



**AVON &
SOMERSET**
POLICE & CRIME
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Performance Report

Quarter ending March 2025 (Q4 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.

Telling not reporting – where someone discloses sexual violence to the police but had no intention of reporting e.g. in response to domestic violence risk assessment questions, or to explain why they are in distress.

National Police and Crime Measures

(Priorities for Policing)

Contribution of Avon and Somerset Police

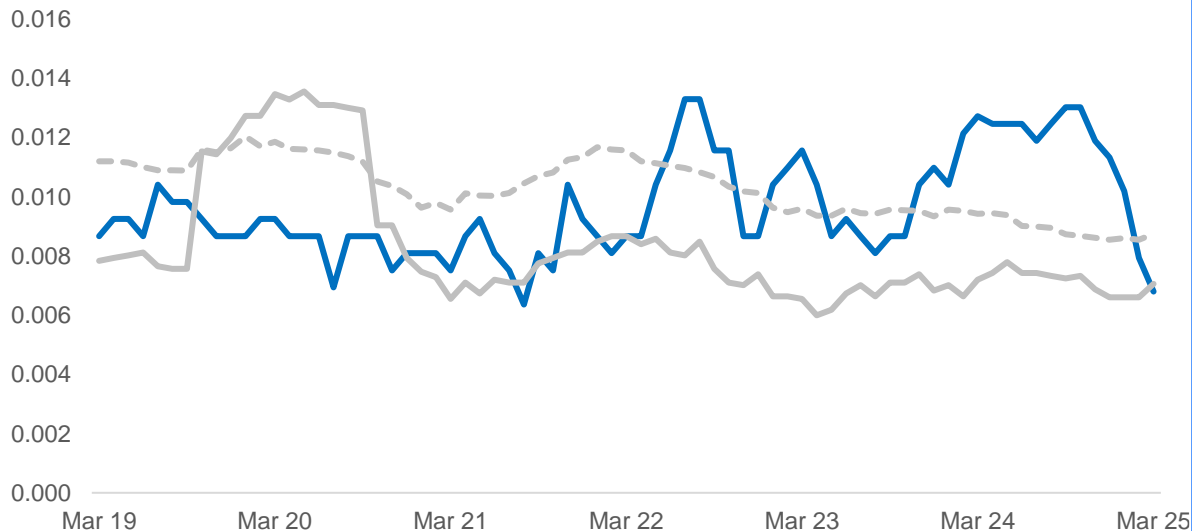
Reduce Murder and Other Homicide

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded homicide offences	Stable	4th/8 MSG (similar to MSG average rates)

Homicide - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents

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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. The Clear Hold Build approach has started in Stapleton Road, Easton, Bristol. This is jointly led by ASP and Bristol City Council.
4. The actions described below, in relation to serious violence, should also help prevent homicide.

Comments

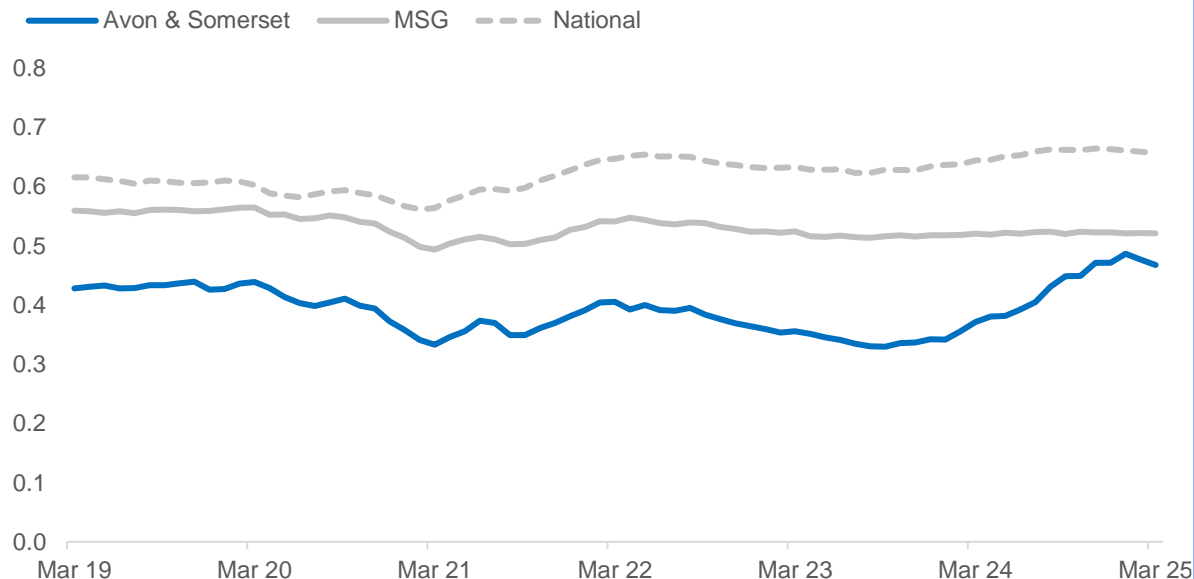
1. In the year ending March 2025 there were 12 homicides in Avon and Somerset: This is almost half as many as the previous year and below the 6-year average of 16.

Reduce Serious Violence

Measures Summary

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

Serious Violence - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Expansion of Op Hardy to other areas of Bristol.
2. Serious Youth Violence dedicated operations in place in Bridgwater and Bath taking on best practice and learning from Op Hardy.
3. Ongoing work with Bristol Safer Options team who link in with VRP and the most vulnerable SOC offenders in East Bristol.
4. Continued work by the ASP Early Intervention Teams working with at risk children and young people.
5. 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.
6. Focus on Knife-Enabled Robbery (see below slide on reducing neighbourhood crime).

Comments

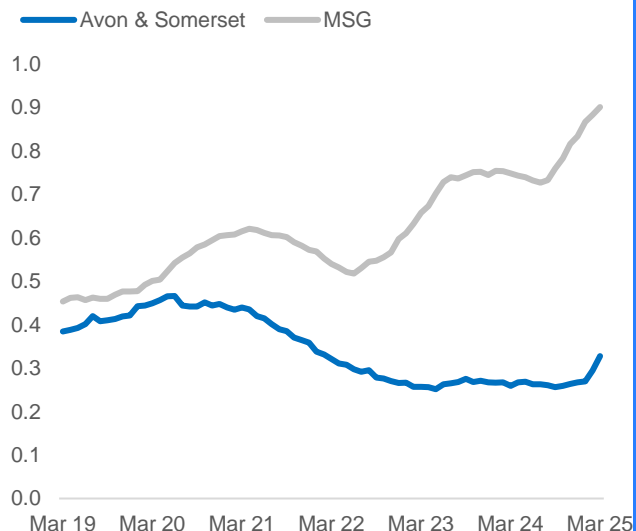
1. In the year ending March 2025 there were 825 serious violence crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset.
2. ASP benchmark well against the national average per 1,000 residents.
3. While the six-year trend is stable, when looking at the last two years there has been an increasing trend.

Disrupt Drugs Supply and County Lines

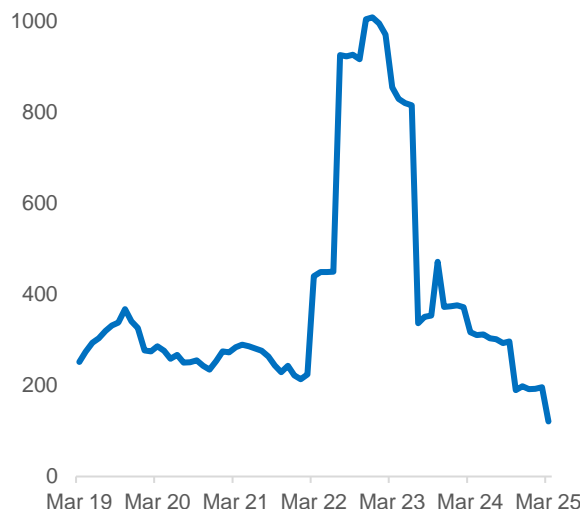
Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Number of drug trafficking offences	Reducing	7th/8 MSG (below MSG average rates)
Number of drugs disruptions	Stable	Not available

Drug Trafficking Crime -
12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



Drugs Disruptions -
12 Month Rolling



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. The Clear Hold Build programme (mentioned above) is now in the operational phase of enforcement disruptions, targeting those involved in drugs supply.
2. A refreshed drugs problem profile is being developed to enable local teams to be better directed in their drugs enforcement activity.
3. ASP are continuing to work closely with partners in the community safety partnership to reduce the exploitation of children through County Lines activity.

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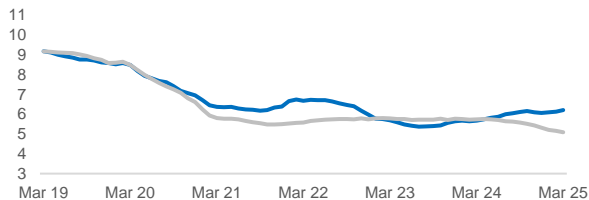
1. In the year ending March 2025, ASP recorded 578 drug trafficking offences. ASP have identified and corrected a crime recording issue which explains the increase in the most recent data. When looking at the February and March 2025 compared to those months in 2024 the number of drug trafficking offences recorded has more than doubled.
2. In the year ending March 2025, ASP recorded 121 drug disruptions. The recording of disruptions is inconsistent across ASP as there is no dedicated resource to do this. A new system is being used to record disruptions and ASP are using the opportunity to provide training and promote the importance of accurate recording.

Reduce Neighbourhood Crime

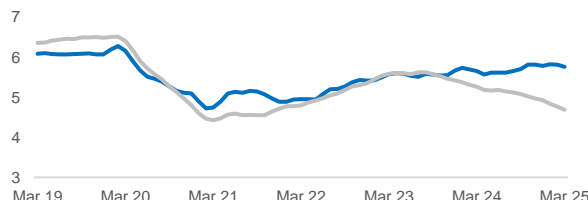
Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded residential burglary offences	Reducing	8th/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)

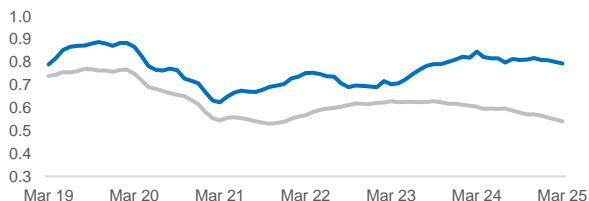
Residential Burglary - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Households



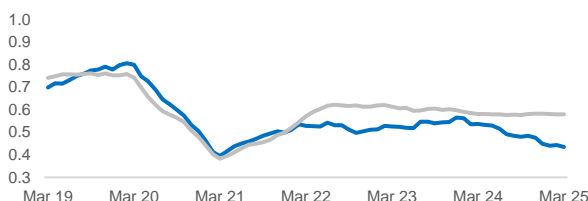
Vehicle Offences - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



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. Create new Neighbourhood Tasking Teams to provide a proactive capability in Neighbourhood Policing. There will be eight teams – one in each of the Local Policing Areas.
2. Begin to deliver on the Home Office [Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee](#).
3. Planning for Safer Streets Summer Initiative. This will focus on tackling street crime, retail crime and ASB in 'town centre areas'.
4. 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.

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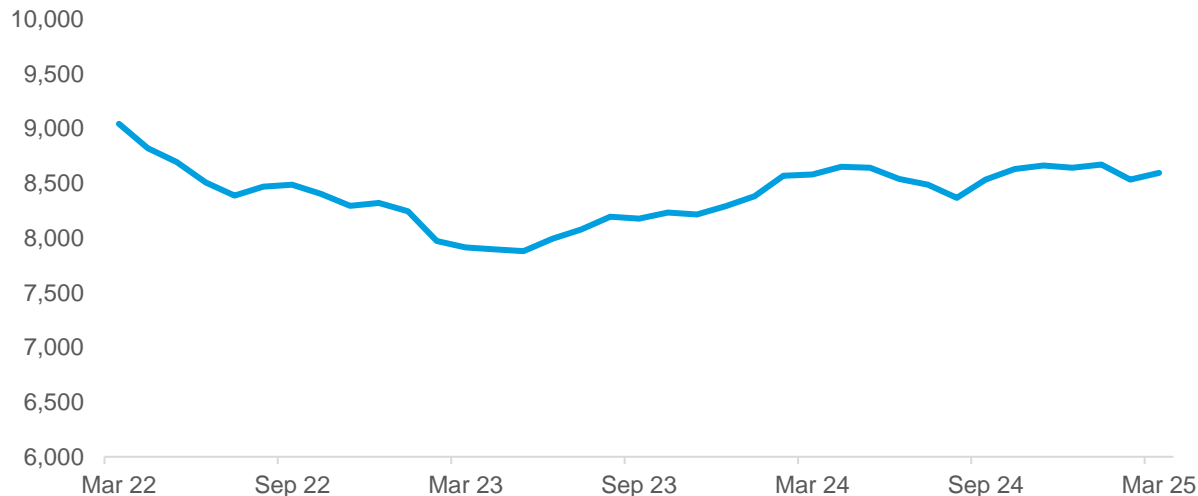
1. In the year ending March 2025, the number of crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset were:
 - Residential burglary – 4,581
 - Vehicle offences – 10,178
 - Personal robbery – 1,401
 - Theft from the person – 767
2. Recorded neighbourhood crimes saw reductions during the COVID-19 lockdown period but have started to increase again since then.

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	Stable	Not available

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



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Deliver workshops to officers to upskill response around cyber-enabled male violence against women and girls.
2. Promotion of fraud-awareness, linking to national campaigns, to increase public understanding of offending methods and to deliver appropriate crime prevention advice including bespoke cyber advice to victims of male violence against women and girls. This includes the Cyber Escape Room experience.
3. Implement a cyber prevent Interactive Cyber Education (ICE) workshop aimed at educating about Computer Misuse Act offences, consequences of breaking the law, and the Prevent referral process.
4. Expansion of the Cyber volunteer programme through a national database of Cyber volunteers (ASSEMBLE) to ensure specialist skills are available across police forces and ROCUs when required.
5. Recruit five Digital Media Advisors to provide specialist knowledge and advice.
6. 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.

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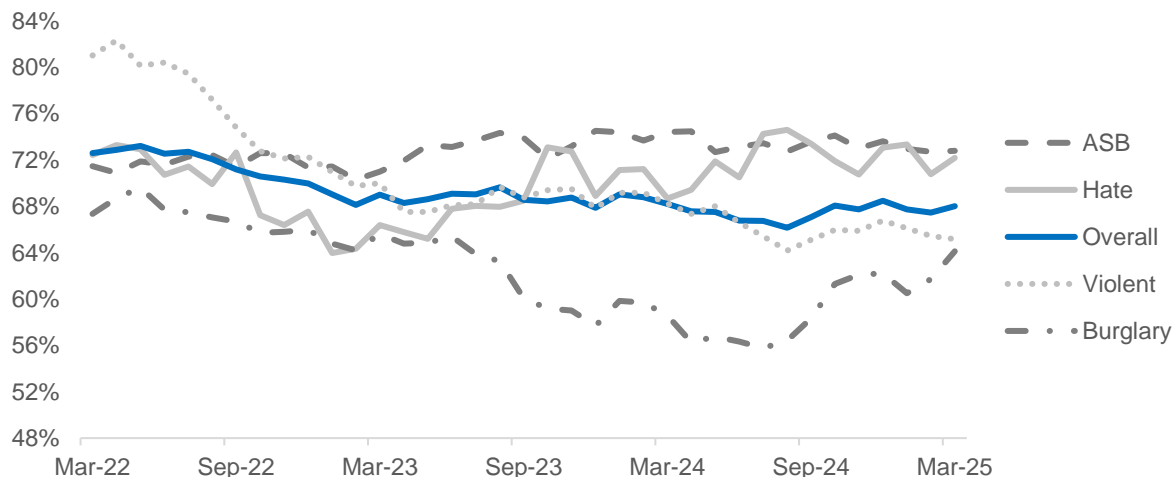
1. In the year ending March 2025 there were 8,594 Action Fraud offences disseminated to ASP.
2. There is no local measures for the national focus on 'Confidence in the law enforcement response to cyber crime' and 'the percentage of businesses experiencing a cyber breach or attack'.

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	Stable	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. Academic findings will report end of May/beginning of June.
3. Continue review of UWE police training with a survivor to view it through their lens and understand improvements.
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). Consolidated and refreshed guidance ready for officers and staff to use.
6. Conference at and supported by Strode College, 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. Respond to recommendations from the peer review of the multi-agency risk assessment conference.

Comments

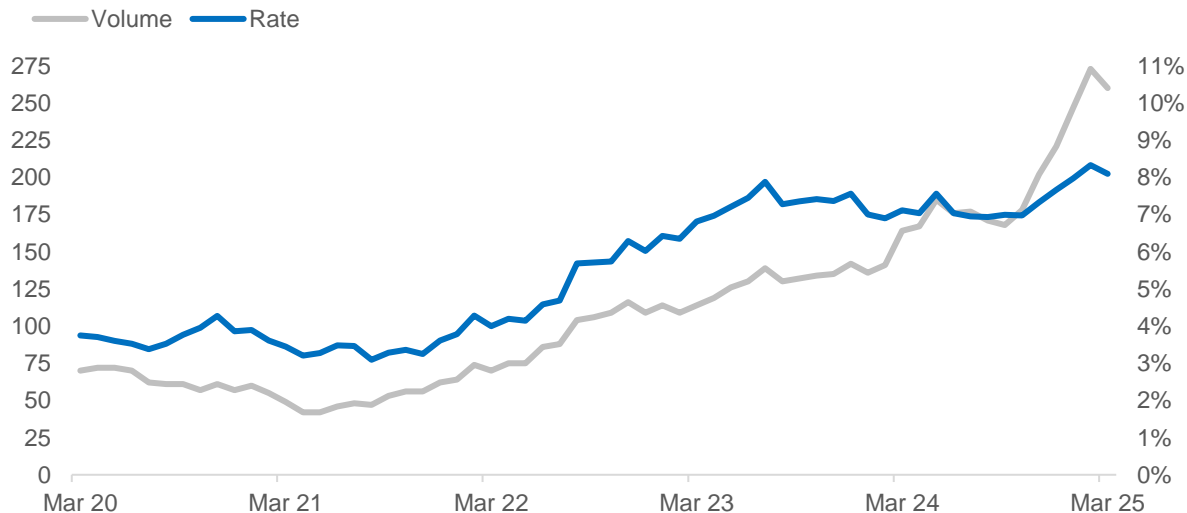
1. Dwelling burglary shows higher satisfaction levels than non-dwelling burglary (74% vs 56%).
2. There is no existing domestic abuse victim satisfaction survey currently in place in Avon and Somerset.

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). Implementing remaining actions.
2. Continued delivery of the new Serious Sexual Offences Investigative Skills Development Programme accreditation for all Bluestone Investigators.
3. To help improve the timeliness of the investigation process, Bluestone will pilot a 'case file sub team', explore a new response to 'telling not reporting' cases and create a digital 'victim choice pack' to help deliver messages more efficiently.
4. Continue holding the RASSO Perpetrator Panel each month to identify and disrupt high risk offenders.

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 March 2025 260 charges was a rate of 8.1%, in the previous year 164 charges was a rate of 7.1%.