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Performance Report

Quarter ending June 2025 (Q1 2025/26)

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Glossary

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.

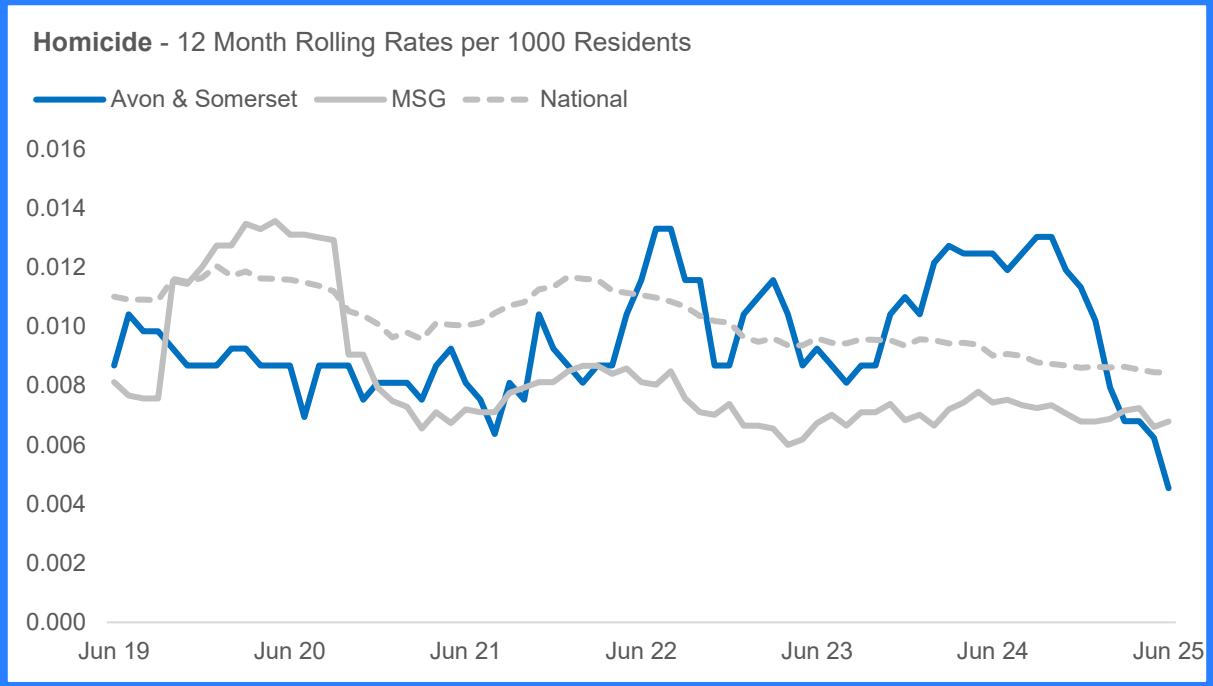
National Police and Crime Measures
(Priorities for Policing)

Contribution of Avon and Somerset Police

Reduce Murder and Other Homicide

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded homicide offences	Stable	2nd/8 MSG (similar to MSG average rates)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Strategic Homicide Suppression Plan in place based on the 4Ps of prepare, prevent, protect, pursue.

2. The Major Crime Investigation Team (MCIT) is being supported by the Outreach Team to building trust and foster positive relationships with diverse communities. By working with community leaders and organisations targeted sessions are delivered that raise awareness of homicide investigations, clarify MCIT's role, and highlight the support available to affected individuals and families. To strengthen this approach, MCIT is committed to providing accessible, multilingual information in a variety of formats. Community feedback is being actively sought to guide and improve service delivery, ensuring it aligns with the needs and expectations of those we serve. In addition, MCIT staff are receiving ongoing training in cultural competency through bespoke CPD sessions, reinforcing the importance of sustained dialogue, inclusivity, and trust-building across all communities.

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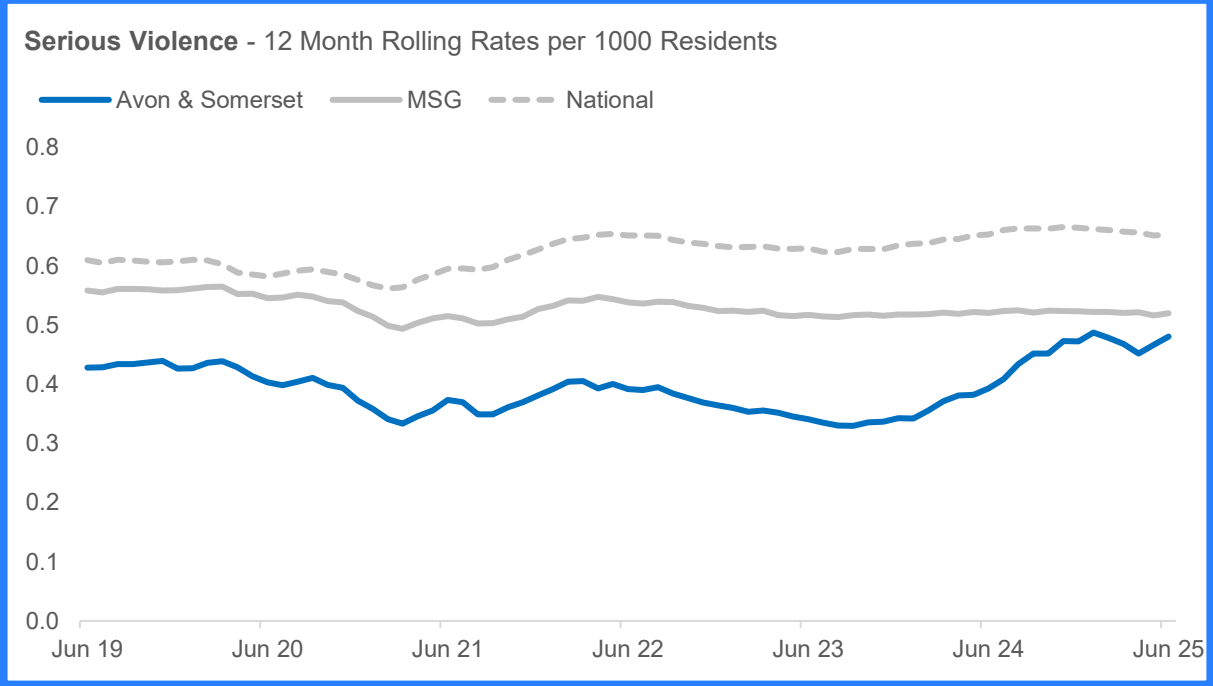
1. In the year ending June 2025 there were 8 homicides in Avon and Somerset. This is half the 6-year average of 16. There were no homicides at all in the latest quarter.

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Reduce Serious Violence

Measures Summary

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



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Dedicated operations in Bridgwater and South Gloucestershire targeting the people and locations affected by Serious Youth Violence (SYV).
2. Coordinated multi agency building of Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) arrangements which join agencies together to problem solve the most vulnerable victims, target those exploiting children, and to problem solve key locations where SYV occurs.
3. Neighbourhood Tasking Teams will support force taskings based around Youth Harm and Adult Exploitation.
4. Remodelling of force Intelligence and Tasking processes to focus greater resources and intelligence products towards Youth Harm and Adult Exploitation.

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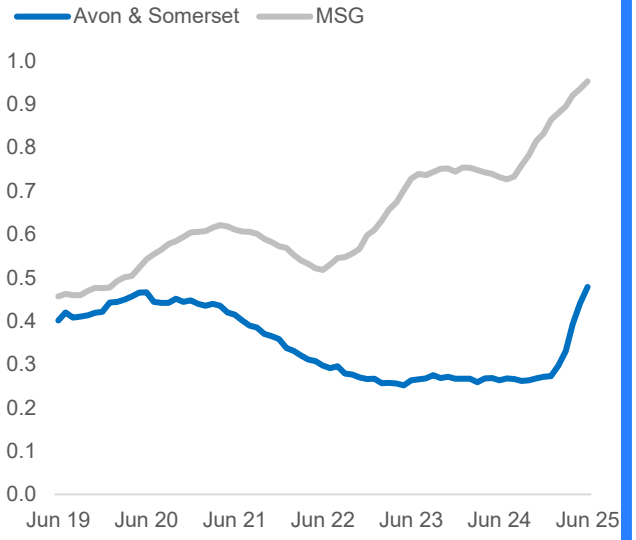
1. In the year ending June 2025 there were 848 serious violence crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset.
2. ASP benchmark well against the national average per 1,000 residents.
3. While the six-year trend is stable, when looking at the last two years there has been an increasing trend.

Disrupt Drugs Supply and County Lines

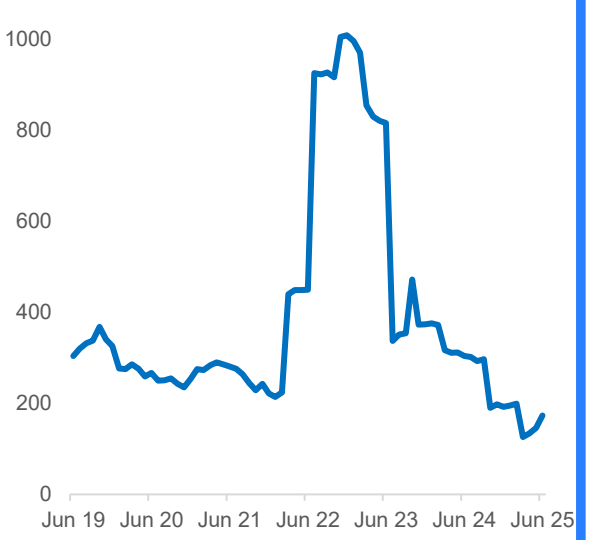
Measures Summary

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. ASP are continuing to work closely with partners in the community safety partnership to reduce the exploitation of children though County Lines activity.
3. Operation Restless is a dedicated partnership approach focused on tackling the exploitation of children in Bath through persistent targeting of drugs supply and associated criminal activities whilst maximising opportunities for disruption through diversion and safeguarding.

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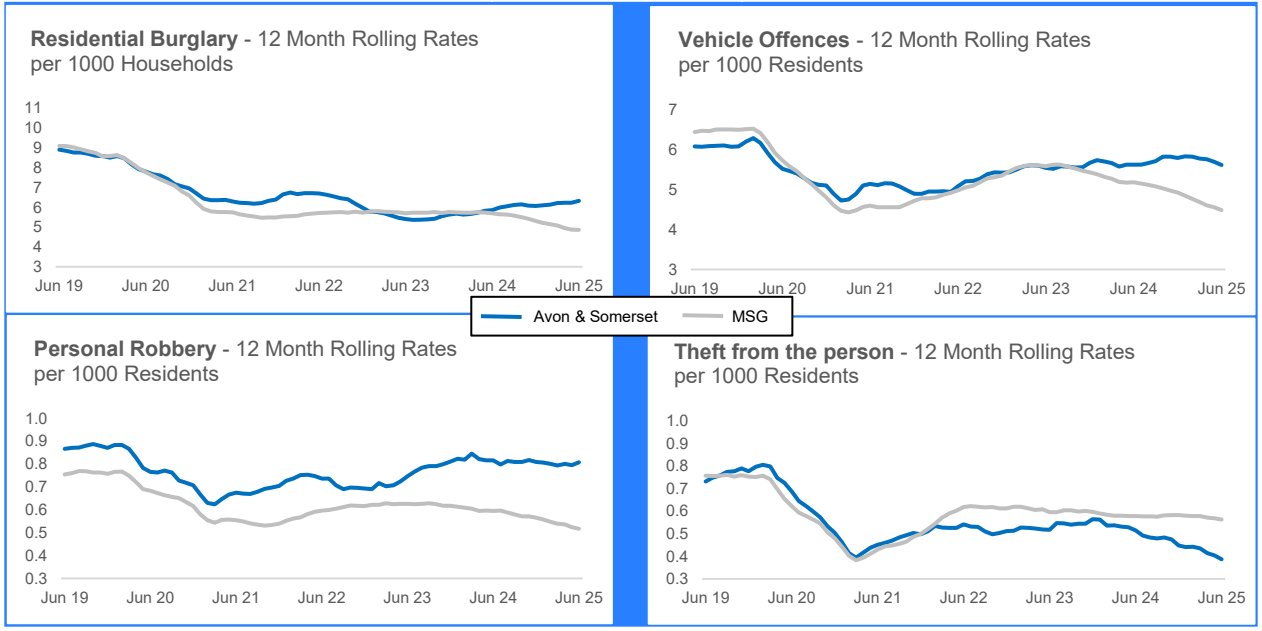
1. In the year ending June 2025, ASP recorded 845 drug trafficking offences. ASP have identified and corrected a crime recording issue which explains the large increase in the most recent data.
2. In the year ending June 2025, ASP recorded 173 drug disruptions. The recording of disruptions is inconsistent 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.

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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)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Continue to embed and strengthen Neighbourhood Tasking Teams to provide a proactive capability in Neighbourhood Policing. There are eight teams – one in each of the Local Policing Areas.

2. Begin to deliver on the Home Office Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee.

3. Focus on Safer Streets Summer Initiative: tackling robbery, theft from the person, shoplifting and ASB in 'town centre areas'.

Comments

1. In the year ending June 2025, the number of crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset were:
   - Residential burglary – 4,665
   - Vehicle offences – 9,905*
   - Personal robbery – 1,427
   - Theft from the person – 683

2. Recorded neighbourhood crimes saw reductions during the COVID-19 lockdown period but have started to increase again since then.

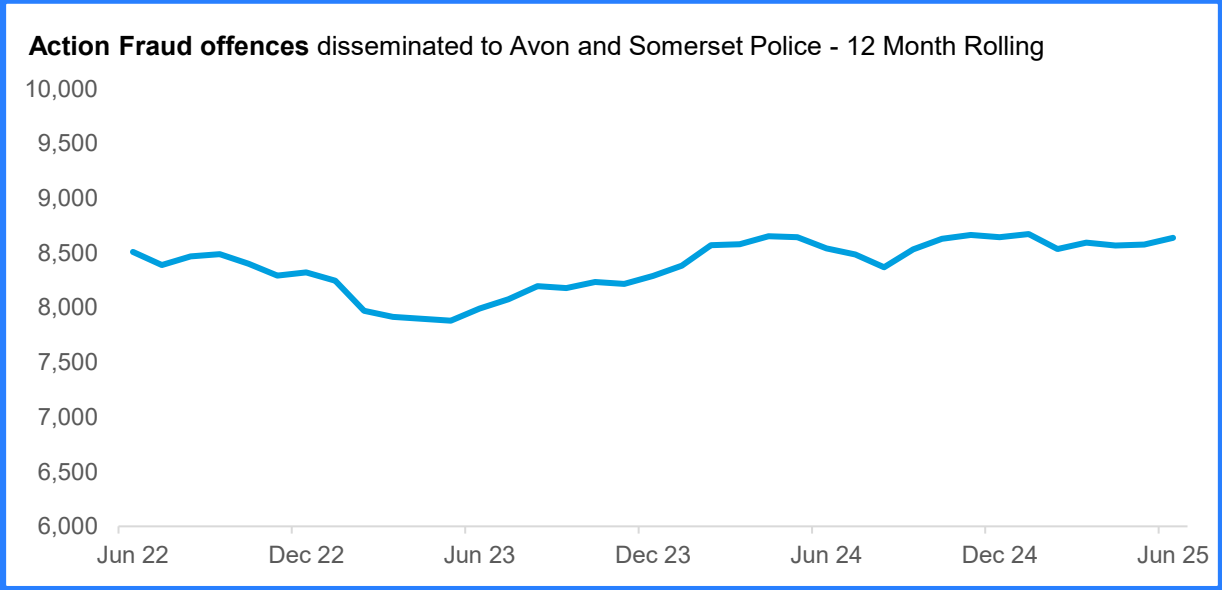
3. A crime recording issue is in June is likely to have made the number of vehicle offences appear lower than it should be.

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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



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 including bespoke cyber advice to victims of male violence against women and girls. This includes the Cyber Escape Room experience.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Recruit five Digital Media Advisors to provide specialist knowledge and advice.
5. 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.

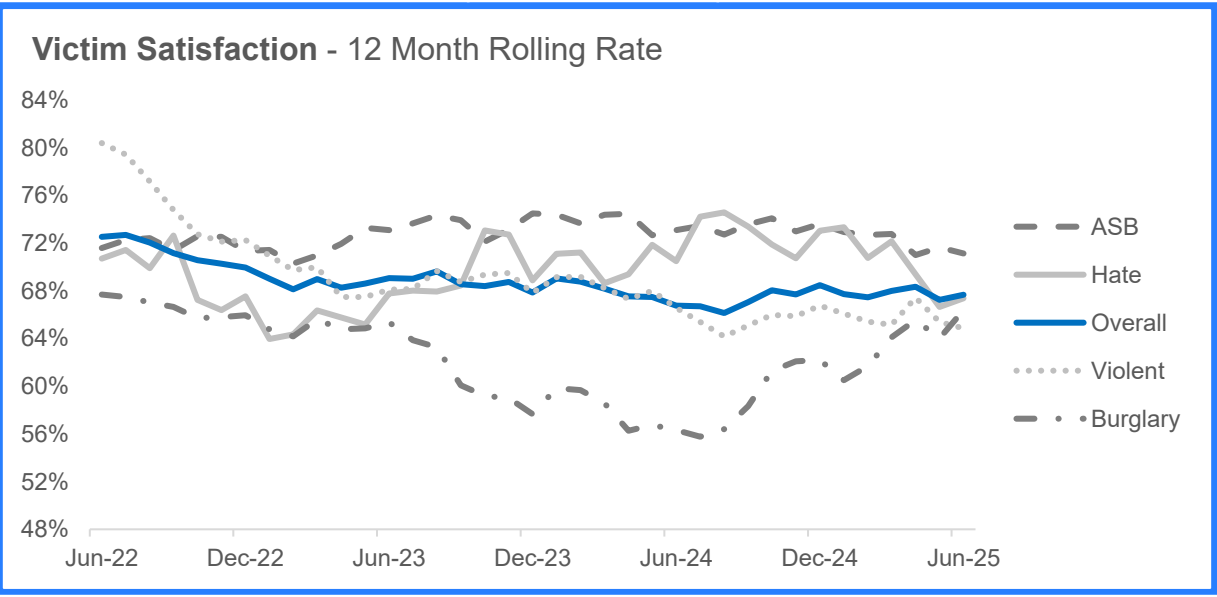
Comments

1. In the year ending June 2025 there were 8,637 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	Stable	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



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Operation Soteria Bluestone (see below slide) supports victims of domestic abuse-related RASSO.
2. Operation Bright Light will use the Soteria Bluestone methodology for Domestic Abuse. Theory of change approach being adopted, workshops taking place to discuss Academic findings and future action.
3. Continue review of UWE police training with a survivor to view it through their lens and understand improvements. Feedback was given to UWE and discussions are ongoing with learning to ensure this is co-ordinated.
4. Implementation of the Domestic Abuse Joint Justice Plan with the Crown Prosecution Service. The plan has been RAG rated and priorities are aligned with Bright Light. Police and CPS have started regional quarterly meetings with IDVAs and other commissioned services.
5. Ongoing delivery of vulnerability CPD force-wide.

Comments

1. There is no existing domestic abuse victim satisfaction survey currently in place in Avon and Somerset.

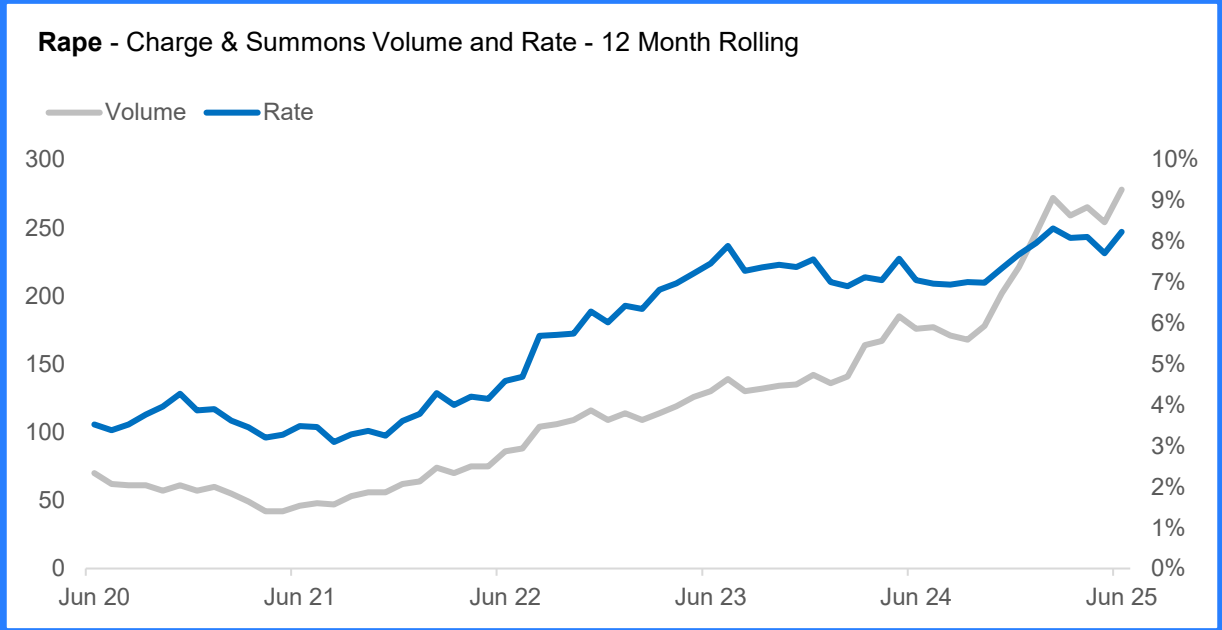
2. Victim satisfaction for year ending June 2025:
   - ASB– 71.2%
   - Hate – 67.4%
   - Overall – 67.7%
   - Violent – 64.8%
   - Burglary – 66.4%

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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 (above to MSG average rates)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Continued delivery of the Serious Sexual Offences Investigative Skills Development Programme accreditation for Bluestone Investigators. Other training includes a series of workshops for investigators honing their skills in delivering the Soteria/National Operating Model model of investigation and bringing new starters up to speed.
2. Bluestone Independent Sexual Violence Advisors have been rolled out with increased co-location with the RASSO teams to provide victim voice in reflective practice and decision making.
3. A plan is in place through the Safer Spaces pillar of the VAWG portfolio to target Freshers across our universities and Norland College, to advertise victim services available and present suspect focused messaging about consent and offending.
4. Adult Sexual Exploitation Panel, with cross-team representation, to allocate and task identified cases of sexual exploitation and trafficking.

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. This means that an increase in charges does not result in an equivalent increase in the rate. In the year ending June 2025 278 charges was a rate of 8.2%.