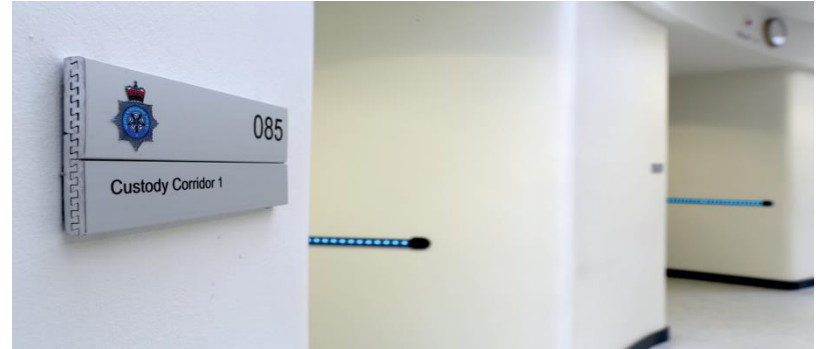




Police Custody

Arrests and Voluntary Attendance



Aims of the session



- To provide an overview of how police custody in North Yorkshire operates - focus on estate, managing vulnerability and standards and expectations
- To understand the Voluntary Attendance (VA) process and why it should be considered as an alternative to arrest.
- To highlight the changes to pre charge bail and the challenges that has introduced.
- To explain the disposal options available and identify the breakdown of police outcomes

Custody and Voluntary Attendance Facilities



Police Custody



- North Yorkshire Police operate a centralised custody model
- Three custody suites operating 24/7 at Harrogate, Scarborough & York
- Staffed by police custody sergeants and civilian detention officers with an custody manager (Inspector) responsible for each suite.
- High risk environment managing the complex needs of suspects and keeping people safe.
- Standards and Expectations
- Subject to unannounced inspections

Risk Assessment and support



- Embedded healthcare in custody
- Liaison & Diversion service
- Referral pathways
- Care plans and observation levels
- Deaths in and after police custody
- Pre-Release Risk Assessments

Arrest or Voluntary Attendance?



Arrest

There are at least reasonable grounds to suspect the person's involvement in the commission of a criminal offence.

There are reasonable grounds for believing that the person's arrest is necessary.

Necessity

The officer must consider whether the investigation can be effectively carried out by less intrusive means. Must take into account

- *the situation of the victim*
- *the nature of the offence*
- *the circumstances of the suspect and;*
- *the needs of the investigation.*

Where the arrest criteria is not met then the suspect may be invited to voluntarily attend an interview under caution

Voluntary Attendance (VA) process



- Pre-arranged Interviews under caution at a VA room
- Not under arrest and free to leave at any stage
- Free and independent legal advice
- All the same disposals available as those arrested – charge to court, out of court disposals
- Risk assessments conducted
- VA Training courses introduced in 2015

Arrest numbers

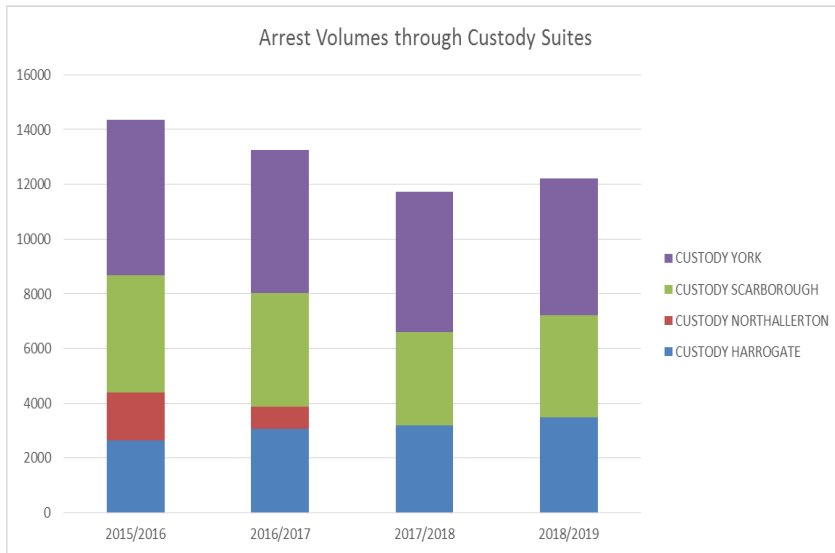


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2015/16	864,000	14,370
2016/17	761,000	13,265
2017/18	699,000	11,727

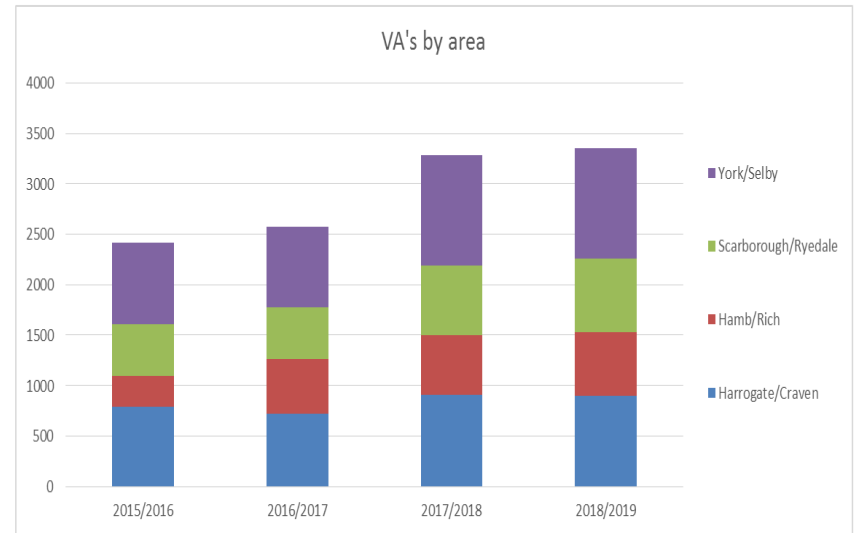
Arrest and Voluntary Attendance records 2015-19



Arrest figures



VA records



The use of pre charge bail

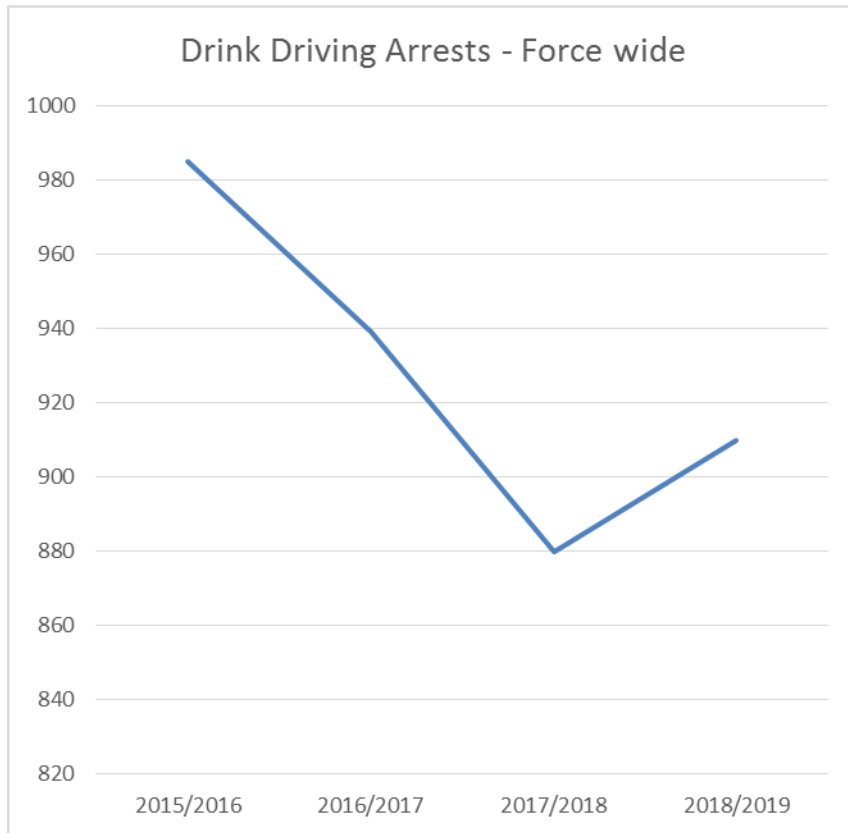


- Bail can be used pre and post charge to prevent offending, protect victims and witnesses and to manage the suspect.
- Police and Crime Act 2017 included a significant reform of pre-charge bail
- A presumption of releasing a suspect without bail unless deemed 'necessary and proportionate' to bail.
- A new interim disposal of 'Release not on bail but under investigation'
- Huge reduction in use of pre charge bail

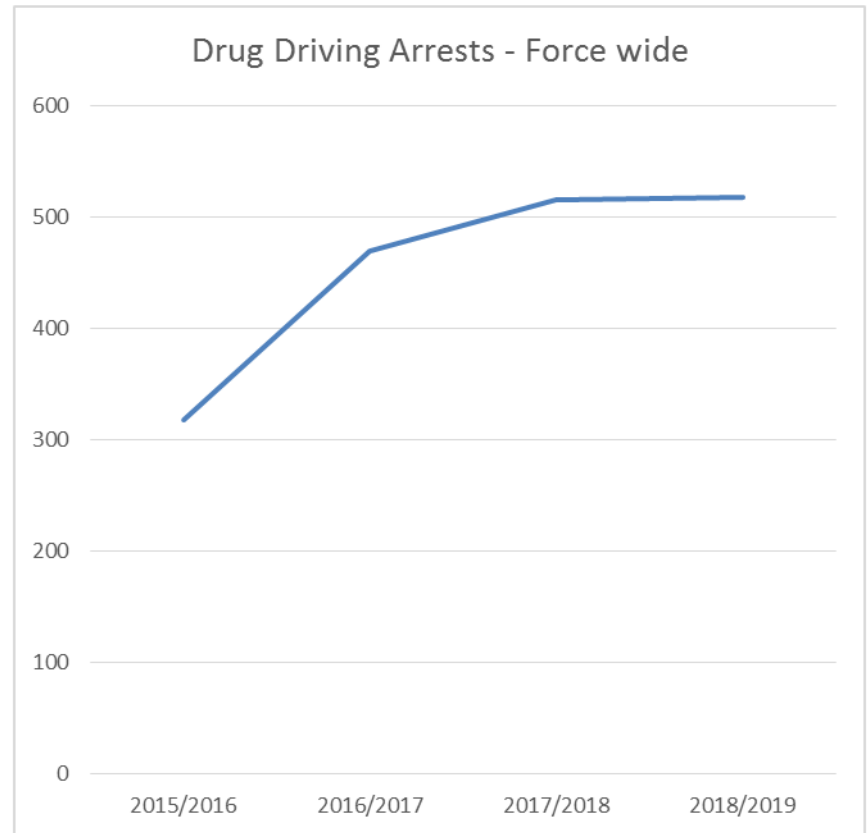
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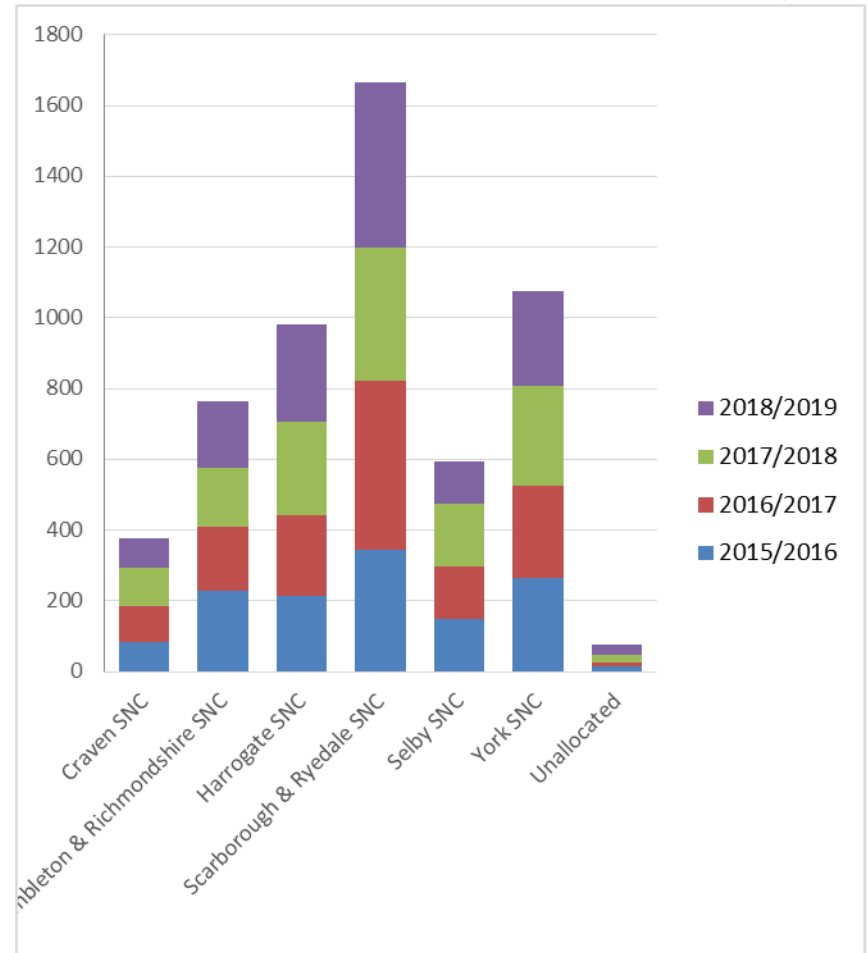
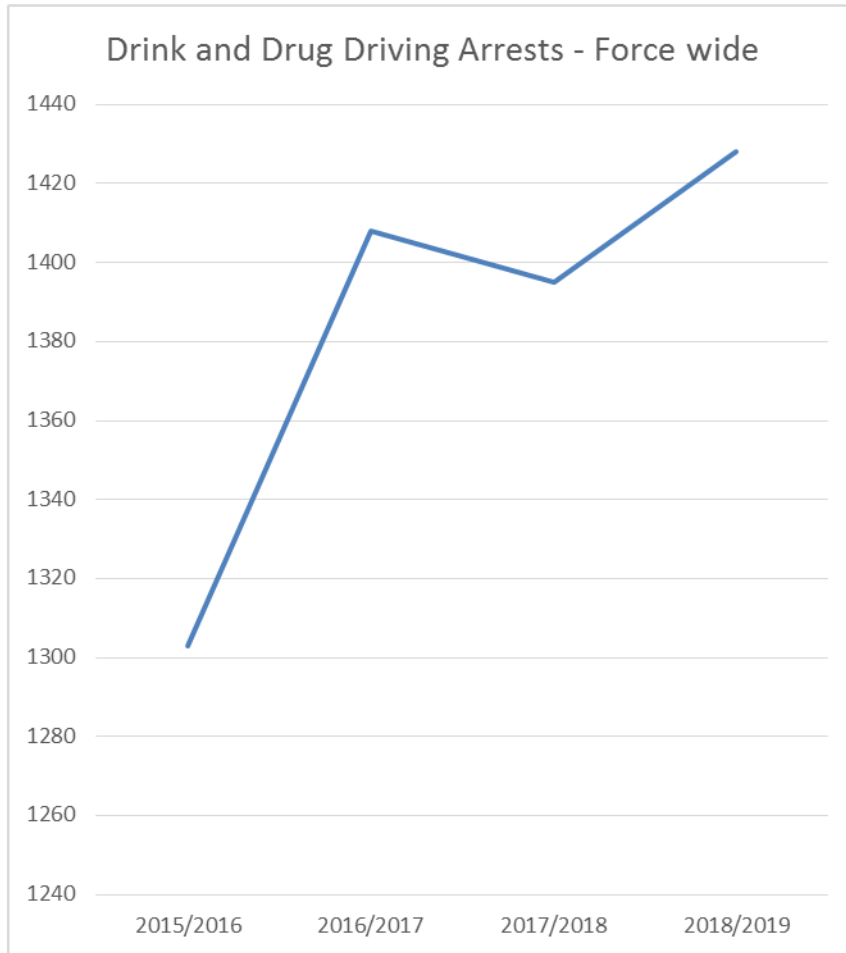
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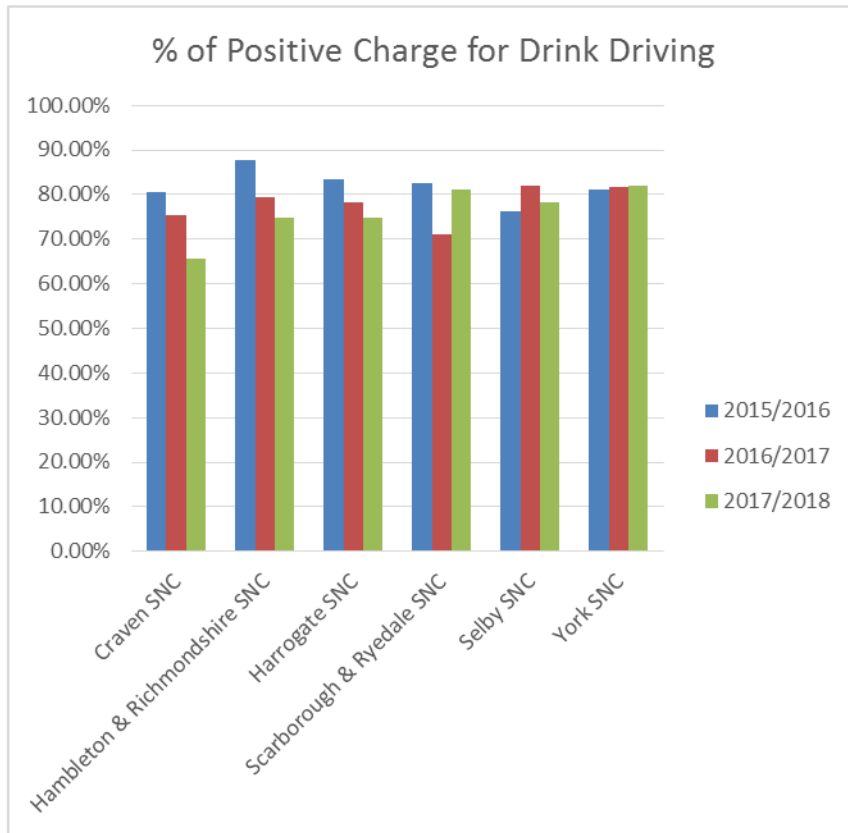
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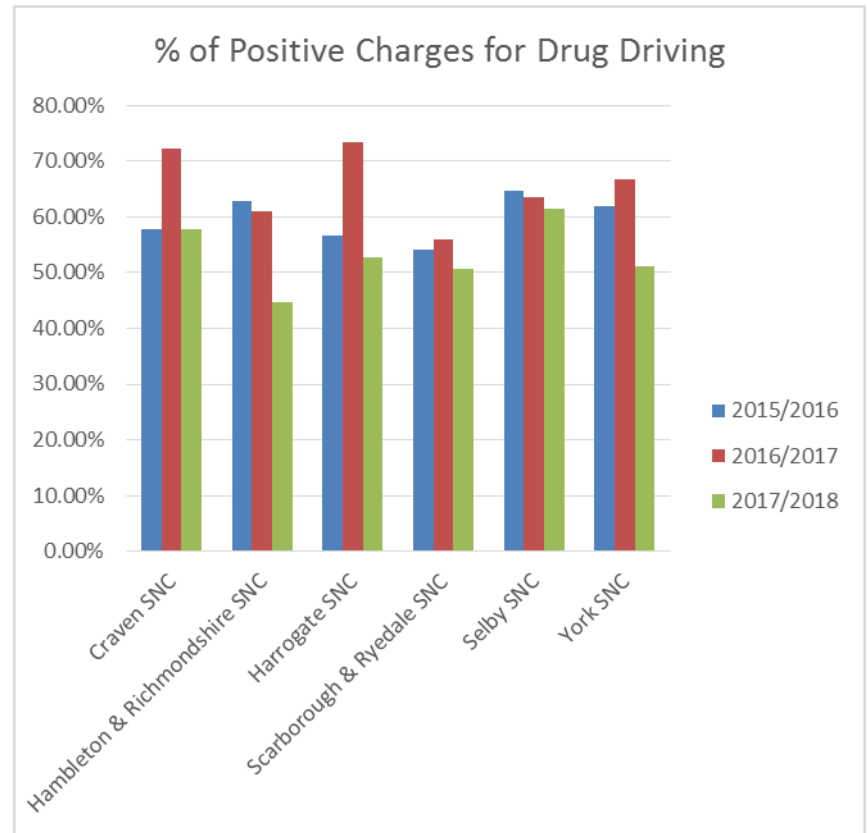
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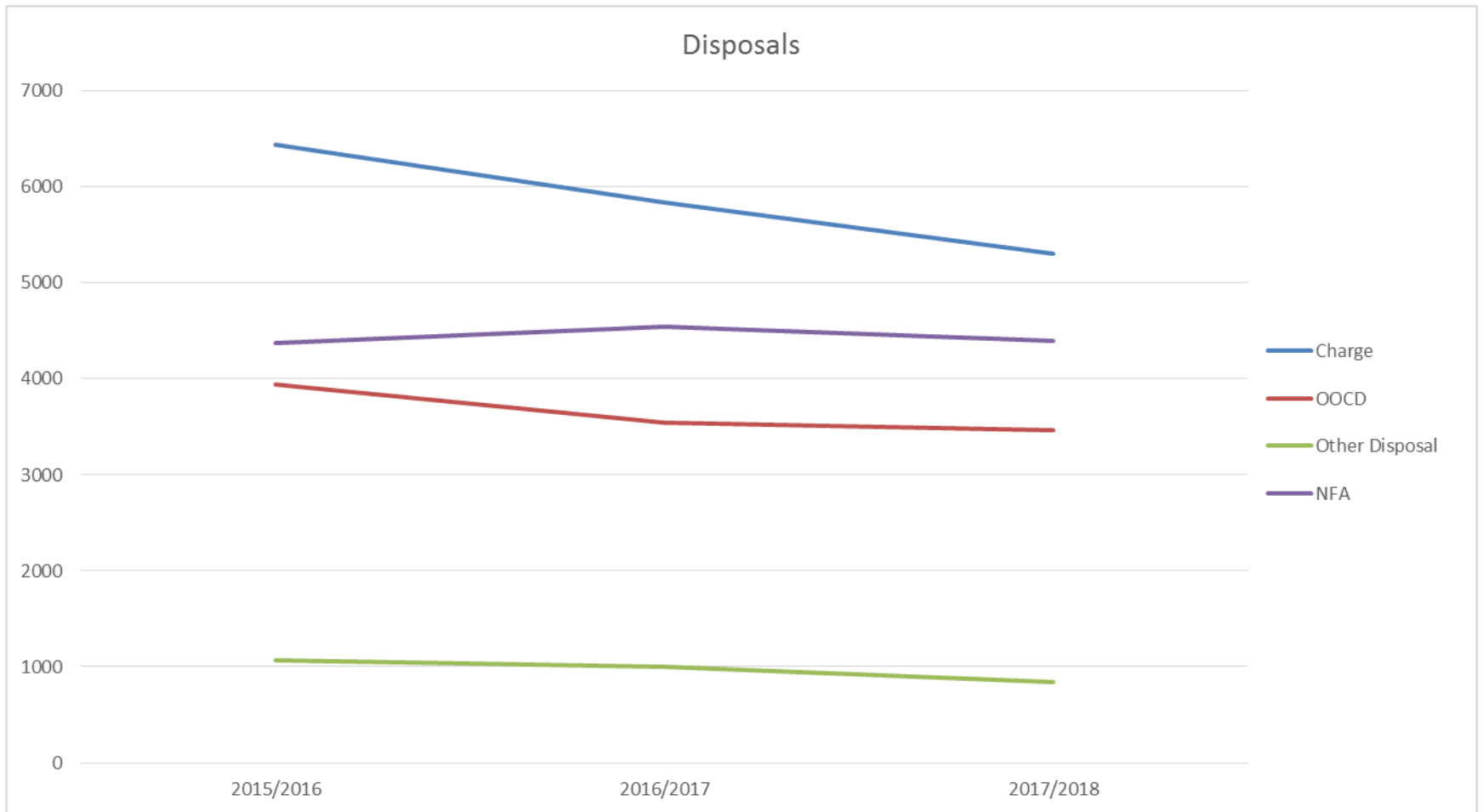
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Arrest and VA Disposals 2015-18





Thank you for listening

Questions?