

Periodic Report on the Availability and Performance of our Dedicated Interfaces (1 October - 31 December 2020)

Introduction

This report serves to provide customers with the information of how we are performing in our provision of “dedicated interfaces”. As a branch based in the UK operating online banking service, we comply with the relevant payment services regulations (in this case the EU Second Payment Services Directive or PSD2, effective 2018) which set out to give customers more control over their data and better ways to manage their accounts. These are made possible by enabling customers to share certain parts of their data retained by banks with authorised third parties (with customers' consent). Authorised third parties include those providing account information services, payment information services, card-based payment instruments and payment initiation services (*note 1*).

Banks collaborate with these third parties to help customers manage their accounts better, such as by being able to view all accounts with different banks in one place and use different ways to make payments.

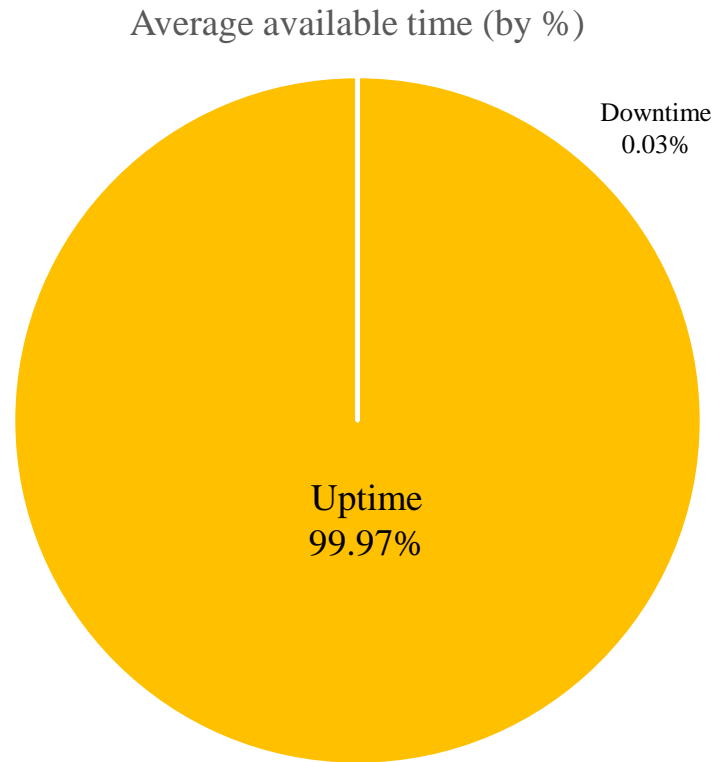
By virtue of the PSD2 (and relevant Regulatory Technical Standards), we have, like many other UK banks, enabled such authorised third parties access to customer data through the adoption of technological means called dedicated interfaces. It is our aim to conduct the best possible performance with our dedicated interfaces, which will in turn bring about seamless collaboration with the authorised third parties for good customer service. By means of this report, we will also ensure that we provide customers with updated information regarding the availability and performance of such interfaces.

Note 1

Authorised third parties include Account Information Service Provider (AISP), Account Servicing Payment Service Provider (ASPSP), Payment Services User (PSU), Payment Initiation Service Provider (PISP) and Payment Instrument Issuing Service Provider (PIISP, also known as Card Issuing Service Provider or CISP).

Service availability

The pie chart below shows the average available time of the interfaces during the period under review:

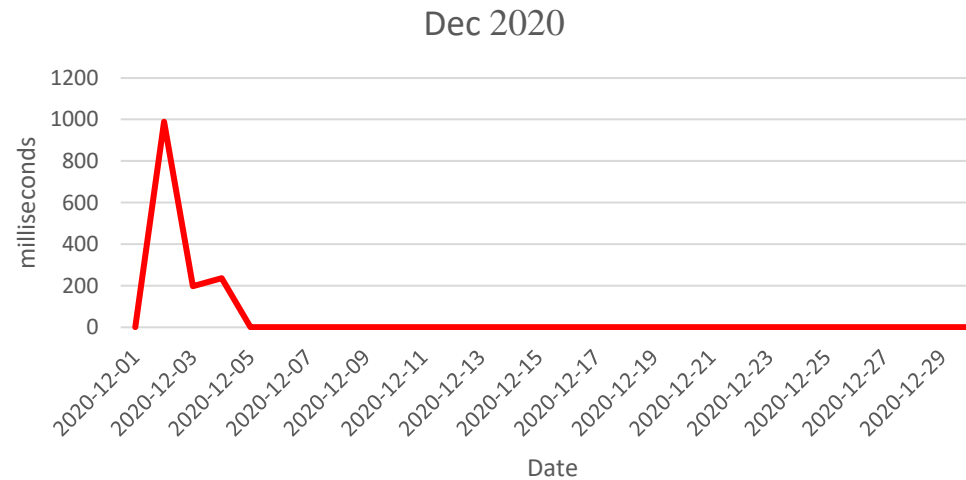
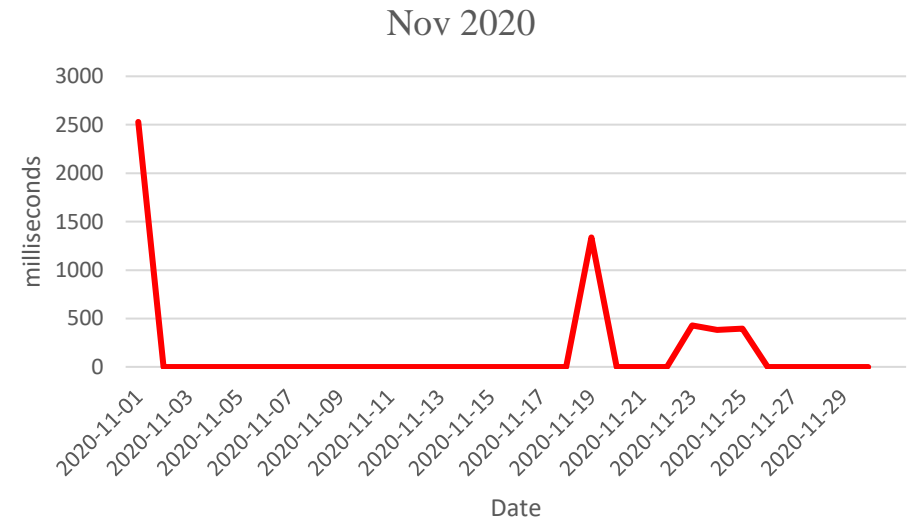
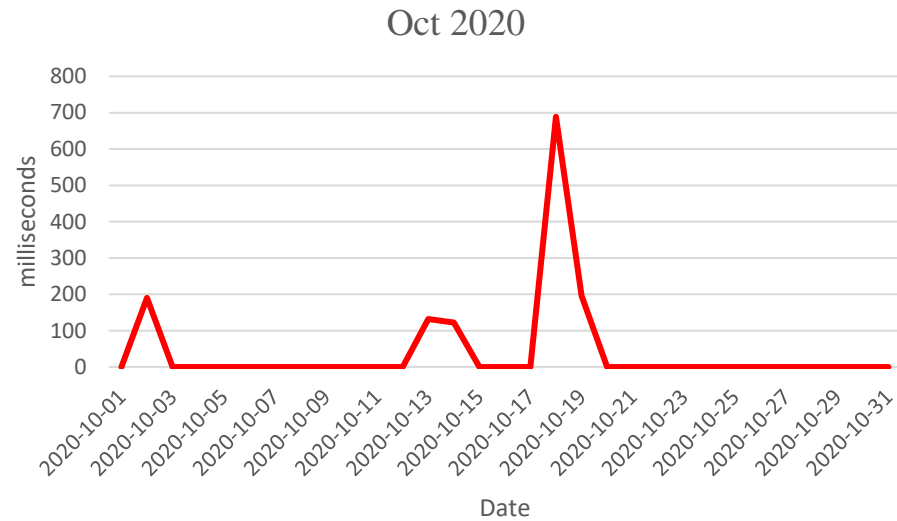


Note:

We recorded 100% uptime for 88 days out of the total 92 days.
For the other 4 days, we recorded over 99% of uptime.

Service performance - responsiveness to account information requests

The monthly line charts below show our response time to each account information requests (in milliseconds):



Note:

Out of the total 92 days under review, we recorded 79 days of instant response (i.e. 0 milliseconds or ms)

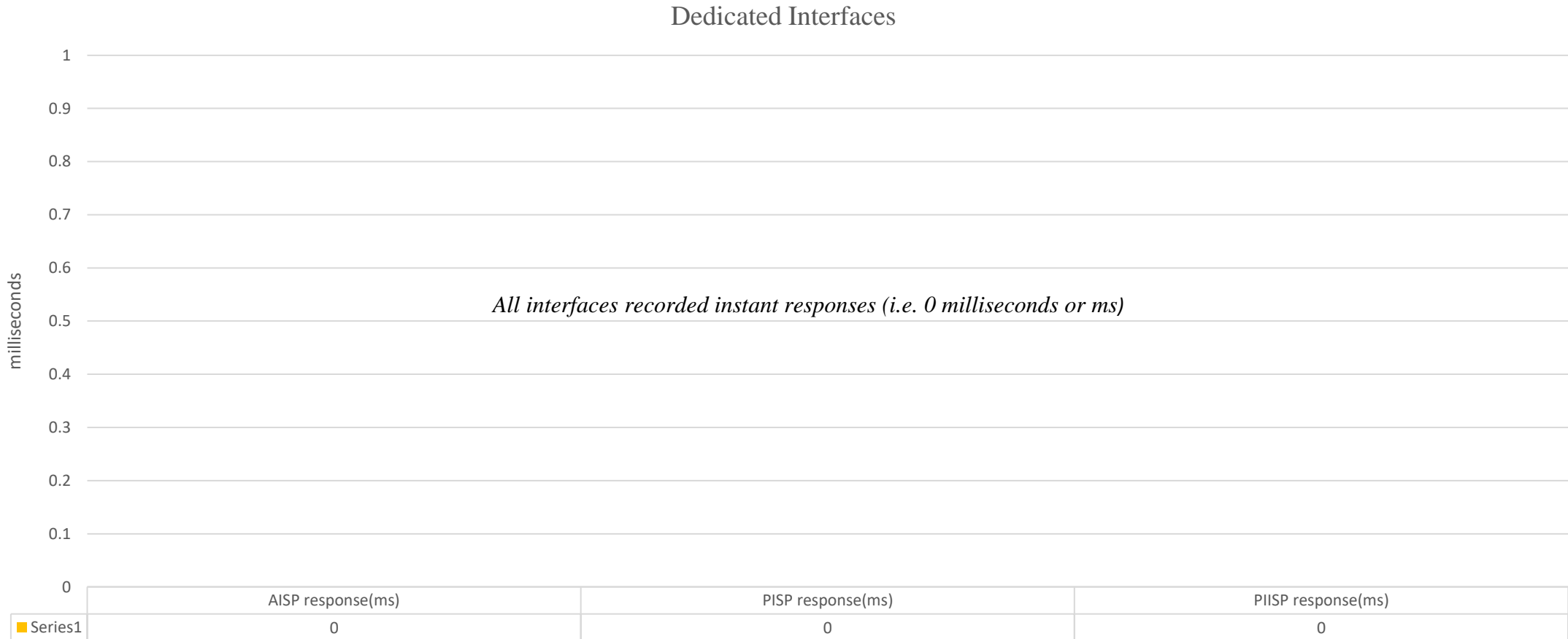
Oct 2020: 26 instant response days. Average response time is 43 ms

Nov 2020: 25 instant response days. Average response time is 169 ms

Dec 2020: 28 instant response days. Average response time is 89 ms

Service performance - responsiveness of interfaces

The bar chart below shows our average response time to requests made by various authorised third parties (in milliseconds) for the three months under reviews:



Note:

AISP Account Information Service Provider

PISP Payment Initiation Service Provider

PIISP Payment Instrument Issuing Service Provider (also known as Card Issuing Service Provider or CISP)

Service performance - error response rate

The table below shows our error response rate:

Date	Error response rate(%)
1 to 31 Oct 2020	0%
1 to 30 Nov 2020	
1 to 31 Dec 2020	

Note: Error occurs when our system fails to provide an access point to the requesting websites or applications. Throughout the period under review, 0 error was reported.

End of report