



ANGUS COUNCIL

Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee

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(Quarter ending 30th September 2016)



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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Police Scotland to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing priorities for Angus.

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored and reviewed internally on a weekly basis. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1st April to 30th September 2016.

Data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

This report will make reference to crime groupings. Groups 1-4 refer to an amalgamation of four crime groups. They are Group 1, consisting of violent crime; Group 2 covering sexual offences; Group 3 covers a wide range of crimes of dishonesty; and Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising and malicious mischief.

Serious and Organised Crime

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCG's) remains a key focus for Police Scotland and officers within Angus.

Local officers are supported by a variety of national assets and continue to target those involved in the supply of controlled drugs. This is an issue that is embedded with in SOCG's

The number of detections for drugs supply, cultivation and production has increased by 38.9 % compared to the same period last year.

In addition, the number of persons reported for being possession of controlled drugs has increased by 7.3 % compared to the same period last year.

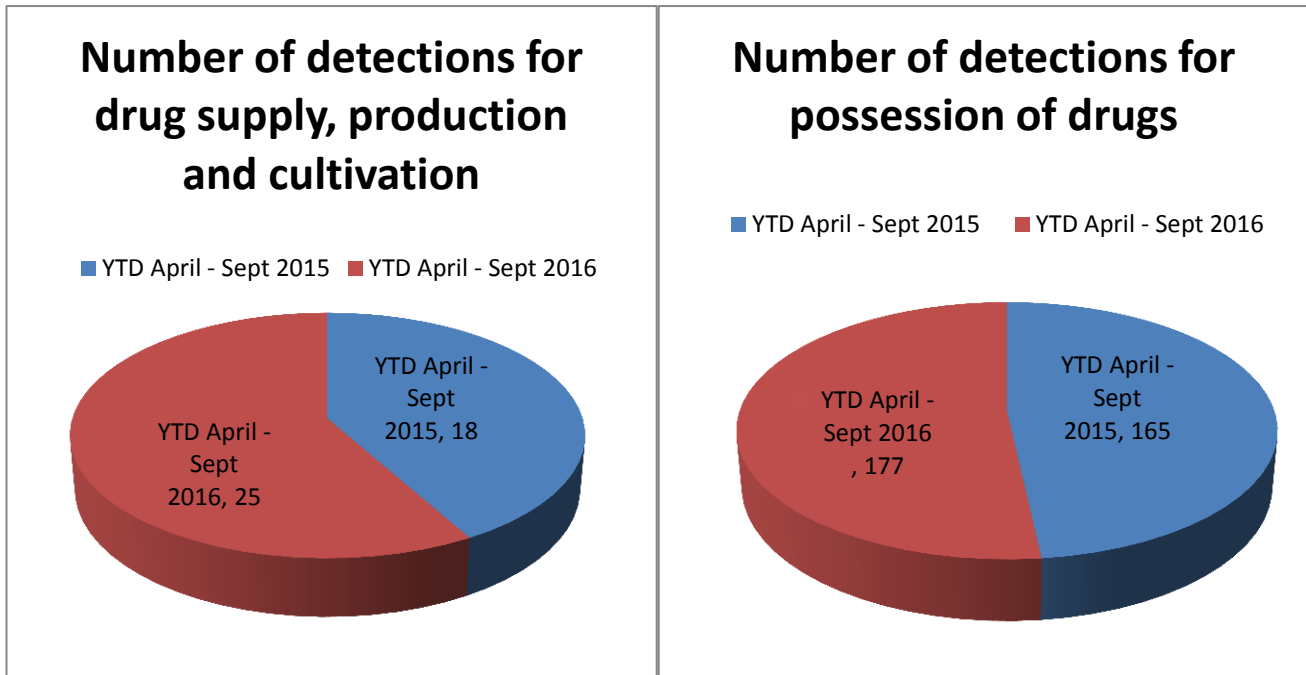
The increased level of work and detections is indicative of the effort and focus placed on this work locally. We continue to work with communities and partners to maximise local intelligence and then carry out pre planned activity to disrupt and detect criminality through Operation Slate.

Linked to Human Trafficking and Exploitation; there was a recent multi agency operation in relation to anti-slavery. This was supported by local and divisional officers.

In a different strand of Serious and Organised Crime, local officers were and continue to be actively involved in complaints of cattle theft and the recovery of stolen cattle.

Serious and Organised Crime

		5 year average	Apr 2015– Sept 2015	Apr 2016– Sept 2016	% Change from last year
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, production, cultivation.	25.6	18	25	38.9%
	Number of detections for possession of drugs	157.8	165	177	7.3%



Public Protection and Safety

In relation to Public Protection and Safety, there has been a slight increase in Group 1, Crimes of Violence in Angus compared to the same period last year. An increase from 56 to 58 crimes equating to a rise of 3.6%. This is mainly due to an increase in associated online internet offences.

However, overall in Angus there has been 14.6% reduction in total violent crime.

There has been a 12.1% decrease in Serious Assaults from 33 incidents to 29.

The reduction in the number of petty assaults continues with a 14.8% decrease compared to the same period last year. A reduction from 757 to 645 incidents.

The reduction in petty assaults is welcome and encouraging. However, overall numbers remain high and slightly ahead of the five year average. The majority of petty assaults in Angus occur indoors with alcohol being a contributory factor.

Domestic violence accounts for a large proportion of the overall numbers of reported assaults in Angus. Overall domestic incidents in Angus have more than doubled in the last five years but the previous period highlights a reduction of 13.9 % in overall reported incidents and 24.2 % reduction in recorded crime.

The overall number of robberies remains low with a 10% increase in the detection rate.

The number of Hate Crimes in Angus continues to reduce. For the previous period 42 crimes were reported compared to 31 crimes this year. These crimes currently

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have a detection rate of 97.1% an increase of 10.7 % compared to the previous period.

The number of group 2 crimes of indecency reported over the period has reduced by 17.6%. This continues the reduction from the previous quarter but this area of work continues to be a challenge with online and social media offences continuing to be prevalent.

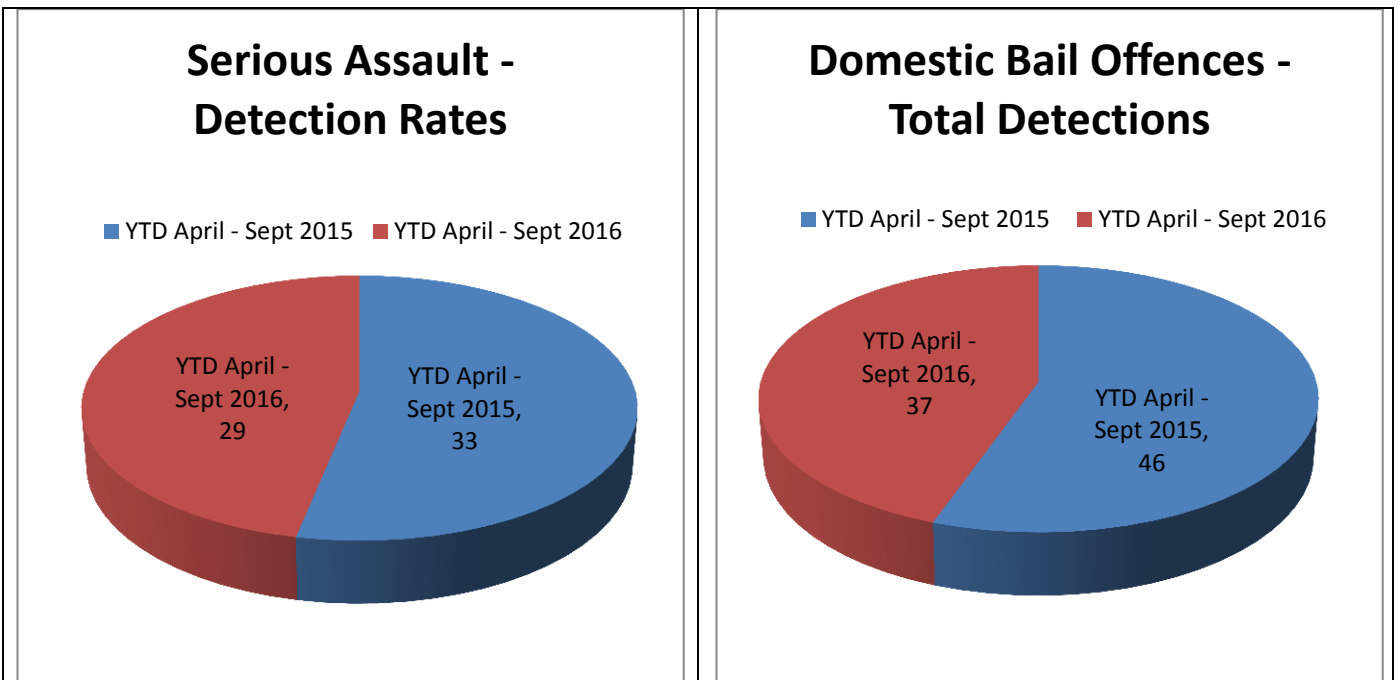
Intelligence led stop search activity highlights a positive detection rate of 27.7%.

Public Protection and Safety					
		5 year average	April 2015 – Sept 2015	Apr 2016- Sept 2016	% change from last year
1	Total Number Group 1: Crimes of Violence	49.2	56	58	3.6%
2	Murder	0.4	0	0	-
3	Attempted Murder	3.8	2	1	-50.0%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	-	0	0	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	-	0	1	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	89.4%	97.0%	89.7%	-7.3%
7	Serious Assault	22.6	33	29	-12.1%
8	Robbery detection rate	83.7%	70.0%	80.0%	10.0%
9	Robbery	8.6	10	10	0.0%
10	Petty (Common) Assault detection rate	82.2%	83.1%	76.6%	-6.5%
11	Petty (common) Assault	639.2	757	645	-14.8%
13	Number of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police	-	683	588	-13.9%
14	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents	-	520	394	-24.2%
15	Percentage of Domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded	-	58.9%	48.3%	-10.6%
16	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents detection rate	-	83.7%	71.3%	-12.4%
17	Total detections for Domestic Bail offences	-	46	37	-19.6%
18	95% of initial Domestic Abuse Bail Checks are conducted within 24hrs	-	-	45.0%	-
19	Hate crime and offences detection rate	-	86.4%	97.1%	10.7%
33	Number of Group 2: Crimes of Indecency	101.4	148	122	-17.6%
34	Group 2 crimes detection rate	74.2%	67.6%	61.5%	-6.1%
35	Rape detection rate	65.9%	50.0%	40.9%	-9.1%

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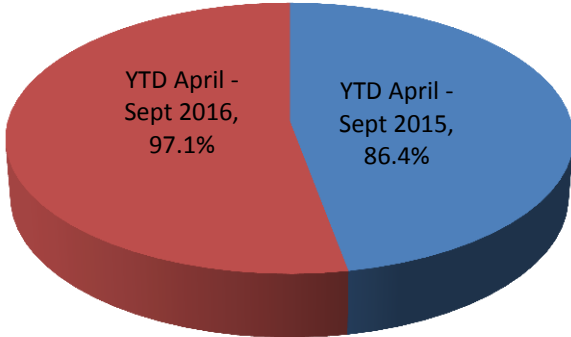
		April 2016 – Sept 2016	April 2016 – Sept 2016 (Positive)
20	Number of Stop and Searches conducted (total)	253	70
21	Number of Statutory Stop and Searches conducted	249	69
22	Number of Consensual Stop and Searches conducted	4	1
23	Number of Consensual Stop and Searches refused	0	-
24	Number of seizures made	6	-

An enhanced version of the National Stop and Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions. Management information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication>



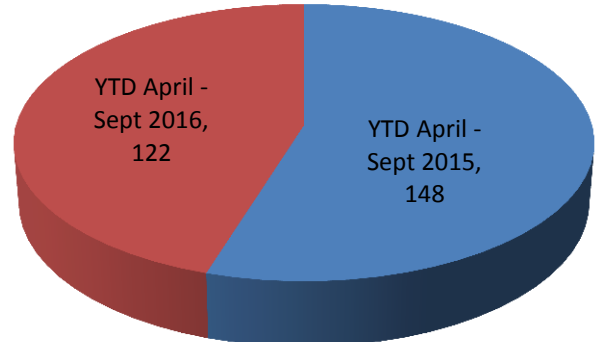
Hate Crime and Offences - Detection Rate

■ YTD April - Sept 2015 ■ YTD April - Sept 2016



Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency

■ YTD April - Sept 2015 ■ YTD April - Sept 2016



Road Safety

The strategic priority for road safety is keeping people safe on the roads of Angus.

Local officers continue to work with our colleagues in the Divisional Road Policing Unit (DRPU) and the Trunk Road Policing Group (TRPG) to tackle road safety issues and associated criminality.

Tragically there were four fatalities on the roads in Angus during the reporting period. These incidents impact on families and the wider community. No children were killed on our roads.

Work on education and impacting driver behaviour continues with partners. There has been a significant reduction of 27.8 % in persons seriously injured and a 70.4% reduction in persons slightly injured. These are good indicators of overall road safety.

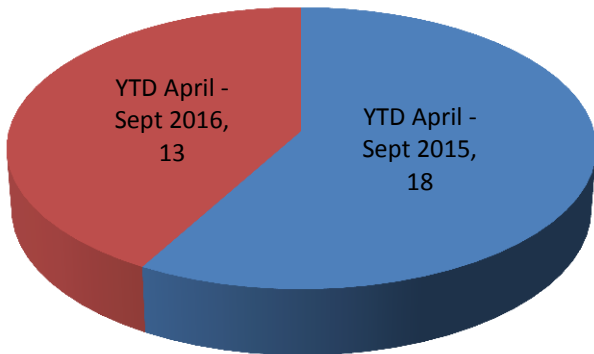
Officers continue to be involved in speed and casualty reduction operations in our community. This is on our trunk roads, rural roads and within built up areas. Officers continue to target inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

Mornings and evenings are getting darker; please encourage our communities to drive safely.

Road Traffic Statistics					
		5 year average	Apr 2015– Sept 2015	Apr 2016– Sept 2016	% Change from last year
N/A	People Killed	-	5	4	-20.0%
N/A	People Seriously Injured	-	18	13	-27.8%
N/A	People Slightly Injured	-	71	21	-70.4%
N/A	Children (aged <16) Killed	-	0	0	-
N/A	Children (aged <16) Seriously Injured	-	0	2	-
36	Dangerous driving	41.4	80	41	-48.8%
37	Speeding	970	1033	969	-6.2%
38	Disqualified driving	13.4	14	18	28.6%
39	Driving Licence	72.6	118	137	16.1%
40	Insurance	160.6	224	233	4.0%
41	Seat Belts	142	34	32	-5.9%
42	Mobile Phone	76.4	42	46	9.5%

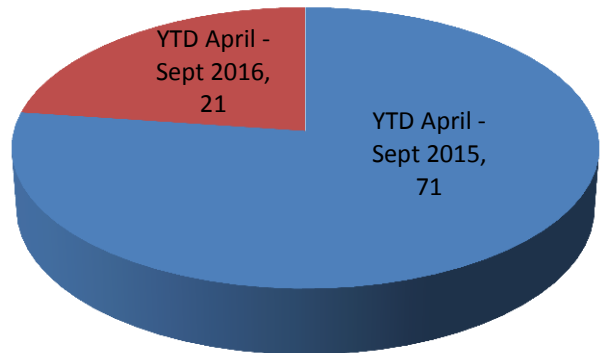
People Seriously Injured

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People Slightly Injured

■ YTD April - Sept 2015 ■ YTD April - Sept 2016



Antisocial Behaviour

The overall number of crimes in Angus across all crime types has reduced by approximately 13.1 %.

Within this reduction, the total number of antisocial behaviour incidents has reduced by 3.7%. However, the overall number of complaints of disorder has increased by 21.7% from 2045 reports last year to 2488 for this reporting period.

The overall disorder number relates to incidents that are reported to the Police and recorded on our command and control system. It is worthy of note that over the same recording period the number of associated disorder type crimes reduced from 719 to 485. A reduction of 32.5%.

Incidences of vandalism remain down, less than the previous period and below the five year average. The 14% reduction is accompanied by a 3.9% increase in the detection rate.

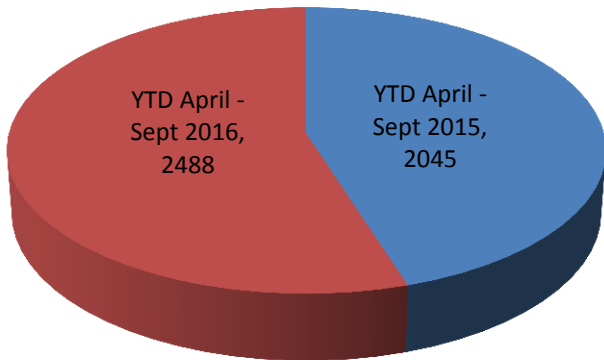
The number of alcohol seizures in a designated public place remains low and there are still no reports of outdoor 'drinking dens' involving our young people. This activity has certainly moved indoors to party flats. This is something we continue to work on, with our partners in the Community Safety Hub.

Antisocial Behaviour

		5 year average	Apr 2015 – Sept 2015	Apr 2016 – Sept 2016	% Change from last year
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	-	2045	2488	21.7%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	32.0%	29.8%	33.7%	3.9%
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	507.4	494	425	-14.0%
74	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	-	6	2	-66.7%

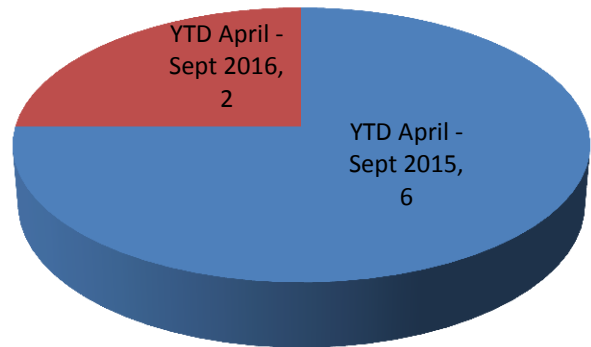
Number of Complaints regarding Disorder

■ YTD April - Sept 2015 ■ YTD April - Sept 2016



Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Places - Detection Rates

■ YTD April - Sept 2015 ■ YTD April - Sept 2016



Theft and Scams

Theft by Housebreaking and crimes of dishonesty remains a priority for officers in Angus.

The overall detection rate for all forms of housebreaking, including attempts has increased by 5.5% from 29.5% to 35%.

Over the last period the total number of housebreaking has increased from 78 to 100 an increase of 28.2 %. This remains below the five year average.

The number of housebreakings to domestic premises has reduced from 43 to 29 reported incidents for this period. This is a reduction of 32.6 %.

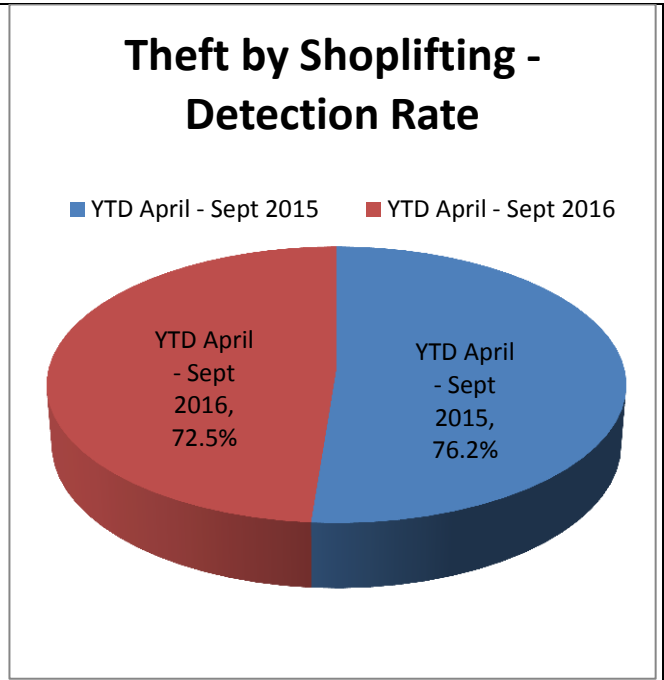
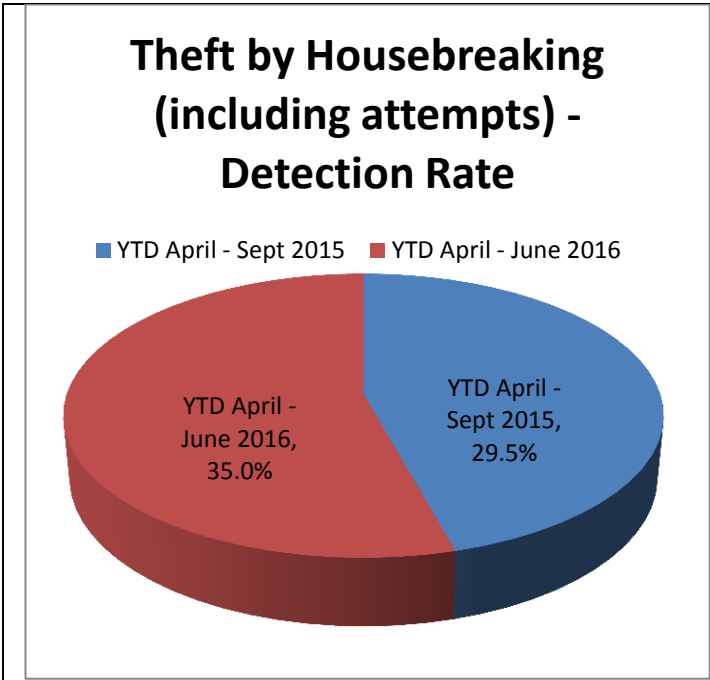
The number of sheds / garages broken into during this period has increased from 20 to 53 reported incidents. The detection rate for these offences is 49.1%.

Considerable pro-active police work is conducted in this area of policing to target offenders and keep people safe.

The overall number of Theft by Shoplifting has increased slightly but this represents a downward trend from a difficult position earlier in the year.

It is worthy of note that the overall number of crimes of dishonesty in Angus has reduced by 6.6%

Theft by Housebreaking and Theft by Shoplifting					
		5 year average	Apr 2015– June 2015	Apr 2016– June 2016	% Change from last year
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	23.8%	29.5%	35.0%	5.5%
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	112.8	78	100	28.2%
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	85.0%	76.2%	72.5%	-3.7%
26	Theft by shoplifting	265.2	185	193	4.3%



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	Arbroath East & Lunan			Arbroath West & Letham			Brechin & Edzell			Carnoustie & District		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	355	227	63.9%	203	118	58.1%	176	80	45.5%	109	51	46.8%
Overall Violent Crime	176	137	77.8%	82	69	84.1%	53	36	67.9%	31	24	77.4%
Murder/ Attempt Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	14	12	85.7%	1	1	100%	3	3	100%	1	1	100%
Robbery	6	4	66.7%	2	2	100%	-	-	-	1	1	100%
Common Assault	156	121	77.6%	79	66	83.5%	50	33	66.0%	29	22	75.9%
Knives/ Offensive Weapons	9	9	100%	4	4	100%	2	2	100%	1	1	100%
Drugs Supply/ Production	9	5	55.6%	3	4	133.3%	2	2	100%	2	2	100%
All Group 2	23	13	56.5%	11	13	118.2%	20	11	55.0%	15	13	86.7%
Housebreaking	4	-	0.0%	17	8	47.1%	14	4	28.6%	1	-	0.0%
Shoplifting	32	21	65.6%	25	22	88.0%	19	10	52.6%	7	2	28.6%
	Forfar & District			Kirriemuir & Dean			Monifieth & Sidlaw			Montrose & District		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	363	211	58.1%	160	76	47.5%	107	33	30.8%	256	159	62.1%
Overall Violent Crime	97	74	76.3%	48	34	70.8%	39	22	56.4%	149	125	83.9%
Murder/ Attempt Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	2	2	100%	2	1	50.0%	1	1	100%	3	3	100%
Robbery	2	2	100%	-	-	-	1	1	100%	-	-	-
Common Assault	93	70	75.3%	46	33	71.7%	37	20	54.1%	146	122	83.6%
Knives/ Offensive Weapons	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	2	1	100%	4	4	100%
Drugs Supply/ Production	1	-	0.0%	3	3	100%	1	1	100%	6	8	133.3%
All Group 2	9	4	44.4%	10	4	40.0%	4	1	25.0%	27	16	59.3%
Housebreaking	11	2	18.2%	29	19	65.5%	15	1	6.7%	6	0	0.0%
Shoplifting	61	44	72.1%	13	10	76.9%	6	3	50.0%	28	26	92.9%

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