



ANGUS COUNCIL

Scrutiny and Audit Committee

Report by Chief Superintendent Andrew Todd
(Quarter ending 31st March 2019)



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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 2018 to 31st March 2019.

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

Police Scotland continue to work in partnership with Angus Violence Against Women Partnership (AVAWP) who continue to implement and raise awareness of Equally safe and the Safe Together Model. This is positive work which sits alongside preventative perpetrator programmes delivered locally by Criminal Justice Social Work staff.

The overall number of reported domestic incidents has fallen by 9.1% and the overall number of reported domestic crimes has reduced by 26.1% from 875 crimes to 647 crimes for this reporting period. These reductions are positive but the overall level still represents a considerable future challenge for Police Scotland and partners

Police Scotland continue to conduct a significant amount of preventative and pro-active activity in relation to domestic abuse; supporting victims and targeting perpetrators.

From 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019; 32 individuals have been arrested and reported for Domestic Bail Offences compared with 52 for the previous year. This is a reduction of 38.5 %.

The overall number of crimes of indecency has increased from 327 to 364 for this period. This is an increase of 11.3 %.

This is a complex area of policing that carries significant risk. During the reporting period the number of rapes (and attempts) in Angus have fallen while sexual assaults have risen. This is reflected in the overall increase.

Angus receives considerable support from a variety of local, divisional and nationally based Detective officers to support this agenda.

There has been a slightly higher proportion of historical crimes reported in Angus (30%) which has also contributed to a drop in detection rates.

Overall crimes of dishonesty for this period have fallen in Angus from 1389 incidents to 1187 incidents, a reduction of 14.5 %.

Reports of dwelling houses being broken into for the period remains relatively low at a total of 77 incidents for reporting period, this is comparable to the previous year.

There were reductions in break-ins to other premises which resulted in an overall reduction of Theft by Housebreaking of 20.4%; from 201 reported incidents to 160 for this reporting period. During the last quarter a number of local individuals were arrested and remanded in custody for crimes of this type.

Proactive and preventative patrols continue throughout Angus. During the reporting period in our rural areas (out with the seven main towns) there were 63 recorded crimes with 5 related to Hare coursing and Hunting with Dogs. Rural Angus remains one of the safest places to live. This is not something Police Scotland takes lightly and officers continue to support a variety of prevention activities.

Protecting Victims

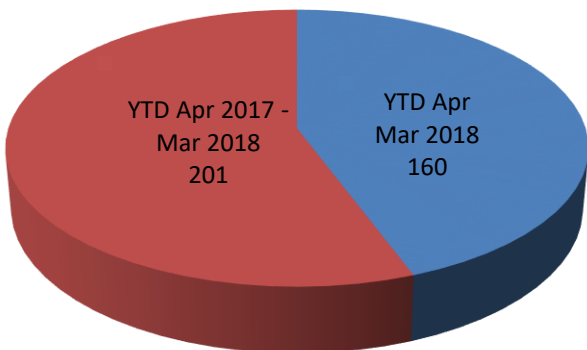
		5 year average	Apr 2018- Mar 2019	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	% Change from last
13	Number of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police		1,036	1,140	-9.1%
14	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents		647	875	-26.1%
15	Percentage of Domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded		43.4%	51.2%	-7.8%
16	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents detection rate		61.1%	66.1%	-5.0%
17	Total detections for Domestic Bail offences		32	52	-38.5%
18	95% of initial Domestic Abuse Bail Checks are conducted within 24hrs		88.9%	-	-
33	Number of Group 2: Crimes of Indecency		364	327	11.3%
34	Group 2 crimes detection rate		56.6%	58.7%	-2.1%
35	Rape detection rate		30.5%	68.2%	-37.7%

Housebreaking and Theft by Shoplifting

		5 year average	Apr 2018- Mar 2019	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	% Change from last year
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate		25.6%	22.4%	3.2%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)		160	201	-20.4%
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate		76.8%	76.6%	0.2%
29	Theft by shoplifting		284	444	-36.0%

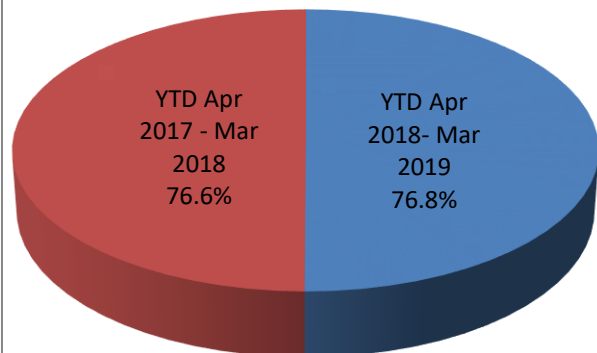
Theft by Housebreaking (including attempts)

■ YTD Apr 2018 - Mar 2019
 ■ YTD Apr 2017 - Mar 2018



Theft by Shoplifting Detection Rate

■ YTD Apr 2018 - Mar 2019
 ■ YTD Apr 2017 - Mar 2018



Tackling Crime and ASB

The overall number of reported crimes in Angus for the reporting period fell from 9352 to 8201. This is a reduction of 12.3 % and continues the year on year reduction. This is 1151 less victims of crime in the communities of Angus.

The overall number of violent crimes reduced from 1333 to 1308 for the reporting period which is a decrease of 1.9 %.

Within the overall reduction there have been some specific increases in certain violent crime types. The overall number of group 1, serious violent crime shows an increase of 8.4 %, from 107 incidents previously to 116 incidents for this reporting period.

There has been an increase in Serious Assaults from 61 recorded crimes to 70. The detection rate for these crime types is 87.1 % which is an improvement on last year's figure by 3.5%.

There has been an overall reduction in Petty Assaults from 1246 incidents to 1212 with an increase in detection rates to 74.5%. For this reporting period there has been a slight reduction in emergency service workers being assaulted from 87 to 84 crimes.

The majority of violence occurring within Angus remains indoors and within private space. It is also in excess of comparable or neighbouring local authority areas.

Focused activity on robberies and those responsible for perpetrating such crimes remains successful; with the overall number of robberies remaining low at 23 reported crimes.

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 the last quarter £9217.50 of controlled drugs were recovered in Angus. This is approximately 57% heroin, 30% cannabis and 13% cocaine.

The total amount of drugs recovered for the year was £54318.50 with 38 persons being arrested for being Concerned in the Supply of Controlled Drugs and another 260 being reported for being in possession of drugs. These statistics represent an increase in focused intelligence lead activity.

The number of complaints of disorder have decreased by 6.2 % over the reporting period with underlying number remaining high at 4447. Positively the number of vandalisms has reduced by 12 % from 800 incidents to 704.

The position above needs to be considered alongside highest ever level of recorded Anti-Social Behaviour in Angus with around 6500 incidents for the year. It is notable that neighbourhood disputes have risen in every locality with the effects being felt most in Arbroath.

Over the last year, Inspector Gary Aitken has lead a Youth Disorder & Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) plan. All officers have contributed to this and on occasion days of action have been supported by divisional and national assets.

In Arbroath, community officer resources have been bolstered and an officer is dedicated to working between Arbroath Academy, Arbroath High School and Ladyloan Primary School.

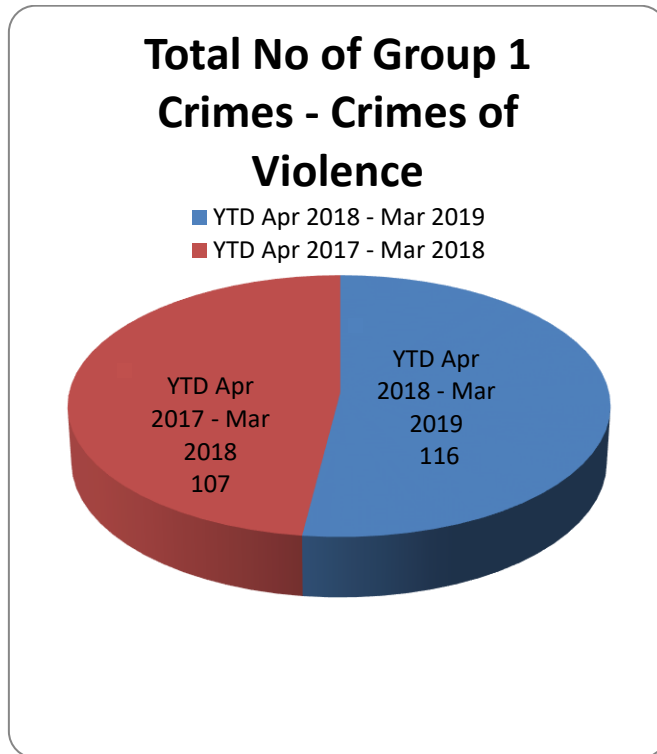
Work elsewhere continues to be supported by a dedicated Looked After Children Officer.

This collective work is positive and has been well received and helped stabilise a spike in youth related disorder and ASB in Arbroath. It is important to recognise that these aspects only form part of the overall Community Safety and ASB picture in Angus.

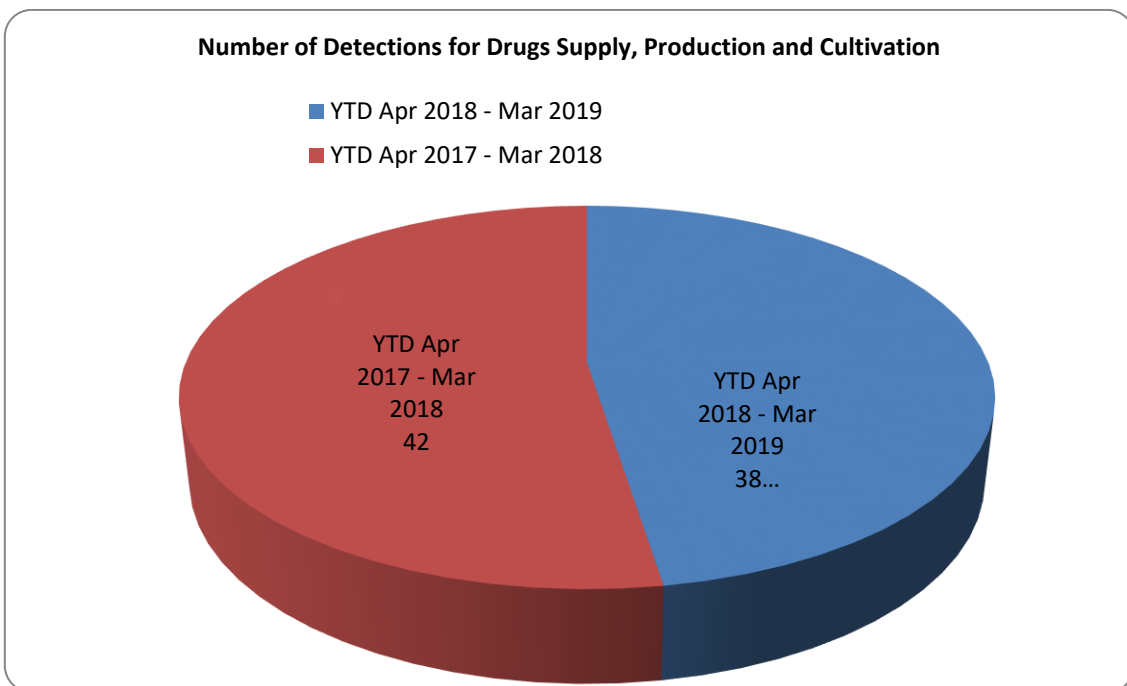
The following information relates to the number of times a member of the public called the police on a particular issue. Public Nuisance - 1461, Drug Misuse - 405, Disturbance - 1022, Abandoned Vehicles - 333, Noise - 1152, Neighbourhood disputes - 492, Communications Offences - 399.

This underlying level of activity will prove a challenge for the communities, partners and Police Scotland in the absence of previous formal structures.

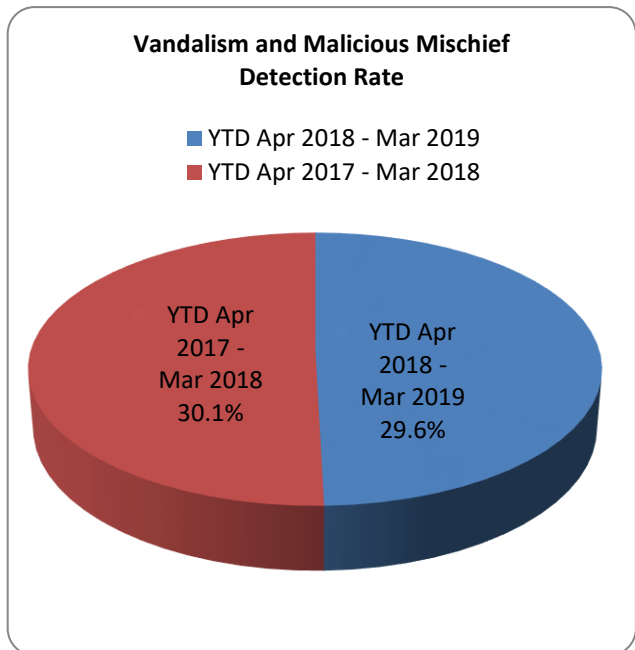
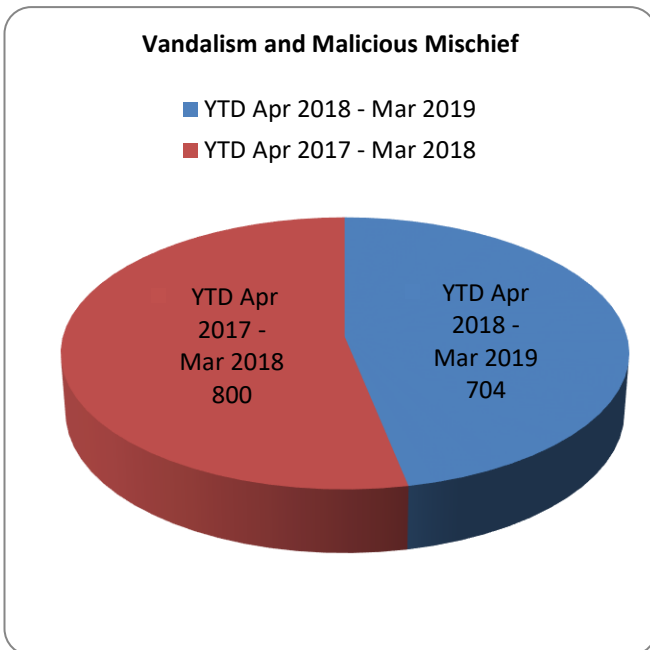
Crimes of Violence					
		5 year average	Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2017 – Mar 2018	% change from last year
1	Total Number Group 1: Crimes of Violence		116	107	8.4%
2	Murder		1	0	-
3	Attempted Murder		2	2	0.0%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)		0	0	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)		1	1	0.0%
6	Serious Assault detection rate		87.1%	83.6%	3.5%
7	Serious Assault		70	61	14.8%
8	Robbery detection rate		43.5%	69.6%	-26.1%
9	Robbery		23	23	0.0%
10	Petty (Common) Assault detection rate		74.5%	71.4%	3.1%
11	Petty (common) Assault		1,212	1,246	-2.7%



Drugs Supply					
		5 year average	Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2017 – Mar 2018	% change from last year
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, production, cultivation.		38	42	-9.5%



Antisocial Behaviour					
		5 year average	Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2017 – Mar 2018	% Change from last year
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	-	4,447	4,741	-6.2%
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate		29.6%	30.1%	-0.5%
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief		704	800	-12.0%
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	-	0	4	-100.0%



Protecting Vulnerable People

Officers continue to conduct welfare and reassurance checks with victims of crime within a recognised safety plan. This work is actioned on a daily basis. This can at times be resource intensive but is part of an effective crime reduction and support programme.

Throughout the reporting period officers dealt with 135 reports of missing persons. Some of these incidents involved full enquiry teams and represented a considerable commitment. At the conclusion of most missing person enquiries officers conduct return interviews with a view to providing further support and signposting where appropriate.

Dealing with vulnerable persons and individuals who require health care represents considerable unseen activity for officers. The Divisional Partnership Hub is currently working with partners to identify suitable pathways with a view to reducing risk and demand.

Over the reporting period last quarter, there was no increase in reported hate crime compared to the previous period. Hate crimes can cover a wide range of incidents including verbal comments. Overall incidents remain low with a detection rate of 81 %.

Over the reporting period there were 75 reported Hate crimes compared to 86 for the previous period. These crimes have a detection rate of 79.5% which is an increase of 4.2%.

There were 28 recorded reports of racially aggravated conduct compared to 35 for the same period last year. These crime types have a detection rate of 100%.

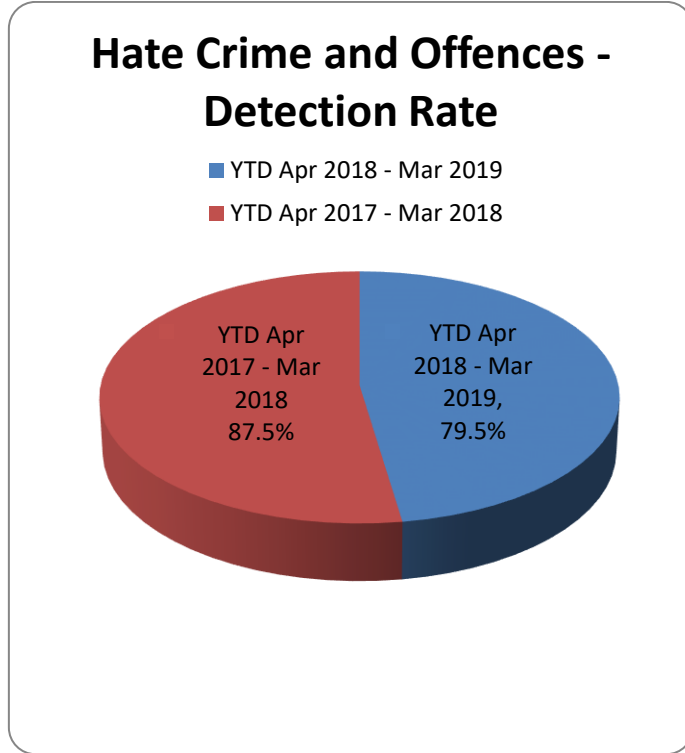
The majority of the Hate crimes recorded relate to the night time economy, drunkenness and individuals being verbally abused. Analysis shows there is no particular trend in this area with no specific repeat victims.

Angus Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) continue to support the community with considerable volunteering hours. The deployed to Operation Monarda (Doorstep crime) and operation After Dark. In addition to this they supported in excess of another 30 events in the community locally and nationally.

Importantly PSYV deliver impactive sessions within schools on internet and community safety. These will continue while the Safe Angus Programme is evaluated.

With partners Community Officers continue to deliver the valuable Choices for Life Programme in Angus Community Schools.

Hate Crime					
		5 year average	Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2017 – Mar 2018	% change from last year
19	Hate crime and offences detection rate		79.5%	87.5%	-8.0%



Maintaining Public Safety

Angus officers continue to work with partners, colleagues from the Divisional Road Policing Unit (DRPU) and the Trunk Road Policing Group (TRPG) to tackle road safety and associated crime.

Over the last year there has been considerable emphasis placed on both education and enforcement programmes. Although the statistics represent the last year, they should be considered of the ongoing casualty reduction programme within Angus, Tayside and Scotland involving a variety of partners.

There were two persons killed on our roads which is an 80% reduction on last year's figure of 10.

35 persons were seriously injured on our roads, reduced from 44 and a reduction of 20.5 %.

No children were killed on the roads last year which is welcome. With only 3 being injured for the reporting period. There have been none seriously injured during the last 6 months.

Persons slightly injured has reduced from 124 to 103 for this reporting period. This is a reduction of 16.9 %.

Officers will 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.

Local Community officers continue to engage with schools and the community, making use of the 'Pop Up Jim's' and 'Pop Up Bairns'. This facility assists with speed detection and education.

In partnership Police Scotland have acquired and distributed mind your speed wheelie bin stickers to most affected communities.

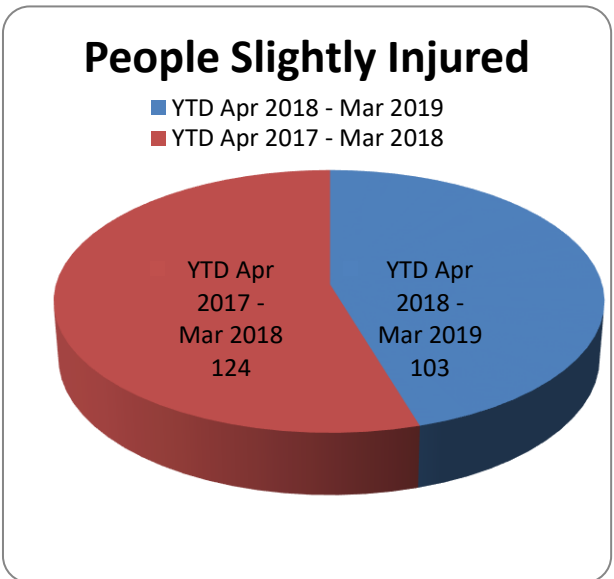
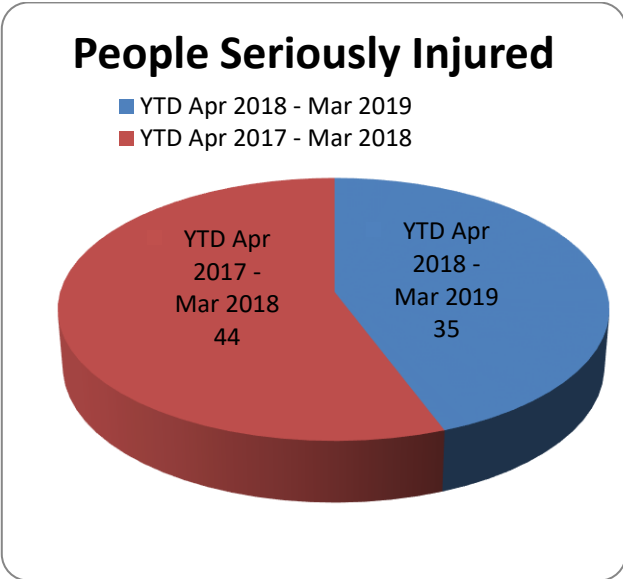
Road safety and tackling speeding vehicles is a key priority for Police Scotland. In Angus the key risk areas are our rural roads and communities. These areas are also key in casualty reduction and accident prevention. As part of a balance and legitimate intelligence lead approach more resources are deployed to activity in these areas. Statistics below highlight some of the overall Angus activity.

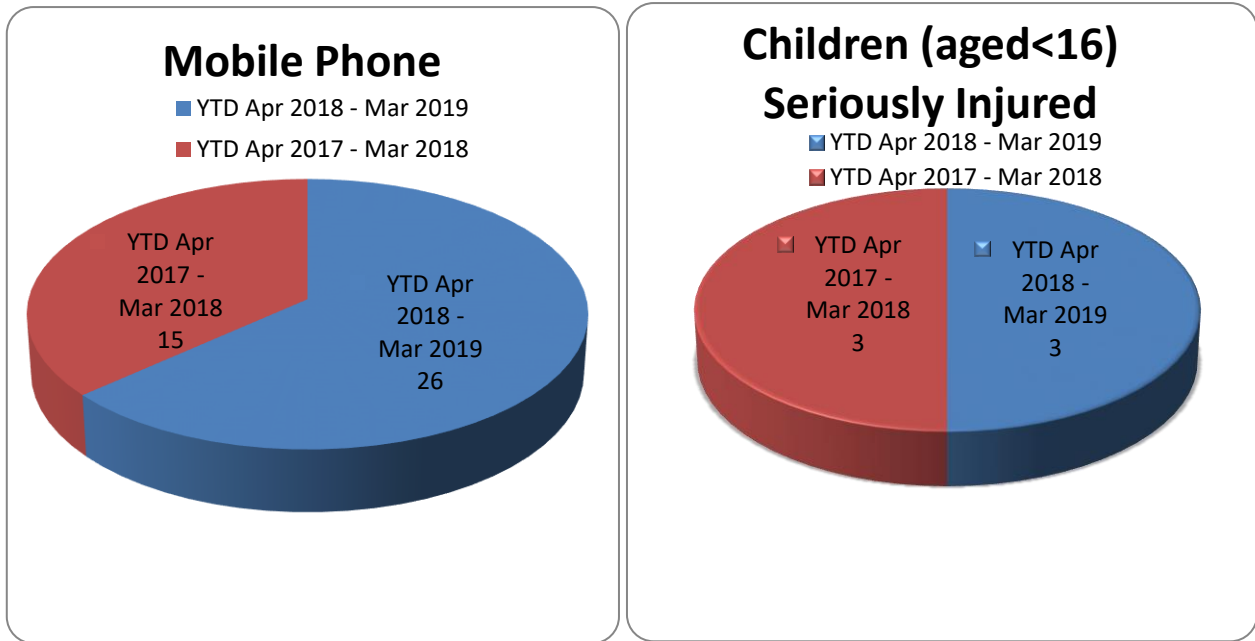
Officers have used Anti- Social Behaviour legislation to target irresponsible and inconsiderate driving. Officers will continue to deploy these tactics.

A rural road safety initiative involving pedestrians, cyclists and horses is planned for the coming months. This will receive media attention.

Road Safety

		5 year Average	Apr 2018– Mar 2019	Apr 2017– Mar 2018	% Change from last year
N/A	People Killed	-	2	10	-80.0%
N/A	People Seriously Injured	-	35	44	-20.5%
N/A	People Slightly Injured	-	103	124	-16.9%
N/A	Children (aged <16) Killed	-	0	0	-
N/A	Children (aged <16) Seriously Injured	-	3	3	%
36	Dangerous driving		86	67	28.4%
37	Speeding		1,136	1,919	-40.8%
38	Disqualified driving		38	46	-17.4%
39	Driving Licence		193	178	8.4%
40	Insurance		387	417	-7.2%
41	Seat Belts		52	20	160.0%
42	Mobile Phone		26	15	73.3%





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