

See how well we're dealing with customer complaints

At M&S Bank, we've always worked hard to exceed our customers' expectations. We know we don't always get things right, that's why customer feedback is so important. It gives us insight into the areas where we need to improve.

What matters is to fix the right things – those things that matter most to our customers. So, through our customers surveys and social media pages, please keep letting us know how we're doing. We'll continue to improve what we do, so that we deliver an excellent service we can be proud of.

In 2019 our key priorities will continue to be:

- Listening to our customers through their feedback and responses to customer surveys
- Working on the root causes of complaints and the individual outcomes for our customers, so issues can be fixed properly first time
- Looking at all the different interactions customers have with us, so we can make the whole banking experience better
- Simplifying our products and services and the processes behind them

So you can see how we are doing, we've provided a summary of our complaints data for the second half of 2018.

Firm name: Marks & Spencer Financial Services Plc

Group: HSBC Group

Period covered: 1 July-31 December 2018

Trading names covered: M&S Money, M&S Bank, M&S Insurance, M&S Savings and Investments, M&S Unit Trust Management Ltd

Product/Service grouping	Number of complaints opened by volume of business	No. of complaints opened	No. of complaints closed	% closed within 3 days	% closed after 3 days but within 8 weeks	% upheld*	Main cause of complaints opened
Banking & Credit Cards	4.76 per 1,000 accounts	16,156	15,977	65.3%	32.9%	60.1%	Other general admin/customer service
Home Finance**	60.65 per 1,000 balances outstanding	39	41	2.4%	97.6%	51.2%	Delays/timescales
Insurance and Pure Protection***	35.02 per 1,000 policies in force	32,480	33,328	2.4%	97.5%	66.6%	Unclear guidance/arrangement
Investments	0.00 per 1,000 client accounts	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	n/a
Decumulation and Pensions	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Credit Related	4.91 per 1,000 accounts	899	886	46.5%	49.4%	70.3%	Errors/not following instructions

In the last six months of 2018 we also opened 16 complaints relating to M&S Unit Trust Management Ltd.

* Complaints upheld by firm refers to the percentage of complaints the bank has found in the customer's favour either in whole or part.

** The number of complaints per 1,000 policies sold within the Home Finance category relates to our mortgage product. In this reporting period we introduced our brand new mortgage product. The root cause of complaints was delays in the application process, something we have taken action on to put right.

*** The number of complaints per 1,000 policies in the Insurance and Pure Protection category now include complaints from customers regardless of whether they purchased a product. This has led to an increase in the number of complaints compared to the previous reporting period.