

# Interim Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Northumbria

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

**Most Similar Force (MSF) Group: Cleveland, Gwent, Humberside, Lancashire, Northumbria, South Wales, South Yorkshire, West 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

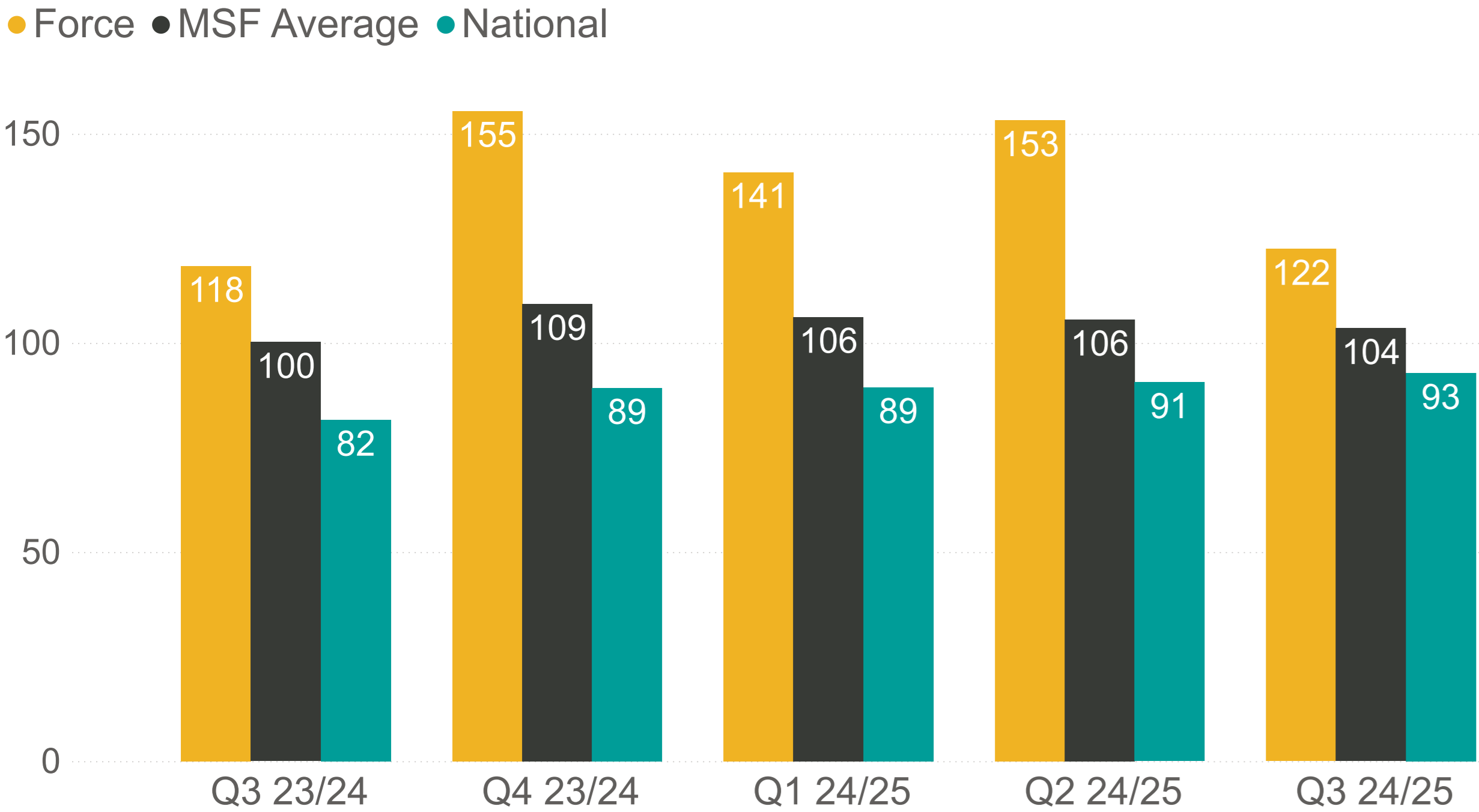
**Nat.** – National, **RPRP** – Reflective Practice Review Process, **UPP** – Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure

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

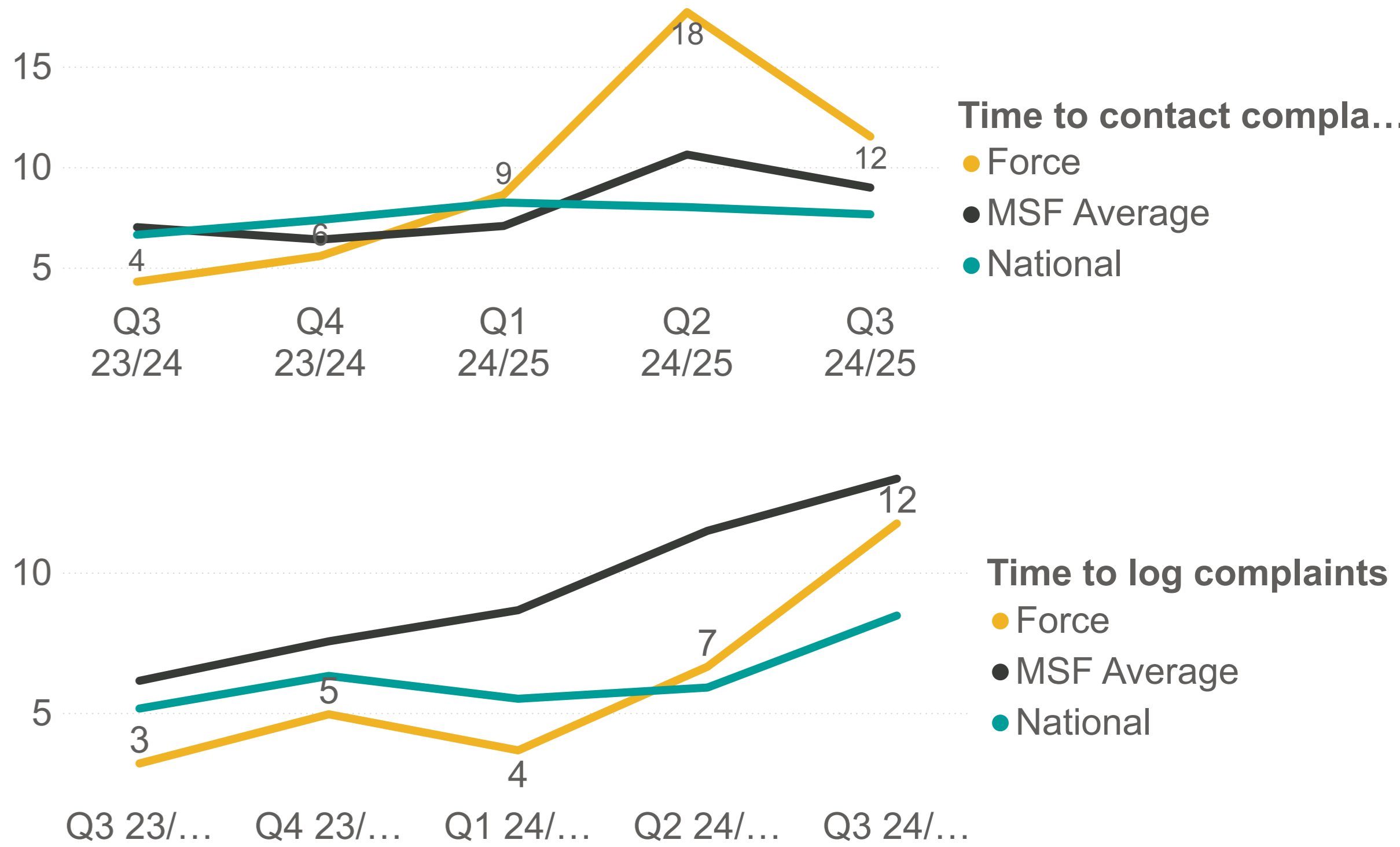
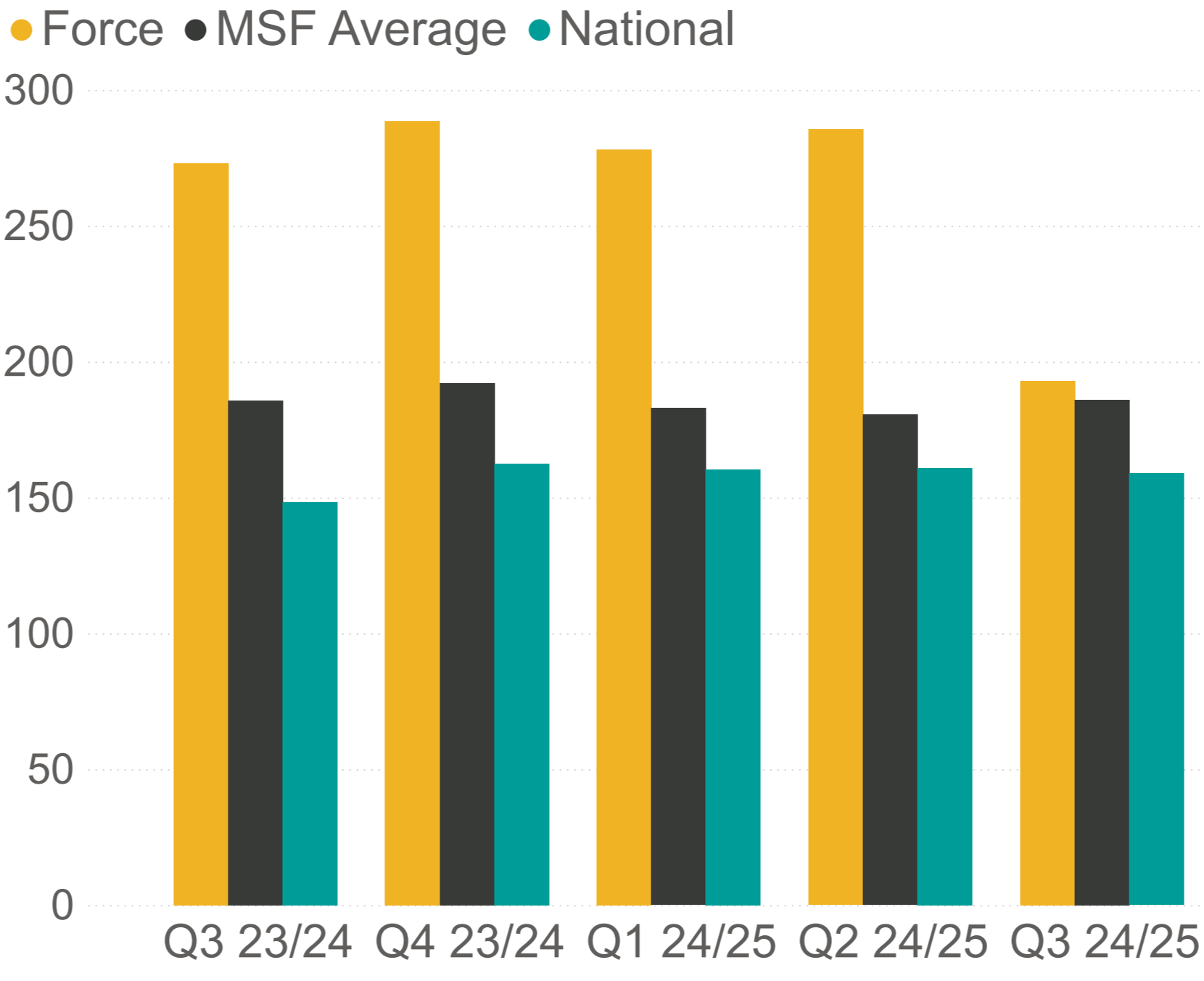
A complaint case is formed of one or more allegations. Numbers per 1,000 employees are used to demonstrate how the number of complaints/allegations against a force compare to their most similar force group and national figures. The force should contact the complainant and log the complaint as soon as 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	2,517	416	4,572	756	13	7
SPLY	2,297	379	4,756	784	4	3
MSF Average	1,641	315	2,866	549	9	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	0	0	68	9,603
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	80	122	239	4,564
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	27	97	73	3,723
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	286	436	178	5,364
<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>23,254</b>

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	0 %	0 %	17 %	41 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	20 %	19 %	38 %	20 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	7 %	15 %	18 %	16 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	73 %	67 %	26 %	23 %

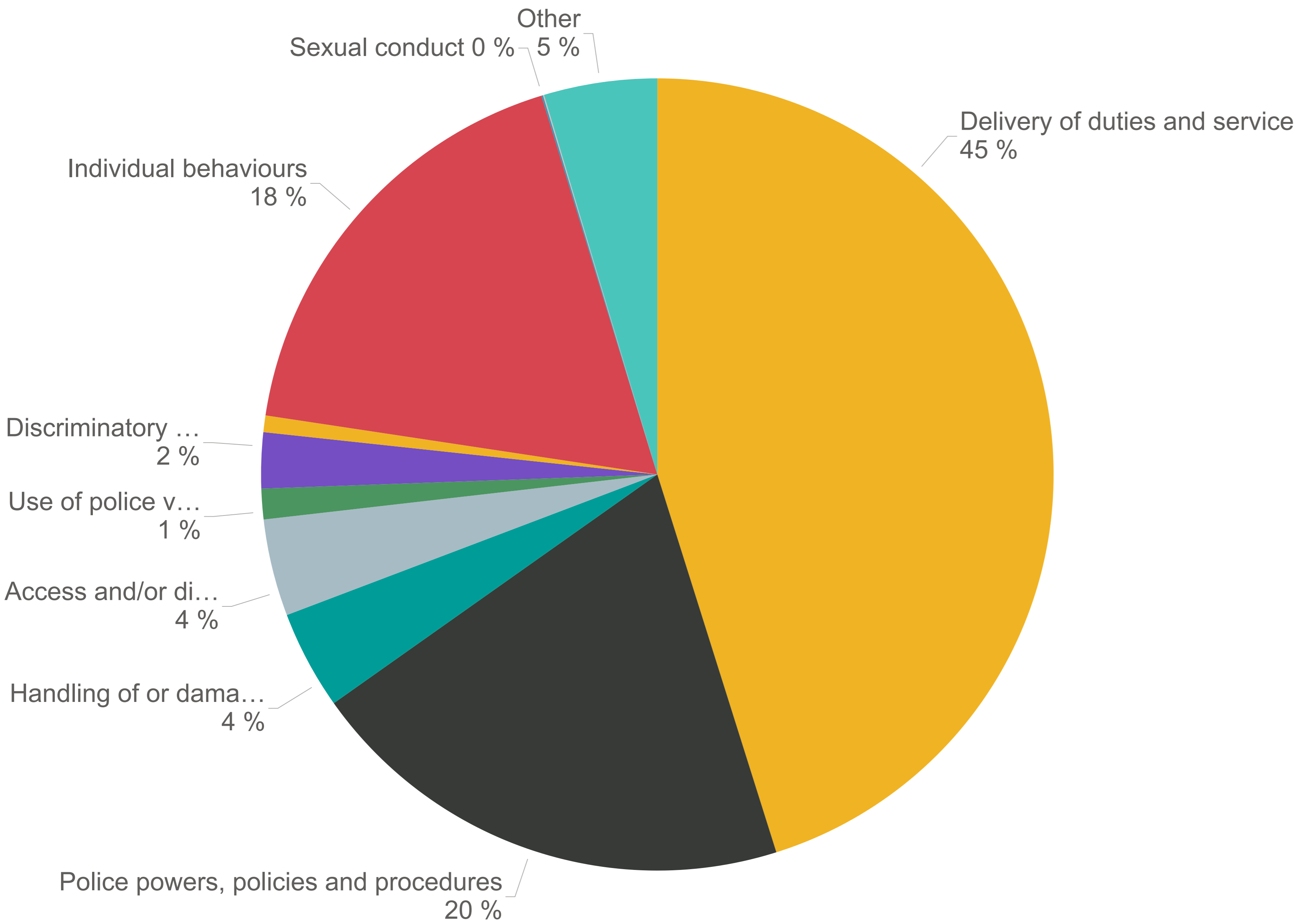
**Section A1.3: Allegations logged – what has been complained about (YTD)**

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.

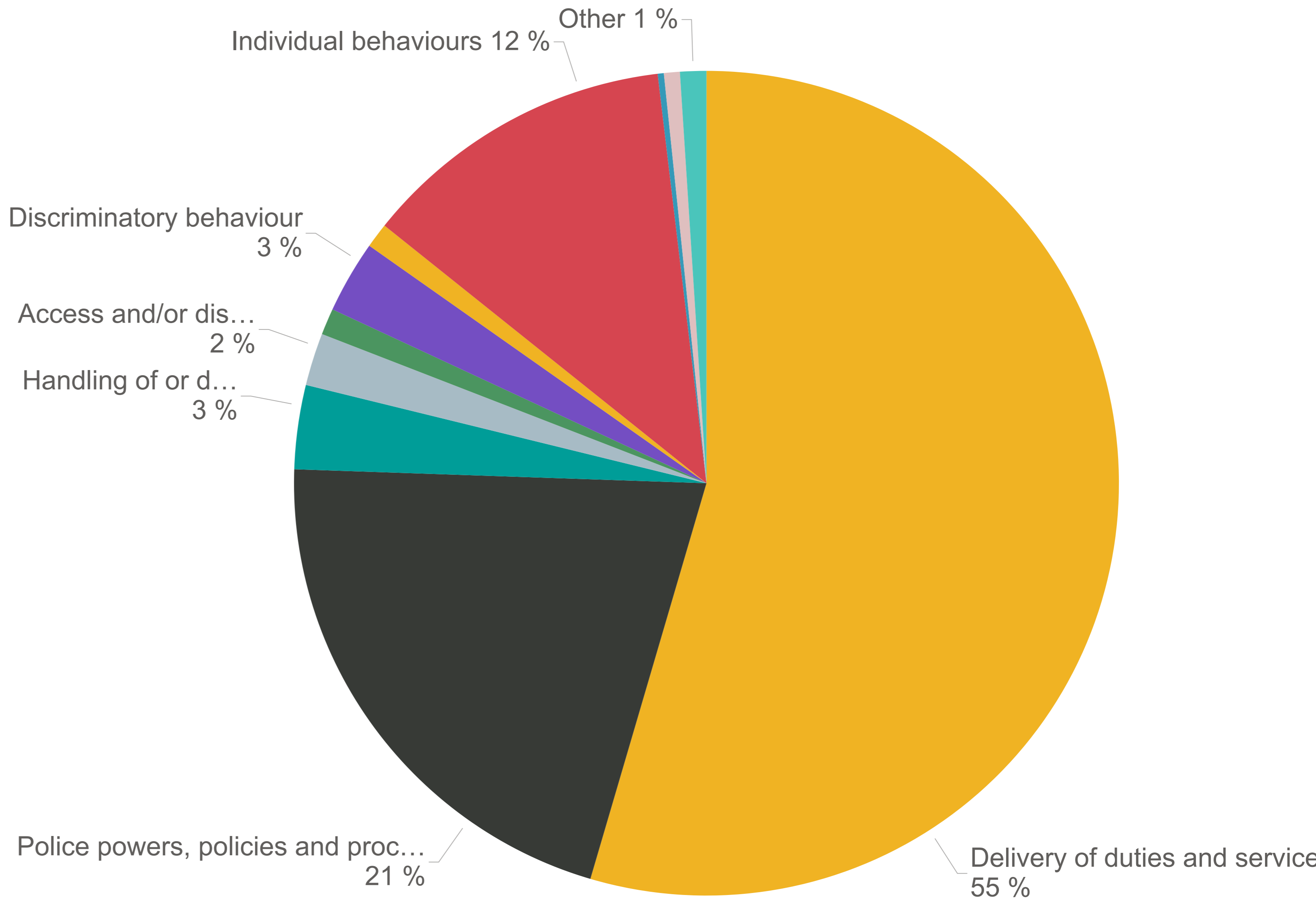
**What has been complained about (YTD)**

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	2,064	917	184	181	57	104	31	818	3	2	211	4,572
SPLY	2,305	970	126	145	74	119	39	822	5	15	135	4,755
MSF Average	1,492	574	109	74	32	82	34	403	5	15	48	2,866
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	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>45 %</b>	<b>2,305</b>	<b>48 %</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>54 %</b>	<b>66,726</b>	<b>55 %</b>	
	Police action following contact	856	41 %	1,067	46 %	579	41 %	27,618	41 %	
	General level of service	674	33 %	545	24 %	490	31 %	21,727	33 %	
	Decisions	297	14 %	412	18 %	245	16 %	9,699	15 %	
	Information	237	11 %	281	12 %	178	13 %	7,682	12 %	
Police powers, policies and procedures	<b>Total</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>20 %</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>20 %</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>20 %</b>	<b>25,687</b>	<b>21 %</b>	
	Use of force	327	36 %	284	29 %	173	29 %	6,584	26 %	
	Detention in police custody	178	19 %	164	17 %	87	14 %	3,661	14 %	
	Power to arrest and detain	152	17 %	154	16 %	91	16 %	4,643	18 %	
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	127	14 %	145	15 %	94	18 %	3,261	13 %	
	Other policies and procedures	36	4 %	75	8 %	40	7 %	2,576	10 %	
	Evidential procedures	31	3 %	66	7 %	33	6 %	1,861	7 %	
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	24	3 %	30	3 %	28	6 %	1,489	6 %	
	Out of court disposals	24	3 %	14	1 %	7	1 %	393	2 %	
	Stops, and stop and search	18	2 %	38	4 %	21	4 %	1,218	5 %	
	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	
	Individual behaviours	<b>Total</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>18 %</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>17 %</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>14 %</b>	<b>15,132</b>	<b>12 %</b>
		Impolite and intolerant actions	257	31 %	129	16 %	76	17 %	2,311	15 %
		Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	181	22 %	169	21 %	112	32 %	4,272	28 %
Overbearing or harassing behaviours		173	21 %	228	28 %	64	13 %	2,570	17 %	
Impolite language / tone		118	14 %	186	23 %	104	26 %	3,890	26 %	
Lack of fairness and impartiality		89	11 %	110	13 %	48	12 %	2,089	14 %	
Other	<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>5 %</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>3 %</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1 %</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>1 %</b>	
	Other	211	100 %	122	90 %	48	100 %	1,247	99 %	
Handling of or damage to property/ premises	<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>4 %</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2 %</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>4 %</b>	<b>3,932</b>	<b>3 %</b>	
	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	184	100 %	108	86 %	109	100 %	3,931	98 %	
	Police action following contact	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	

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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
None	514	11 %	636	13 %	439	18 %	22,863	19 %
Investigation	328	7 %	547	12 %	958	34 %	46,292	38 %
Arrest	259	6 %	287	6 %	389	12 %	15,683	13 %
Custody	154	3 %	224	5 %	171	5 %	7,020	6 %
Neighbourhood policing	52	1 %	115	2 %	113	4 %	5,699	5 %
Roads/traffic	52	1 %	88	2 %	168	6 %	7,298	6 %
Mental health	50	1 %	86	2 %	108	3 %	3,667	3 %
Domestic / gender abuse	49	1 %	89	2 %	177	6 %	6,828	6 %
Premises search	31	1 %	87	2 %	80	3 %	2,989	2 %
VAWG - police perpetrated	31	1 %	67	1 %	17	1 %	848	1 %
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	30	1 %	120	3 %	125	4 %	5,179	4 %
Call Handling	27	1 %	63	1 %	108	4 %	5,209	4 %
Restraint equipment	26	1 %	47	1 %	24	1 %	1,321	1 %
Stop and/or search	25	1 %	25	1 %	31	1 %	2,543	2 %
Death	15	0 %	42	1 %	34	1 %	1,105	1 %
Public order incident	14	0 %	12	0 %	32	1 %	972	1 %
Child protection / CSA / CSE	12	0 %	36	1 %	52	2 %	2,199	2 %
Social media	9	0 %	9	0 %	13	0 %	506	0 %
Hate Crime	7	0 %	28	1 %	21	1 %	699	1 %
Missing persons	7	0 %	12	0 %	25	1 %	771	1 %
Drugs / alcohol	5	0 %	8	0 %	51	2 %	1,408	1 %
Fraud	5	0 %	0	0 %	13	0 %	779	1 %
Serious injury	5	0 %	9	0 %	6	0 %	256	0 %
Prejudicial and improper behaviour	4	0 %	4	0 %	1	0 %	4	0 %
Taser	3	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %	146	0 %
Firearms	2	0 %	3	0 %	9	0 %	559	0 %
Police dogs or horses	2	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	76	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on infectiou	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Covert policing	1	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	66	0 %
Coronavirus - other	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on restricti	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
PPDA	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	27	0 %
PPDA - Police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %
Unknown	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	23	0 %
VAWG' - dissatisfaction handling	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	16	0 %
VAWG' - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %	23	0 %
VAWG - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	4	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	Individual behaviours	Other
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	25	0	4	0
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	15	1	0	10	0
Taser	0	2	0	1	0
Stop and/or search	2	17	0	4	0
Social media	3	1	0	1	0
Serious injury	5	0	0	0	0
Roads/traffic	27	7	2	5	1
Restraint equipment	0	24	0	1	0
Public order incident	10	1	0	2	1
Premises search	4	21	5	1	0
Prejudicial and improper behaviour	3	1	0	0	0
Police dogs or horses	2	0	0	0	0
None	212	49	20	140	14
Neighbourhood policing	36	1	0	14	0
Missing persons	4	2	0	1	0
Mental health	23	21	0	3	0
Investigation	252	29	3	28	1
Hate Crime	4	0	0	2	0
Fraud	5	0	0	0	0
Firearms	2	0	0	0	0
Drugs / alcohol	3	1	0	0	0
Domestic / gender abuse	27	4	0	9	0
Death	10	1	3	1	0
Custody	15	114	3	15	1
Coronavirus - police powers on infectiou	1	0	0	0	0
Child protection / CSA / CSE	5	1	1	4	0
Call Handling	17	1	0	8	1
Arrest	27	200	5	18	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>19</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
Q3 23/24	31	9	0	40
Q4 23/24	28	15	0	43
Q1 24/25	19	17	0	36
Q2 24/25	7	7	0	14
Q3 24/25	4	7	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>144</b>

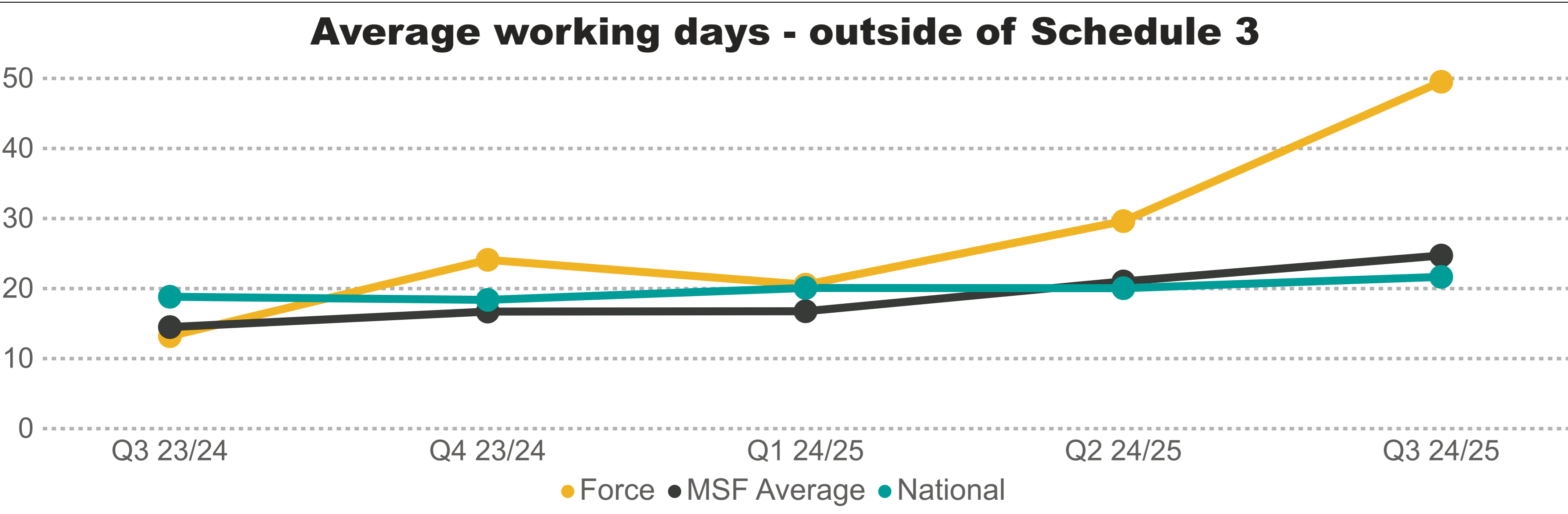
**Section A2: Allegations timeliness**

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.

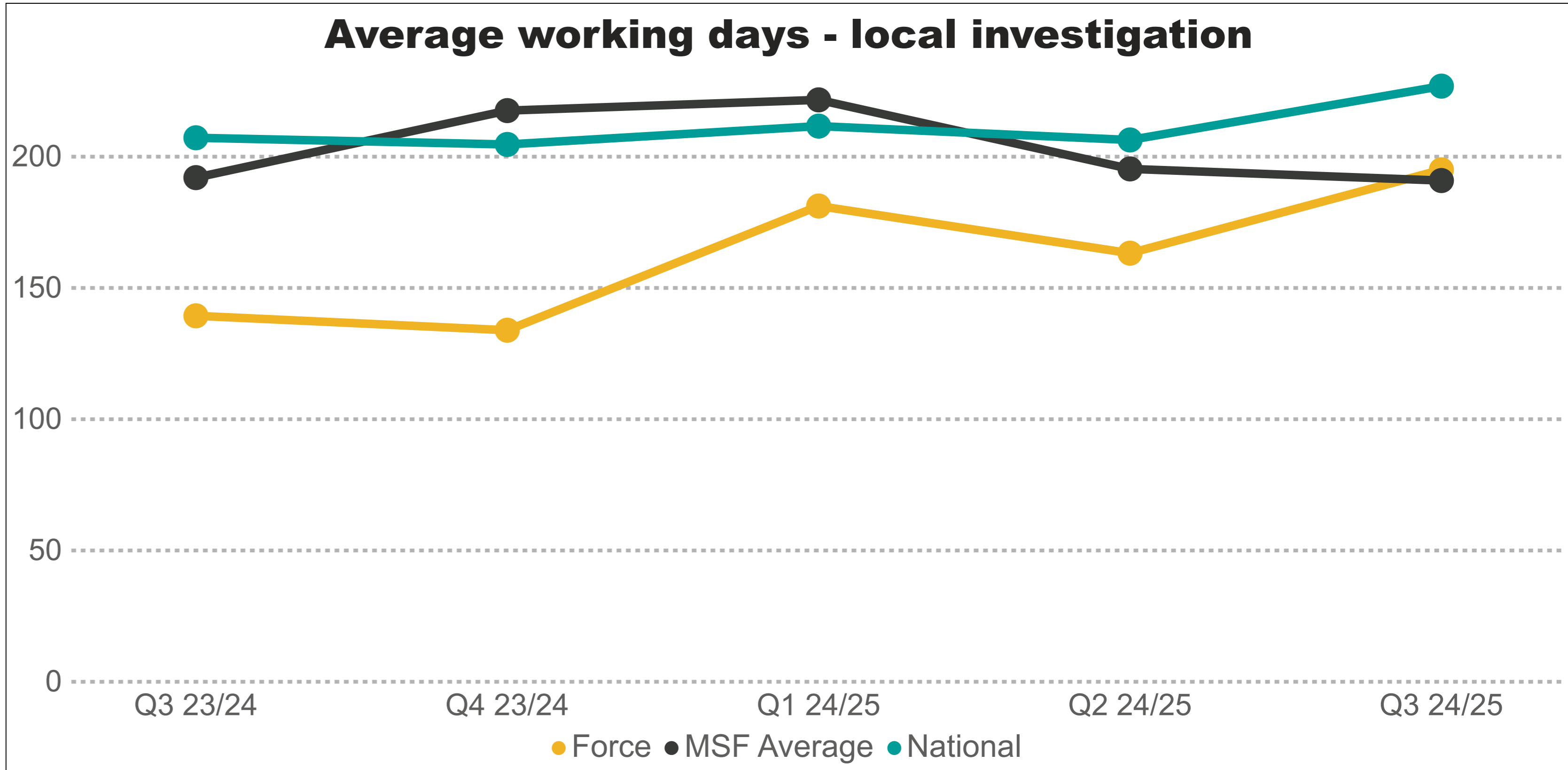
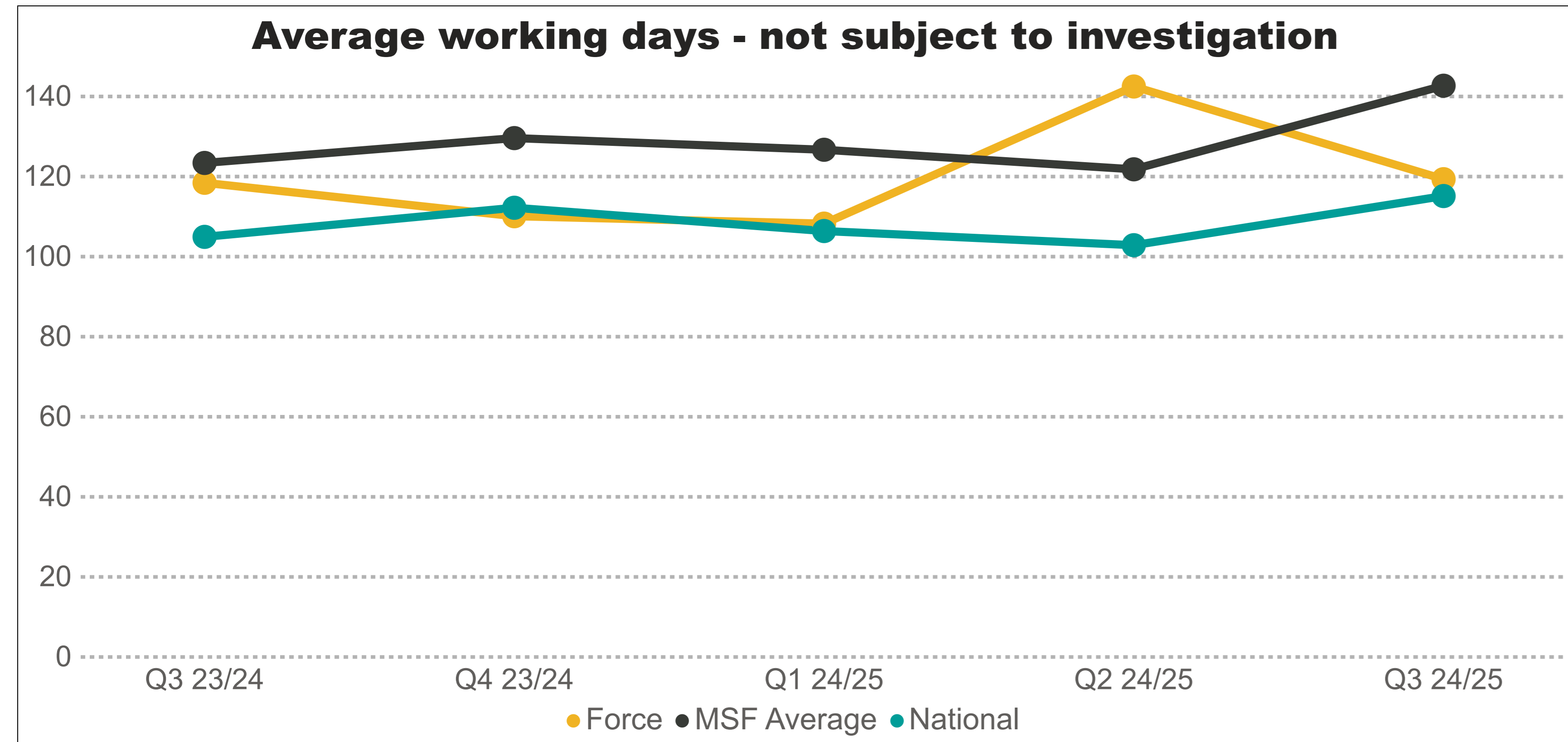
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

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	2,113	32	177	117	1,152	177	1	19
SPLY	2,076	14	205	102	1,134	129	0	0
MSF Average	1,216	20	1,074	131	322	208	6	294
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)	1,140	33 %	307	11 %	12,092	10 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	13	0 %	22	1 %	1,408	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	177	5 %	1074	39 %	53,990	45 %
Outside of Schedule 3	2,113	61 %	1216	49 %	51,937	43 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,443</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>2618</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>119,427</b>	<b>100 %</b>

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

Handling Method ● 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)



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					42	24 %	4,006	7 %			22	2 %	4	0 %	347	3 %
Regulation 41 applies					14	8 %	77	0 %			3	0 %	3	0 %	155	1 %
Service provided - unable to determine					4	2 %	4,930	9 %			18	1 %	116	10 %	1,148	9 %
Service provided - not acceptable					5	3 %	7,176	13 %			43	3 %	181	16 %	1,461	12 %
Service provided - acceptable					19	11 %	36,299	67 %	3	23 %	199	14 %	784	69 %	8,649	72 %
Not Resolved			2,767	5 %												
Resolved	2113	100 %	49,169	95 %												
No Case to Answer									4	31 %	796	57 %				
Case to Answer									6	46 %	301	21 %				
Withdrawal					93	53 %	1,501	3 %			26	2 %	52	5 %	332	3 %



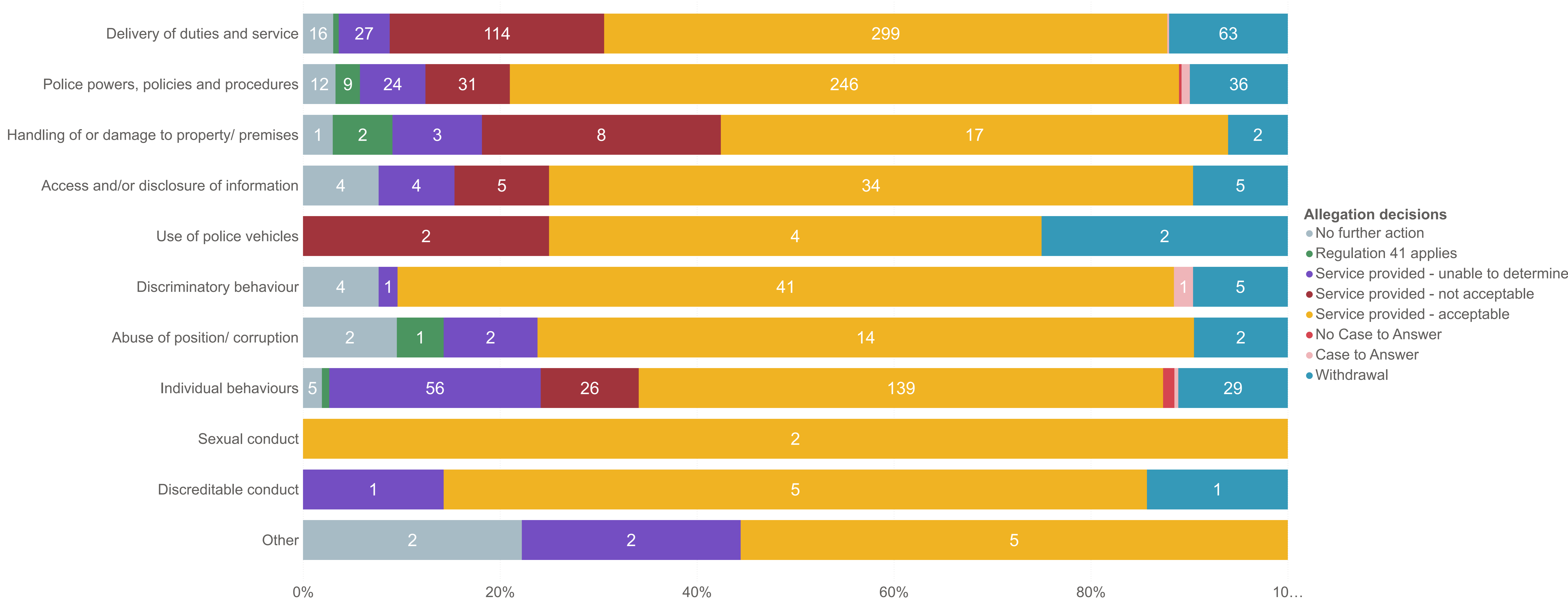
**Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (Year to date by category)**

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	1,109	303	101	58	44	31	6	434	1	0	26	2,113
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	1	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	199	0 %
Learning from reflection	146	7 %	241	12 %	28	2 %	1,462	3 %
Policy review	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %	48	0 %
Goodwill gesture	4	0 %	4	0 %	1	0 %	80	0 %
Apology	88	4 %	68	3 %	122	14 %	4,995	10 %
Debrief	8	0 %	20	1 %	8	1 %	436	1 %
Explanation	736	35 %	629	30 %	741	60 %	32,190	62 %
No further action	499	24 %	403	19 %	157	11 %	5,660	11 %
Other action	440	21 %	146	7 %	128	9 %	6,288	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%.

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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	7	1 %	7	1 %	10	1 %	586	1 %
Apology	41	3 %	26	2 %	61	4 %	2,663	4 %
Debrief	0	0 %	0	0 %	12	0 %	1,928	3 %
Explanation	910	68 %	893	67 %	927	66 %	41,875	62 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	27	0 %
No further action	183	14 %	235	18 %	261	19 %	14,539	22 %
Other action	4	0 %	11	1 %	7	1 %	670	1 %
Learning from reflection	123	9 %	119	9 %	94	6 %	3,600	5 %
Referral to RPRP	57	4 %	40	3 %	18	2 %	1,026	2 %

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

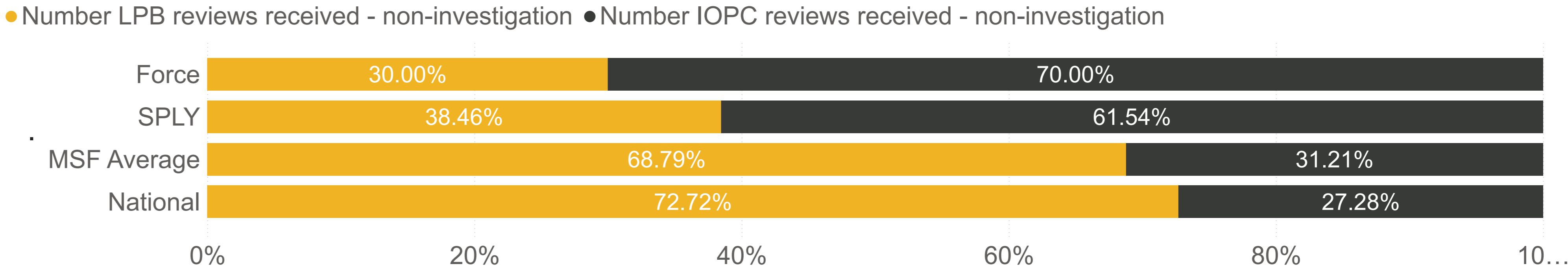
Complaint cases handled under Schedule 3 that are investigated and subject to Special Procedures can result in misconduct proceedings

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	0	0 %	7	41 %	4	12 %	157	11 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	10	1 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	1	8 %	0	0 %	1	4 %	93	7 %
Referral to RPRP	2	15 %	0	0 %	3	11 %	230	16 %

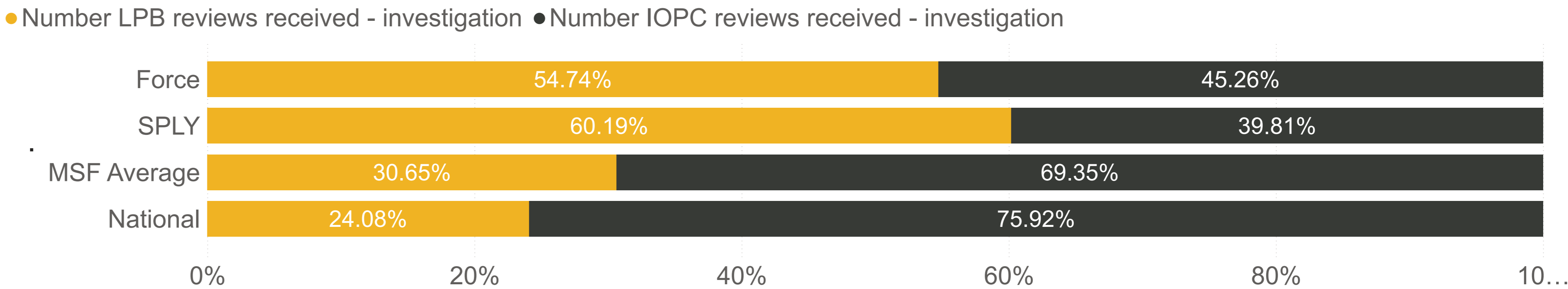
**Section C1: Reviews received and timeliness (Year to date)**

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	3	7
SPLY	5	8
MSF Average	61	28
National	2,868	1,076

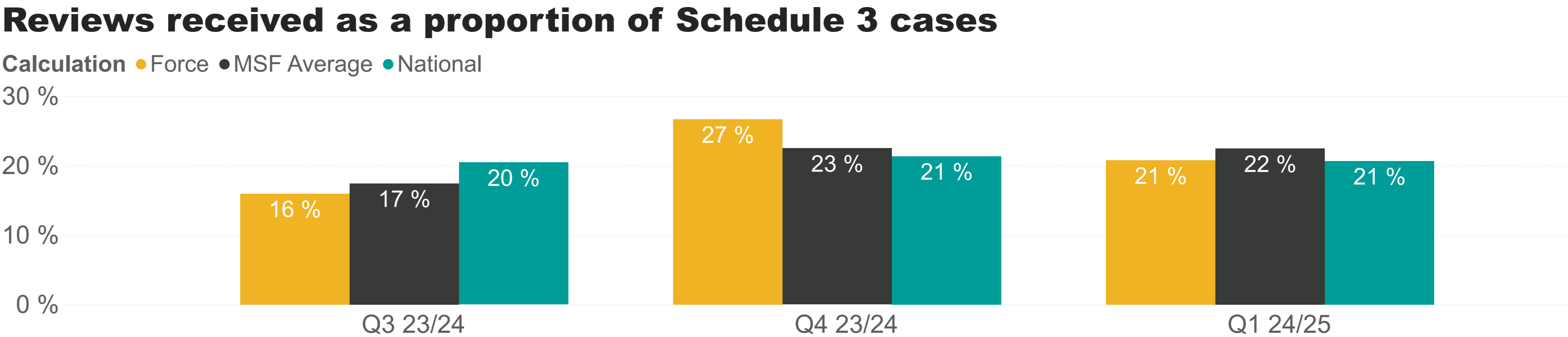


Investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	52	43
SPLY	65	43
MSF Average	7	16
National	230	725



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	105	512
SPLY	121	572
MSF Average	112	565
National	4,899	23,364



	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Average number of working days to complete Local Policing Body reviews	17	12	31	48
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews	164	188	123	137

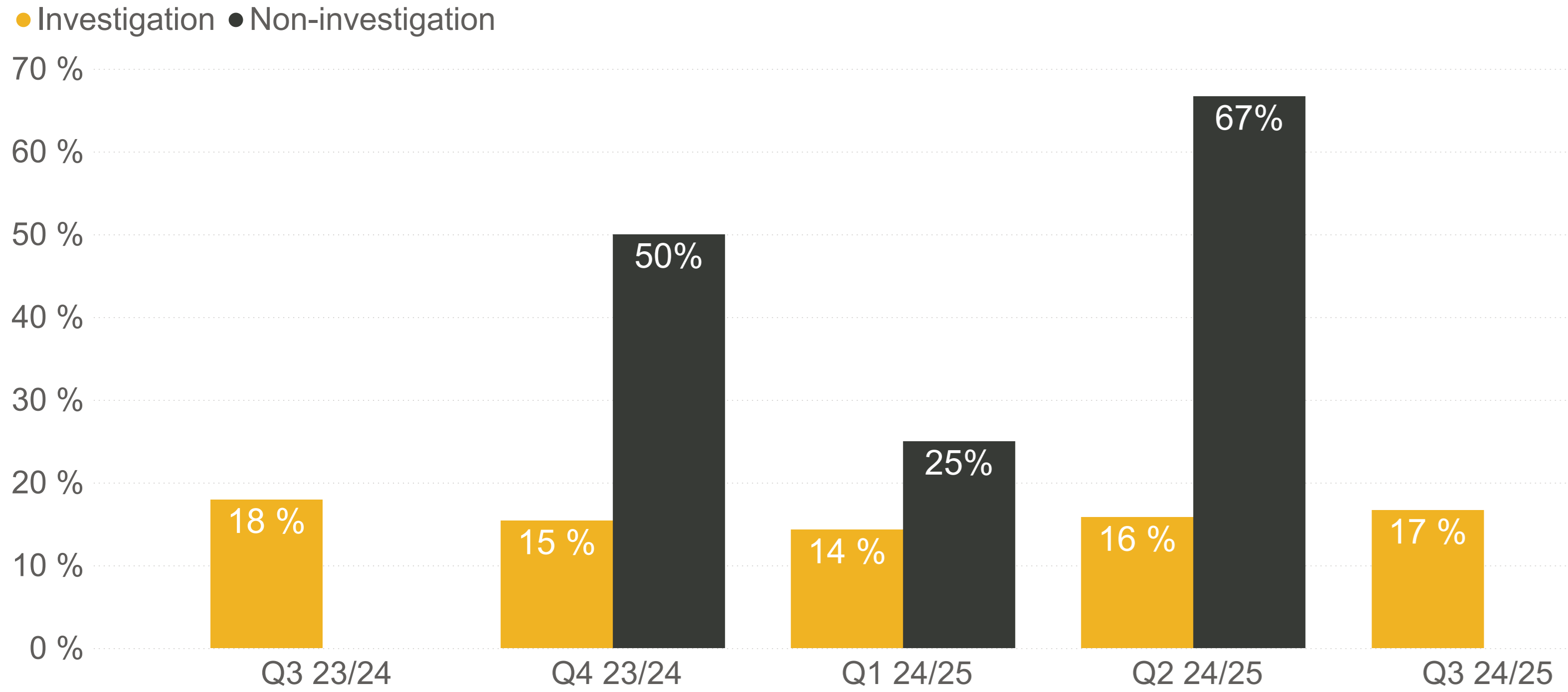
**Section C2: Outcomes on reviews**

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.

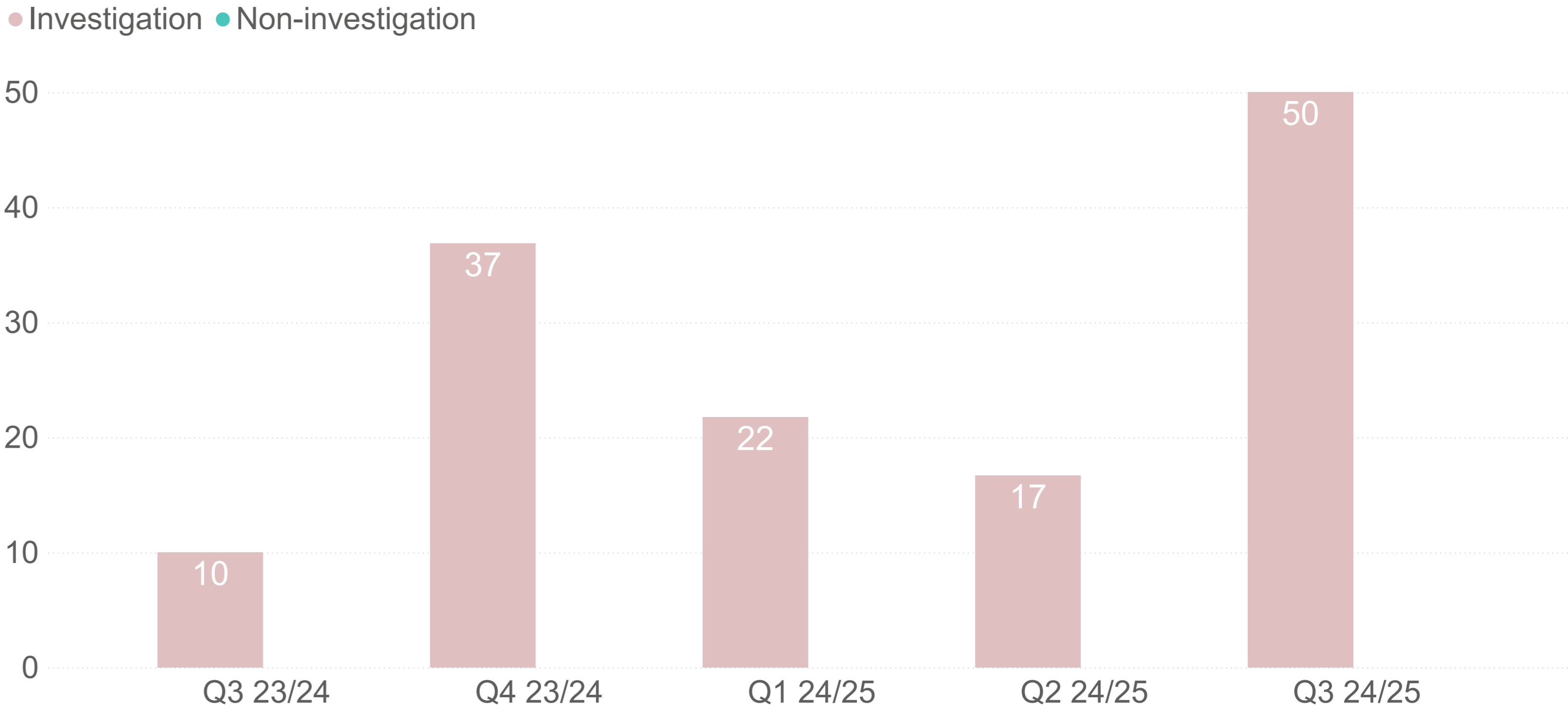
Investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed investigation (IOPC)	Upheld investigation (IOPC)	Completed investigation (LPB)	Upheld investigation (LPB)
Force	45	7	45	12
SPLY	79	20	66	18
MSF Average	14	4	6	7
National	631	201	215	57

Non-investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed non-investigation (IOPC)	Upheld non-investigation (IOPC)	Completed non-investigation (LPB)	Upheld non-investigation (LPB)
Force	9	3	3	
SPLY	9	3	5	
MSF Average	22	7	58	11
National	729	226	2,774	578

**% IOPC reviews upheld - Force**



**% LPB Reviews upheld - Force**



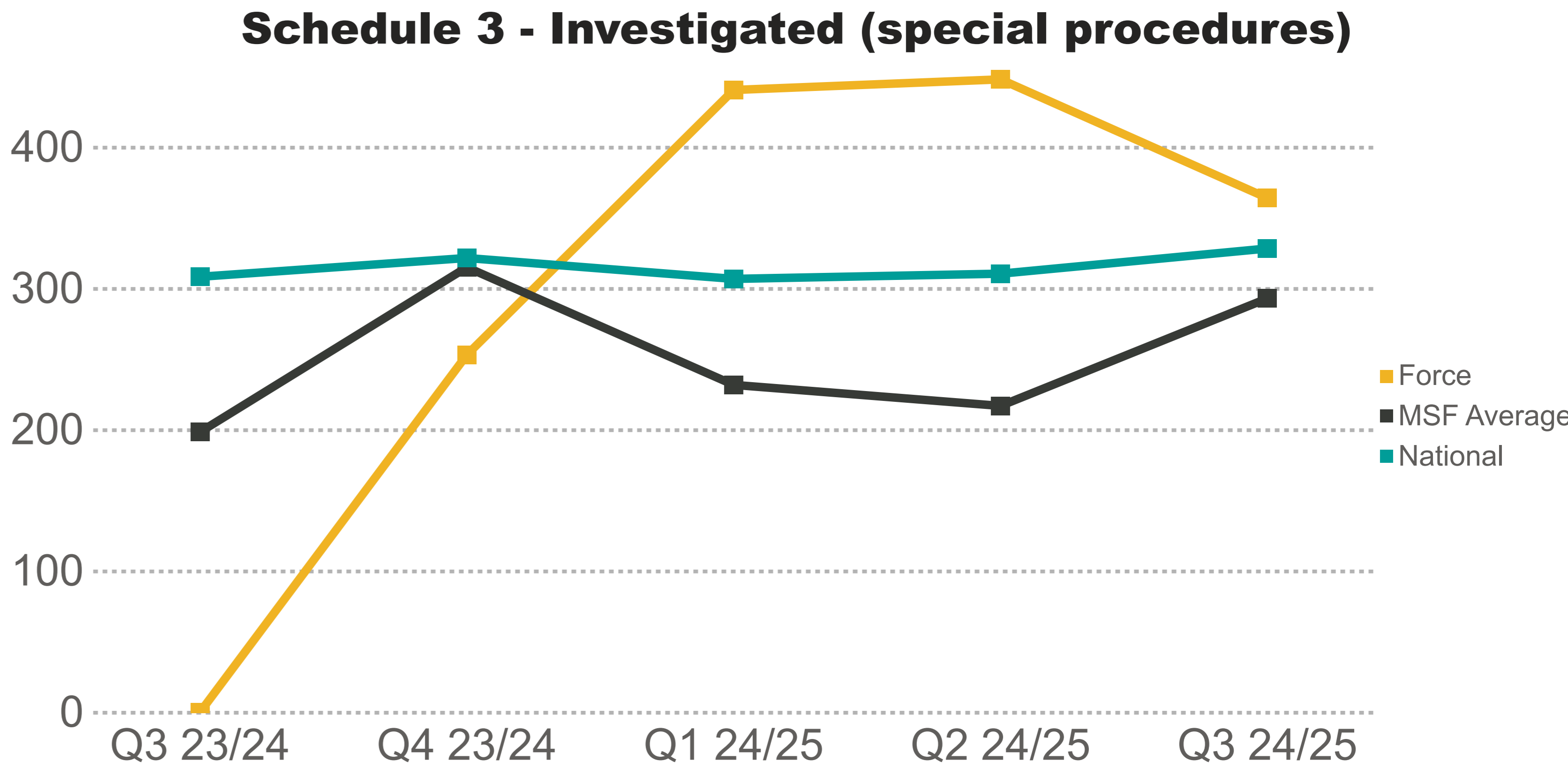
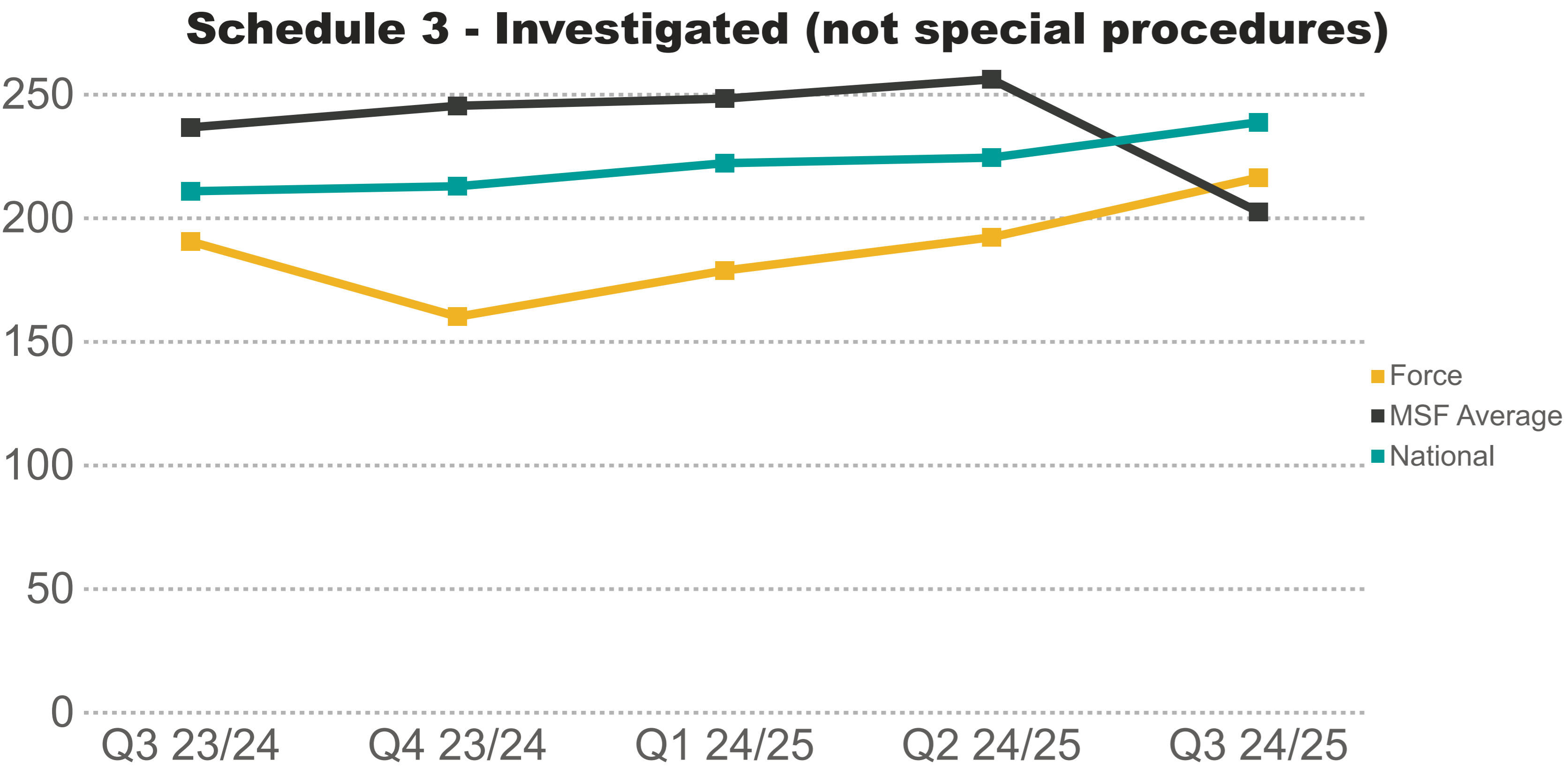
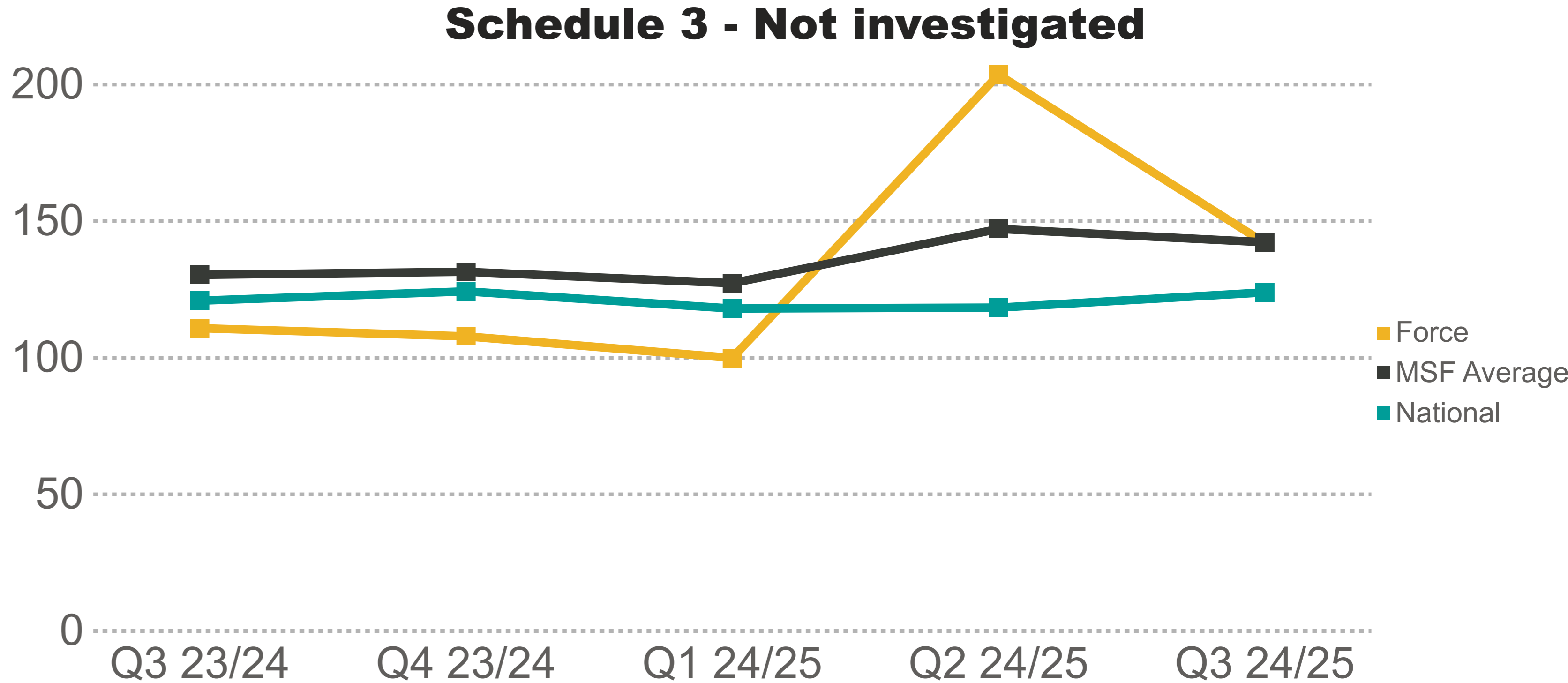
**Section D1: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness**

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)	429	203	286	315
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	193	168	246	228
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	133	128	136	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>142</b>

Number finalised (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	59	104	450	19,007
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	447	463	106	3,833
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	6	5	9	524
<b>Total</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>23,364</b>



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

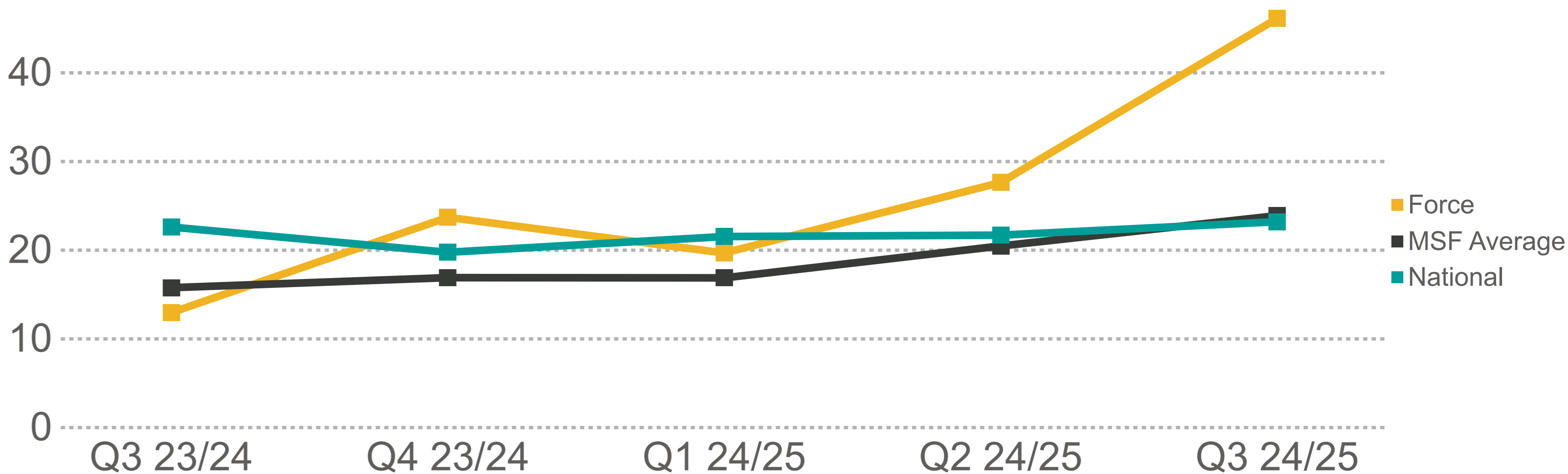
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**Year to date**

	Force	SPLY	MSF Average	National
Complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	1592	1456	990	43520
Average days to finalise complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	30	14	20	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	1,592	76%	1,456	72%	990	64%	43,520	65%
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	59	3%	104	5%	450	29%	19,007	28%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	447	21%	463	23%	106	7%	3,834	6%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	6	0%	6	0%	9	1%	524	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,029</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>66,885</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.

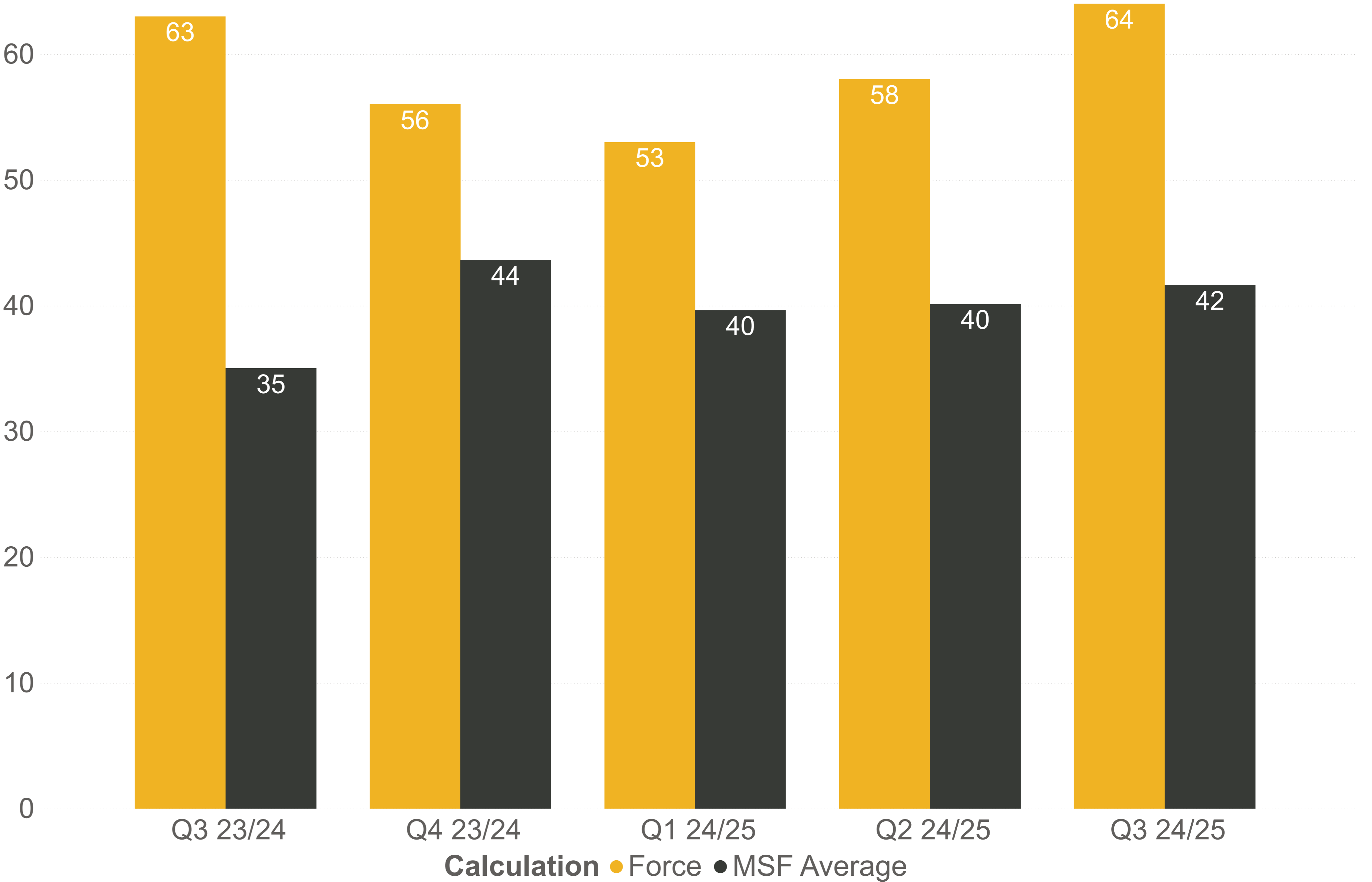
Where a referral is made by the force on a mandatory basis but does not meet the mandatory referral criteria, the matter may not fall within the IOPC’s remit to assess and will be determined invalid.

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	175	189	121	5,168
Number referrals completed	170	190	119	5,081
Decision: Independent Investigation	4	8	6	279
Decision: Directed Investigation	0	1	1	23
Decision: Local Investigation	57	85	57	2,754
Decision: Return to Force	108	94	53	1,907
Decision: Invalid	1	2	3	116

**Force and MSF Group referrals received**





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

## Notes

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### Data sources

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

### Performance Framework counting rules and calculation

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

### Data constraints

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

### Further Information

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