



**AVON &  
SOMERSET**  
POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER

# Performance Report

Quarter ending December 2024 (Q3 2024/25)

**4P – prepare, prevent, protect, pursue** – a nationally recognised policing strategy for dealing with crime.

**Action Fraud** – is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where victims should report fraud if they have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**ASP** – Avon and Somerset Police

**Charge** – the formal accusation of an offence, put to a suspect after an initial investigation; this is the start of the prosecution and they will then have to appear at court. [The police can make the decision to charge in less serious offences where the case would be dealt with at Magistrates Court.](#)

**Clear Hold Build** – a framework for bringing the tackling of serious and organised crime threats into neighbourhood policing. It also involves partners and the community in delivering and sustaining reductions in serious organised crime and related crime.

**County lines** – is a term used when drug gangs from big cities expand their operations to smaller towns, often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploiting children and vulnerable people to sell drugs. These dealers will use dedicated mobile phone lines, known as 'deal lines', to take orders from drug users.

**CPS** – [Crown Prosecution Service](#).

**Cyber dependent crime** – these are offences that can only be committed using a computer, computer networks or other form of information communications technology.

**Domestic abuse** – [is where a person is abusive towards another, they are personally connected and are 16 years of age or older.](#)

**Drug trafficking** – these are drug offences, other than simple possession offences, such as drug supply.

**MSG** – [Most similar groups](#). These are groups of police forces that have been found to be the most similar to each other based on an analysis of demographic, social and economic characteristics which relate to crime. They are designated by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Fire & Rescue Service (HMICFRS). The forces 'most similar' to Avon & Somerset are Derbyshire, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Staffordshire and Sussex.

**Multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC)** – meetings where organisations work together, sharing information on the highest risk domestic abuse cases, to create a coordinated plan to safeguard the victim.

**Neighbourhood Crime** – defined in the national [Beating Crime Plan 2021](#) as vehicle-related theft, domestic burglary, theft from the person and robbery of personal property.

**Operation Soteria Bluestone** – transforming the response to, and investigation of, Rape and Serious Sexual Offences to be victim-centred, suspect-focused and context-led.

**Problem profile** – research and analysis of established and emerging crimes or incidents, priority locations or other identified high-risk issues. Should be based on a range of information sources, including information from partner organisations, and contain recommendations for making decisions and options for action.

**Problem Solving Plan** – an approach which assumes that identifying and understanding the root causes of a problem – or conditions that allow it to continue – leads to an effective solution.

**RASSO** – rape and serious sexual offences.

**SARA** – scanning, analysis, response, assessment – a model of problem solving.

**Serious violence** – defined nationally these are offences that result in the death of a person, "endanger life" or "wounding offences".

**SOC** – Serious and Organised Crime

**Stop and search positive outcomes** – in addition to crime positive outcomes (charge/summons or out of court disposal), this also includes arrest, voluntary attendance, drugs warnings and seizure of items.

# **National Police and Crime Measures**

**(Priorities for Policing)**

## **Contribution of Avon and Somerset Police**

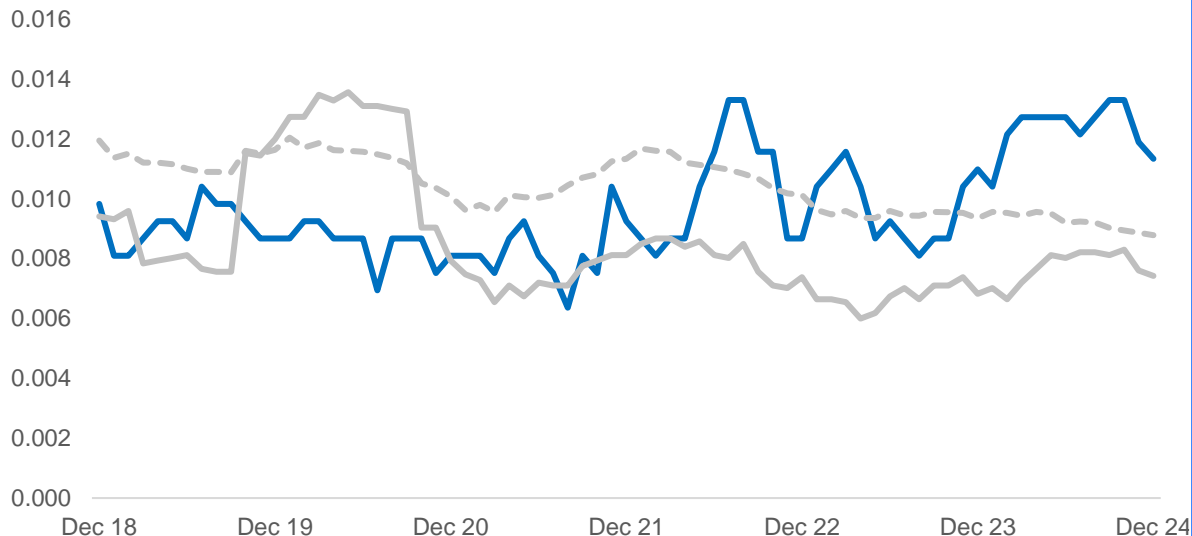
# Reduce Murder and Other Homicide

## Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded homicide offences	Stable	8th/8 MSG (above MSG average rates)

### Homicide - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents

— Avon & Somerset — MSG - - - National



## Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Strategic Homicide Suppression Plan in place based on the 4Ps of prepare, prevent, protect, pursue.
2. ASP conduct Homicide Prevention Reviews following the national framework. A governance structure has been implemented around these to ensure outcomes are captured and actions progressed. This will identify rapid learning for ASP and partners from a prevention perspective.
3. A Clear Hold Build site has been identified as Stapleton Road, Easton, Bristol – A steering group is in place with representatives from Bristol City Council, we expect to see this go live shortly.
4. An education package is being developed on the laws of “joint enterprise” and its consequences.
5. The actions described below, in relation to serious violence, should also help prevent homicide.

## Comments

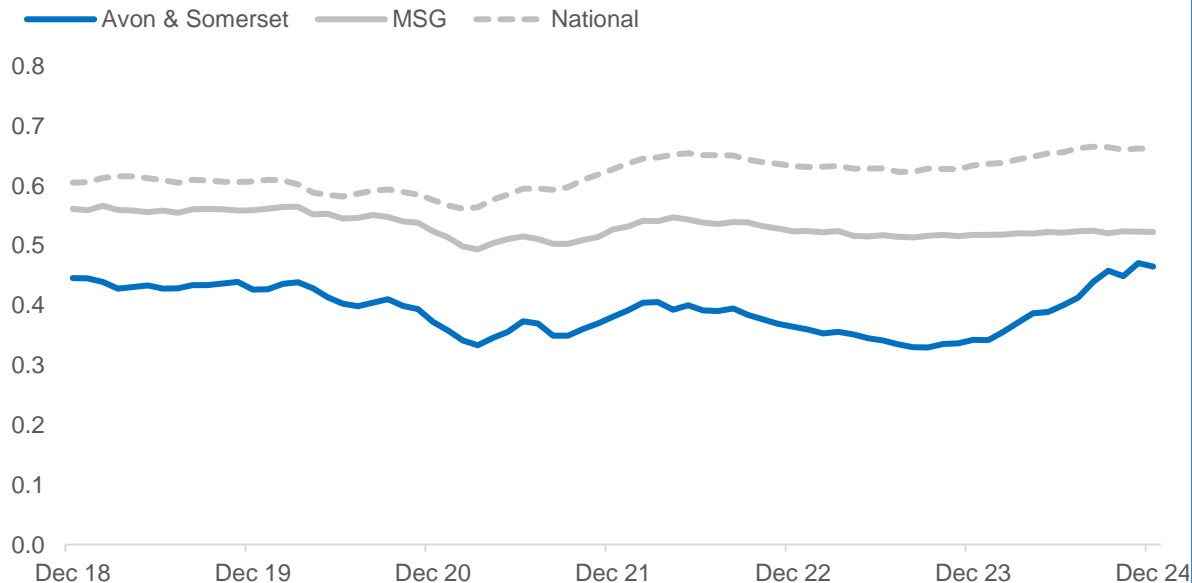
1. Over the last 6 years there were on average 17 homicides a year in Avon & Somerset.
2. In the year ending December 2024 there were 20 homicides in Avon and Somerset: half of these occurred within the first three months of the year. One tragic incident saw the death of three children in an isolated incident within a family.

# Reduce Serious Violence

## Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded serious violence offences	Stable	4th/8 MSG (below MSG average rates)

### Serious Violence - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



## Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. The recommendations from an academic study about what is successful in reducing violence in young people in Bristol, is now being worked through by our partners.
2. Ongoing work with Bristol Safer Options team who link in with VRP and the most vulnerable SOC offenders in East Bristol.
3. Continued work by the ASP Early Intervention Teams working with at risk children and young people.
4. Meetings have been established with community groups to provide updates and discuss concerns from the community relating to children who may not be in education.
5. Focus on Knife-Enabled Robbery (see below slide on reducing neighbourhood crime).

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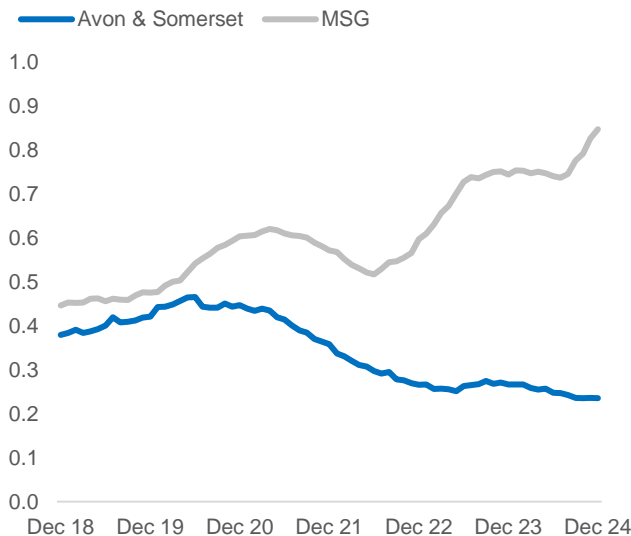
1. In the year ending December 2024 there were 821 serious violence crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset.
2. ASP benchmark well against the MSG forces, based on rates of serious violence per 1,000 residents.
3. While the six-year trend is stable, when looking at the last two years there has been an increasing trend.

# Disrupt Drugs Supply and County Lines

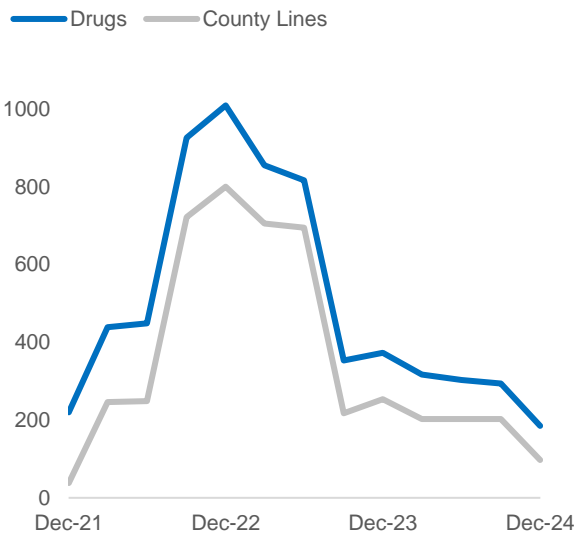
## Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Number of drug trafficking offences	Reducing	8th/8 MSG (below MSG average rates)
Number of all drugs disruptions	Stable	Not available
Number of county lines disruptions	Stable	Not available

### Drug Trafficking Crime - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



### Drugs and County Lines Disruptions - 12 Month Rolling Rates



## Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Operation Trespass is a national operation supported by the National County Lines Coordination Centre and South West Regional Organised Crime Unit. It allows for identification of vulnerable victims that have or are likely to be cuckooed and then used in the supply of drugs through the county lines approach. Multi agency working and intelligence sharing through Serious Organised Disruption panels assists with the arrest and disruption of offenders, whilst safeguarding and protecting the vulnerable with partner agencies, achieving 4 P plans of Pursue, Prevent, Protect and Prepare.
2. Op Remedy continue tackling drugs lines via exploitation taskings from the Tactical Tasking and Coordination Group.

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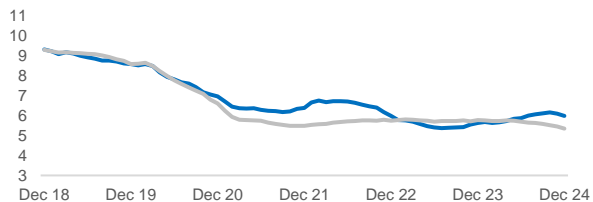
1. In 2021 there were 617 recorded drug trafficking offences. This has reduced by a third to 415 in 2024. However, when looking at the number of arrests for drug trafficking offences there has been a marginal increase from 944 in 2021 to 961 in the last year. This data supports the hypothesis that the reduction in drug trafficking recorded crime is as a result of poor crime recording rather than a reduction in proactive policing.
2. In the year ending December 2024 there were 185 drug trafficking disruptions recorded by ASP, of which 97 related to County Lines.

# Reduce Neighbourhood Crime

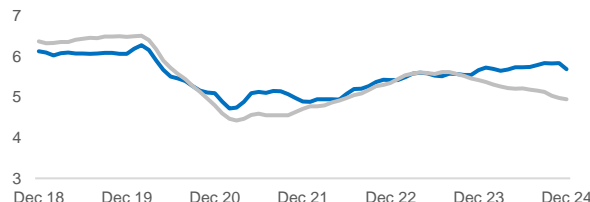
## Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded residential burglary offences	Reducing	7th/8 MSG (above MSG average rate)
Police recorded vehicle crime offences	Stable	7th/8 MSG (above MSG average rate)
Police recorded personal robbery offences	Stable	8th/8 MSG (above MSG average rate)
Police recorded theft from the person offences	Reducing	2nd/8 MSG (below MSG average rate)

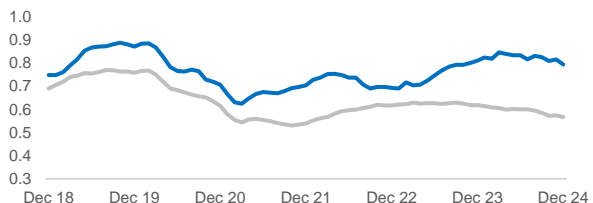
**Residential Burglary** - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Households



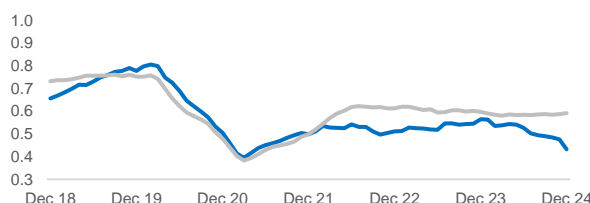
**Vehicle Offences** - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



**Personal Robbery** - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



**Theft from the person** - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



## Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Trialling the use of Enhanced Video Response (EVR) for suitable burglary cases in three of the response bases, which will allow comparison to the other five bases not using EVR.
2. Trialling a burglary co-ordinator role in Remedy South with an initial focus on attendance and golden hour investigations, to improve quality, collaboration across stakeholders involved in burglary and identify crime patterns earlier.
3. ASP are one of seven forces in the new Home Office Knife-Enabled Robbery Taskforce (KER) which has set clear objectives around reducing KER over the next 12 months.
4. Establish a Suspect Management Group for KER which will use data to identify the highest risk individuals and then utilise the Local Tasking Meeting system to ensure actions to disrupt, divert and deter these individuals is identified and progressed expeditiously.

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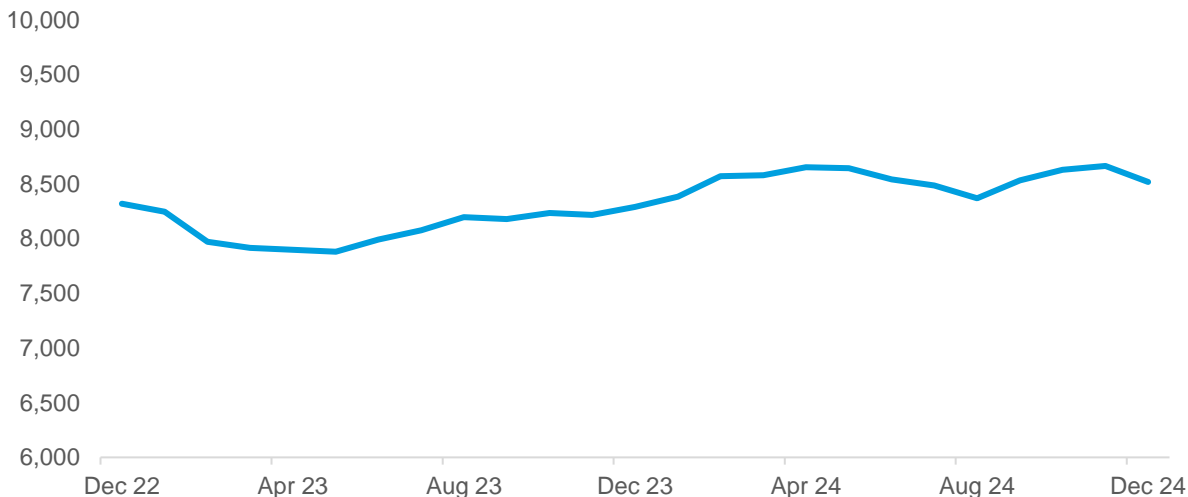
1. In the year ending December 2024, the number of crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset were:
  - Residential burglary – 4,410
  - Vehicle offences – 10,043
  - Personal robbery – 1,401
  - Theft from the person – 764
2. Recorded neighbourhood crimes saw reductions during the COVID-19 lockdown period. However, since then vehicle crime and personal robbery have been increasing.

# Tackle Cybercrime

## Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Investigate 100% of all cyber dependant crime disseminated to forces	Stable (100%)	Not available
Provide 100% of all cyber dependant crime victims with specialist advice	Stable (100%)	Not available
Action Fraud Offences	Increasing	Not available

**Action Fraud offences** disseminated to Avon and Somerset Police - 12 Month Rolling



## Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Promotion of fraud-awareness, linking to national campaigns, to increase public understanding of offending methods and to deliver appropriate crime prevention advice. This includes the use of the Cyber Escape Room experience.
2. Expansion of the Cyber volunteer programme through engagement in the launch of a national database of Cyber volunteers (ASSEMBLE) to ensure specialist skills are available across police forces and ROCUs when required. Exploring volunteers helping to deliver fraud and cyber protect advice.
3. Recruitment of four Digital Media Advisors to provide specialist knowledge and advice around all investigations.
4. Further investigation into use of cryptocurrency by SOC with the potential to seize assets and generate future funding for the police through the asset recovery scheme.

## Comments

1. In the year ending December 2024 there were 8,518 Action Fraud offences disseminated to ASP.
2. There is no local measures for the national focus on 'Confidence in the law enforcement response to cyber crime' and 'the percentage of businesses experiencing a cyber breach or attack'.

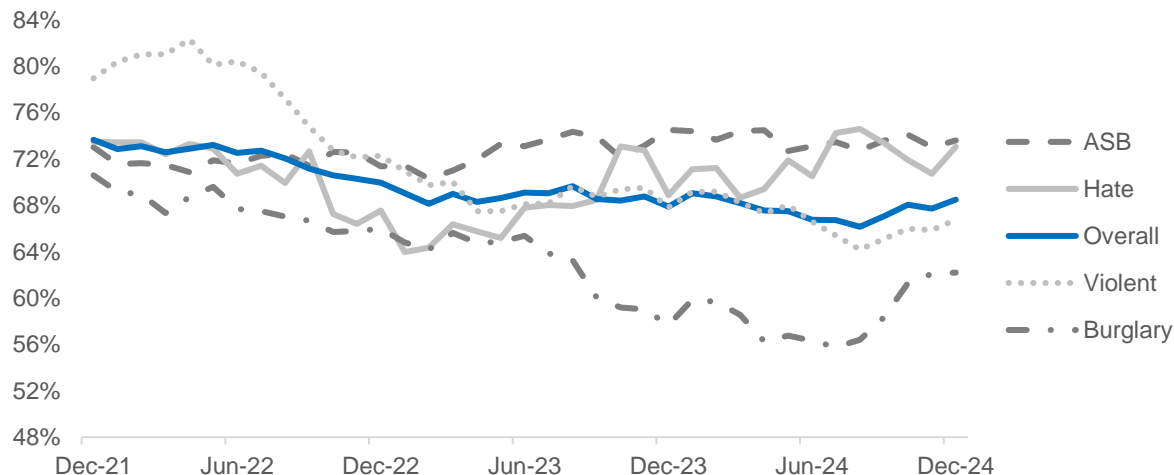


# Improve Victim Satisfaction, with a Focus on Victims of Domestic Abuse

## Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Overall victim satisfaction rate	Reducing	Not available
Burglary victim satisfaction rate	Reducing	Not available
Hate crime victim satisfaction rate	Stable	Not available
Violent crime victim satisfaction rate	Reducing	Not available
ASB victim satisfaction rate	Increasing	Not available

## Victim Satisfaction - 12 Month Rolling Rate



## Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Operation Soteria Bluestone (see below slide) will support victims of domestic abuse-related RASSO.
2. Operation Bright Light will use the Soteria Bluestone methodology for Domestic Abuse.
3. Increasing the capacity and capability of the team that work on the Domestic Violence Disclosure Service (DVDS) to safeguard victims.
4. Implementation of the Domestic Abuse Joint Justice Plan with the Crown Prosecution Service to enable better collaborative working between organisations to support and safeguard victims.
5. Improve visibility and oversight of civil orders (such as Domestic Violence Protection Notices/Orders) in Neighbourhood Policing Teams to help provide safeguarding and enforcement action.
6. Conference planned to bring together organisations to consider critical moments for victims of DA and how they can enable interventions to maximise ability for people to disclose and be able to safeguard and report. Focussed on safe spaces such as vets, dentists, banks, estate agents etc.
7. Peer review of multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) process to identify improvements.

## Comments

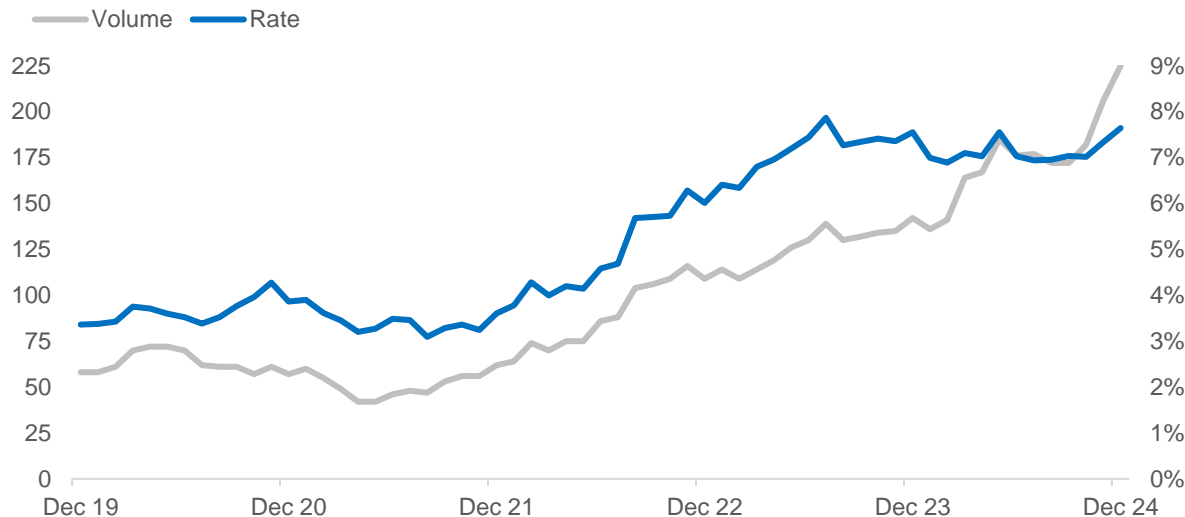
1. Dwelling burglary shows higher satisfaction levels than non-dwelling burglary (75% vs 53%).
2. There is no existing domestic abuse victim satisfaction survey currently in place in Avon and Somerset.

# Better Criminal Justice Outcomes for Rape Cases

## Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Charge volumes for rape offences	Increasing	Not applicable
Charge rate for rape offences	Increasing	4th/8 MSG (similar to MSG average rates)

**Rape - Charge & Summons Volume and Rate - 12 Month Rolling**



## Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Operation Soteria Bluestone ways of working in line with the National Operating Model for rape and serious sexual offences (RASSO).
2. Continued delivery of the new Serious Sexual Offences Investigative Skills Development Programme accreditation for all Bluestone Investigators.
3. Delivery of a new Frontline Responder to Sexual Offences course for all Patrol Officers alongside a new module on non-contact sexual offending.
4. Development of the RASSO Perpetrator Focus Panel to identify and disrupt high risk offenders. The aspiration is for the identification to be supported by a machine learning model and to bring partner organisations onto the panel.
5. Completion of the RASSO problem profile.

## Comments

1. There has been a sustained improvement in the number and volume of charge and summons since the end of 2021. This is directly attributable to Bluestone/Soteria.
2. There has been a recent increase in the volume of rape offences recorded and finalised by ASP – this is attributable to improved crime recording. The effect of this is that an increase in charges does not result in an equivalent increase in the rate. In the year ending December 2024 225 charges was a rate of 7.6%, in the previous year 142 charges was a rate of 7.5%.