AVON & SOMERSET POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Performance Report

Quarter ending December 2025 (Q3 2025/26)

National Police and Crime Measures (Priorities for Policing)

Contribution of Avon and Somerset Police

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Glossary

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

Action Fraud now Report Fraud – is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where victims should report fraud. They also provide the Report Fraud Victim Service which offers dedicated, and specialist help to victims of cyber crime and fraud. The service is run by the City of London Police.

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. It combines enforcement activity ("Clear"), sustained visible policing and partnership presence ("Hold"), and long-term community resilience and problem solving ("Build").

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.

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 His 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.

NFIB – National Fraud Intelligence Bureau

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-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.

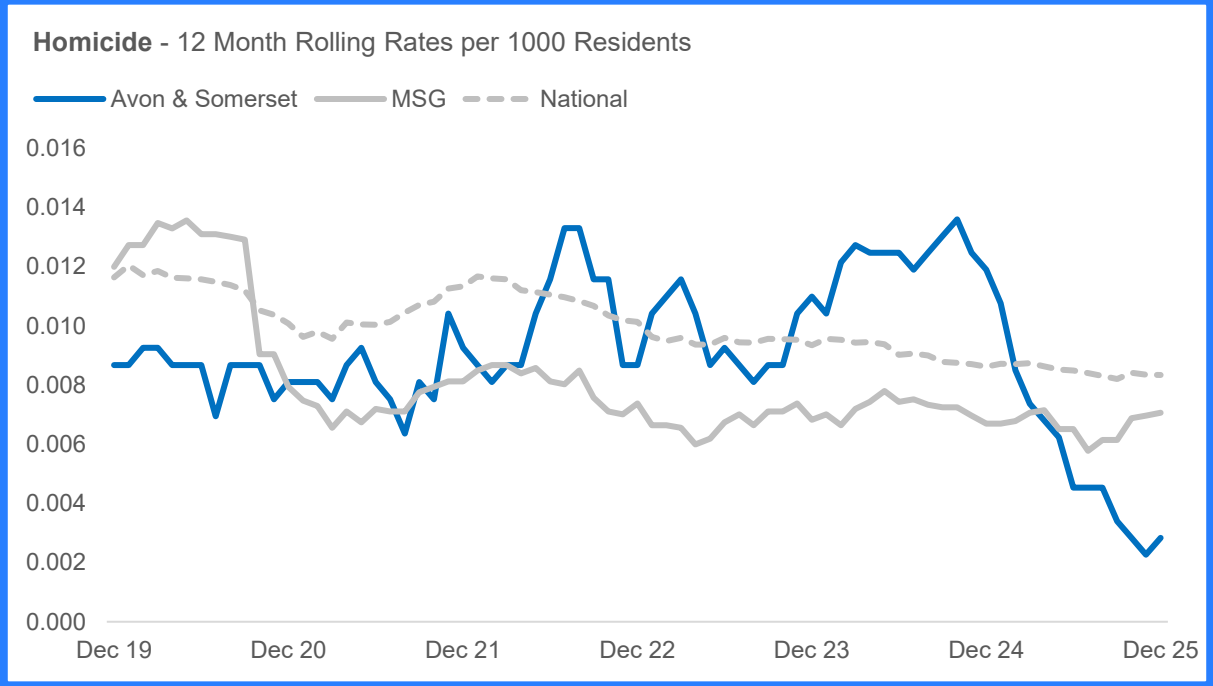
RASSO – rape and serious sexual offences.

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

Reduce Murder and Other Homicide

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded homicide offences	Stable	1st/8 MSG (below MSG average rates)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Refreshed Homicide Reduction Plan in place based on the 4Ps. This contains 18 areas of activity including below.
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.
3. Proactive policing includes Operation Haven hotspot patrols, and the management of 192 high risk offenders.
4. Protecting those at risk of homicide though investment in new personal alarms, better use of risk assessment tools, and targeted community reassurance though greater use of Community Impact Assessment approaches.
5. Preparing for homicide through training and exercising, contingency planning and learning from near misses though regular Homicide Prevention Reviews.

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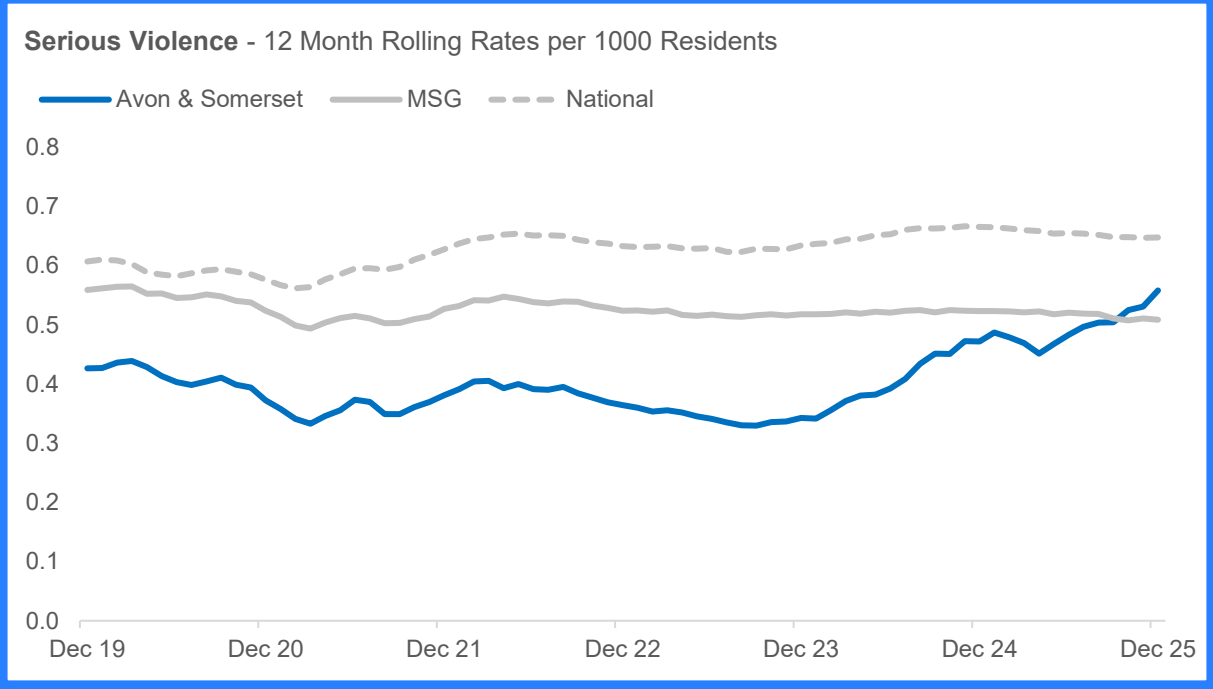
1. In the year ending December 2025 there were 5 homicides in Avon and Somerset. This is the second lowest level of homicides in over 10 years.

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Reduce Serious Violence

Measures Summary

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



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) meetings now in place with all local authorities. This includes collaboration with intelligence and partners to provide a tactical and strategic intelligence document for contextual safeguarding for groups of children likely to experience criminal exploitation and exposure to serious violence outside the home. The next step is to establish Daily Incident Briefings (DIBs) in all local authority areas.
2. Multi Agency Child Protection Teams must be introduced as part of the national 'Families First' initiative. Pilot teams will but in place in South Gloucestershire and East Somerset with staff joining from February 2026. This will bring together investigative and disruption roles together with existing multi agency safeguarding arrangements.
3. Engagement with Cordis Bright and the Youth Endowment Fund for an academic assessment of the effectiveness of safeguarding children. This will include how ASP reduce children's involvement in violence; how they reduce disproportionality; and what locally or nationally could change to make this more effective.

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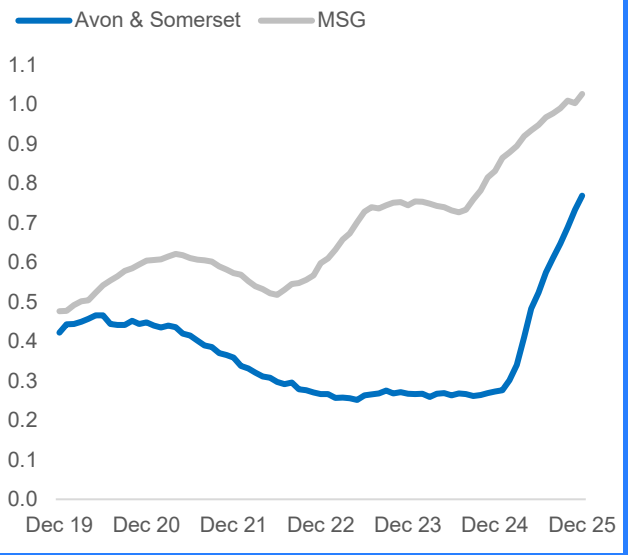
1. In the year ending December 2025 there were 985 serious violence crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset.
2. While the six-year trend is stable, there has been an increasing trend in the last two years. This increase is believed to be due to improved crime recording.

Disrupt Drugs Supply and County Lines

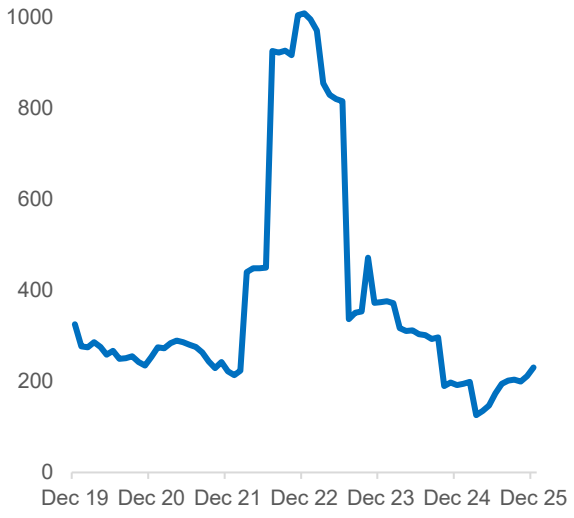
Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Number of drug trafficking offences	Stable	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. Avon & Somerset Constabulary employ a 4P, intelligence led approach, working through local and regional tasking processes including:
2. Detailed attribution of deal lines through telecoms and bulk messaging analysis, and development of evidential packages for targeted enforcement and disruption.
3. Disruption of locations used for drug supply (including cuckooed addresses), as well as targeted covert investigations against identified Organised Crime Groups supplying drugs at wholesale level.
4. Working with partner agencies to identify and protect exploited children and vulnerable adults linked to County Lines.
5. Delivery of prevention operations focusing on schools, hotels, taxis, vapes, fast parcels, and public awareness materials to disrupt supply routes and exploitation opportunities.
6. Implementation of the Clear Hold Build framework in priority neighbourhoods.
7. Active response to adulterated or contaminated drug supply, including rapid intelligence development, early warning dissemination to partners, health services, and communities, and targeted enforcement against identified supply chains.

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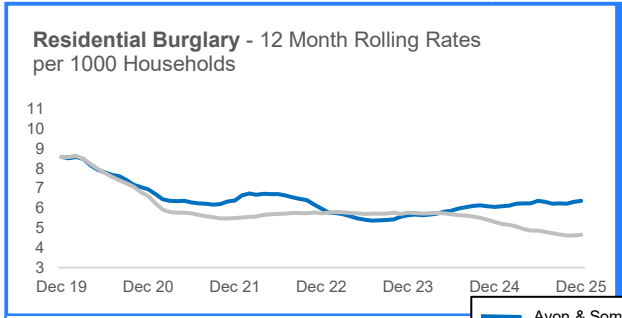
1. In the year ending December 2025, ASP recorded 1,357 drug trafficking offences. ASP have identified and corrected a crime recording issue which explains the large increase in the last year.
2. In the year ending December 2025, ASP recorded 231 drug disruptions.

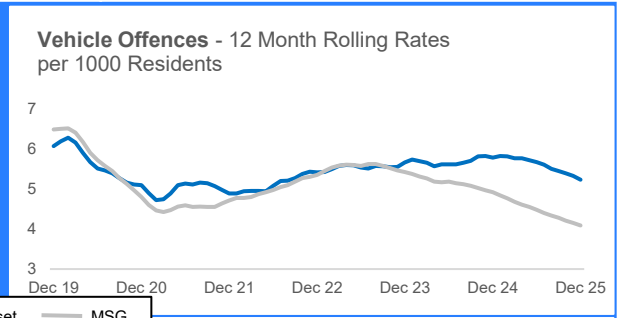
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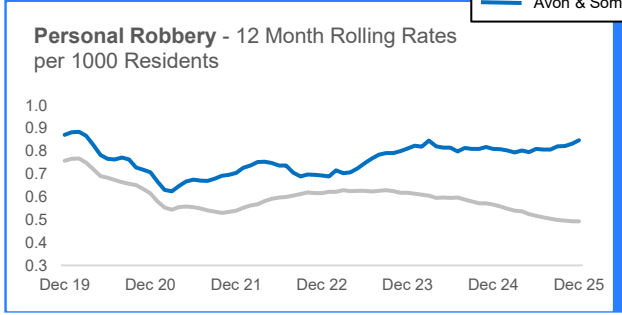
Reduce Neighbourhood Crime

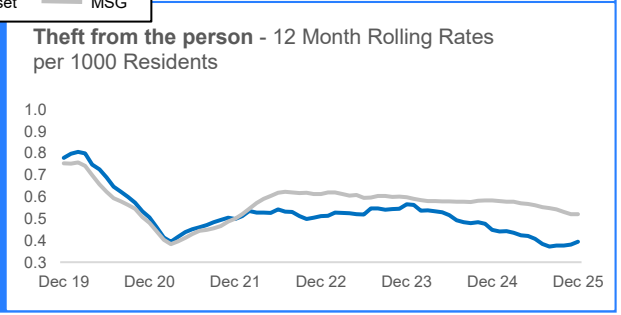
Measures Summary

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. Neighbourhood Tasking Teams (NTTs) providing a proactive capability in Neighbourhood Policing. NTT focusing on high value gold burglary series currently.
2. Developing an ASB Action Plan as part of the Home Office Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee.
3. Embed new Problem-Solving Plan (PSP) approach supported by a refreshed Problem-Solving Team and enhance management and governance of these.

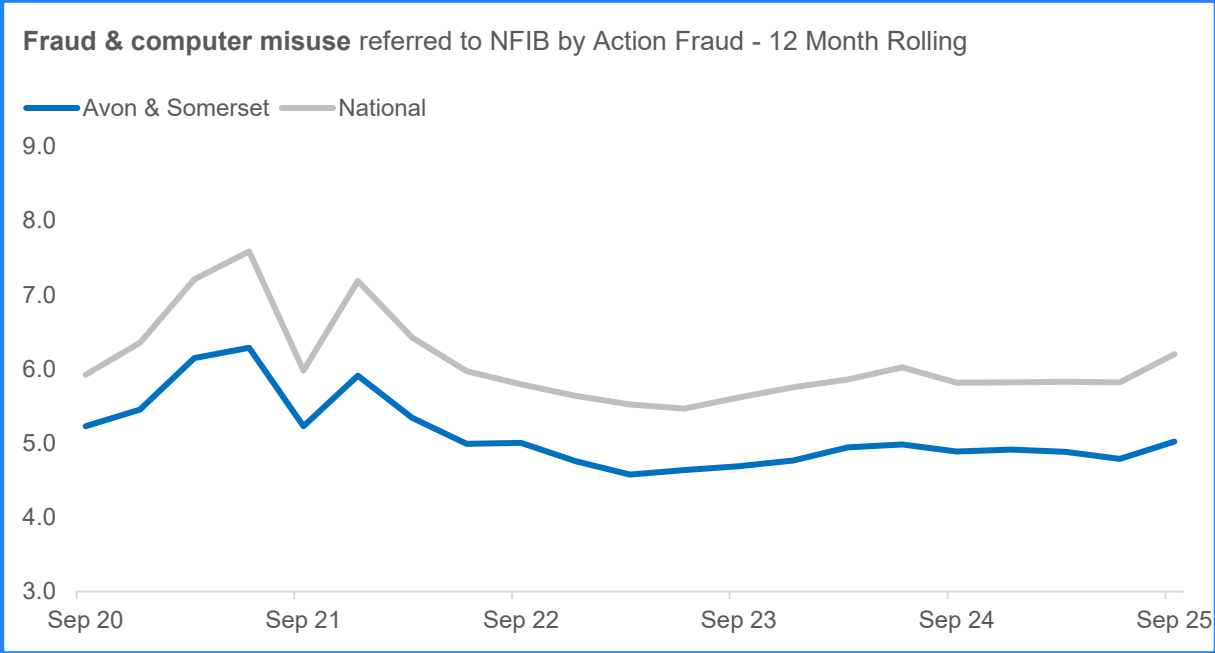
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1. In the year ending December 2025, the number of crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset were:
   - Residential burglary – 4,694
   - Vehicle offences – 9,246*
   - Personal robbery – 1,496
   - Theft from the person – 694
2. Recorded neighbourhood crimes saw reductions during the COVID-19 lockdown period but have started to increase again since then.
3. *A crime recording issue in the most recent year is likely to have made the number of vehicle offences appear lower than it should be.

Tackle Cybercrime

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Action Fraud Offences	Decreasing	Below national rates



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Söze Programme will support improving investigative standards and overall victim satisfaction. Full procurement has been approved and this will now need organisation wide roll-out.

2. Work is ongoing for DFU Submission Backlog Review to implement measures that prevent unnecessary submissions through learning and procedural changes, reducing future demand on DFU. Findings from this work will help inform future recommendations across the region to reduce DFU demand.

3. Cyber Team developing interactive sessions at UWE to provide student officers with core digital investigation skills to build confidence in digital processes and strengthen the force's capability in an increasingly tech-driven environment.

4. Testing continues of an automated Niche robot that flags stalking cases involving fear of violence and prompts investigators to consider Cyber Team engagement. If successful, criteria will expand to include other VAWG-linked cyber offences.

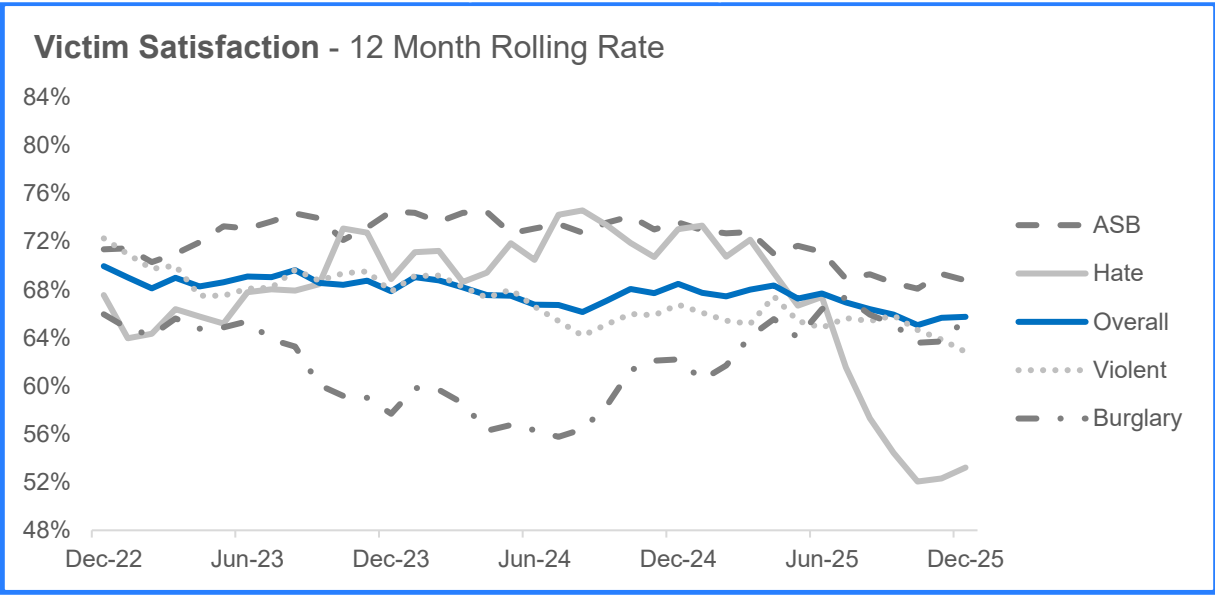
Comments

1. In the year ending September 2025 there were 9,105 fraud and computer misuse offences referred to NFIB by Action Fraud for the Avon & Somerset area.

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

Measures Summary

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



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme ASP have improved their response to reactive *Right to Ask* applications and are now focusing on the proactive *Right to Know* (RtK) part of the scheme.
2. High Harm Domestic Abuse staff trained on RtK process and actively applying it.
3. Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be receiving training sessions through 2026 to improve organisational learning for RtK.
4. Building a process for RtK following safeguarding meetings.
5. Exploration of robotic process automation for RtK where a tool to identifies relevant cases and prompt officers/staff on the crime recording system to consider it's use.

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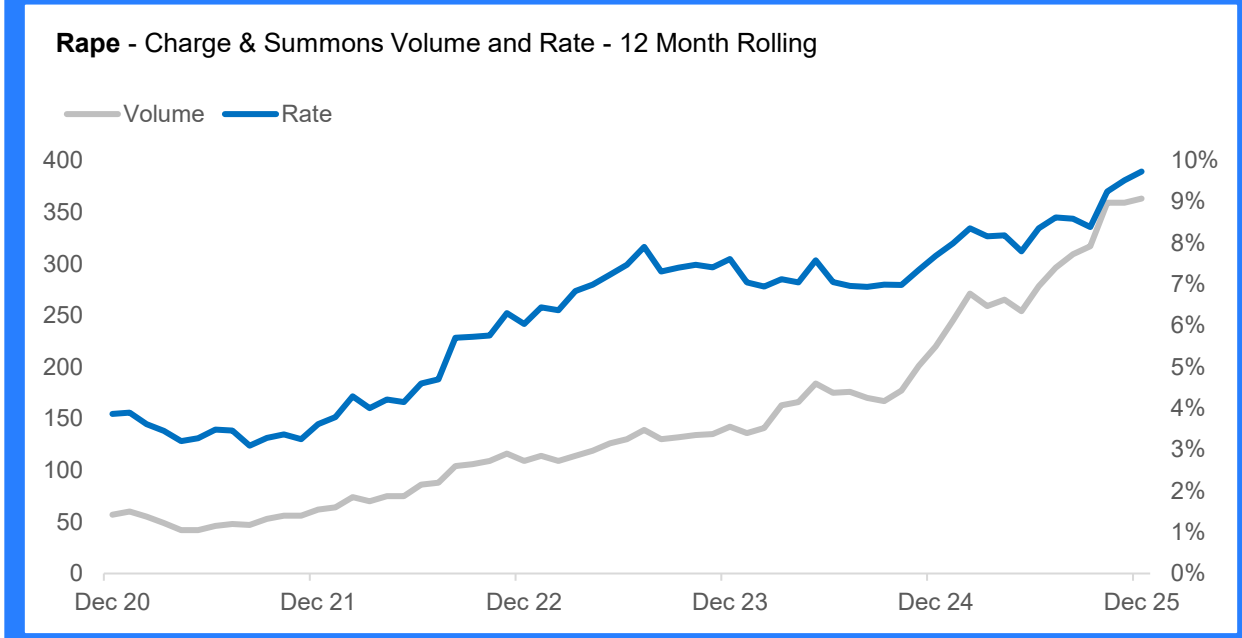
1. There is no existing domestic abuse victim satisfaction survey currently in place in Avon and Somerset.
2. Victim satisfaction for year ending September 2025:
   - ASB – 68.8%
   - Hate – 53.2%
   - Overall – 65.8%
   - Violent – 62.8%
   - Burglary – 65.5%

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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	3rd/8 MSG (similar to MSG average rates)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Learning from the College of Policing's Soteria team's feedback on the ASP self-assessment.
2. Pilot underway for new approach to ABE (video) interviews with support of external expertise.
3. Members of the Bluestone team support Families First pilots (mentioned above) to provide adult RASSO expertise to this response.
4. Local implementation of the national Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and Action Plan.

Comments

1. There has been a sustained improvement in charge and summons, since the end of 2021, because of Bluestone/Soteria.
2. Increases in the volume of rape offences recorded and finalised by ASP attributable to improved crime recording. In the year ending December 2025 363 charges was a rate of 9.7%.