



ANGUS COUNCIL

Scrutiny and Audit Committee

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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 Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

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

The overall number of crimes in Angus for the reporting period fell from 9608 to 9401. This is a reduction of 2.2% and continues the year on year reduction. This is a reduction of 207 victims which is positive.

During the reporting period the total number of reported domestic abuse incidents rose by 1.6% to a total of 1140 incidents. In line with this the total number of domestic related crimes rose by 6.8% to 859 recorded crimes.

The overall level of incidents will continue to be a challenge for services in Angus. As some additional context; a victim of domestic abuse, will on average be a victim of crime on 22 occasions before a report is made to the police.

To address this Police Scotland continue to work in partnership with Angus Violence Against Women Partnership and other agencies to deliver a variety of supportive and preventative programmes.

Awareness raising sessions continue to be delivered in relation to the Safe and Together Model, with one such session offered at the recent Protecting People Angus Conference. Further briefings have been delivered to Social and Family Support workers with further sessions scheduled in June 2018.

Local police officers continue to perform victim and perpetrator welfare checks as part of an established safety plan programme. 52 individuals were arrested and reported for bail offences.

Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Officers (DAIO) and Domestic Abuse Task Force (DATF) continue to successfully target repeat perpetrators.

The overall number of crimes of dishonesty in the reporting period rose from 1369 to 1419; a rise of 3.7%.

It remains a key priority for Police Scotland for persons to feel safe in their homes. The total number of Theft by Housebreakings reduced by 6.0% from 218 to 205 reported crimes. The majority of these crimes relate to sheds and out houses with only 78 dwelling houses being broken into.

The overall rise in this crime type is as a result of an increase in Theft by Shoplifting. An increase of 23.3 % from 360 to 444 recorded crimes. Food and alcohol are the most commonly stolen items and there is an indication that increase correlates with increasing levels of poverty. Work is ongoing with partners to prevent further incidents and provide support to families where appropriate.

Our rural areas (out with the seven main towns) continue to be the safest place to live in Angus in relation to crime. For the recording period there were a total of 131 recorded crimes. There was an increase in wildlife reported offences from 12 incidents to 18.

Tackling Crime and ASB

The overall number of violent crimes in Angus has reduced in the reporting period by 1.3% from 1358 to 1340 reported crimes.

The total number of group 1 crimes (serious violence) has increased slightly from 106 to 110 (4 more); as has the numbers of serious assaults, from 57 to 60 (3 more).

The overall number of common assaults has reduced by 2.9% from 1291 to 1254 recorded crimes. As highlighted previously, this decrease includes a 29.2 % increase in police officers being assaulted. A number of officers have been selected to be trained in Tazer. Training is scheduled for later this year.

Although there has been a slight increase; focussed activity on robberies keeps incidents low. A total of 23 incidents for the year is positive. Effective stop search, is an important part of this targeted, intelligence lead approach. Over the course of the year officers conducted 392 statutory searches with 40.8 % positive rate.

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 from criminal activities including dealing controlled drugs. The Community Investigation Unit lead by Inspector Alice Coventry and Sergeant Linsey Burnett have an important part to play in this activity.

The total amount of controlled drugs seized in Angus, over the reporting period was approximately £819,360. The number of detections for Drug Supply, Production and Cultivation is slightly down from 45 to 43. However, the continued intelligence lead focussed approach has yielded a higher return which helps keep our communities safer.

From the 31st March 2018, a new Divisional Preventions and Community Safety Hub has been established in Dundee. Officers based in the Hub have a variety of responsibilities including work streams in each of the local authority areas. PC Derek Mitchell continues to deal with specific Financial Harm issues in Angus.

Locally, Police Scotland continues to work with partners to develop the locality model which underpins the Empowerment Bill and Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP).

The overall number of disorder complaints has risen 2.3 % to 4741 recorded incidents. Aligned to this reports of Anti-Social Behaviour has increased by 1058 to a total of 6292 reported incidents.

These incidents are most significantly felt in Arbroath where youth related disorder is a particular issue. If underlying incidents remain at the same level this will lead to an increase in recorded crimes. This type of activity drives crimes like vandalism which remains high at around 800 incidents with a detection rate of 30.1%.

Police Scotland are currently working with partners to establish an effective prevention and diversion programme.

Protecting Vulnerable People

Angus Local Policing area continues to receive considerable support from Divisionally and Nationally based Detective Officers. Public Protection Officers remain based at Bellevue in Arbroath. In addition, the offender Management Unit is based at Forfar.

The overall number of reported sexual crimes reported over the period increased by 43.2% from 234 to 335 reported incidents. This continues the year on year rise in this area and will remain a challenge as we move jointly forward.

The number of hate crimes in Angus did increase but thankfully there is no underlying theme of racially aggravated conduct. The detection rate for this type of offence remains high at 83.9%.

Over the last quarter Police Scotland have been actively involved in a Choices for Life programme in Grange Primary, Seaview Primary and Monifieth High School. The programme was jointly funded by Choices for Life, Education and Police Scotland. This was in response to the tragic events of a young person taking their own life and the inputs are reported to have been well received.

Police Scotland continue to have an officer dedicated to supporting specific Looked After Children (LAC) in Angus. The officer works in partnership with the team around the child to provide support and mitigate risk to the young person and community. This work was previously recognised as good practice by separate Inspections and is now being implemented elsewhere in the country.

The total number of missing persons in Angus for the last performance year is recorded at 397. This represents a considerable enquiry commitment for police officers. Instances of young people going missing from either Rossie or Brambles are now very few. Management of the establishments, locality Inspectors and the LAC officer have demonstrated strong and effective partnership working in this area of work.

Local Community Officers, in each locality, are now actively involved in Local Action Team (LAT) meetings with Education and Social Work Colleagues to provide support to vulnerable children and mitigate any risk posed.

Operation Monarda tackled door step crime, financial harm, scams and those preying on the elderly or vulnerable. Supporting this programme were the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers who are based between Arbroath High School and Arbroath Academy. PC Paul Morgan is the co-ordinator. This is one of the most successful groups in the country and many of the group recently received Saltire Awards for community based voluntary work much of which was designed to support the vulnerable. PSYV were also involved in delivering peer internet safety sessions to pupils during the annual Safe Angus programme.

Special Constable Ricky Martin has been delivering rural and farm safety sessions to our harder to reach communities. These have been well received across Angus. SPC Martin work tirelessly for the community of Angus and has been nominated for several national awards for the important community work he does.

Maintaining Public Safety

Angus Officers continue to work with our colleagues in the Divisional Road Policing Unit (DRPU) and Trunk Road Policing Group (TRPG) to tackle road safety and associated crime.

There has been a 100% increase in persons killed on the roads in Angus over the last year. An increase from five persons to ten persons losing their lives.

The number of persons seriously injured on our roads rose from 38 to 45 an increase of 18.4% over the period. The last quarter saw an increase of only 7 persons being seriously injured and continues the reduction compared to the first two and third quarters of the year.

The numbers of persons slightly injured has increased from 109 for the previous year to 122 for this period. A rise of 11.9%.

Thankfully, no children have died on our roads but there has been an overall increase of children seriously injured from 1 to 3. However, these were the same figures for the first two quarters of the year which again demonstrates no further rise in the last six months.

The collective road policing activity for the year is demonstrated in the table later in this report. As highlighted in previous reports, the local policing area (LPA) and Division are stopping a significant amount of vehicles, the reductions in driving license, insurance, seat belt and mobile phone offences demonstrated a positive change in driver behavior.

The single biggest contributory factor to fatalities, serious injuries and minor injuries on our roads is speed. Enforcement activity in this area remains high with over 1900 speeding tickets issued.

Ancillary to enforcement, there is a comprehensive program of prevention, engagement and education ongoing in the area. This includes; a Motorcycle Safety Weekend, Operation Golders and 213 persons have completed the New Driver Scheme.

A motorcycle safety program has also been instigated with sessions already held in Angus. Further are planned.

Officers in Arbroath have instigated a local road safety and speeding campaign. Activity has been highlighted on social media. This has been very well received and will continue in future months.

Figures relevant to this report

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Angus
March 2018

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	110	106	4 more	3.8%
2	Murder	0	0	None	-
3	Attempted Murder	2	1	1 more	100.0%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	1	1	Same number	0.0%
6	Serious Assault detection rate	85.0%	79.0%		6.0%
7	Serious Assault	60	57	3 more	5.3%
8	Robbery detection rate	69.6%	70.6%		-1.0%
9	Robbery	23	17	6 more	35.3%
10	Common assault detection rate	71.1%	77.0%		-5.9%
11	Common assault	1,254	1,291	37 fewer	-2.9%
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	4,741	4,634	107 more	2.3%

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)

		Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	1,140	1,122		1.6%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	859	804		6.8%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	51.1%	49.3%		1.8%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	65.5%	70.5%		-5.0%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	52	62		-16.1%
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	83.8%	-		-
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	83.9%	91.1%		-7.2%

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

		Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018 Positive	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	392	160		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	392	160		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	0	0		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	17	-		

On the 11th May 2017 Police Scotland adopted a new code of practice on the use of stop and search. At this time the use of non-statutory (Consensual) search ceased. The period covered by this report includes searches conducted prior to the introduction of the code. The table above provides information on consensual searches carried out before 11th May. Further information on Police Scotland's use of stop and search and on the code of practice is available on the Police Scotland Website.

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	43	45		-4.4%
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	22.0%	24.8%		-2.8%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	205	218	13 fewer	-6.0%
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	76.7%	78.2%		-1.5%
29	Theft by shoplifting	446	363	83 more	22.9%
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	30.1%	34.9%		-4.8%
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	803	806	3 fewer	-0.4%
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	4	2		100.0%

Public Protection					
		Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	335	234	101 more	43.2%
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	58.2%	66.2%		-8.0%
35	Rape detection rate	68.2%	58.5%		9.7%

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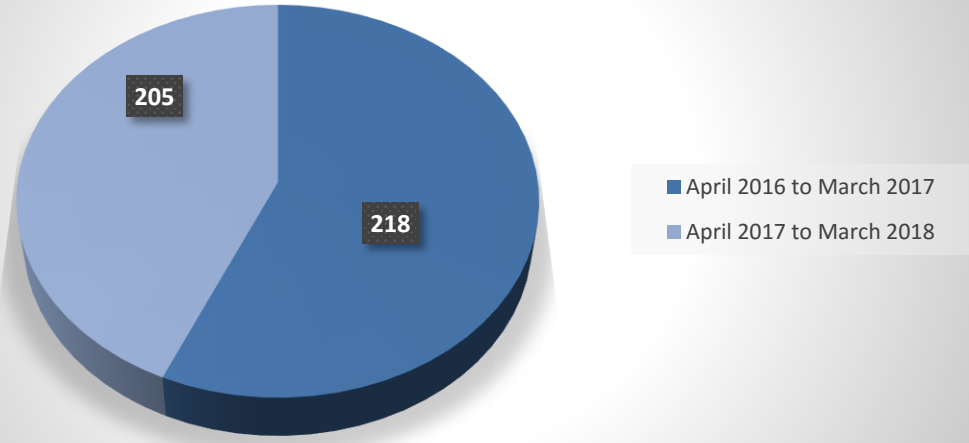
Road Traffic Casualty Statistics

	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Victims	% Change
People Killed	10	5	5 more	100.0%
People Seriously injured	45	38	7 more	18.4%
People Slightly Injured	122	109	13 more	11.9%
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Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	3	1	2 more	200.0%

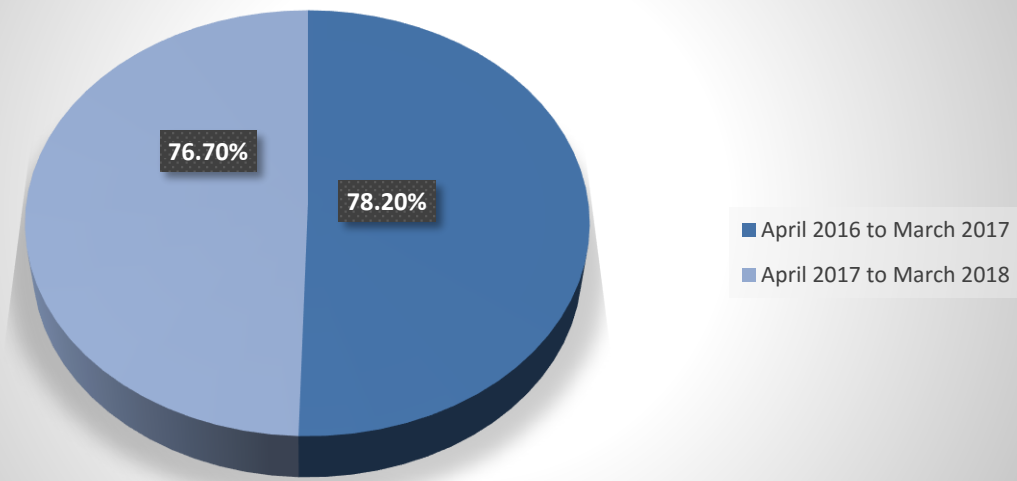
Road Safety & Road Crime

	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Victims	% Change
36 Dangerous driving	66	64		3.1%
37 Speeding	1,911	1,976		-3.3%
38 Disqualified driving	45	42		7.1%
39 Driving Licence	176	238		-26.1%
40 Insurance	410	448		-8.5%
41 Seat Belts	20	43		-53.5%
42 Mobile Phone	15	65		-76.9%

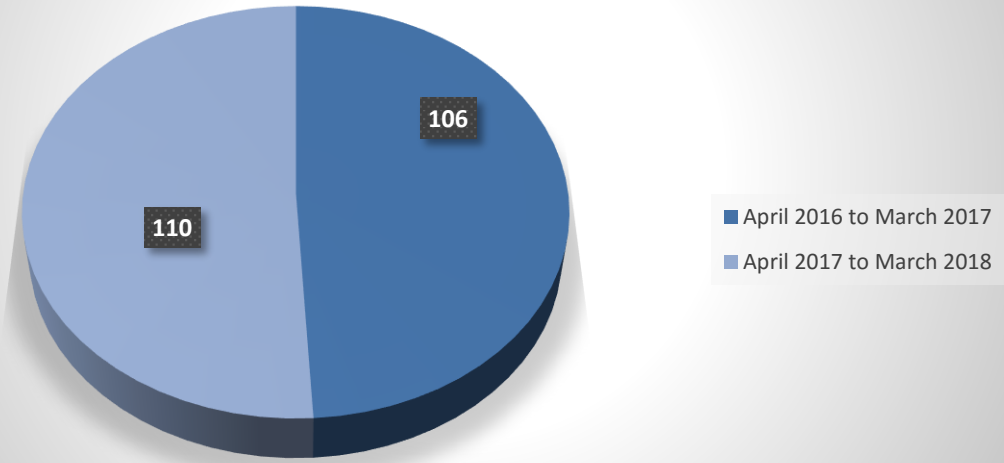
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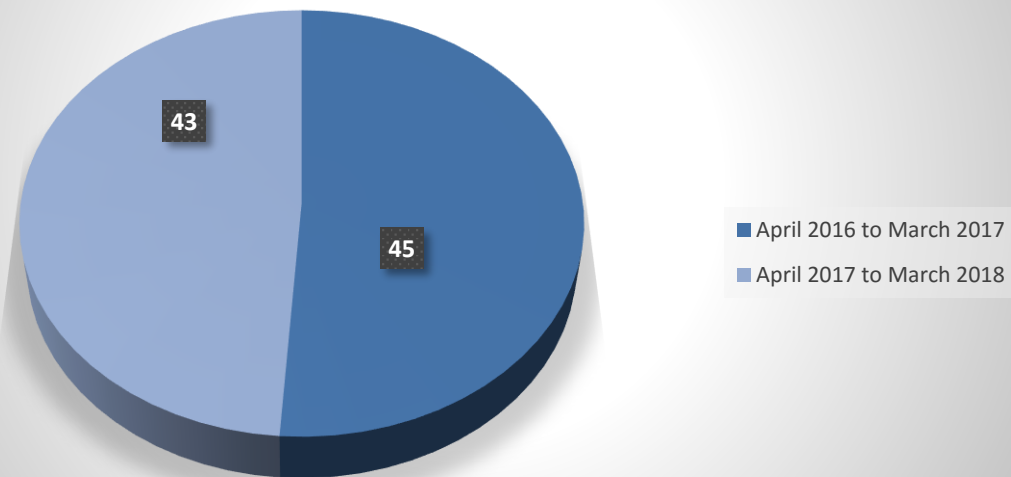
Theft Shoplifting Detection Rate



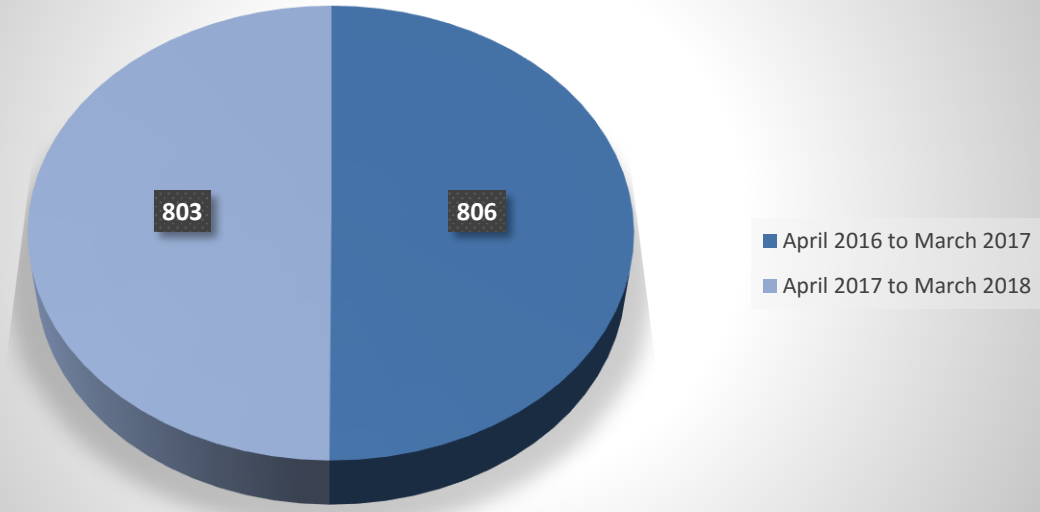
Total number of Group 1 Crimes and Crimes of Violence



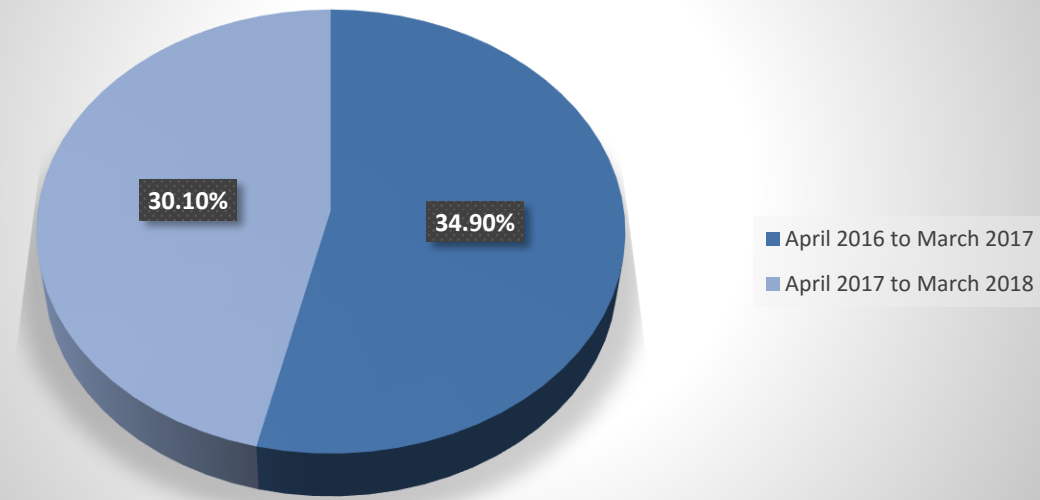
Number of detections for Drug Supply, Production and Cultivation



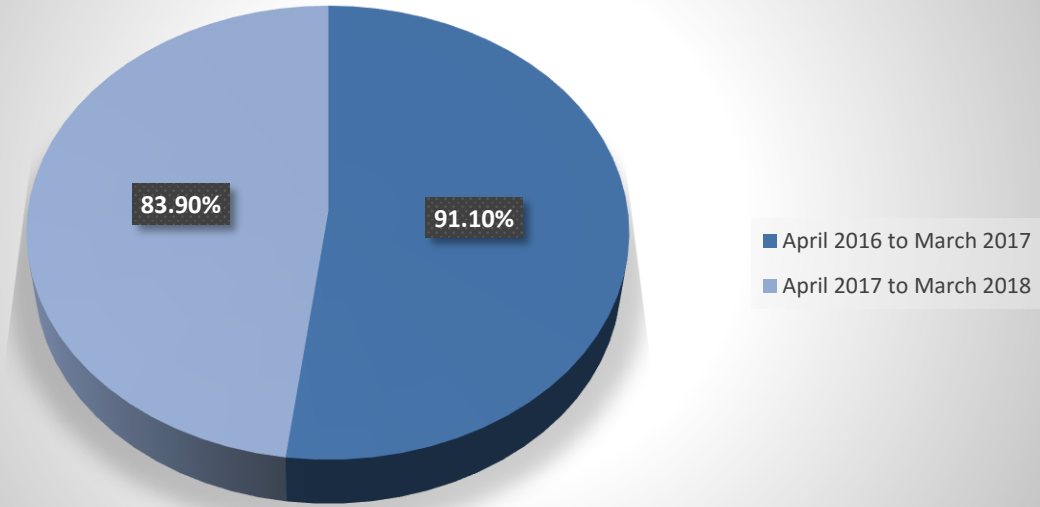
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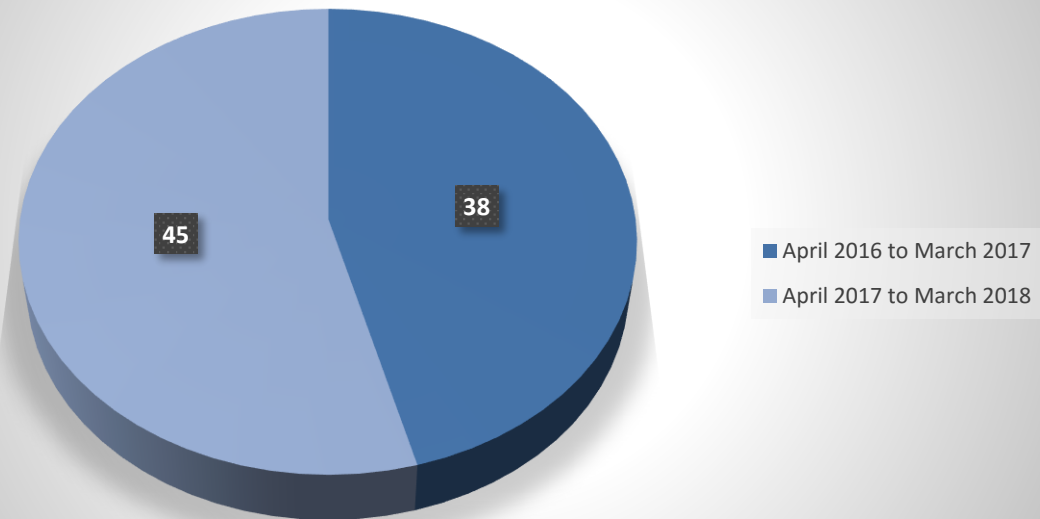
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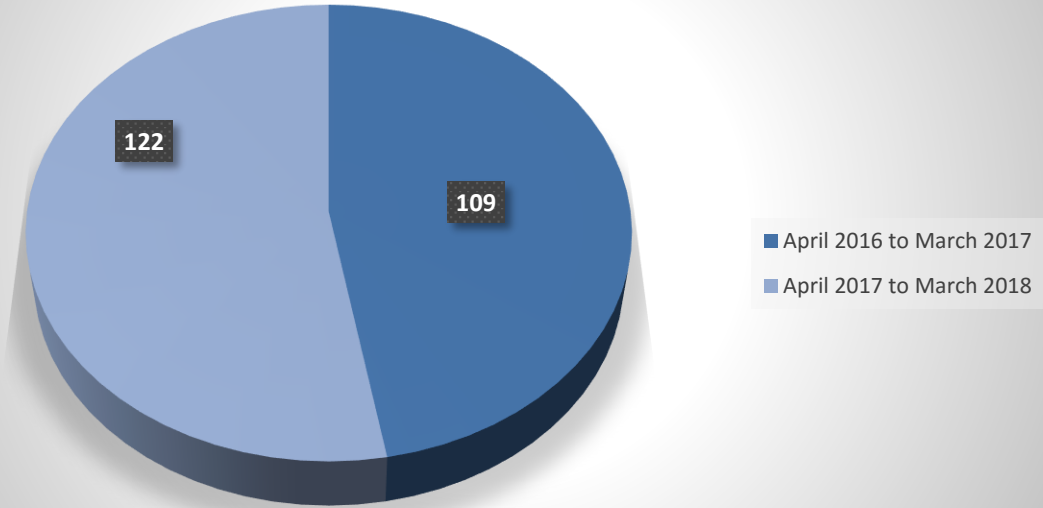
Hate Crime and Offences detection rate



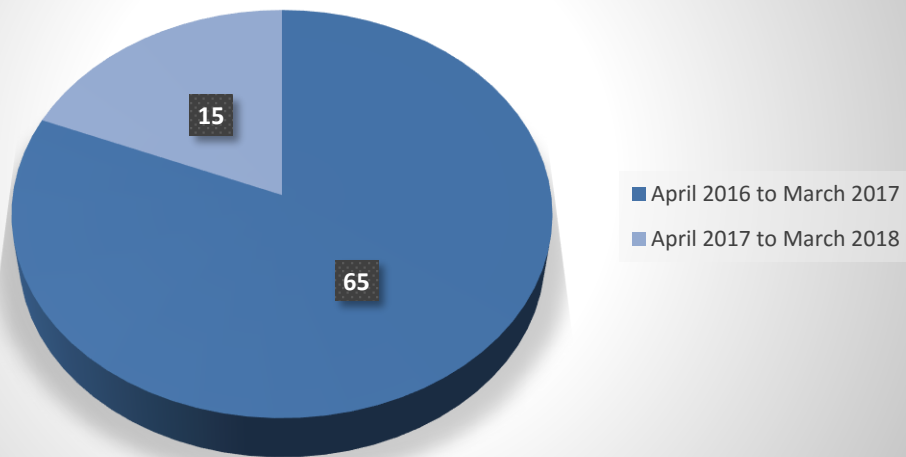
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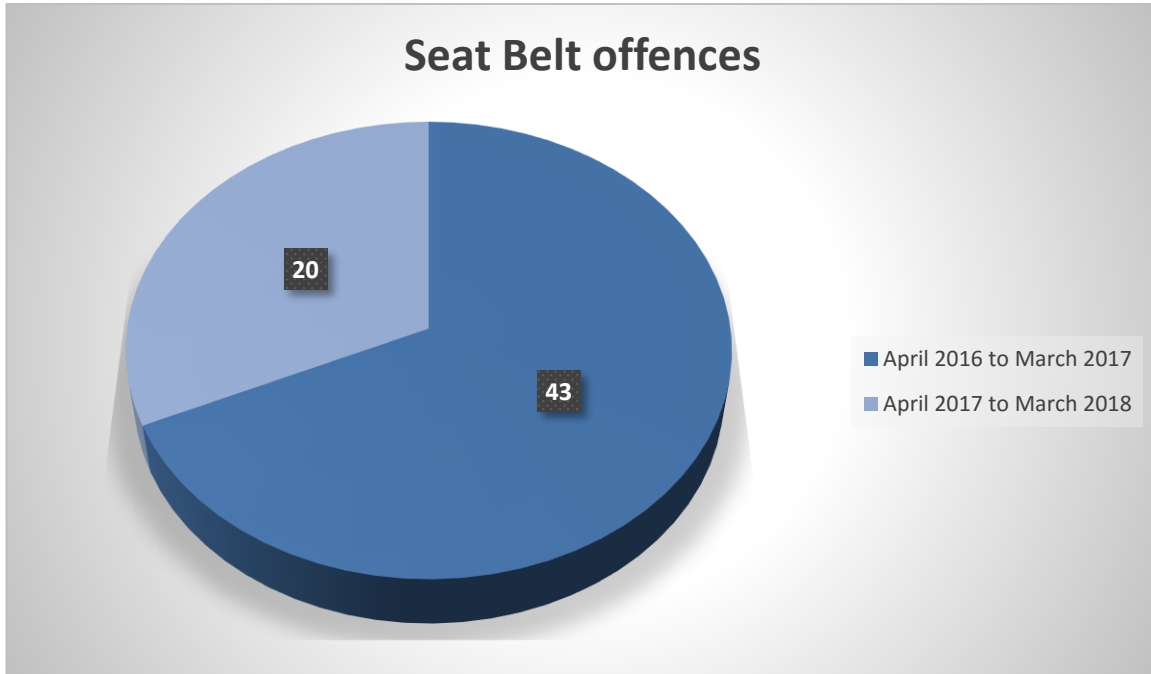


RTC People Slightly Injured



Mobile Phone offences





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