



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

Quarter ending September 2024 (Q2 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.](#)

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.

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.

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

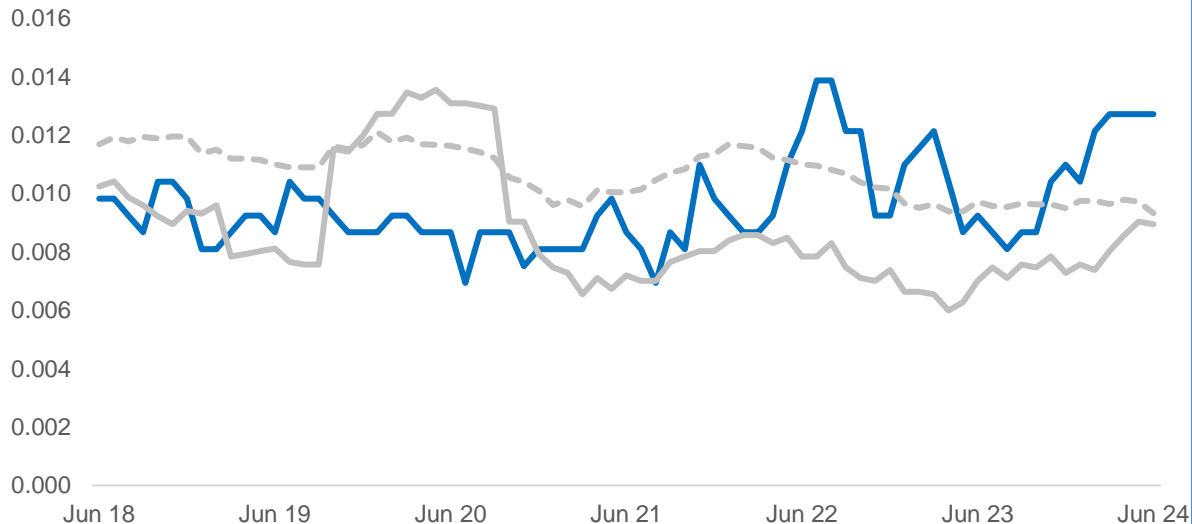
Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded homicide offences	Stable	8th/8 MSG (above MSG average rates)

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 actions described below, in relation to serious violence, should also help prevent homicide.
4. Ongoing community engagement, including with schools across Bristol, in the lead up to two trials involving the fatal stabbing of two young people earlier in the year.

Homicide - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents

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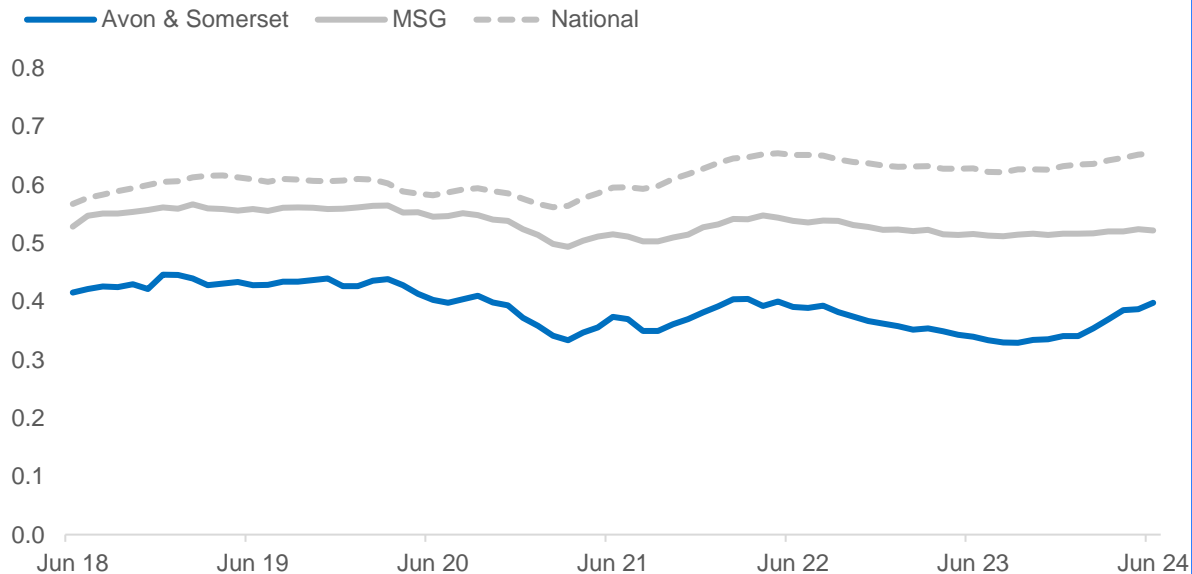
1. Over the last 6 years there were on average 1.4 homicides a month in Avon & Somerset. In the first three months of 2024 there were 10 homicides. One tragic incident period saw the death of three children in an isolated incident within a family.

Reduce Serious Violence

Measures Summary

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

Serious Violence - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Blunt Truth Knife Crime awareness programme to educate, divert and provide a safe space for youths where they are able to play football.
2. Publication of an academic study about what is successful in reducing violence in young people in Bristol and is now being worked through by partner agencies.
3. Extension of Operation Hardy until the end of the year, investing resources into reducing violence in identified groups in East Bristol.
4. Ongoing work with Bristol Safer Options team who link in with VRP and the most vulnerable SOC offenders in East Bristol.
5. Continued work by the ASP Early Intervention Teams working with at risk children and young people.

Comments

1. ASP benchmark well against the MSG group of forces, based on rates of serious violence per 1,000 residents.

Disrupt Drugs Supply and County Lines

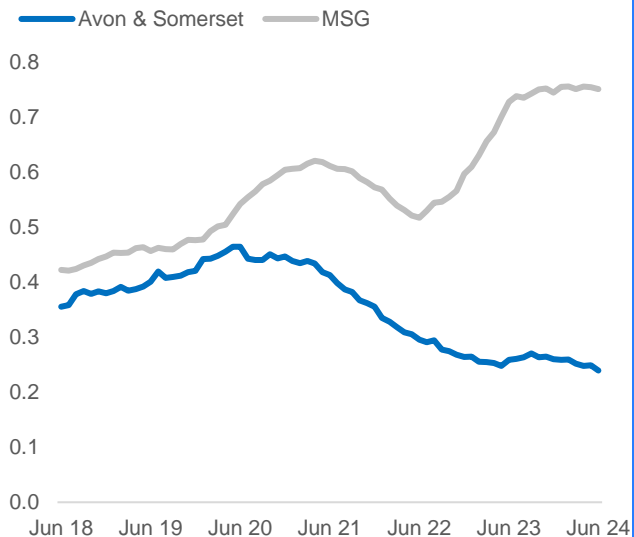
Measures Summary

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

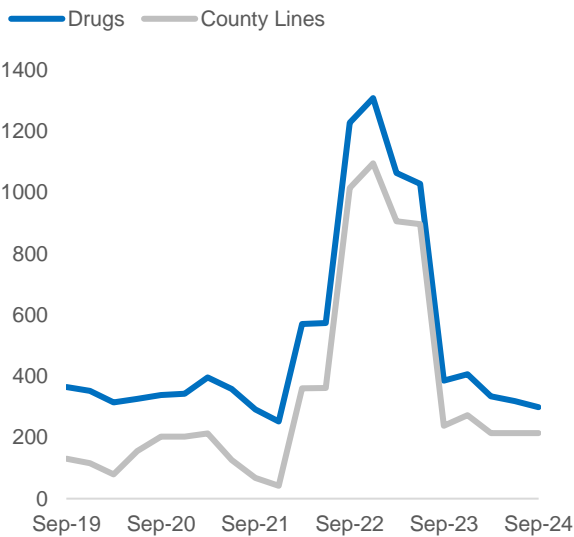
Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Launch of Clear, Hold, Build in an area of Stapleton Road, Bristol with a steering group of representatives from ASP and Bristol City Council.
 - a) Clear – initial targeted enforcement activity that target Organised Crime Group (OCG) members, their networks, business interests, criminality and spheres of influence.
 - b) Hold – consolidating and stabilising the initial clear phase to stop remaining or other OCG members capitalising on the vacuum created.
 - c) Build – a whole-system approach to delivering community-empowered interventions that tackle drivers of crime, exploitation of vulnerabilities and hotspots of harm.

Drug Trafficking Crime -
12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



Drugs and County Lines Disruptions -
12 Month Rolling Rates



Comments

1. The force has a lower rate of drug trafficking offences per 1000 residents, compared to the MSG forces. This may indicate less proactive identification of the offending, however ASP also think that a problem in the process of how they record drug crimes is leading to the lower rates.

Reduce Neighbourhood Crime

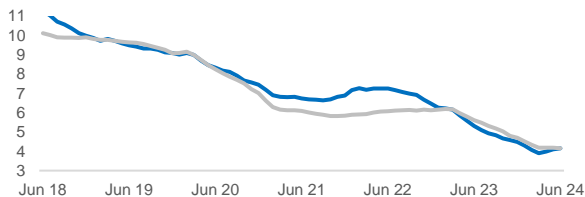
Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded residential burglary offences	Reducing	6th/8 MSG (similar to 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	Stable	2nd/8 MSG (below MSG average rate)

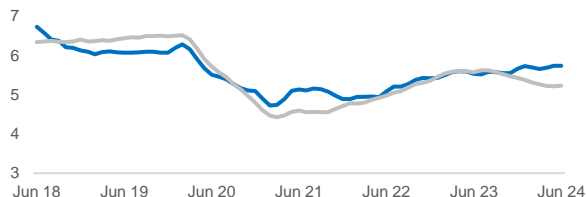
Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. A strategic problem-solving plan has been created for burglary utilising the [SARA model](#) to structure and record the work and allow check and test of impact of responses. There is a new 4Ps plan being drafted that links to the response phase of SARA.
2. The burglary call script is being written to ensure a better service is given at first point of contact and making the right decisions about deployment and allocation.
3. ASP problem solving team and performance analysts are reviewing feedback from satisfaction surveys to understand the voice of the victim in how best to respond to burglaries.

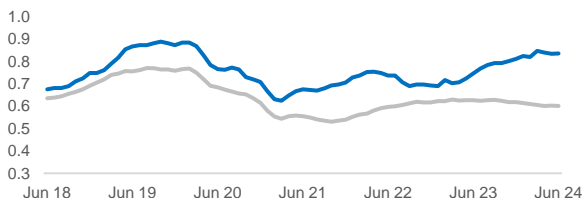
Residential Burglary - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Households



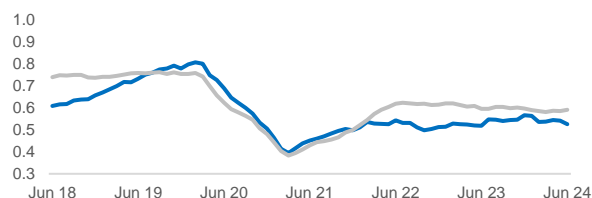
Vehicle Offences - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



Personal Robbery - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



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



Comments

1. Recorded neighbourhood crimes saw large reductions during the COVID-19 lockdown periods with the exception of robbery which remained more stable. However, since then neighbourhood crime has been increasing, with the exception of burglary.

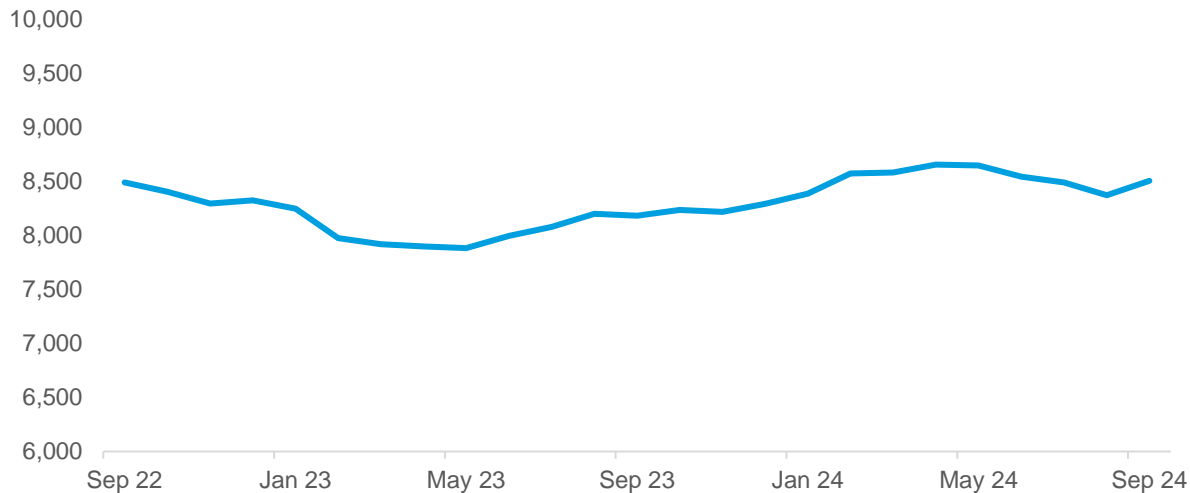
Measures Summary

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. This includes the use of the Cyber Escape Room experience.
2. Engagement in the launch of a national database of Cyber volunteers (ASSEMBLE) to ensure that specialist skills are available across policing. This includes the recent recruitment of Fraud volunteers with specific industry expertise.
3. Recruit Digital Media Advisor to provide specialist knowledge and advice around all investigations.
4. Regional collaboration to prepare for and ensure compliance with ISO standards and new Forensic Science Regulator's Code of Practice.

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



Comments

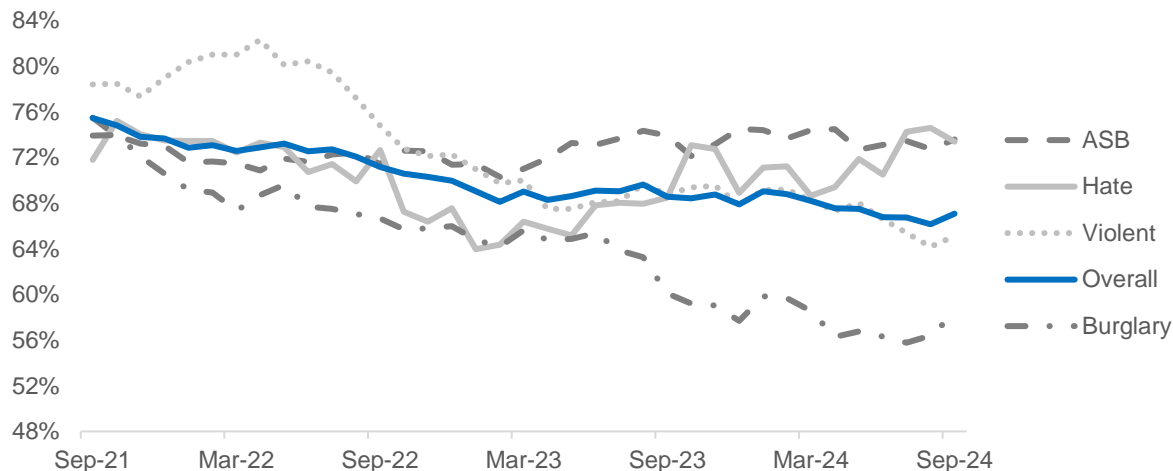
1. There is no local measure for the national focus on 'Confidence in the law enforcement response to cyber crime' and 'the percentage of businesses experiencing a cyber breach or attack'.

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. Implementation of the Soteria Bluestone approach to all domestic abuse cases.
3. Review of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Service (DVDS) to increase capacity and capability of this function to safeguard victims.
4. Working with UK Finance to better identify and support those suffering or at risk of domestic economic abuse.
5. Working with animal abuse experts to raise awareness of the links between domestic abuse and animal abuse as a means of control; updating guidance, training and local agreements with animal charities to support victims of domestic abuse who may need to leave for refuge.
6. 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.
7. Improve the Domestic Violence Protection Notice process through joint working with the courts to address awareness, quality, oversight, and to enable better visibility by Neighbourhood Policing Teams for safeguarding and enforcement action.

Comments

1. Dwelling burglary shows higher satisfaction levels than non-dwelling burglary (77% vs 45%).
2. There is no existing domestic abuse victim satisfaction survey currently in place in Avon and Somerset.

Better Criminal Justice Outcomes for Rape Cases

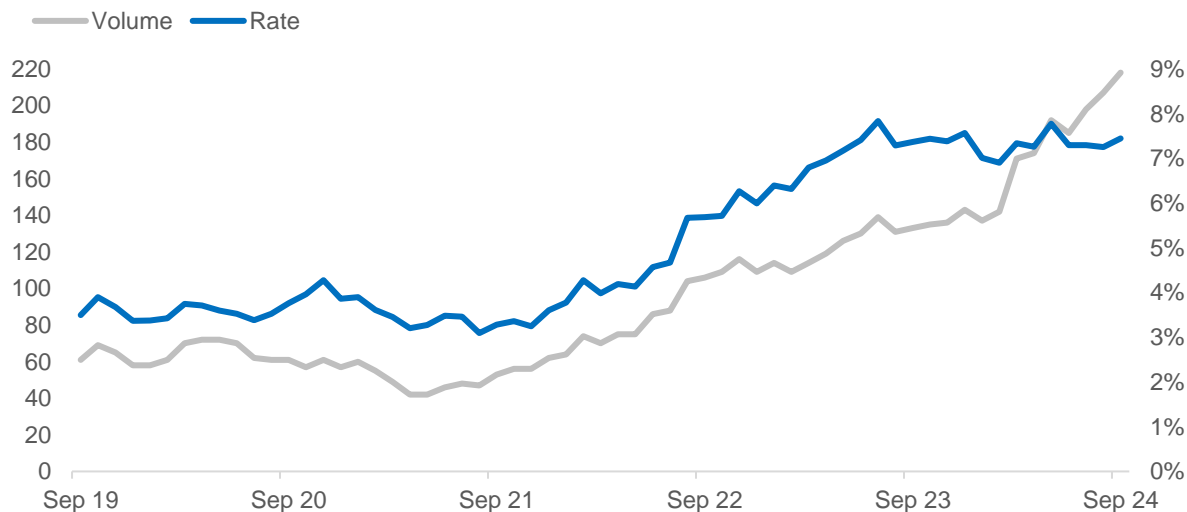
Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Charge volumes for rape offences	Increasing	Not applicable
Charge rate for rape offences	Increasing	7th/8 MSG (below MSG average rates)

Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. The continued ways of working in line with Operation Soteria Bluestone model for rape and serious sexual offences (RASSO).
2. 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 a computer model to identify and disrupt sex offenders alongside an intelligence and disruption plan.
5. Early Evidence Kit training and deployment with sex work charity One25, offering sex workers the opportunity to complete early evidence capture straight away and in an environment in which they feel safe.

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



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 equate to an increase in rate. In the year ending September 2023 133 charges was a rate of 7.4% whereas the most recent year had 218 charges and the same rate of 7.4%.