



# ANGUS COUNCIL

## Community Safety Committee

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(Quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017)



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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 Angus Council Community Safety Committee. This report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

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.

## Putting Victims At The Heart of What We Do

Domestic violence still accounts for a large proportion of the overall number of violent incidents reported in Angus. The overall number of domestic incidents is showing a slight decrease which is welcome. However, overall levels are still high and have more than doubled in Angus in the last five years.

Police Scotland is working in partnership with Angus Violence Against Women Partnership and other agencies to deliver a variety of supportive and preventative programmes.

Multi agency training in relation to Safe Together Model was delivered in June 2017. This is an internationally recognised programme and work is now ongoing to embed this preventative programme in Angus by local champions and those trained.

The number of reported group 2 crimes of indecency has decreased by – 15.2 %. However the overall trend remains upwards with online and social media offences increasing.

Moving forward the Adult Protection Committee, Child Protection Committee and Violence Against Women Partnership have been amalgamated under the newly formed Protecting People Angus. This is a positive move and one that Police Scotland supports.

People feeling safe in their homes in Angus continues to be vitally important to Police Scotland. Considerable work is conducted in this regard from preventative patrols, targeting of offenders and thorough investigation. Support is given to local officers from Divisional and National Units in this regard.

Overall crimes of dishonesty for this period have fallen in Angus from 379 incidents to 351 incidents. However within this overall reduction there have been some specific increases.

Reports of dwelling houses being broken into remains relatively low at 14 incidents compared to 10 for the previous period.

Reports of housebreaking to non-dwellings has reduced from 33 incidents to 22 incidents. You will recall a spike in sheds being broken into last year.

Reports of housebreaking to other premises has increased from 9 to 13 incidents.

The number of reported rural crimes for the last quarter was 31. 27 related to crimes of dishonesty and 4 for separate wildlife offences.

In the previous quarter there were only 13 reported rural crimes. In the previous year reports totalled 45. This is important context as to where there has been an increase.

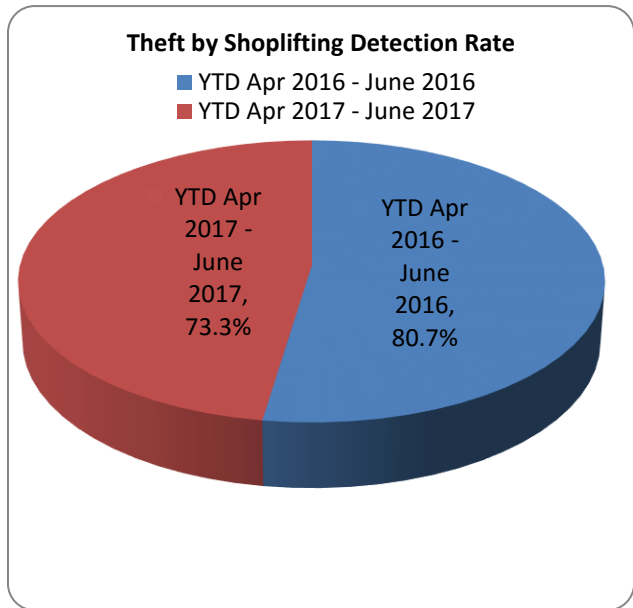
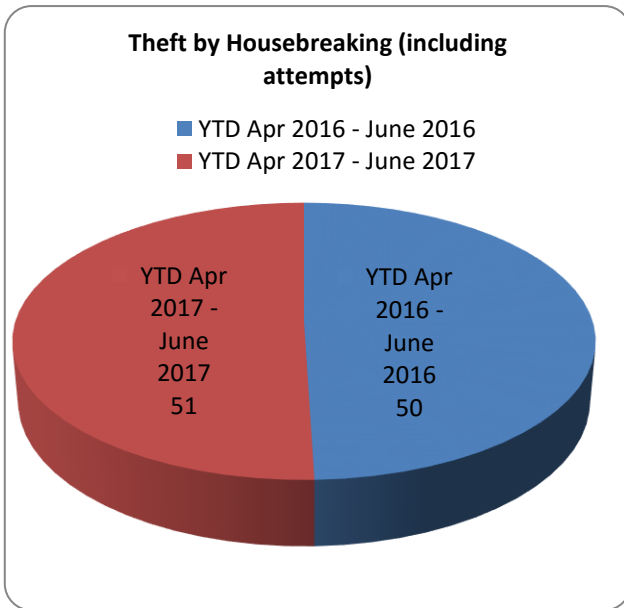
In conjunction with partners Police Scotland have launched a rural farm watch scheme in Angus. The scheme was formally launched at the Angus Show in conjunction with a recruiting event for Special Constables. Applications are welcome from those residing across Angus and in our rural and hard to reach areas.

### Protecting Victims

		5 year average	Apr 2016- June 2016	Apr 2017 - June 2017	% Change from last
13	Number of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police		308	279	-9.4%
14	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents		240	213	-11.3%
15	Percentage of Domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded		53.2%	53.8%	0.6%
16	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents detection rate		70.8%	70.0%	-0.8%
17	Total detections for Domestic Bail offences		19	15	-21.1%
18	95% of initial Domestic Abuse Bail Checks are conducted within 24hrs		-	88.6%	-
33	Number of Group 2: Crimes of Indecency		56	105	87.5%
34	Group 2 crimes detection rate		62.5%	54.3%	-8.2%
35	Rape detection rate		25.0%	20.0%	-5.0%

### Housebreaking and Theft by Shoplifting

		5 year average	Apr 2016- June 2016	Apr 2017 - June 2017	% Change from last year
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate		44.0%	41.2%	-2.8%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)		50	51	2.0%
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate		80.7%	73.7%	-7.0%
29	Theft by shoplifting		114	99	-13.2%



## Tackling Crime and ASB

There has been a slight decrease in violent crime in Angus; the same profile is evident with the majority incidents occurring indoors.

The overall number of group 1, serious violent crime shows a reduction of 3.1% from 32 incidents previously to 31 incidents for this quarter.

There has been a 5.6 % decrease in Serious Assaults from 18 incidents to 17. There has been slight decrease in petty assaults from 348 incidents to 346.

The detection rates for both assault crime types remain almost the same as the previous period.

Focused activity on robberies and those responsible for perpetrating such crimes has been successful with the overall level remaining low at 6 reported incidents.

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime Groups remains a key focus for Police Scotland.

Local officers are supported by divisional and national resources and target groups operating in the Angus area. Such groups take every opportunity to gain profit from criminal activities ranging from dealing controlled drugs and crimes of dishonesty.

In April 2017 as part of an intelligence lead operation; local officers stopped a car travelling on the A90. Approximately £57 000 of heroin and £75 000 of cannabis resin was recovered.

In May 2017, in Arbroath, as part of an intelligence lead operation £400 000 of cocaine and approximately £45 000 of Heroin was recovered.

In June 2017, in Arbroath, as part of an intelligence lead operation, a cannabis cultivation to the value of £60 170 and £2250 of cocaine was recovered.

The impact that these groups can have on our communities and vulnerable should not be underestimated. The persons responsible were arrested for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

Curtailing supply can have a direct impact on those found in possession of drugs. Over the last quarter persons were found in possession of drugs. £1290 of cannabis, £200 of cocaine, £250 of Heroin and £150 of Ecstasy was recovered.

The total amount of controlled drugs recovered in Angus was £641 310.

Work is currently ongoing within the Community Safety Hub to address cannabis use within social housing stock. This is being supported by partners including Anti-Social Behaviour Investigations and Community Housing Team.

The number of complaints of disorder has increased by 21.5 % over the reporting period. These figures relate to the total number of incidents recorded on our command and control system. If three persons telephone the police about one incident, the overall figure still reflects three calls and not one incident.

As highlighted in previous reports the reintroduction of dedicated community officers; local communities have been encouraged and feel able to contact officers about issues.

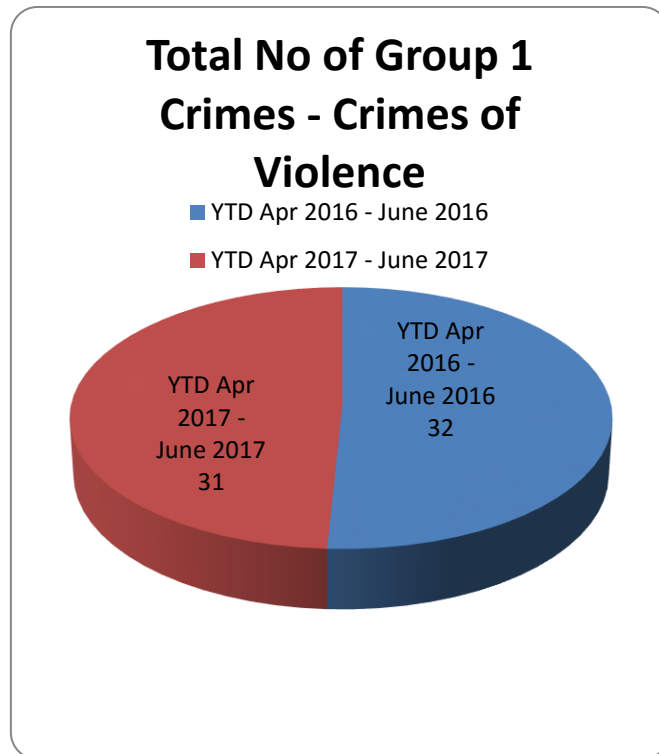
However, despite the above there has been a notable increase in reported Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) over the last quarter across Angus.

The incidences of vandalism and malicious mischief has increased from 198 incidents to 233, an increase of 17.7 % .The detection rate has reduced by 8.1% to 28.8%.

If the increase in ASB continues at the same level, I would expect to see an increase in the crime types highlighted above combined with breach of peace and threatening & abusive behaviour.

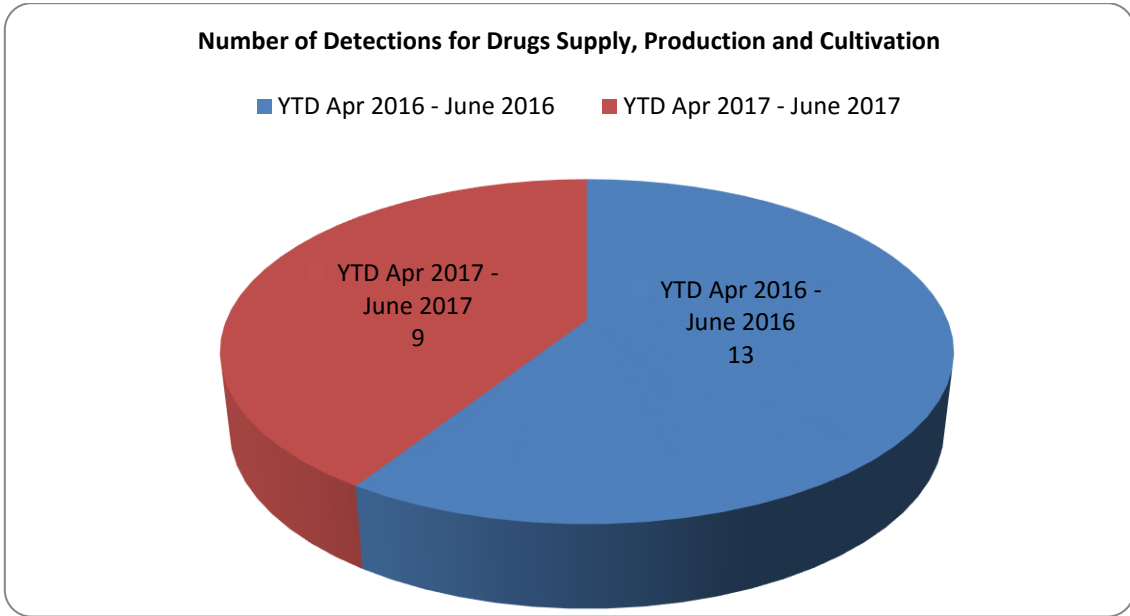
Work is ongoing with partners to produce an updated Community Safety and ASB strategy.

Crimes of Violence					
		5 year average	Apr 2016 – June 2016	Apr 2017 – June 2017	% change from last year
1	Total Number Group 1: Crimes of Violence		32	31	-3.1%
2	Murder		0	0	-
3	Attempted Murder		0	2	-
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)		0	0	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)		1	0	-100.0%
6	Serious Assault detection rate		77.8%	88.2%	10.4%
7	Serious Assault		18	17	-5.6%
8	Robbery detection rate		83.3%	83.3%	0.0%
9	Robbery		6	6	0.0%
10	Petty (Common) Assault detection rate		75.0%	74.6%	-0.4%
11	Petty (common) Assault		348	346	-0.6%

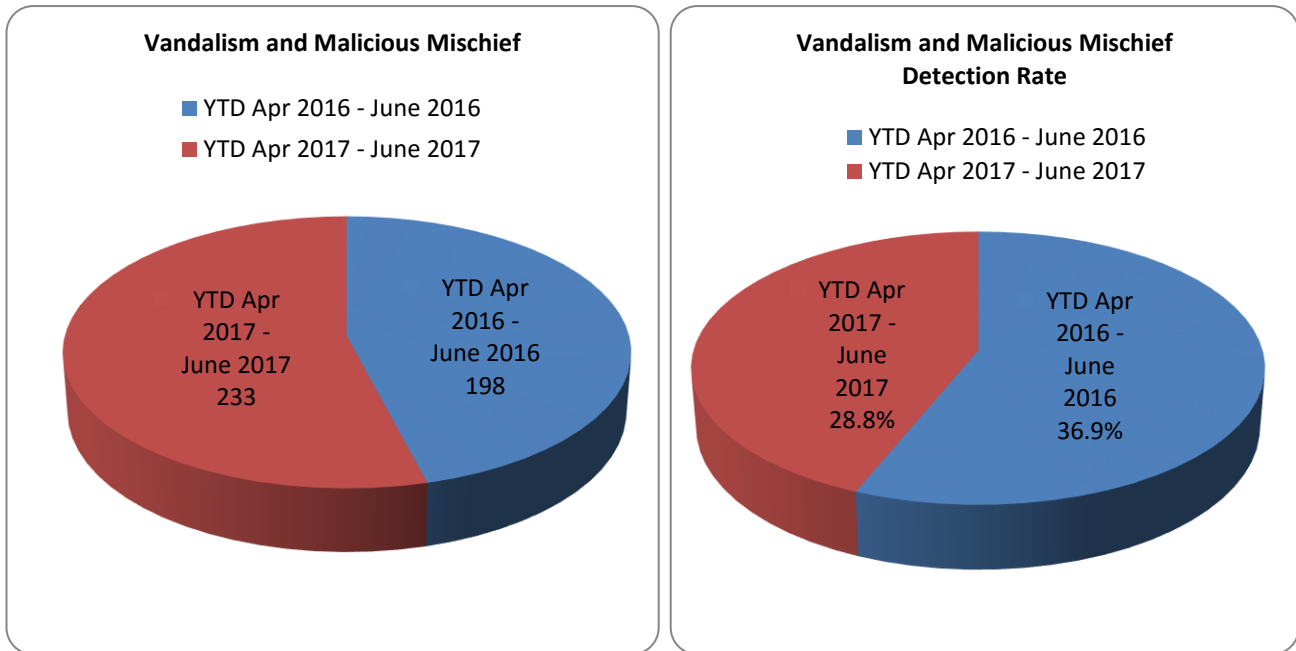




Drugs Supply					
		5 year average	Apr 2016 – June 2016	Apr 2017 – June 2017	% change from last year
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, production, cultivation.		13	9	-30.8%



Antisocial Behaviour					
		5 year average	Apr 2016 – June 2016	Apr 2017 – June 2017	% Change from last year
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	-	1132	1375	21.5%
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate		36.9%	28.8%	-8.1%
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief		198	233	17.7%
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	-	0	4	-



## Protecting Vulnerable People

Angus Local Policing area receives considerable support from Divisionally and Nationally based Detective Officers. Public Protection Officers remain based at Bellevue in Arbroath. In addition, the Offender Management Unit and Domestic Abuse Task Force is based at Forfar.

Following involvement in Domestic incidents; officers conduct welfare and reassurance checks with victims within a recognised safety plan. Preventative visits are also made with perpetrators to ensure bail conditions are being adhered to. This work is tasked out on a daily basis.

An officer continues to be dedicated to the administration of the repeat caller process. Enquiries are allocated to dedicated community officers across Angus to problem solve local issues. There has been an increase in this type of work consistent with the rise in Anti-Social Behaviour.

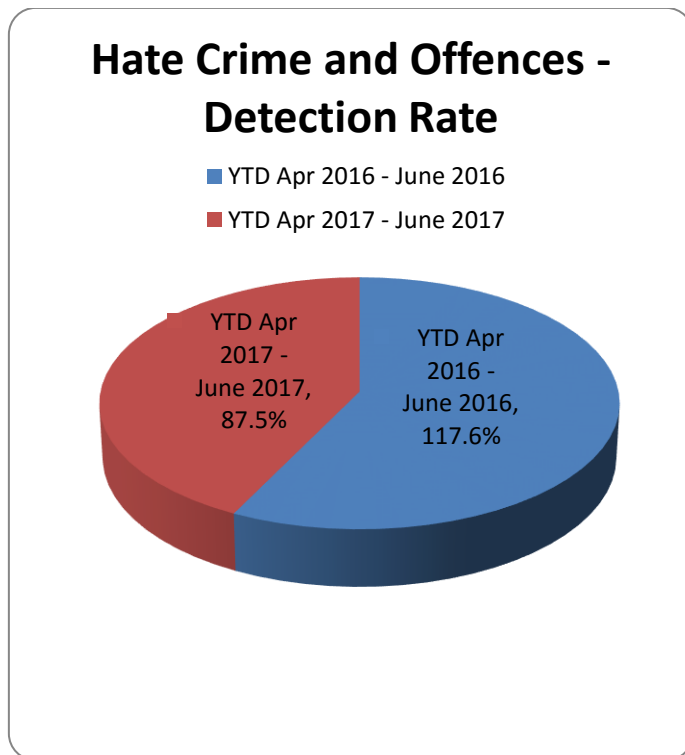
A multi-agency, process has been developed within the Community Safety to protect vulnerable people that are not subject to Adult Protection, Child Protection or MAPPA measures. This joint approach is proving useful; it provides support to individuals, minimises risk and prevents issues from escalating.

Police Scotland have an officer dedicated to supporting staff at both Rossie in Montrose and Brambles Cottages in Arbroath. These establishments have some of our most vulnerable young people in society. The work conducted by the officer is designed to form relationships, support individuals and mitigate risk to the young person and community. This work has been recognised as good practice in two separate inspections.

In June of this year community officers and partners delivered choices for life training in the schools in Kirriemuir. This was well received. A film of the experience was made by DD8 media company and shown in an 'Oscars style ceremony' in the town hall.

Over the last quarter there was a reduction in hate crime from 18 reported crimes to 16 crimes. 14 of these crimes were detected giving a detection rate of 87.5%. This continues the downward trend in Angus with no specific pattern in offending.

Hate Crime					
		5 year average	Apr 2016 – June 2016	Apr 2017 – June 2017	% change from last year
19	Hate crime and offences detection rate		117.6%	87.5%	-30.1%



## Maintaining Public Safety

Angus 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 and associated crime.

There has been an increase in persons killed on the roads in Angus from one person to three persons for this quarter.

Persons seriously injured reduced slightly from 14 to 13 and 22 more people were slightly injured equating to an increase of 104.8 %.

Two children were seriously injured on our roads.

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.

Following the decriminalisation of parking in Angus officers continue to target inconsiderate and dangerous parking around schools in an attempt to educate drivers and keep our children safe.

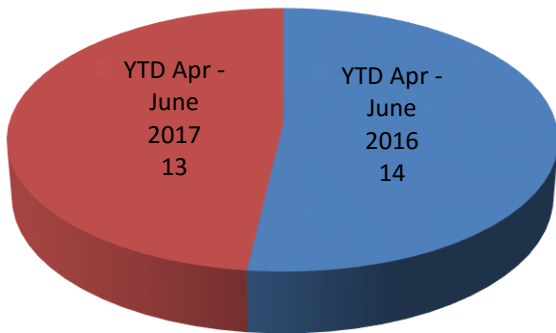
A meeting is scheduled with partners, BEAR Scotland and Scottish Government to discuss the stretch of A90 between Tealing and Forfar.

### Road Safety

		5 year Average	Apr 2016– June 2016	Apr 2017- June 2017	% Change from last year
N/A	People Killed	-	1	3	200.0%
N/A	People Seriously Injured	-	14	13	-7.1%
N/A	People Slightly Injured	-	21	43	104.8%
N/A	Children (aged <16) Killed	-	0	0	-
N/A	Children (aged <16) Seriously Injured	-	0	2	-
36	Dangerous driving		16	23	43.8%
37	Speeding		476	652	37.0%
38	Disqualified driving		11	7	-36.4%
39	Driving Licence		69	66	-4.3%
40	Insurance		119	103	-13.4%
41	Seat Belts		22	1	-95.5%
42	Mobile Phone		37	3	-91.9%

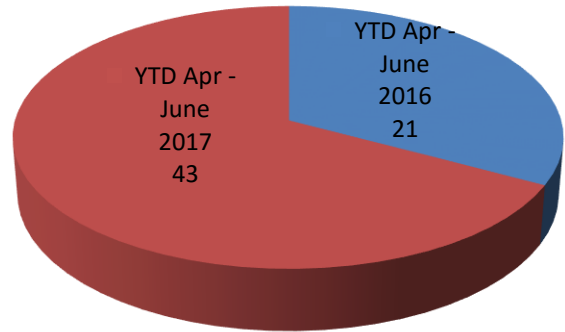
### People Seriously Injured

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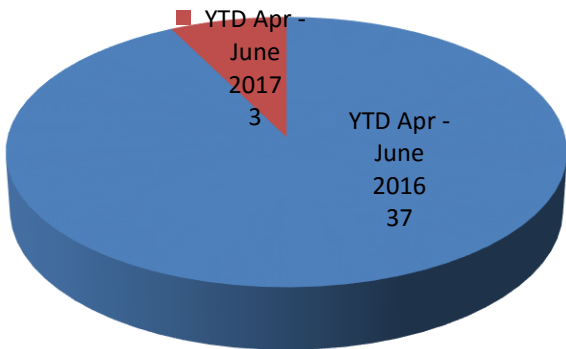
### People Slightly Injured

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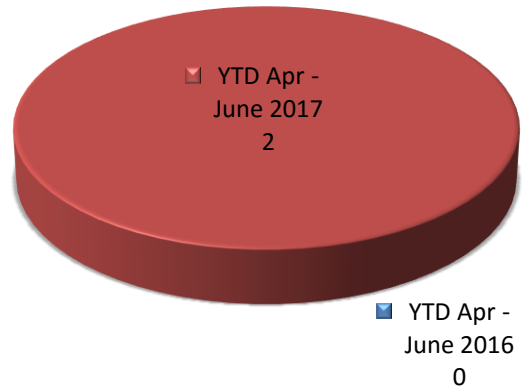
### Mobile Phone

■ YTD Apr - June 2016 ■ YTD Apr - June 2017



### Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured

■ YTD Apr - June 2016 ■ YTD Apr - June 2017



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	Arbroath East & Lunan			Arbroath West & Letham			Brechtin & Edzell			Carnoustie & District		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	200	121	60.5%	114	59	51.8%	116	60	51.7%	69	34	49.3%
Overall Violent Crime	72	59	81.9%	58	46	79.3%	34	27	79.4%	21	14	66.7%
Murder/ Attempt Murder	2	2	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	6	6	100%	2	2	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	1	1	100%	-	-	-	1	1	100%	-	-	-
Common Assault	63	50	79.4%	56	44	78.6%	33	26	78.8%	21	14	66.7%
Knives/ Offensive Weapons	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	5	2	40.0%
Drugs Supply/ Production	7	3	42.9%	1	1	100%	5	4	80.0%	-	-	-
All Group 2	13	6	46.2%	14	5	35.7%	15	8	53.3%	13	11	84.6%
Housebreaking	12	6	50.0%	11	2	18.2%	2	7	350%	3	-	0.0%
Shoplifting	24	18	75.0%	11	9	81.8%	8	7	87.5%	13	8	61.5%
	Forfar & District			Kirriemuir & Dean			Monifieth & Sidlaw			Montrose & District		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	156	85	54.5%	83	41	49.4%	69	23	33.3%	106	56	52.8%
Overall Violent Crime	63	52	82.5%	26	13	50.0%	19	12	63.2%	61	46	75.4%
Murder/ Attempt Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	1	1	100%	2	1	50.0%	2	-	0.0%	2	3	150%
Robbery	-	-	-	2	2	100%	-	-	-	1	-	0.0%
Common Assault	62	51	82.3%	22	10	45.5%	17	12	70.6%	58	43	74.1%
Knives/ Offensive Weapons	4	3	75.0%	4	5	125%	2	2	100%	1	1	100%
Drugs Supply/ Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	50.0%	-	-	-
All Group 2	14	10	71.4%	14	7	50.0%	16	5	31.3%	8	1	12.5%
Housebreaking	5	3	60.0%	4	-	0.0%	6	1	16.7%	6	2	33.3%
Shoplifting	20	15	75.0%	8	4	50.0%	3	2	66.7%	9	8	88.9%

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