 %				
Withdrawal							1,501	3 %			26	2 %	16	9 %	332	3 %

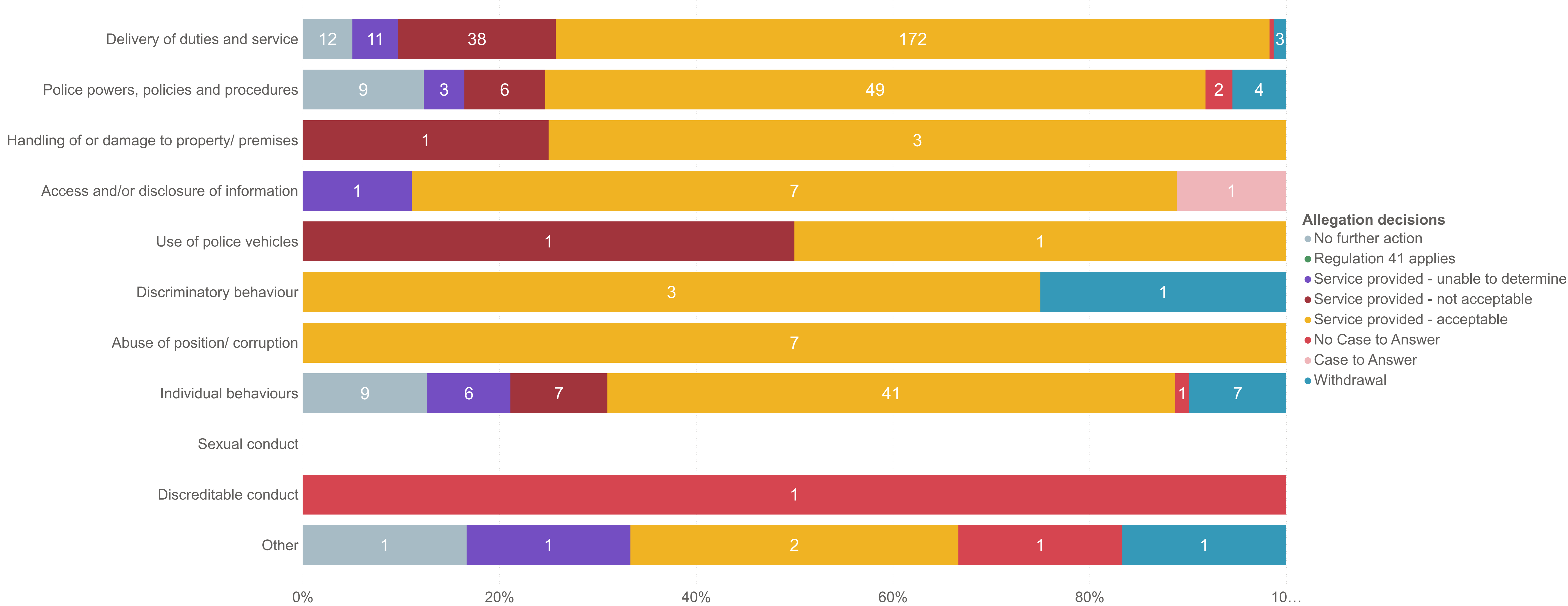
Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (Year to date by category)

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	328	46	22	5	5	4	0	87	0	0	0	497
Not Resolved	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	9

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 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	199	0 %
Learning from reflection	16	3 %	9	1 %	26	2 %	1,462	3 %
Policy review	0	0 %	1	0 %	0	0 %	48	0 %
Goodwill gesture	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	80	0 %
Apology	138	27 %	220	36 %	108	14 %	4,995	10 %
Debrief	8	2 %	33	5 %	7	1 %	436	1 %
Explanation	239	47 %	188	31 %	588	65 %	32,190	62 %
No further action	52	10 %	63	10 %	115	9 %	5,660	11 %
Other action	36	7 %	87	14 %	103	7 %	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	2	0 %	3	1 %	10	1 %	586	1 %
Apology	22	5 %	31	9 %	63	4 %	2,663	4 %
Debrief	0	0 %	0	0 %	11	0 %	1,928	3 %
Explanation	180	43 %	17	5 %	828	65 %	41,875	62 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	27	0 %
No further action	158	38 %	250	71 %	245	20 %	14,539	22 %
Other action	9	2 %	15	4 %	6	1 %	670	1 %
Learning from reflection	30	7 %	26	7 %	90	6 %	3,600	5 %
Referral to RPRP	9	2 %	9	3 %	20	2 %	1,026	2 %

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

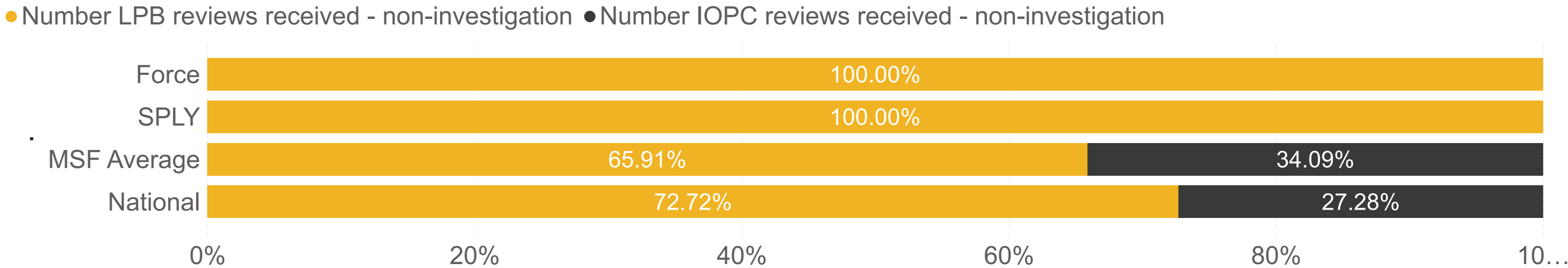
Complaint cases handled under Schedule 3 that are investigated and subject to Special Procedures can result in misconduct proceedings

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	1	14 %	0	0 %	4	13 %	157	11 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	10	1 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	0	0 %	2	13 %	1	2 %	93	7 %
Referral to RPRP	0	0 %	1	6 %	3	17 %	230	16 %

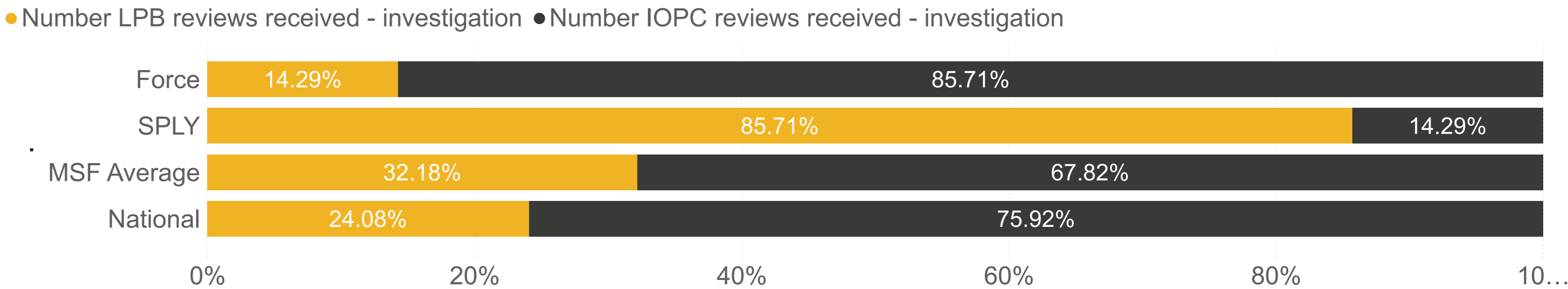
Section C1: Reviews received and timeliness (Year to date)

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	23	0
SPLY	15	0
MSF Average	40	21
National	2,868	1,076



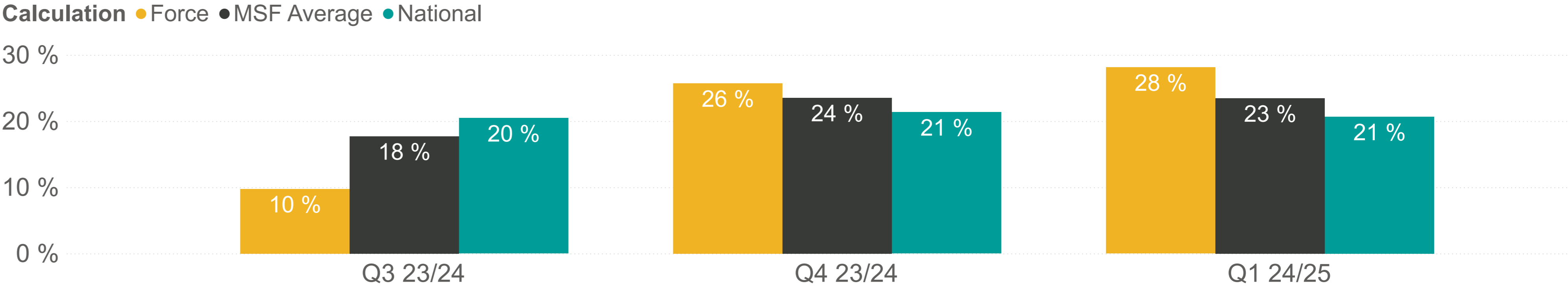
Investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	1	6
SPLY	6	1
MSF Average	7	15
National	230	725



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	30	98
SPLY	22	97
MSF Average	82	457
National	4,899	23,364

Reviews received as a proportion of Schedule 3 cases



	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Average number of working days to complete Local Policing Body reviews	40	27	35	48
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	100	332	128	137

Section C2: Outcomes on reviews

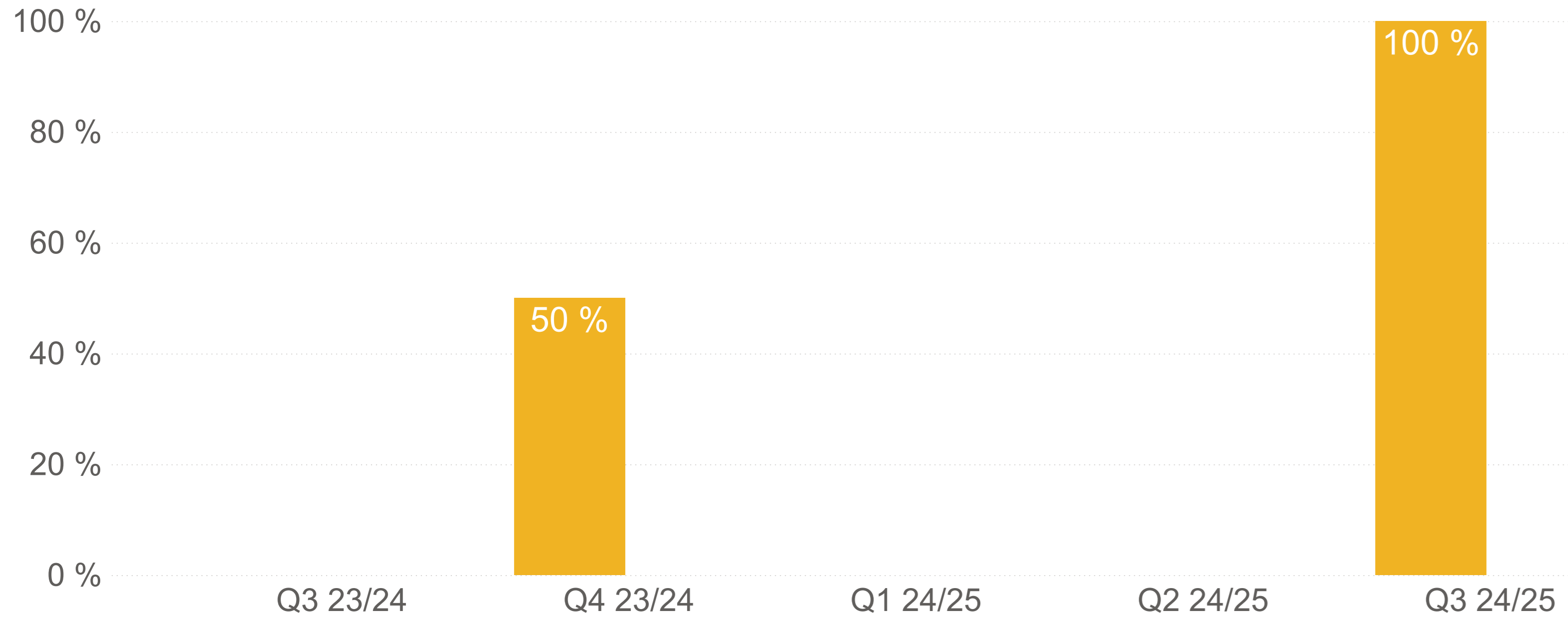
This section presents information about the decisions made on reviews including the proportion of reviews that found the outcome of the complaint was not reasonable and proportionate leading to the review being upheld.

Investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed investigation (IOPC)	Upheld investigation (IOPC)	Completed investigation (LPB)	Upheld investigation (LPB)
Force	3	2	1	
SPLY	1	0	6	1
MSF Average	12	3	6	12
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	0	0	20	3
SPLY	0	0	13	
MSF Average	14	4	40	8
National	729	226	2,774	578

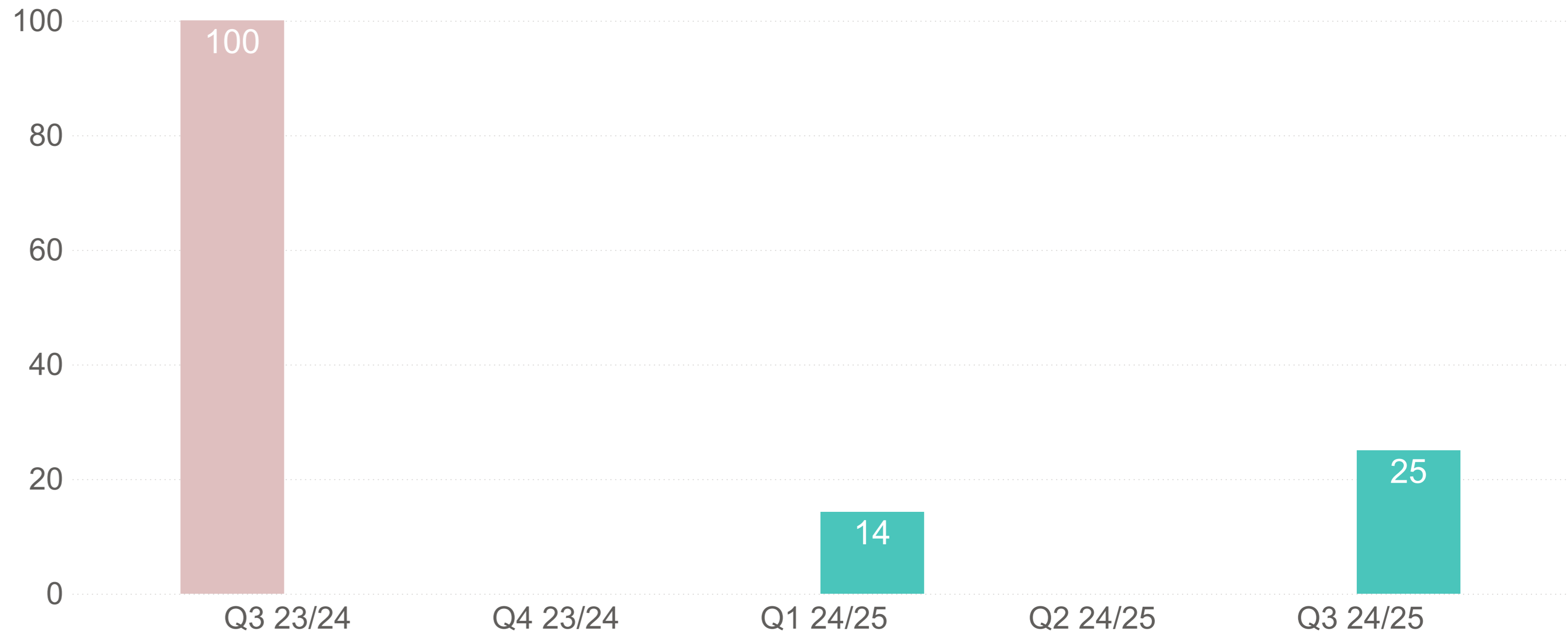
% IOPC reviews upheld - Force

● Investigation ● Non-investigation



% LPB Reviews upheld - Force

● Investigation ● Non-investigation



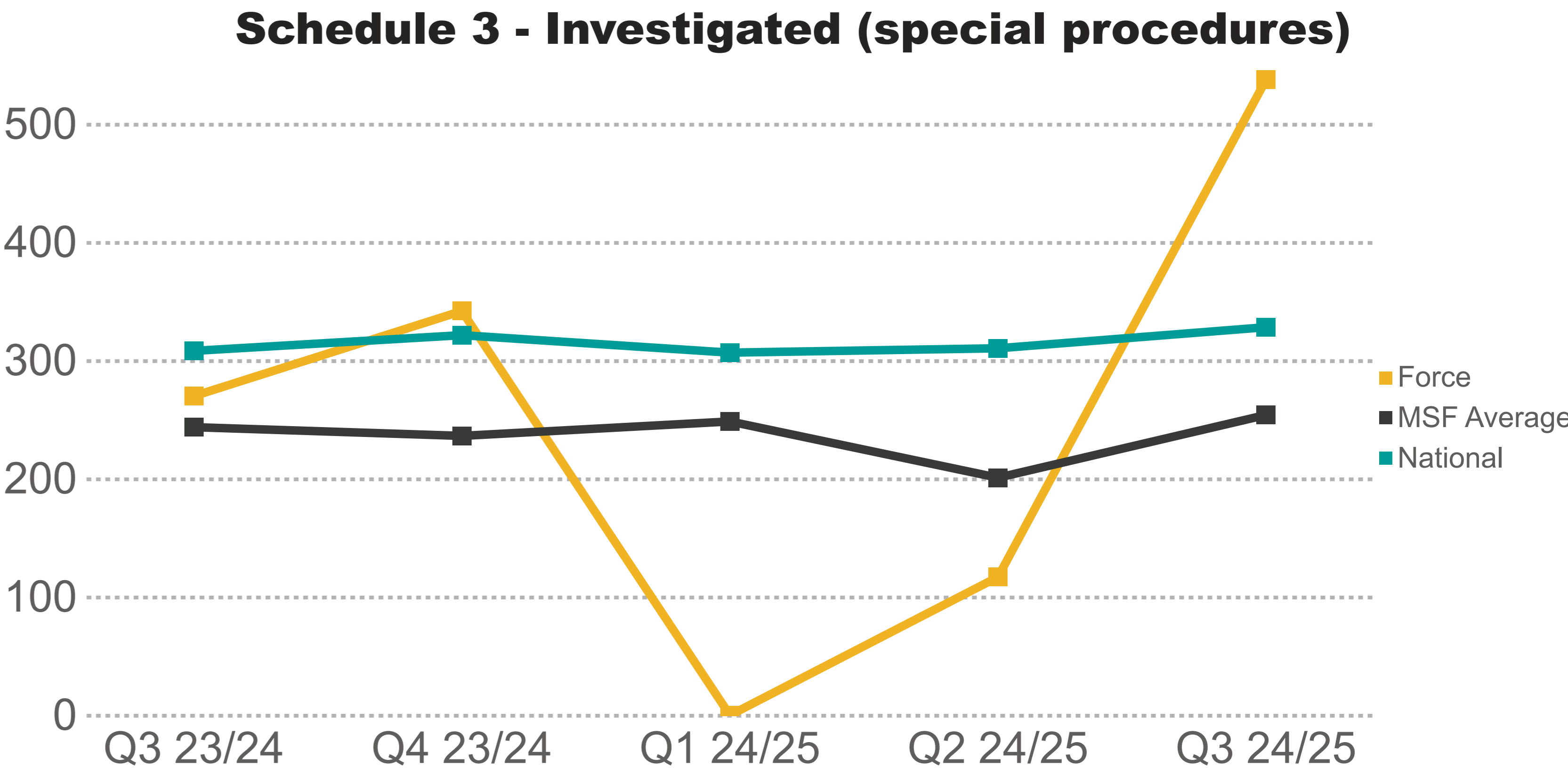
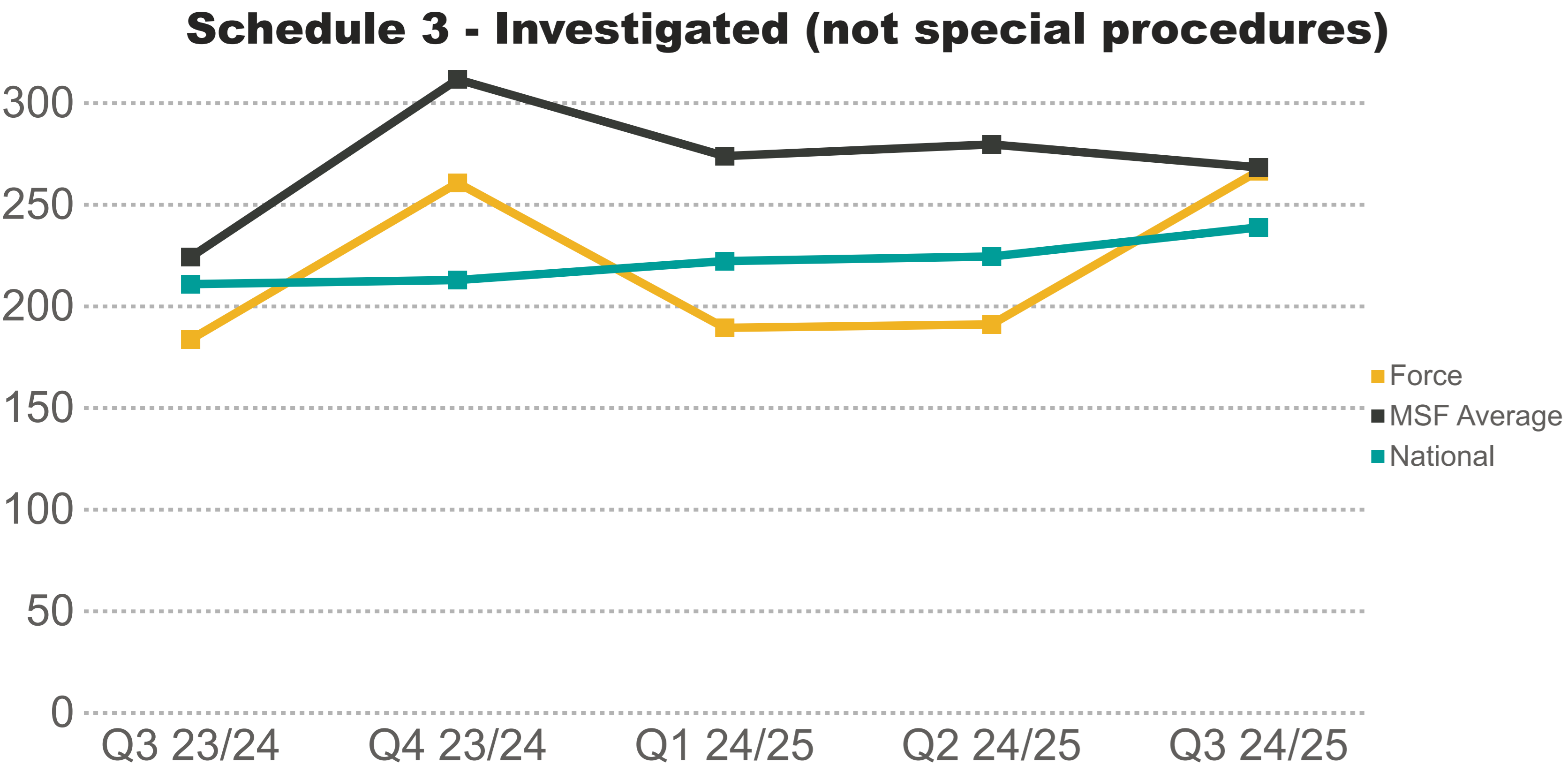
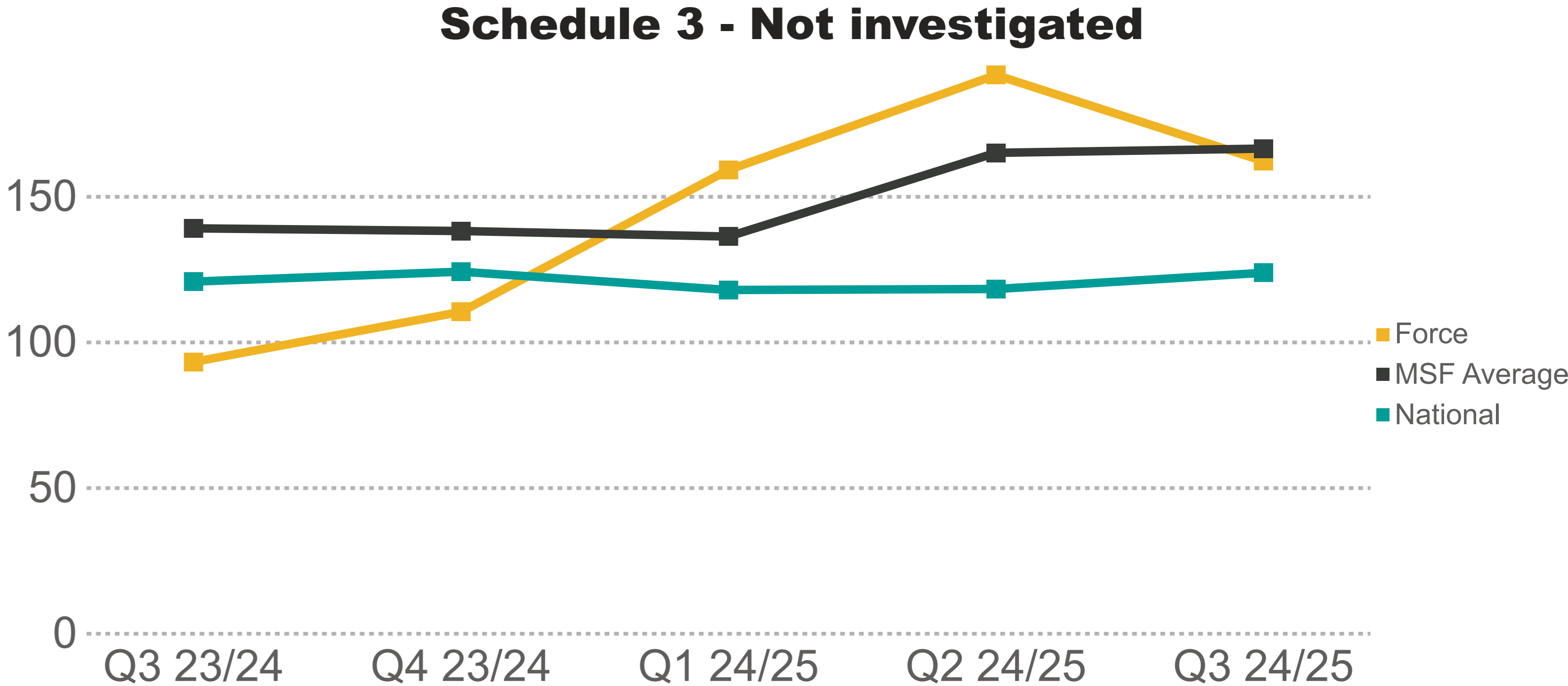
Section D1: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness

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)	433	277	281	315
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	212	144	283	228
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	169	87	153	120
Total	199	124	172	142

Number finalised (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	52	47	351	19,007
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	42	44	99	3,833
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	4	6	8	524
Total	98	97	457	23,364



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

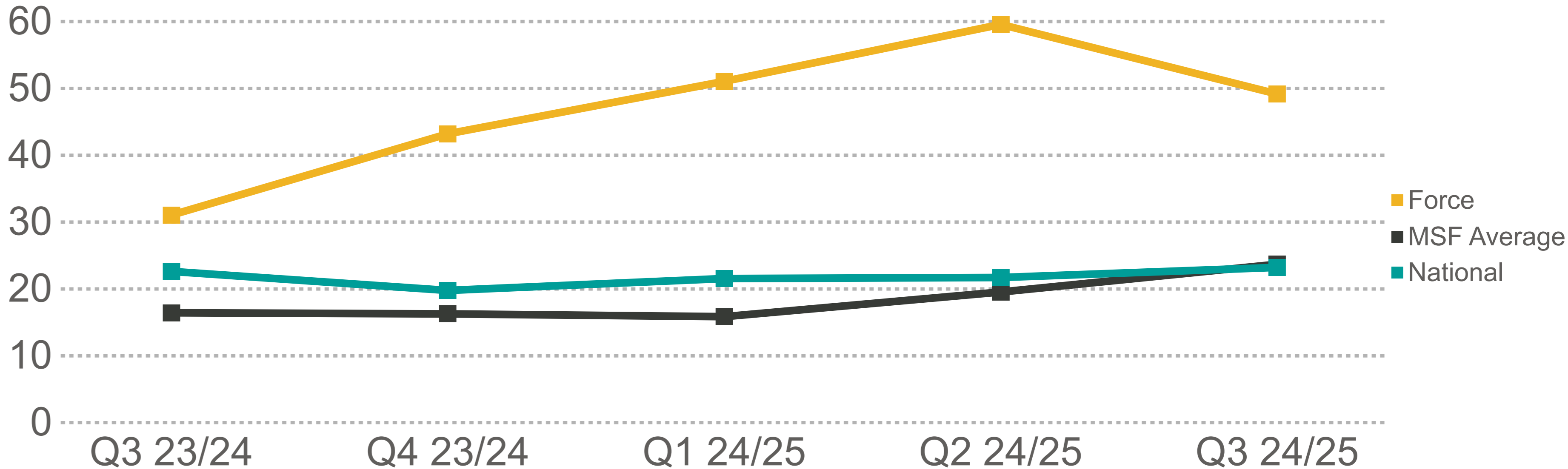
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Year to date

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	390	512	743	43520
Average days to finalise complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	52	31	19	22

Outside Schedule 3



Section D3: How complaint cases handled

This section shows the proportion of complaint cases handled by the force, most similar for group and nationally under each method of handling. The table covers data recorded in the period as per 'Reporting Period' above, while the below chart concerns the force only using the last four quarters of available data.

Means Of Handling (YTD)	Force		SPLY		MSF Average		National	
	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised
Outside of Schedule 3	390	80%	512	84%	743	62%	43,520	65%
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	52	11%	47	8%	351	29%	19,007	28%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	42	9%	44	7%	99	8%	3,834	6%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	4	1%	6	1%	8	1%	524	1%
Total	488	100%	609	100%	1,200	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.

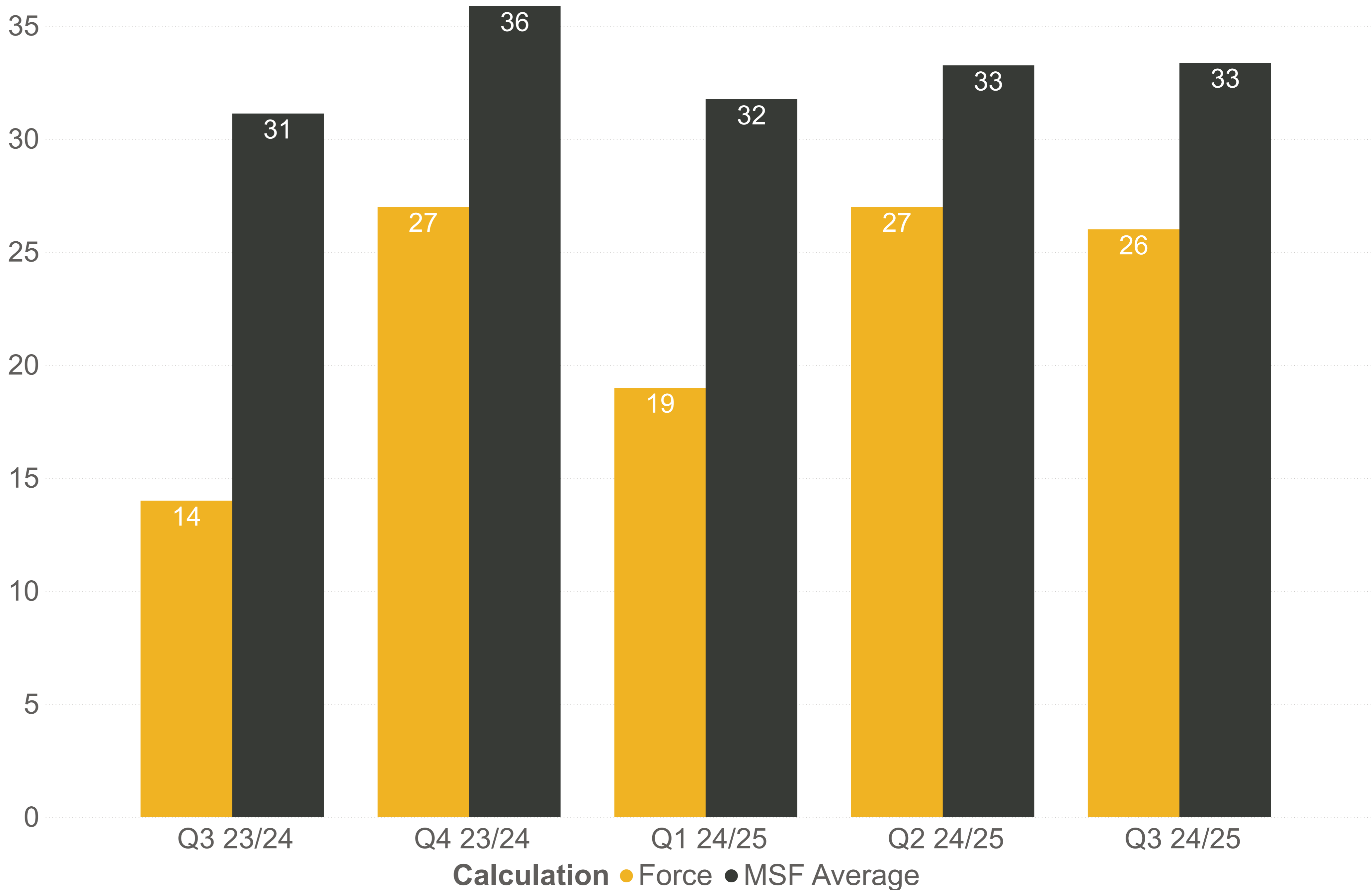
Where a referral is made by the force on a mandatory basis but does not meet the mandatory referral criteria, the matter may not fall within the IOPC’s remit to assess and will be determined invalid.

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	72	43	98	5,168
Number referrals completed	72	42	96	5,081
Decision: Independent Investigation	4	2	3	279
Decision: Directed Investigation	0	1	1	23
Decision: Local Investigation	44	28	46	2,754
Decision: Return to Force	19	11	44	1,907
Decision: Invalid	4	0	2	116

Force and MSF Group referrals received



Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Durham, Gwent, Humberside, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Northumbria, South Wales, South Yorkshire

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 \(February 2020\)](#).