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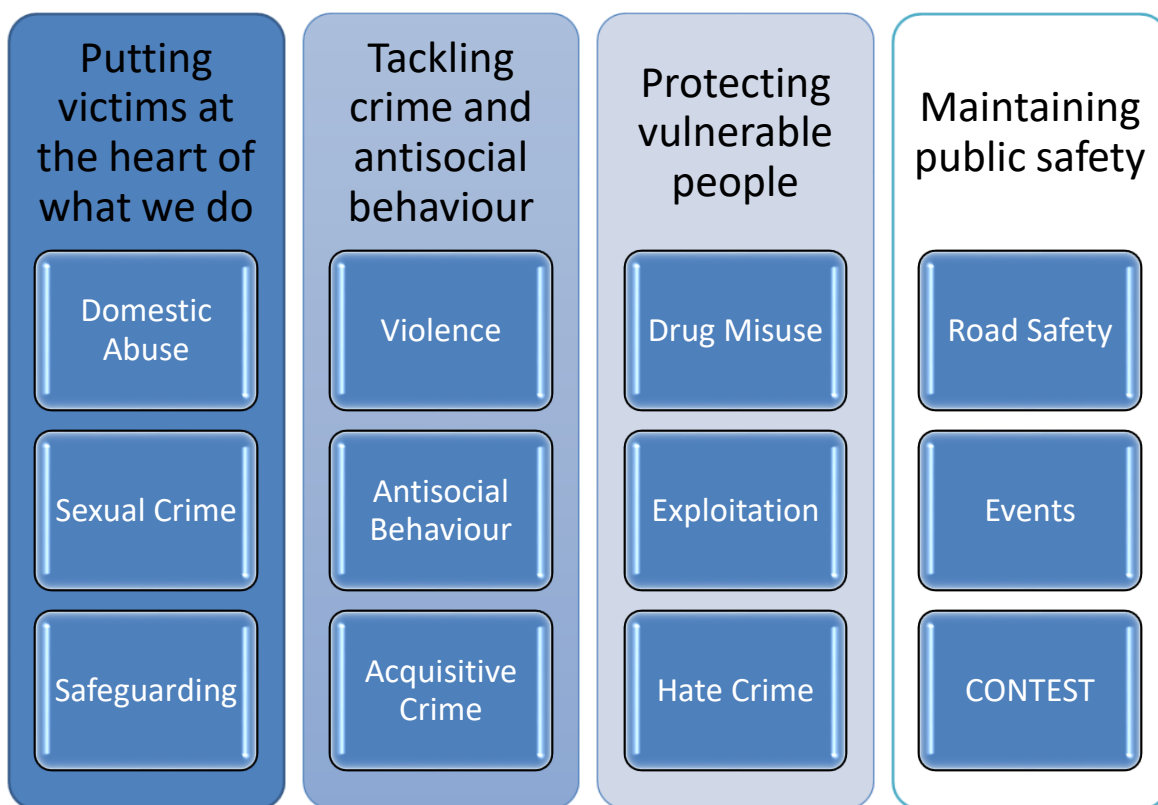
## Introduction and overview of Policing Objectives

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus Council and previously reported to Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

Performance in relation to the identified policing objectives and outcomes is monitored and reviewed at the monthly Tasking and Delivery Meeting. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018 and 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019.

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

This report will make reference to specific crimes mentioned underneath local outcomes, which we refer to as our control strategy.



The information contained within this document compliments Force Priorities and supports reporting through Community Planning Partnership structures.

## Putting victims at the heart of what we do

Having a victim centred approach allows us to consider the needs of victims at all times, working with partners to ensure the response is appropriate allows us to ensure support and preventative work takes place.

We continue to work and utilise specialist resources internally and externally and by ensuring our staff are trained we work hard to ensure our victims feel confident and supported in the service we provide.

### **Outcome 1 - Domestic Abuse**

Domestic Abuse Crime rates continue to fluctuate from -2.3% lower than the previous year in April to +11.8% higher than the previous year in June. This pattern is consistent across Scotland and no trends are apparent.

#### Activity

The Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, creating the offence of a person engaging in a coercive course of conduct. This has provided an opportunity to help victims in situations and relationships where abuse is hidden and not overtly physical. Given that this works alongside existing legislation it is anticipated reported crime rates may increase due to duplicate crimes being reported for the same incidents.

D Division undertook a review of MATAC, a multi-agency process targeting high tariff perpetrators. This was designed to ensure consistency was in place across the Division and Scotland, and highlights the successful disruption and enforcement work this process achieves.

#### Results

Following recent reviews at a national level, awareness raising has taken place amongst Police and partners about the Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme (DSDAS) which has been underused. This awareness raising has led to an increase in the number of authorised disclosures to potential victims of domestic abuse.

Officers across Angus have received training on the new Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 and have already utilised it to good effect with 18 perpetrators arrested and charged. The majority of these have been in the more populated areas of Arbroath, Forfar and Montrose.

Police in Angus have proactively sought remand or bail conditions and continue to enforce those robustly with visits to victims and perpetrators. This has helped contribute to 20 persons being apprehended this quarter for breaching bail conditions set by courts not to approach or contact a domestic victim.

Departments such as the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and Domestic Abuse Task Force support Angus and currently have 7 perpetrators across the county, subject to ongoing MATAC packages.

#### Challenges

Domestic Abuse investigation is a priority area and resources are continually being committed to the swift apprehension of perpetrators to maximise the safety of victims and children involved. This commitment does not stop at the point of arrest, but continues to welfare visits and bail checks.

## Outcome 2 – Sexual Crime

Group 2 includes other sexual offences, such on online crime and non-recent abuse.

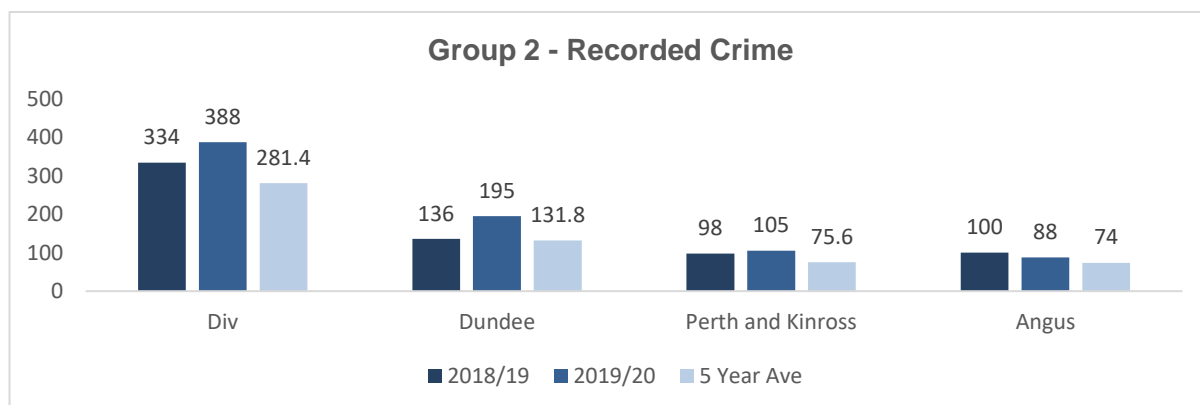
During the first quarter of 2019/20, volumes of Group 2 crime overall has decreased (13%) in the Angus area compared to the same period last year. Detection rates for rapes and sexual assaults have increased considerably, contributing to an overall detection rate of 50% - slightly below both the equivalent period last year and the historical first quarter averages. There is no discernible pattern of sexual offending, however the majority originates from situations where the victim and offender are known to one another and substance use is often a factor.

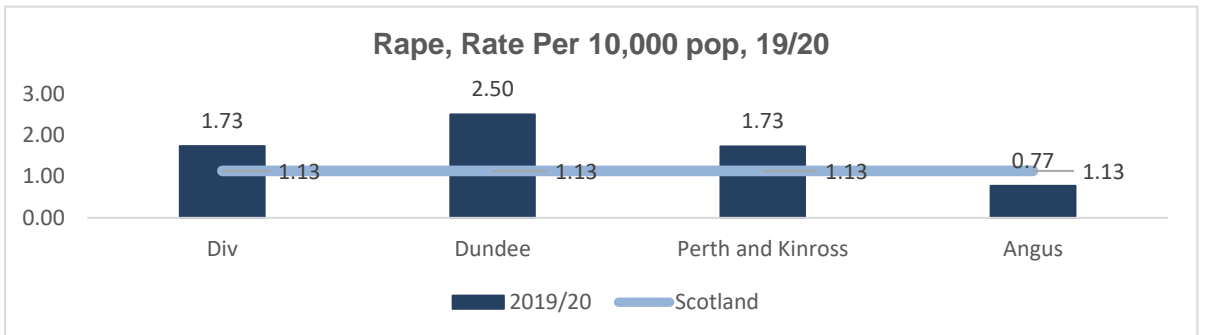
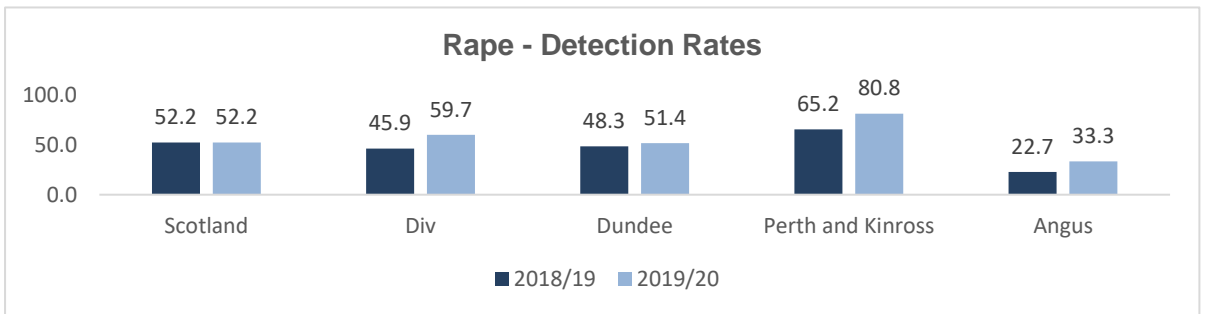
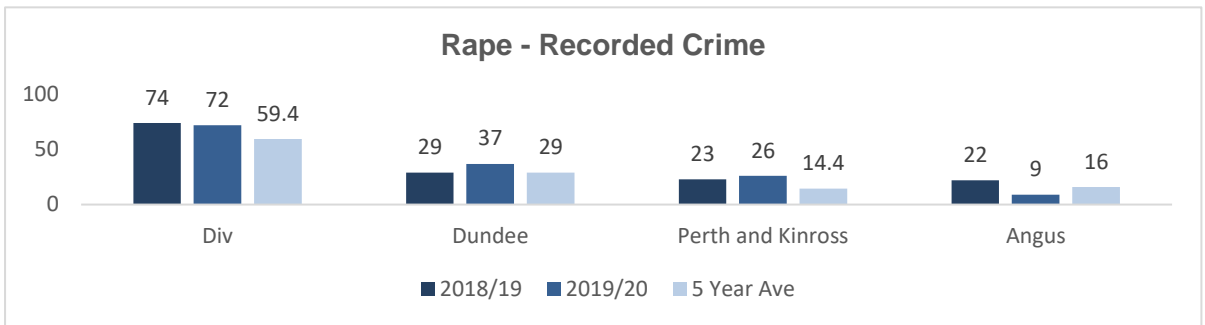
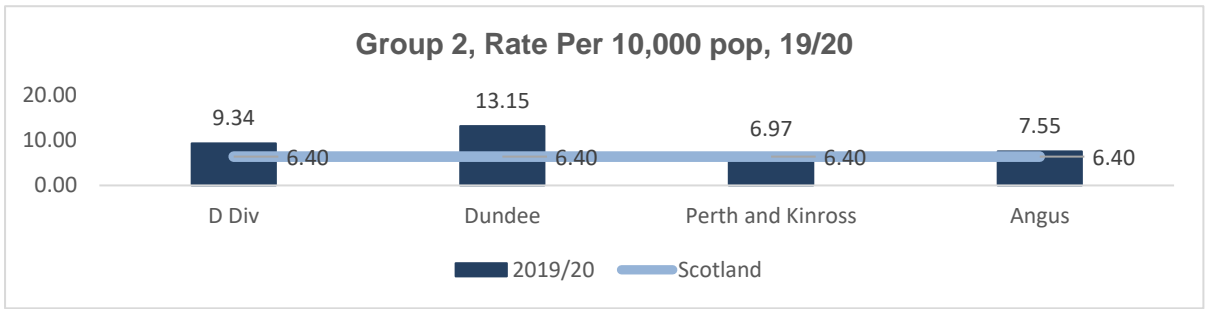
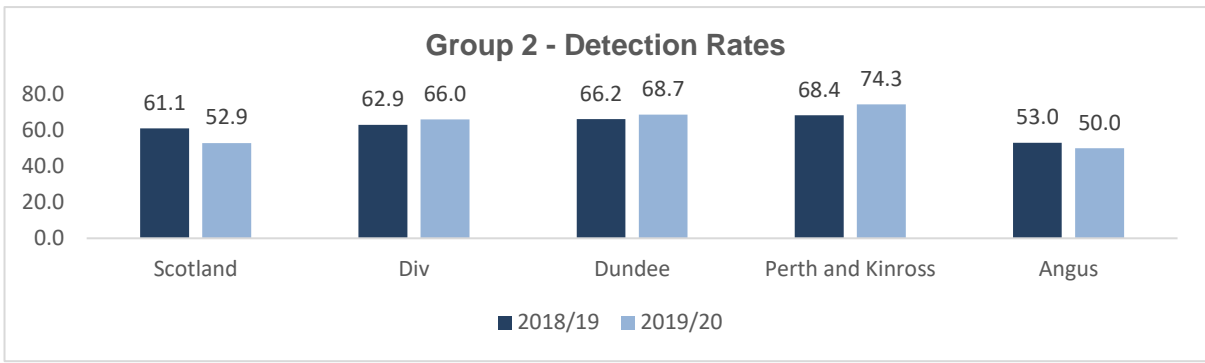
### Activity

On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, a new Forensic Examination Suite was opened in Dundee, catering for adult victims of sexual crime across Tayside. This creates a one-stop shop for forensic examination and support and contains an anonymous referral option where victims are not ready to speak to the Police. This is one of the few anonymous pathways in Scotland. Services for child victims are provided at existing co-located centres.

### Challenges

It is of note that Angus has high reporting rates for non-recent crime, those which occurred more than a year prior to reporting. Non-recent rapes are 45% of those reported and overall Group 2 crime sits at 38% in June 2019. These crimes are traditionally more difficult to detect with the lack of witnesses and forensic evidence two contributory factors. The Division have reacted by creating a non-recent sexual crime team to improve the standards of investigation and create resilience in this area of business. This team will commence in quarter 2 of 2019/20.





### **Outcome 3 – Safeguarding**

This is an area that continues to grow across Scotland and is a hugely diverse area involving missing persons, concern calls, vulnerability, adult and child protection.

#### **Activity**

Angus currently have two main residential units for looked after children – Rossie Young People’s Trust in Montrose, and Brambles Cottages in Arbroath. Both residences work with Angus LPA’s Looked After Child Officer, to help safeguard their young residents.

In the first quarter, Police dealt with 164 missing person incidents in Angus ranging from all over the county. This is up 3.7% from the same period last year. Often these incidents are resolved quickly and do not require an intensive Missing Person Enquiry.

Angus officers also dealt with 588 concern calls which is an increase of 10.3%. These are wide ranging in nature, age/gender demographic and geography within the county.

In the area of Adult Protection, Local Community Policing Teams continue to support the highly effective FAST Referral system (Financial Abuse Support Team), in conjunction with Angus Council. The process aims to respond quickly to any reports of vulnerable people being scammed or bullied into giving or sending money to someone.

#### **Results**

Whilst there has been a slight increase in missing person incidents within Angus, it compares favourably within Tayside. The Missing Person Coordinator for Tayside Division reviews each missing person incident and progresses with internal and external partners to provide expert support.

Within the first quarter, Local Community Policing Teams such as Brechin and Montrose worked with Angus Council to carry out joint visits in relation to Anti Social Behaviour and visit vulnerable persons to provide advice. They also attend school initiatives such as Southesk Primary School, Montrose and Brechin Community Campus, providing essential safety advice in relation to social media use.

High profile operations such as Shut Out Scammers are supported by Local Policing Teams and financial harm initiatives with banks in Angus have helped raise awareness. Banks instigated a small number of Banking Protocol incidents, contacting Police when a vulnerable person tried to transfer or withdraw money for a fraudulent scheme.

#### **Challenges**

Mental Health is a resource intensive area in which Police in Angus are playing an increasing role, often as first responders. Whilst the implementation of the triage system with NHS Tayside has improved efficiency of dealing with persons in mental health crisis, the volume of incidents has been problematic, and is likely to continue. This is not just a local problem – solutions are being sought to cope with this increased demand at a national level.

## Tackling crime and antisocial behaviour

It is recognised that through early intervention and an early response we can prevent escalation and crime occurring and we work hard with partners to achieve this.

### Outcome 1 – Violence

Murder:

#### Activity

During quarter 1 there was a murder in Brechin. The incident was responded to by local officers and detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department. Ownership of this investigation was passed to the National Major Investigation Team who were supported by local officers. The circumstances leading to the death of Naomi SMITH have been reported to the Crown Office.

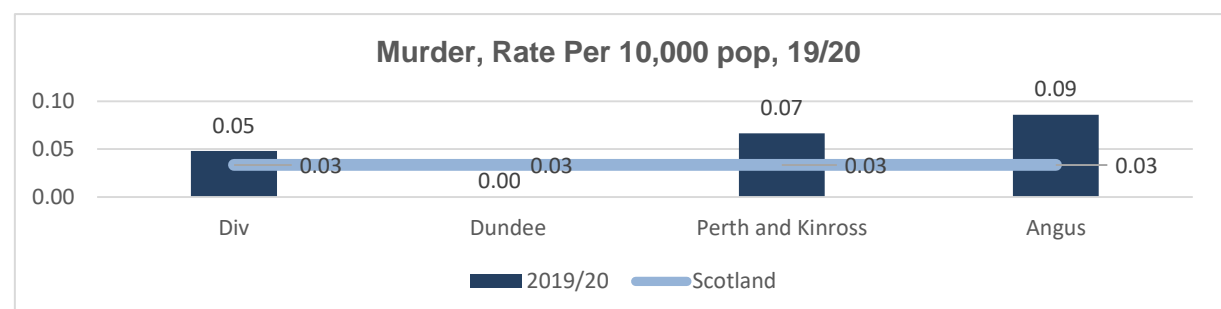
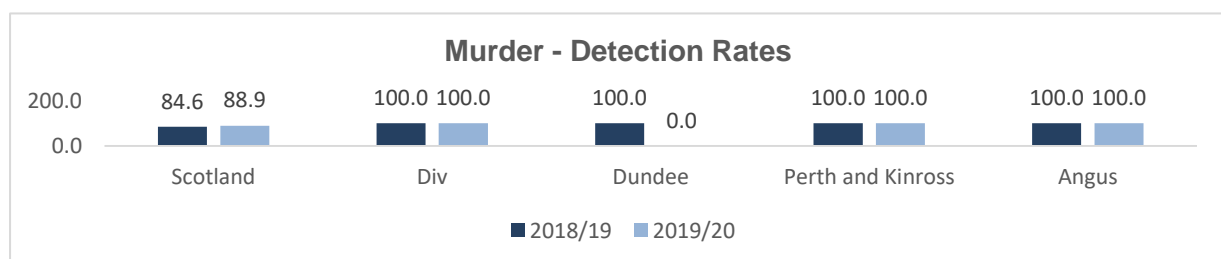
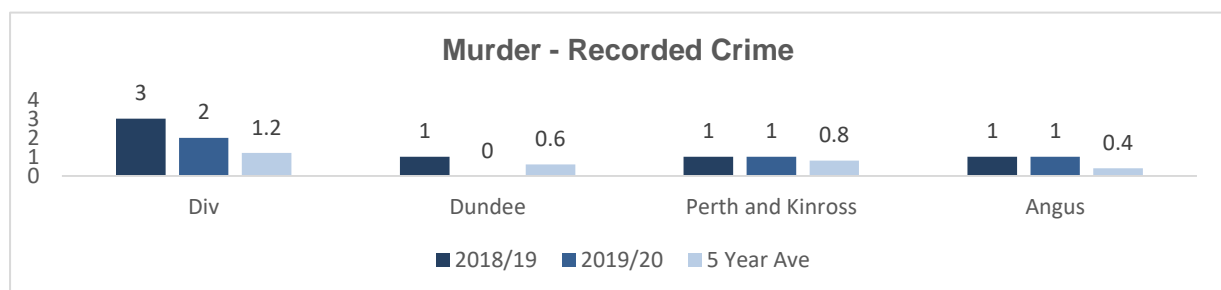
#### Results

A 23 year old man was charged with the Murder of Naomi SMITH and is remanded in custody awaiting trial.

#### Challenges

The demand on resources is significant for major crime. Whilst the investigation was undertaken by a national unit, Tayside Division were still required to provide detectives to assist.

Local officers from Angus assisted with CCTV and door to door enquiries along with crime scene protection. The division shared this burden across resources from the three Policing areas to ensure normal service was maintained in Angus.

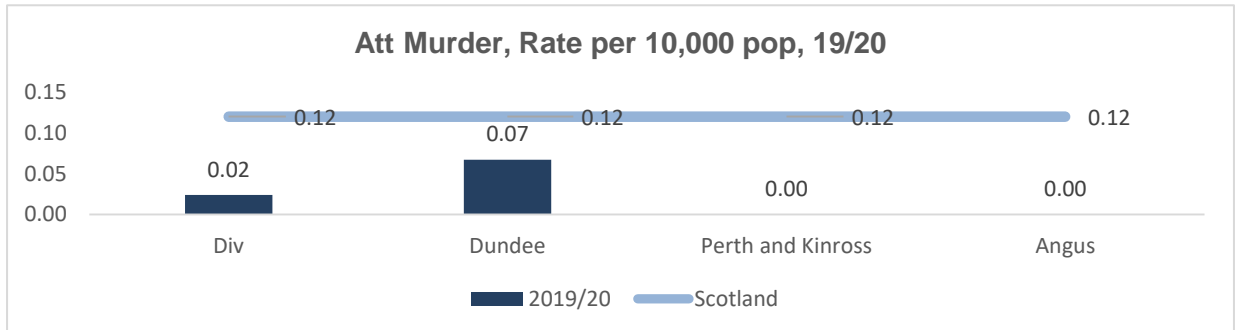
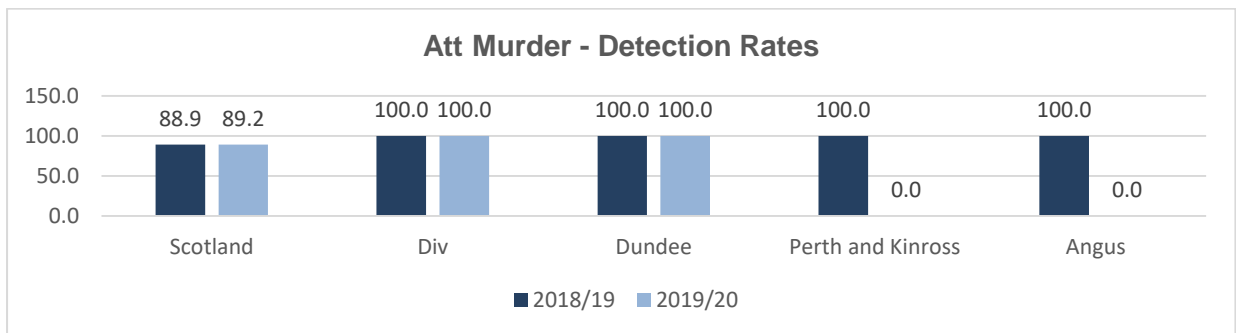
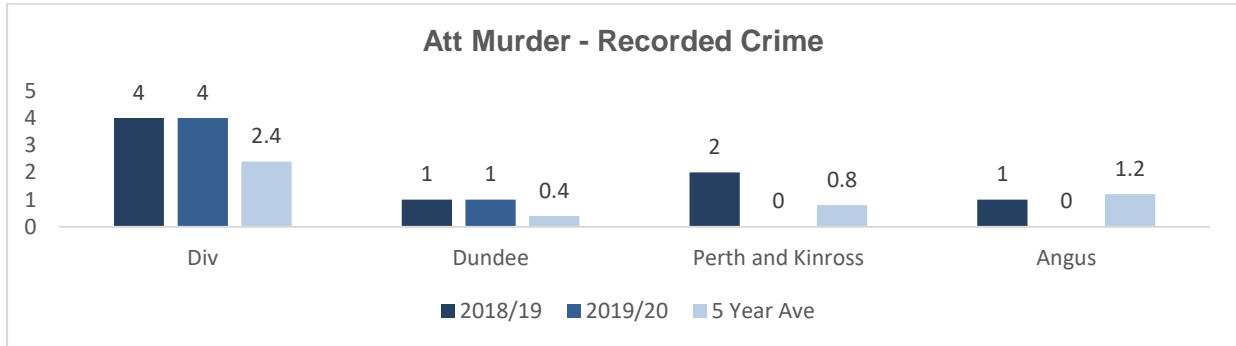




Attempted Murder:

Activity

There have been no attempted murders during this reporting period.



## Serious Assault:

### Activity

There has been a slight increase in the number of serious assaults during the reporting period in comparison to the year to date figures and the 5 year average. Over 50% of the serious assaults have involved the consumption of alcohol by the accused and the victim with the majority of these occurring within or near to licensed premises. Again in over 50% of the crimes recorded the accused and the victim were known to each other. Weapons feature in a number of crimes, ranging from knives and glasses to a pair of pliers. Serious assault as a result of domestic violence accounted for 4 of the crimes recorded during the period.

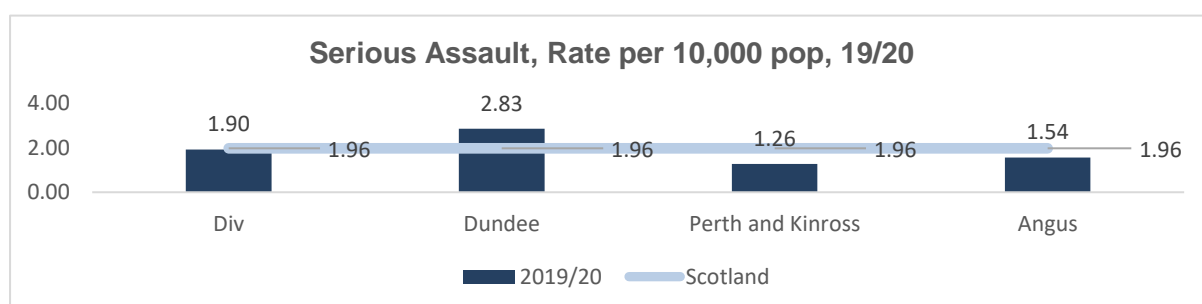
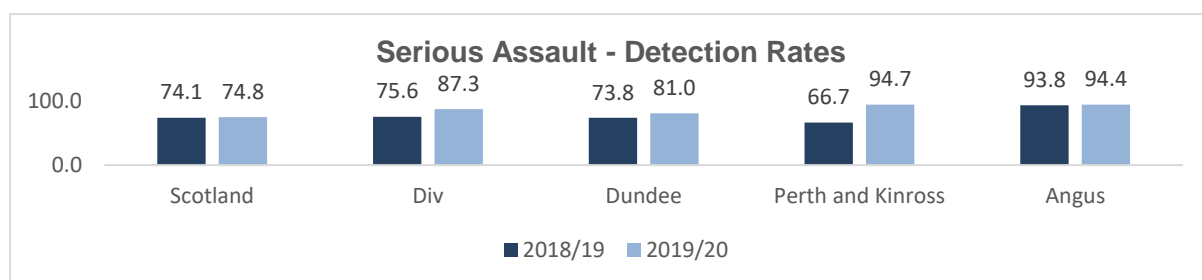
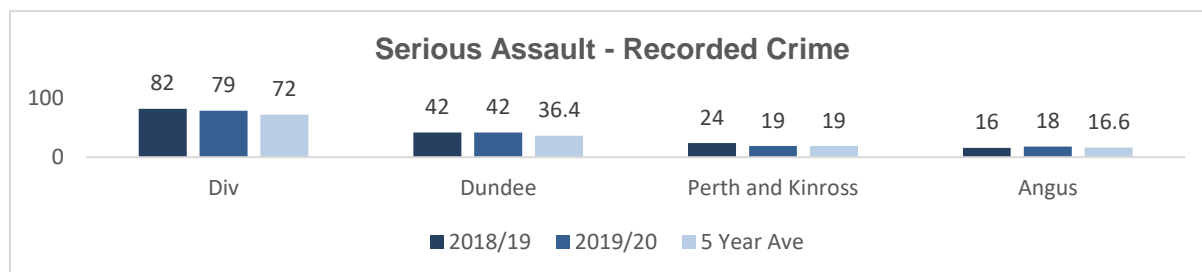
### Results

The detection rate remains above the national average and is steady in comparison to previous years.

### Challenges

Prevention of violence is a priority. As an organisation we know that alcohol can lead to violence and police the night time economy appropriately. Licensed premises are part of dedicated patrols at weekends, with officers tasked to visit premises and engage with staff, where issues have been highlighted previously. Unfortunately there are occasions where the issues could have been prevented if a more robust approach had been taken by licensees.

Domestic violence and serious domestic violence is far more difficult to predict and prevent. As highlighted above four of the serious assaults were in a domestic setting. Offenders are subject to monitoring by officers whilst awaiting trial, to ensure bail compliance and safety of the victims. Likewise victims are visited to provide reassurance and deter offenders from breaching bail conditions set by the court.



**Assaults:**

**Activity**

Focused patrols form part of a weekly tasking process to identify problem areas and put measures in place to prevent violence. There has been an increase in the number of petty assaults during the reporting period in comparison to the previous year.

The margins are such that single incidents can affect the figures significantly. This was demonstrated whereby persons residing in Brechin involved in criminality and anti-social behaviour were engaged in a feud, which led to a series of violent incidents between members of each of the groups.

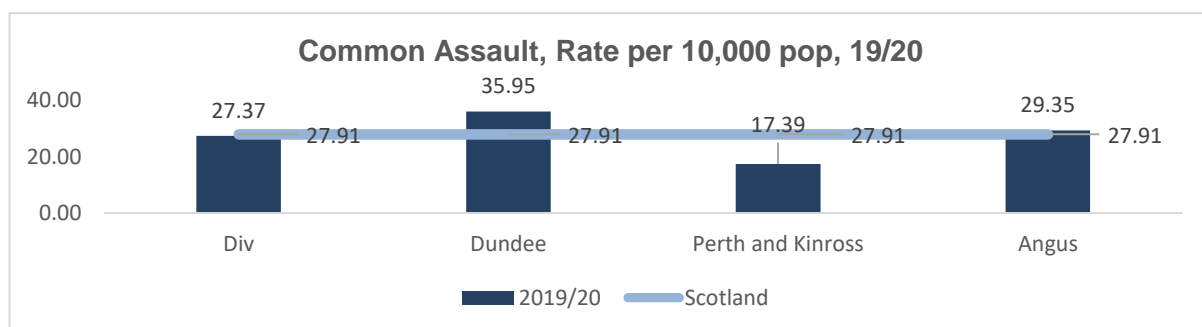
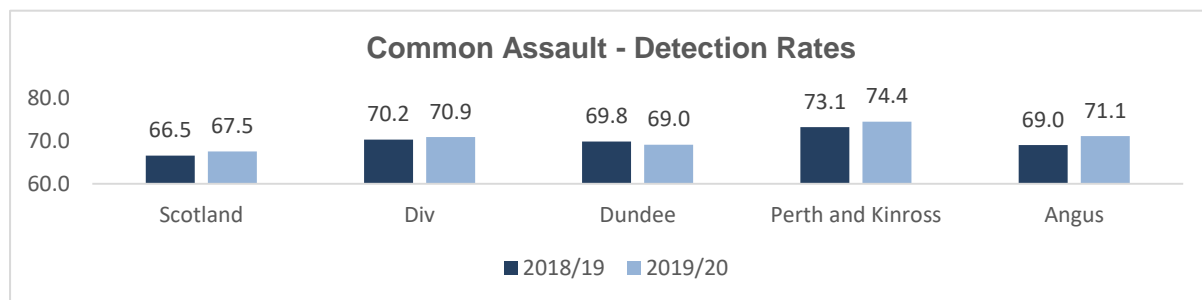
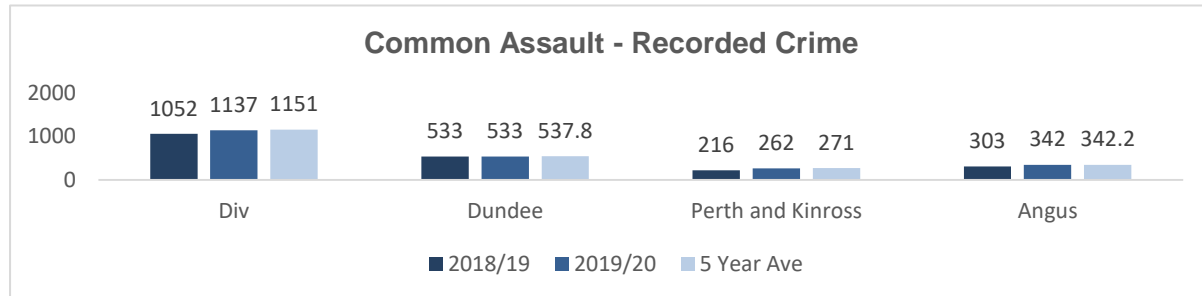
A robust action plan was compiled, Police presence and patrols in that area were increased, and those involved were targeted by local officers. Numerous offences were detected and those responsible were arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. All individuals were initially remanded in custody to await trial and those released were subject of strict bail conditions to minimise any detriment to the community and prevent any re-occurrence. Two persons remain in custody.

**Results**

The detection rate is up year to date and violence continues to be a focus for officers within Angus.

**Challenges**

Often persons involved in these type of incidents, which generate multiple crimes are unwilling to engage with Police. This hampers the evidence gathering process, which adversely affects the detection rate.



## Outcome 2 – Antisocial Behaviour

### Activity

There was a slight increase in the number of vandalism reported during the reporting period, year on year, but the figure still remains below the 5 year average.

The detection rate for crimes of vandalism has increased with a number of these crimes are linked to youth disorder and other incidents of anti-social behaviour.

A number of youth projects are on-going jointly between Police Scotland community officers and our partners in Education to divert those youths who may become involved in disorder and petty crime. Constable Paul Morgan continues to lead the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Scheme. During this reporting period, he worked closely, alongside local Community Officers, to raise awareness of the Mentors in Violence Prevention training to 5<sup>th</sup> year pupils at Forfar Academy. The training aims to change mind sets of young persons through appointing peer-leaders as role models. The training was well received by staff and pupils alike.

### Results

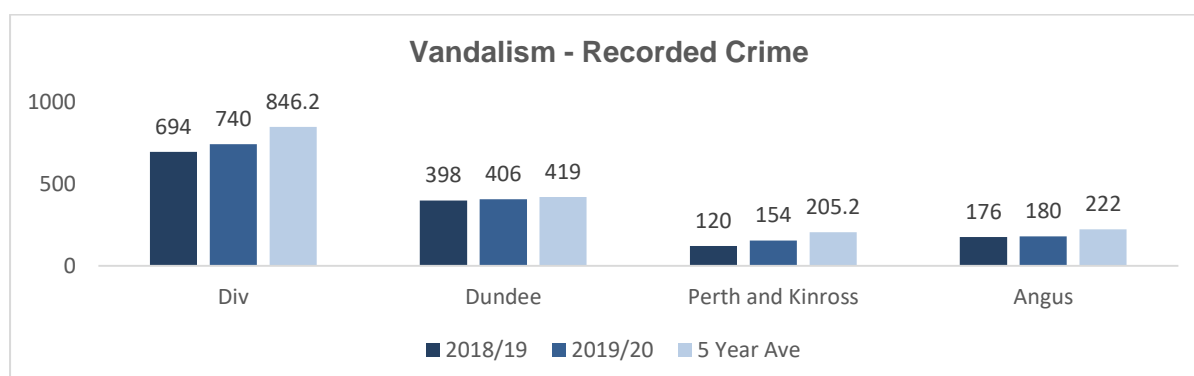
A particular series of vandalism in the Kirriemuir area during this reporting period was linked to youths-causing-annoyance calls, and was detected to two youths, both of whom were issued with Restorative Justice Warnings by an appropriately trained Community Officer. Police Scotland has trained every Community Officer to issue these warnings, which is a formal process to deal with minor youth offences.

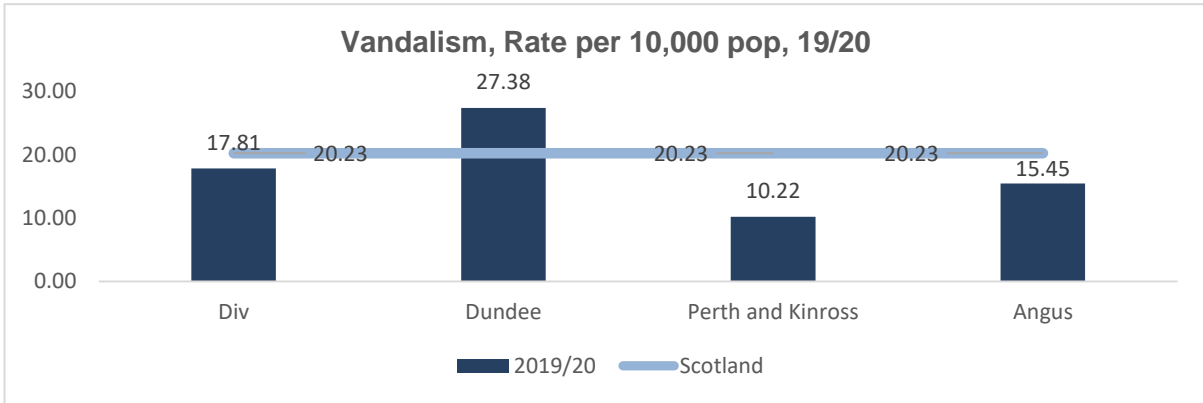
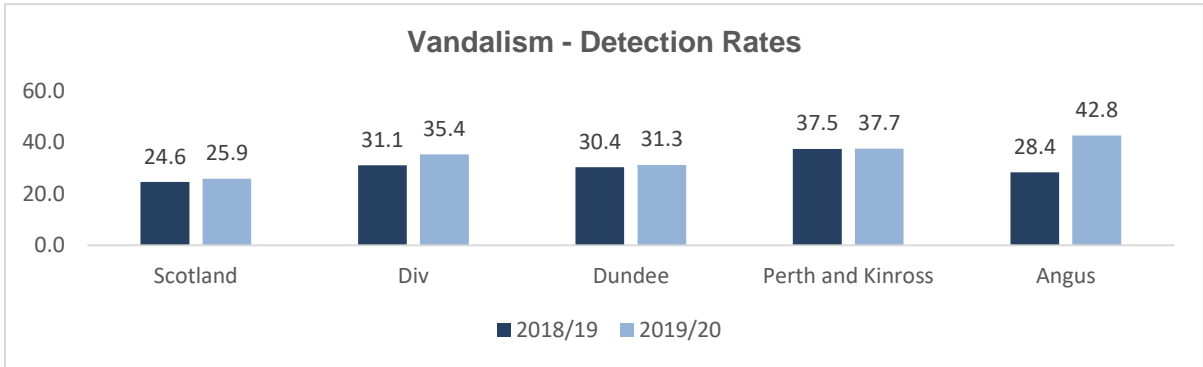
There was also an increase in relation to youths on roofs during the reporting period, which has been known to lead to structural damage, and thus constitutes vandalism. Of greater concern during several incidents on a roof in the town centre of Forfar, was the danger which those concerned were placing themselves in. Community officers acted swiftly, in conjunction with the property owners to have gates installed to prevent access. A number of youths were also conveyed home and their parents informed. CCTV operators continue to monitor likely premises, where possible.

Angus Community Officers continue to tackle adult Anti-Social Behaviour, including vehicle related offences. Operation Blinkers was a recent rural road safety campaign, utilising the assistance of the Mounted Branch, where eight drivers were warned for driving too close to the horses.

### Challenges

Securing funding for youth diversionary work and projects is an on-going challenge. Community Officers monitor funding opportunities and work collaboratively with partners and third sector to share resources and costs, where possible.

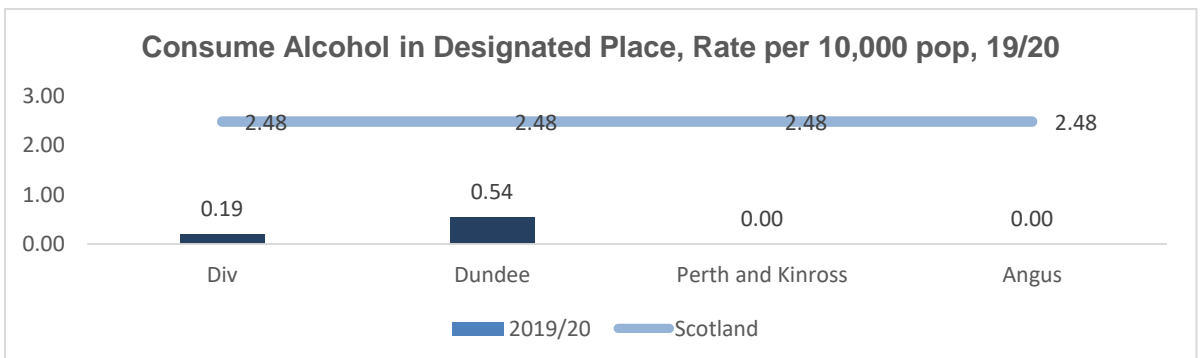
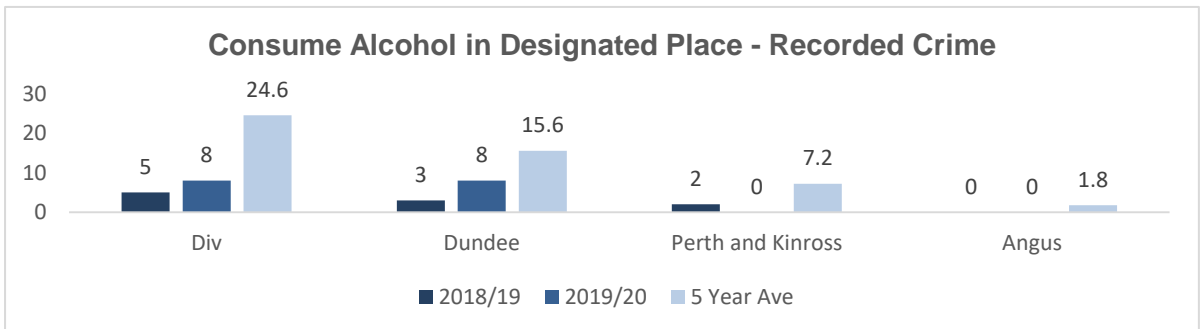




Consuming alcohol in a designated place (where byelaws exist):

#### Activity

There have been no offences detected in relation to consumption of alcohol in designated public places. Licensed premises are visited at weekends by both response and community officers.



### Outcome 3 – Acquisitive Crime

#### Robbery:

##### Activity

Eight robberies were reported during this recording period this is an increase on the year to date figures and the 5 year average. In all but one crime, the person(s) responsible were identified, another crime was a domestic situation and there was insufficient evidence to detect the crime. These crimes tend to be opportunist where persons have assaulted the victim and thereafter steal items of property such as wallets, cash or mobile phones.

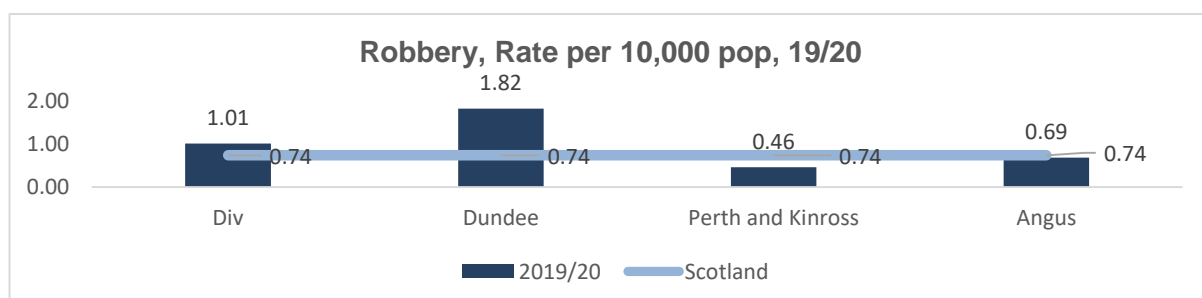
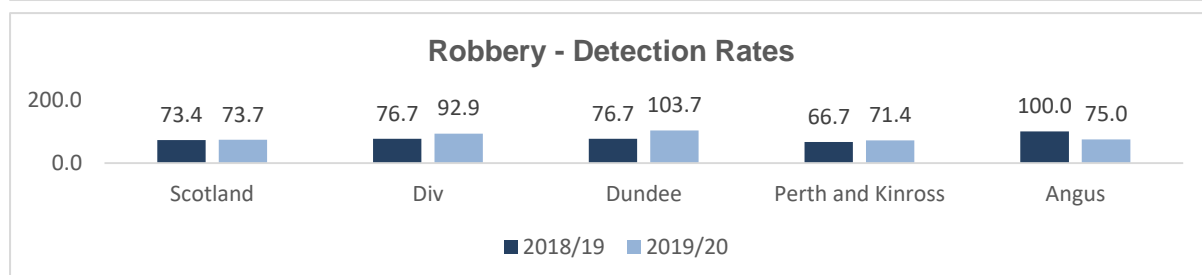
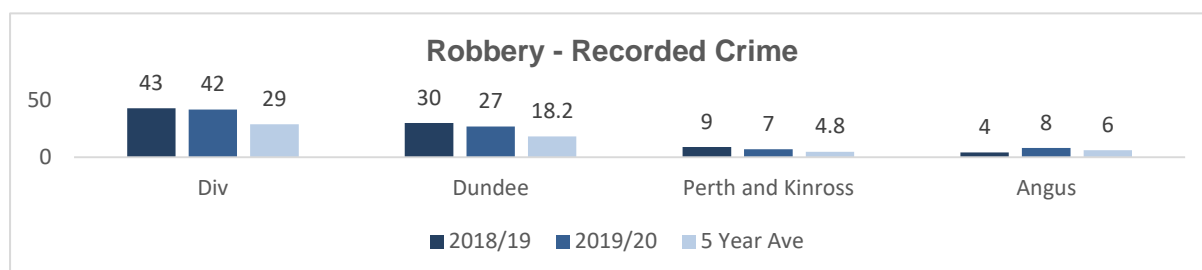
A victim was robbed of a mobile telephone by a group of young people in Carnoustie, when he used it to film them as they were involved in anti-social behaviour. Four young people were reported to the Youth Justice Assessor and the mobile telephone returned to the owner.

##### Results

As highlighted, six crimes have been detected. The youths were reported through the Youth Justice assessor and the remaining accused have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. The detection rate is 75%, however, due to the low numbers this figure tends to fluctuate, particularly at the beginning of the year.

##### Challenges

Robbery within Angus is often a spur of the moment assault, more often than not, involving persons who are known to each other. Often alcohol and or drugs have been consumed by the offender and at times the victim. Sufficient corroborating evidence can be problematic in certain circumstances, however officers are well trained, and supported by CID, to deal with this type of crime.



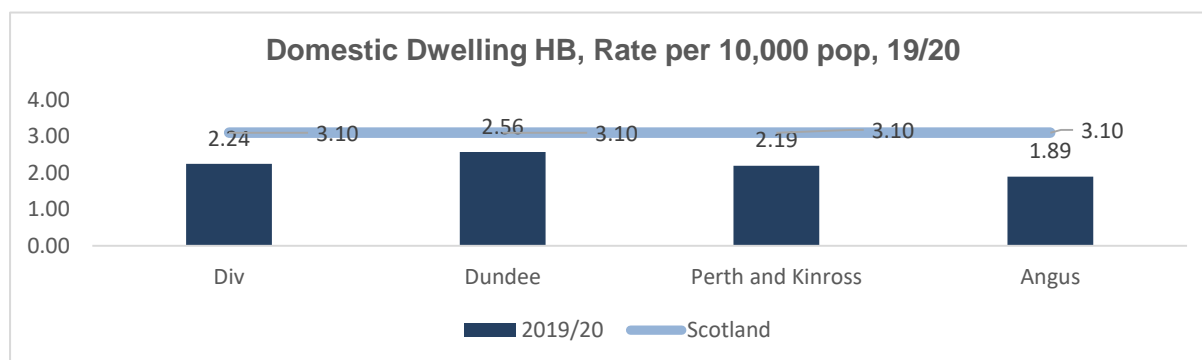
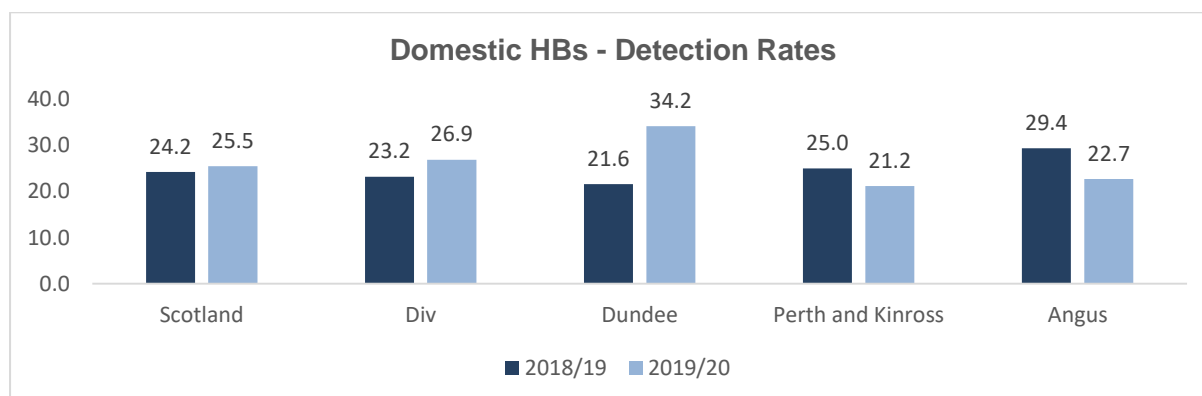
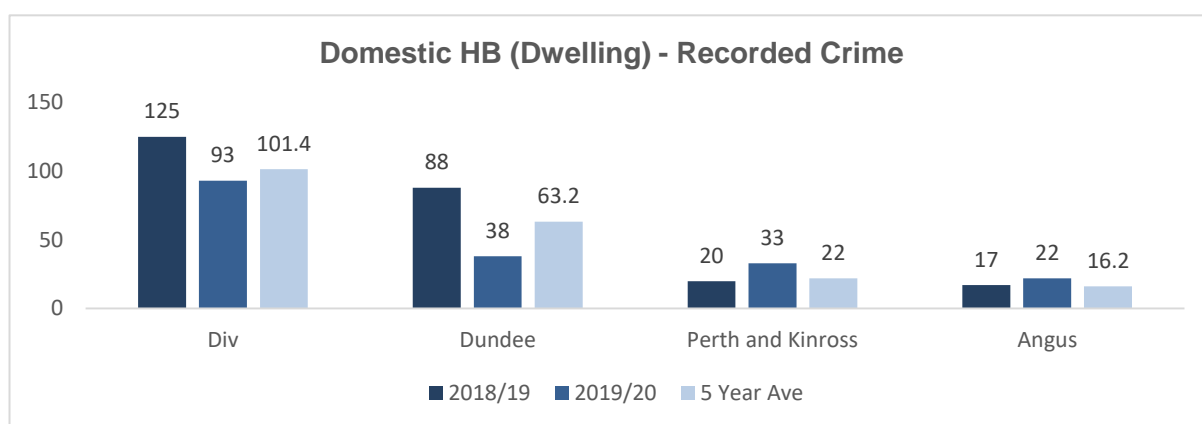
## Domestic Housebreaking:

### Activity

There has been an increase in housebreakings, including attempted housebreakings and thefts by opening lockfast places (OLP).

A significant number of these crimes occurred within a rural setting and are suspected to have been committed by travelling criminals. The Angus Community Investigation Unit have a rural crime action plan and have carried out pro-active stop and search of vehicles in order to disrupt and detect travelling criminals.

An overnight crime series in the Forfar area involving thefts by housebreaking and OLP from gardens in a residential area resulted two males being arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. The property stolen was recovered and returned to the owners.



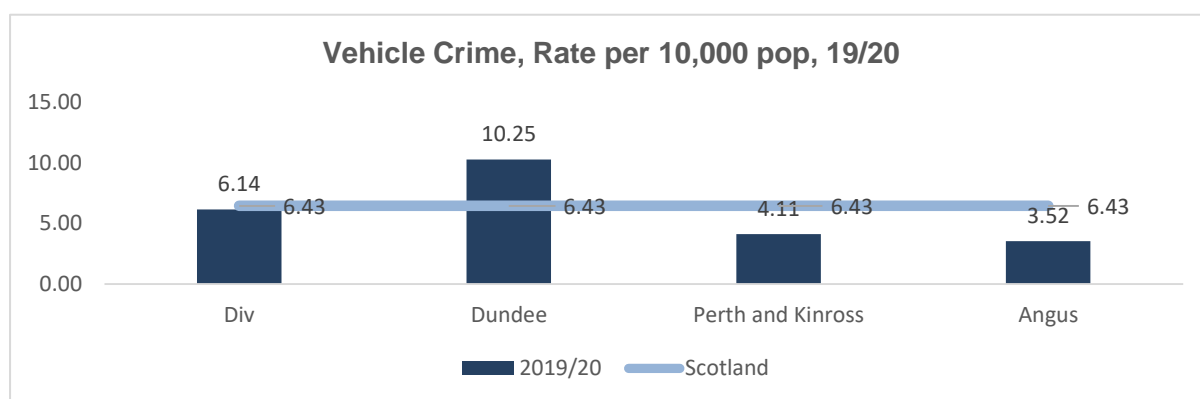
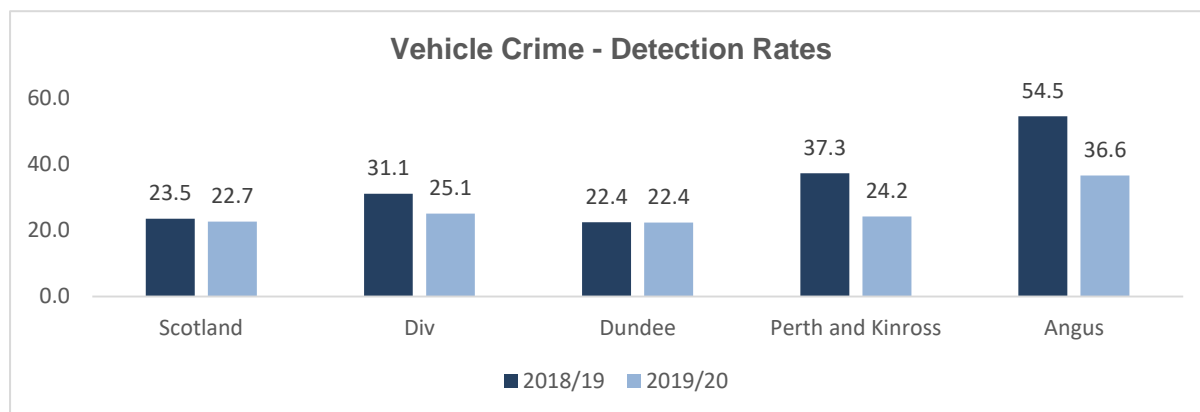
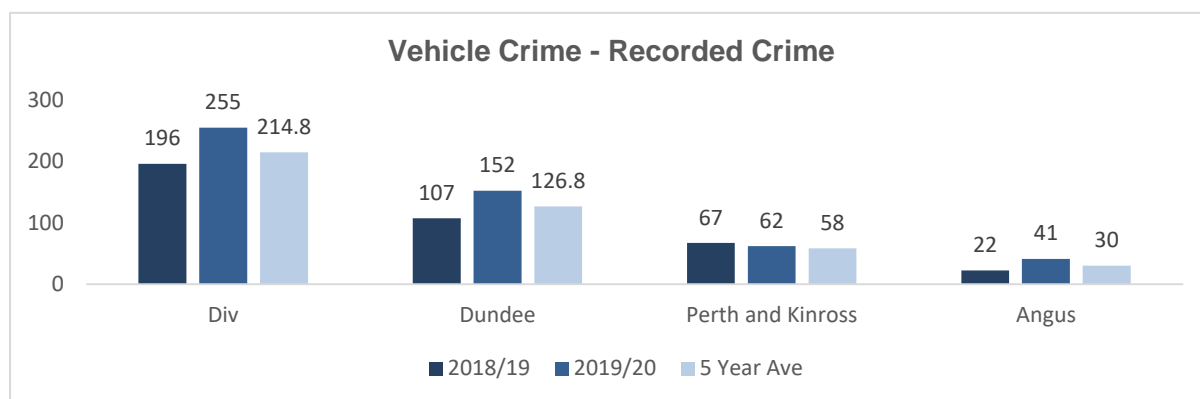
## Motor Vehicle Crime:

### Activity

A spate of recent thefts by OLP to a number of vans used by trades-persons in Forfar recently, would appear to have been a targeted effort to steal the high value tools of the complainers. This crime series remains undetected, with some positive lines of enquiry. There were 6 vans in total targeted, which has contributed significantly to the increase in this crime type.

### Challenges

Acquisitive crime in rural towns and villages is often committed by travelling criminals, which is suspected to have been the case in the aforementioned series of OLPs. They utilise the “back roads” and rural roads network to avoid detection





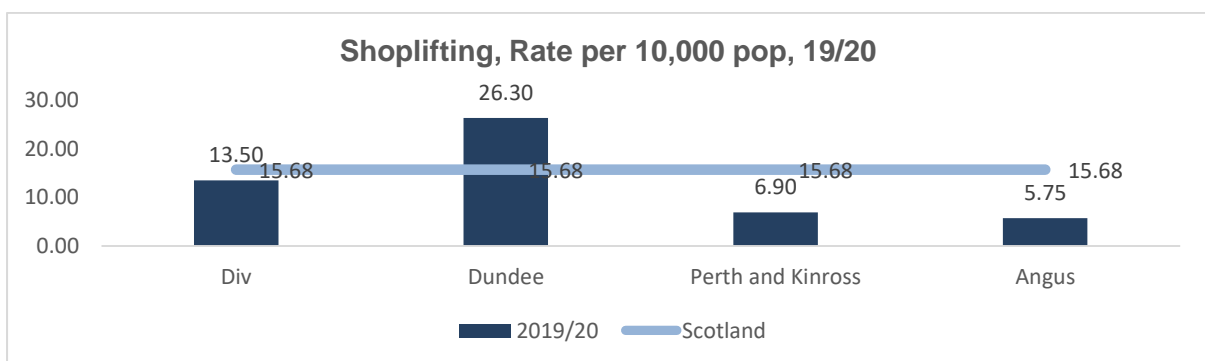
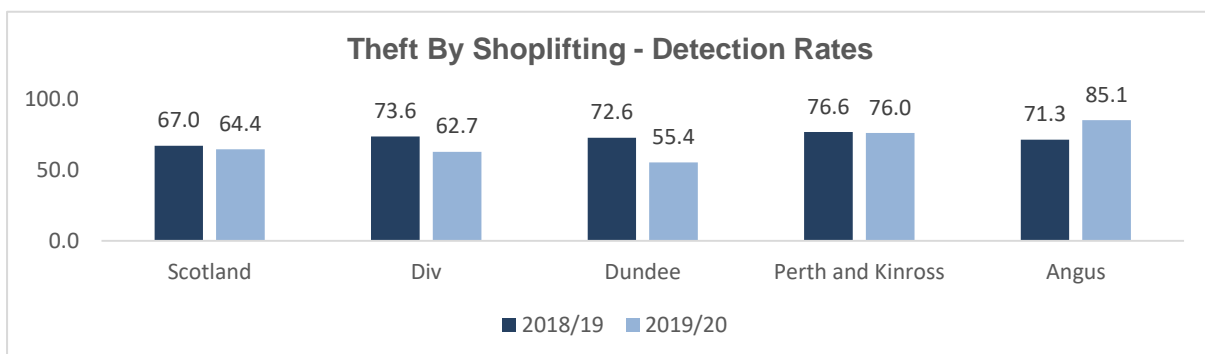
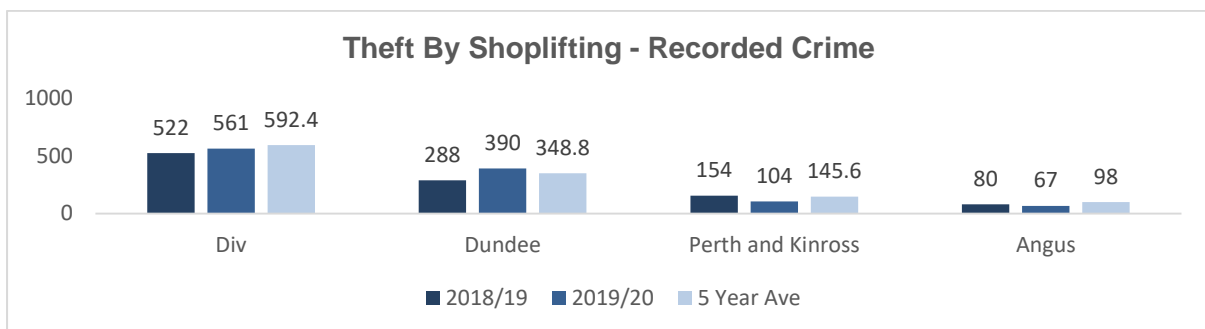
## Theft by Shoplifting:

### Activity

There has been a significant decrease in thefts by shoplifting, and an increase in the detection rate for that crime type.

The ever-increasing use of CCTV within shop premises assists greatly with the identification of suspects and detection of those responsible.

Community officers continue to engage with local business owners and shop owners in relation to security and how to deter would-be shop-lifters.



## Fraud:

### Activity

A number of doorstep crimes have been recorded across Angus whereby an individual has been paid for work which has never completed.

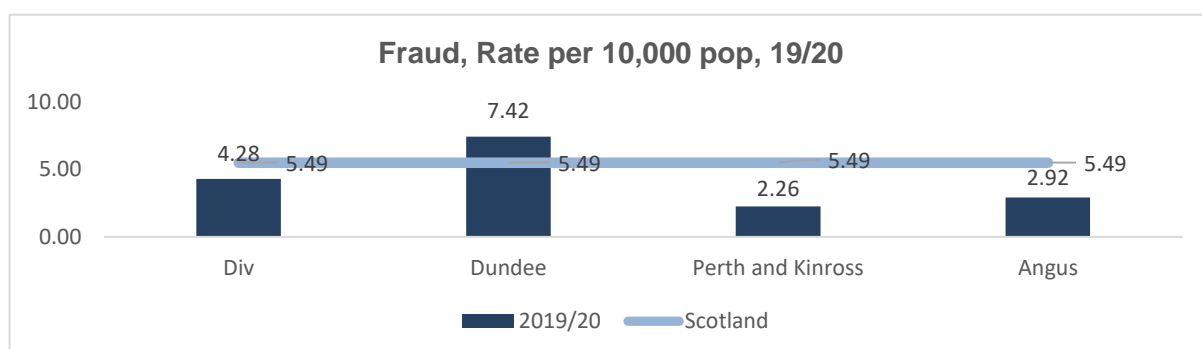
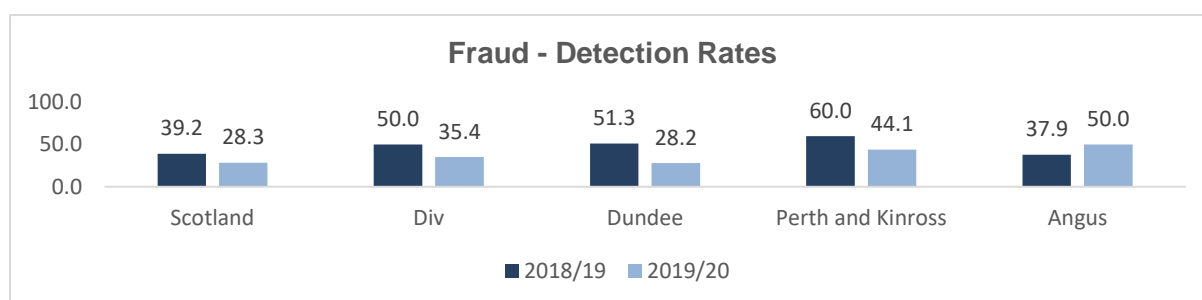
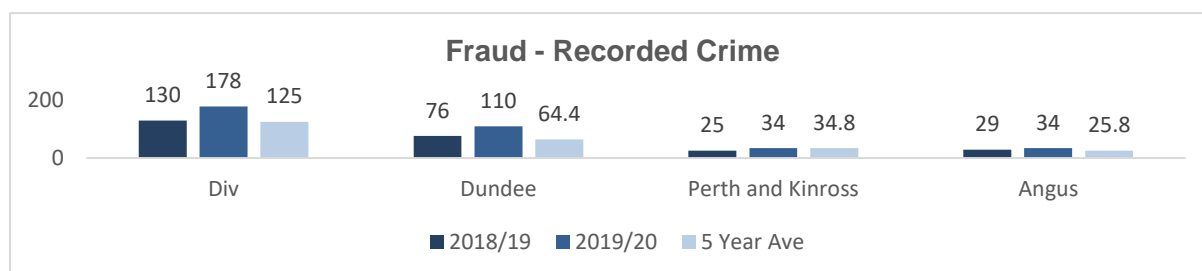
Community Officers are currently working in conjunction with Trading Standards to report a male identified as being responsible for these doorstep crimes, using Consumer Protection Regulations.

Financial harm is an integral part of our Prevention and Interventions Hub. There are excellent working relationships with banks, particularly in Angus. The banking protocol has prevented a number of victims losing significant sums of cash, by alerting police early about suspicious incidents involving victims.

Police Scotland ran a national 'Shut Out Scammers' initiative during this reporting period. The campaign sought to raise awareness of the wide variety of tactics used by those involved in this criminal behaviour.

### Challenges

Complainers are often elderly and reluctant to inform the police as they are embarrassed to admit they have been the victim of this type of crime. It is often the case that money has been sent to offenders, who reside out with the UK, before Police become involved.



# Protecting vulnerable people

## Outcome 1 – Drug Misuse

### Possession of a controlled drug:

Persons in possession of controlled substances are dealt with by officers on a regular basis. A variety of drugs including heroin, cannabis, cocaine and diazepam have been seized. The use of non-prescribed drugs continues to be prevalent amongst persons using drugs in the community. It is apparent these types of drugs are sold or swapped between users.

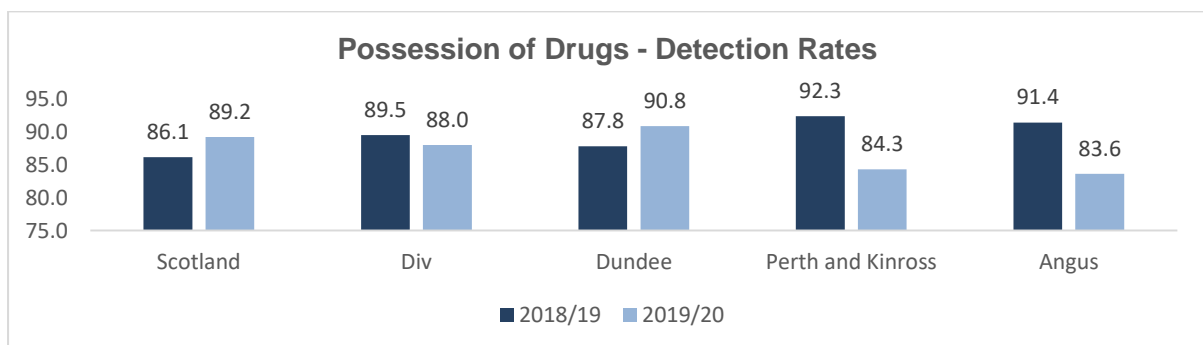
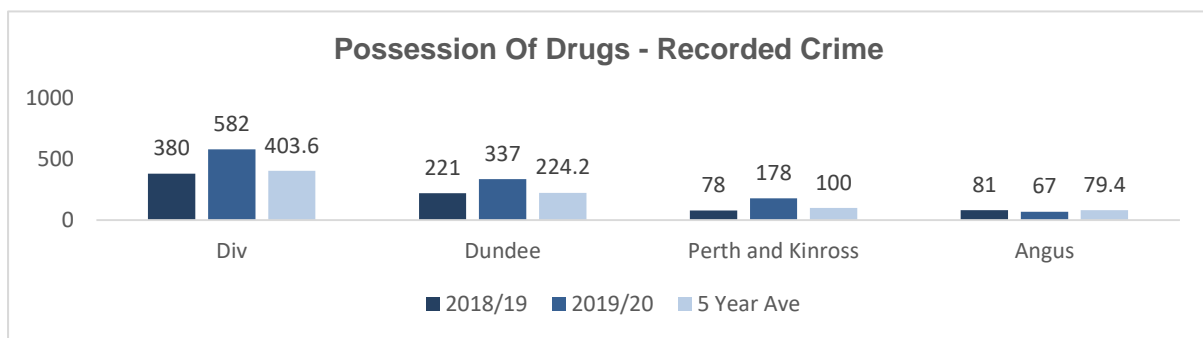
The issues around the use of prescribed drugs highlights that drug use requires a cohesive approach from all partners to provide innovative and wide ranging services to drug users. It is imperative that the problems in local areas are responded to by the involvement of those most affected - drug users, their families and their communities.

### Results

Positive searches are slightly down in the first quarter. Suspected controlled drugs are given a basic test by Police officers to confirm they are an illegal substance. If this test does not indicate the type of substance involved, then the substance is sent to the laboratory for confirmation, there is often a significant delay in the result due to the competing demands placed upon the service.

### Challenges

Officers require reasonable suspicion to search an individual for drugs and cannot simply target persons without credible information. Seizing drugs and arresting persons involved is an important part of drug law enforcement, however, a critical factor is what this actually achieves in the longer term. That is, a community that is less burdened by the impact of drugs, such as crime, illness and death.



## Supply of controlled drugs:

### Activity

The Community Investigation Team take the lead in the execution of drug warrants across Angus. Acting on intelligence received from members of the community, they are allocated action files to research, develop and ultimately enforce local operations.

Drug enforcement is not confined solely to the CIU in Angus. Angus Response officers regularly apply and enforce warrants, particularly in relation to cannabis cultivations, which are often discovered by other agencies such as Social Work, when making visits to homes.

Serious and Organised crime is targeted by the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit (OCCTU), who operate nationally across all the local authority areas. The CIU are regularly called upon to work collaboratively in support of OCCTU.

### Results

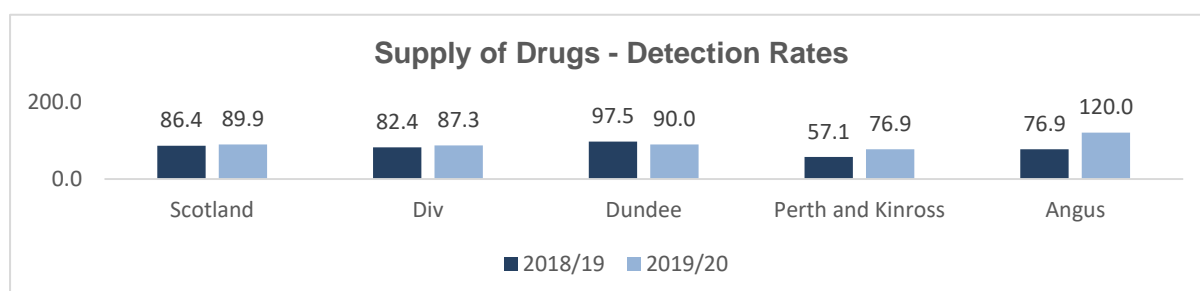
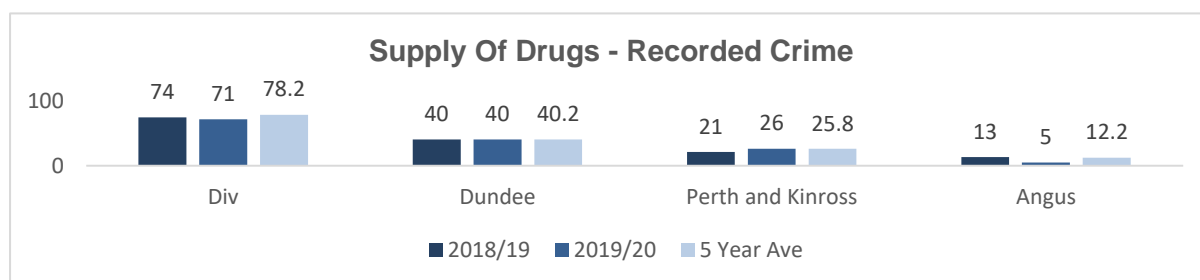
In the reporting period the CIU enforced two drug and firearms warrants in Kirriemuir and Forfar and recovered 3 stun guns, £800 cannabis and 2300 Diazepam tablets (known as Valium). A male was arrested for firearms offences and being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

A proactive stop in the Arbroath/Montrose area resulted in officers searching the home address of a male, who was subsequently arrested for concerned in the supply charges, where £1724 worth of different tablets were recovered.

A drug search warrant enforced in Arbroath resulted in the recovery of £280 Heroin and £150 cocaine, which was linked to a "County Lines"- type investigation with links to Dundee and North West England. A female was arrested for being concerned in supply of controlled drugs.

### Challenges

Locally, the lack of current reliable intelligence reduces the opportunities for enforcement. Resources are always a priority and a simple cannabis cultivation can easily tie up 4 officers for a whole shift. Nationally the use of technology whether that be the use of mobile applications, encrypted devices or use of the Dark Web by those involved in the supply of controlled drugs remains challenging for police and other enforcement agencies.



## Outcome 2 –Exploitation

### Activity

To overcome known cultural and social barriers to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), D Division have hosted two, bespoke, interactive online safety/CSE/grooming Facebook events with the public. At both events, police and partners were asked questions about subjects such as gaming, engaging with overseas internet providers and parenting in the digital age. During the course of the two events, over 26,000 people were reached with 2970 active engagements.

### Results

In May 2019, a female Chinese national pleaded guilty to Human Trafficking, having engaged in the sexual exploitation of females across the Tayside area. The enforcement of the named individual prevented further harm to a number of vulnerable people. We currently await their sentence.

### Challenges

The challenges of emerging human trafficking risks remain apparent and this represents a new threat to operational policing. It is of note that the cultural impression of trafficking is one involving non UK national victims. The reality is such that people can be trafficked within Scotland and the UK for the purpose of sexual and labour exploitation. D Division are currently running operations where young people have been transported across the Tayside area for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

Gaining the confidence of persons suspected to be victims of trafficking remains a challenge. The victims often originate from countries where the Police are not trusted and breaking down barriers to obtain information to prove this type of crime is essential.

### Online Sexual Crime Activity:

Tayside has created an Online Sexual Crime Team to manage the growing risks to young people from internet dependent offending. They respond to internet based sexual offending against children and adults, sextortion, incidents relating to Online vigilante groups and intelligence regarding persons in possession of Indecent Images of Children (IIOC).

### Results

During the first quarter of 2019, the Online Sexual Crime Team responded to 5 intelligence packages concerning those believed to be in possession of IIOC. Each one of those activities led to the identification of offences

### Challenges

There is an emerging threat from Online vigilante groups, otherwise known as paedophile hunters, who have targeted individuals across Tayside, always with the purpose of livestreaming their activities on social media. Police will respond to all such incidents, however there are risks of disruption in the community associated with the approach taken by these groups, as well as risks with evidence being gathered which later becomes inadmissible in the criminal justice system.

The increase in internet dependent offences has led to an increase in reported sexual crime and this has on occasions been down to proactivity by Police. A consequence of this is the growth in the number of Registered Sex Offenders who have committed offences online. In this area of business there is a constant challenge in ensuring the technological capability of local and national police teams matches those of the perpetrators.

### **Outcome 3 –Hate Crime**

Please find a synopsis of different initiatives that have been carried out throughout the division in relation to hate crime:

**Police Scotland National Hate Crime Campaign** – This took place in March 2019 with the overall aim to increase reporting of hate crime/incidents by people working in the night time economy. The campaign was supported by local activity and events throughout Tayside in order to increase public confidence and reporting and to raise awareness of the local third party reporting centres. All local third party reporting centres have been contacted to identify any issues or whether refresher training for staff is required. The Police Scotland National Equality and Diversity unit is currently undertaking a review of third party reporting processes. Since the campaign, there has been a number of incidents/crimes reported by local taxi drivers, security staff and other staff working within the night-time economy which may indicate greater awareness or willing to report as a result of the campaign.

**Keep Safe Initiative** – This involves a network of businesses, such as shops, libraries, cafes, who have agreed to make their premises a ‘Keep Safe’ place for people to go to if they feel frightened, distressed or are the victim of crime when out in the community. Disabled or elderly people who wish to take part in the initiative are issued with a contact card containing details of their name, any health concerns, communication needs and contact details for friends or family. The business displays a Keep Safe sticker in their window to let vulnerable people know that they provide a ‘Keep Safe’ place. If a person goes into the ‘Keep Safe’ place and shows their contact card to staff, they will reassure the person and ring one of the numbers on the card and/or contact the police if a crime has been committed. In order to increase the number of ‘Keep Safe’ places in Angus, 10 officers have been trained to assist with the identification of suitable premises and deliver training to staff.

**Third Party Reporting Centres** – In some cases victims and witnesses of Hate Crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to the Police, and may be more comfortable reporting it to someone they are familiar with. To ensure anyone is able to report Hate Crimes, Police Scotland works in partnership with a wide variety of partners who perform the role of 3rd Party Reporting Centres. These partners have been trained to assist people in submitting a report to the police, and can make such a report their behalf. Each of the local third party reporting centres has been contacted to identify any concerns and to offer refresher training for staff. Work is ongoing to identify further centres across Tayside.

**Reassurance/Community Engagement Visits** - In light of the New Zealand terrorist attacks in March, visits were subsequently carried out to places of worship to provide reassurance and security advice

**Ramadan** – Increased attention and visits were made to the Mosques during the period.

**Face Equality Day** – Took place on 22 May 2019 and Police Scotland has been working in partnership with Changing Faces, a UK charity for everyone with a scar, mark or condition on their face or body that makes them look different. The Charity provides advice, support and psychosocial services to children, young people and adults. They also challenge discrimination and campaign for Face Equality. Face Equality Day was supported locally through the circulation of information on social media and to police officers and staff to ensure recognition of the impact of prejudice towards people with disfigurements.

**Hate Crime Champions** - Police Scotland is in the process of establishing a cadre of officers to be Hate Crime Champions who will continue in their existing role but will have an enhanced knowledge of Hate Crime and Hate Incidents and best practice when dealing with such incidents. There are already a number of Hate Crime champions within the Division and a further fifteen officers drawn from each of the LPAs, Crime management Unit, Risk and Concern Hub and the Divisional Preventions and

Interventions Department are attending this training on 25 July. The champions will assist their colleagues recognise and deal effectively with this type of incident/crime.

**Dundee Hate Incident Sub Group** – This multiagency Group met on 13 May 2019. The focus is on education and hate crime. Contact has been made with schools to review how hate incidents/crimes are dealt with a view of a future partnership approach to improving this. A meeting has taken place with a member of the review group which is looking into the anti-bullying policy in Perth and Kinross. Education are keen for Police Scotland to have an input. Hate Crime has been identified as an area lacking in the policy and was discussed at this meeting. A further meeting will take place once the schools return. A Police Scotland Hate Crime Toolkit has recently been published which provides guidance for recognising, recording and reporting incidents of hate and is intended to enhance officers' understanding of hate crime and key issues.

**Constable, Equality & Diversity/Hate Crime** – An officer is based within the Divisional Preventions and Interventions Department and part of their role is E&D/Hate Crime. They carry out a daily review of hate crimes/incidents in order to identify any emerging issues or repeat victims, repeat perpetrators or repeat locations so that appropriate interventions can be made which may include signposting to other agencies for support, follow-up visits, security advice, and delivery of advisory leaflets or posters for display.

The detection rate for hate crime in Angus has increased from 68.4% to 72.2% this year.

## Maintaining public safety

### Outcome 1 – Road Safety

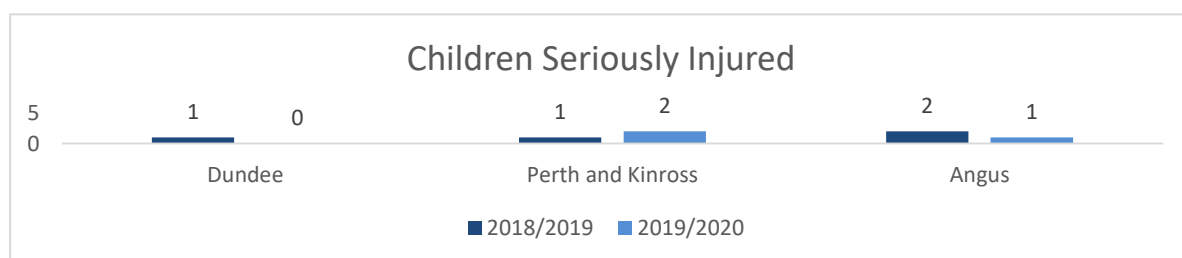
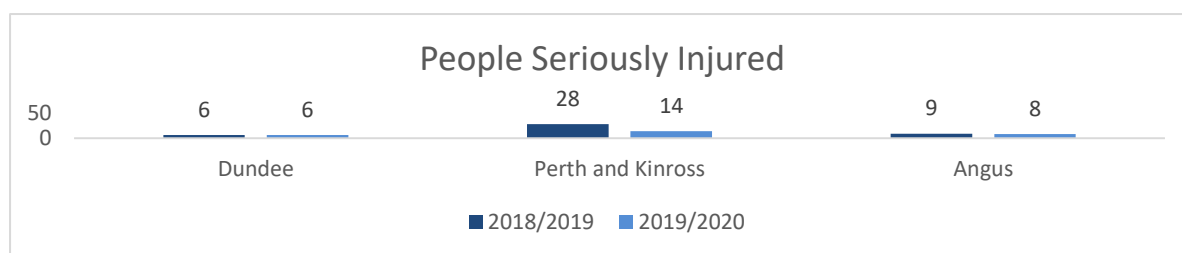
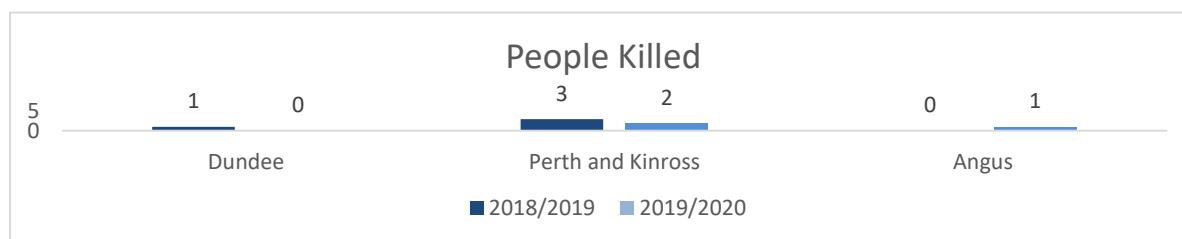
Tragically there has been 1 fatal road traffic collision in Angus for the period under review. On the 20 April 2019, a 29 year old female car driver was killed on the B9134 Brechin to Forfar road. Whilst across Tayside Division as a whole there were 20 serious road collisions which is a 35% reduction from the previous comparable year.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by Angus LPA. Focused patrol work will be complemented by the use of available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from local Tasking & Coordinating processes to tackle criminality.

Local Policing and Road Policing Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on a wide range of driving behaviours including dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving to name but a few.

Based on strategic assessment 3 priority routes have been identified within Angus LPA which were subject to focussed operation activity:

1. A90 Dundee to Aberdeen road
2. A923 Dundee to Coupar Angus road
3. A92 Dundee to Montrose road



No children were fatally injured during this quarter throughout the division.



## Results

For the period under review a total of 5027 vehicles were stopped in the Tayside division with a number of offences being detected and reported:

1. 125 Insurance contraventions
2. 422 excise contraventions
3. 55 Driving licence contraventions

A number of offenders were warned in respect of other road traffic contraventions.

## Challenges

Police resources are being challenged by the driving habits of vulnerable road users. However, we are committed to working effectively with partners locally to address these issues through education, enforcement, engineering, encouragement and evaluation all which are delivered successfully through a number of mediums and campaigns.

## Speeding:

During the first quarter of 2019/20, speeding offences in Angus LPA overall have increased by 33%. This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

## Activity

Between 29 April 2019 and the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Police Scotland held The Speed, seatbelt and mobile Phone campaign which had dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit, Safety camera Unit and divisional officers who specifically targeted road users who contravene legislation.

Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour.

## Results

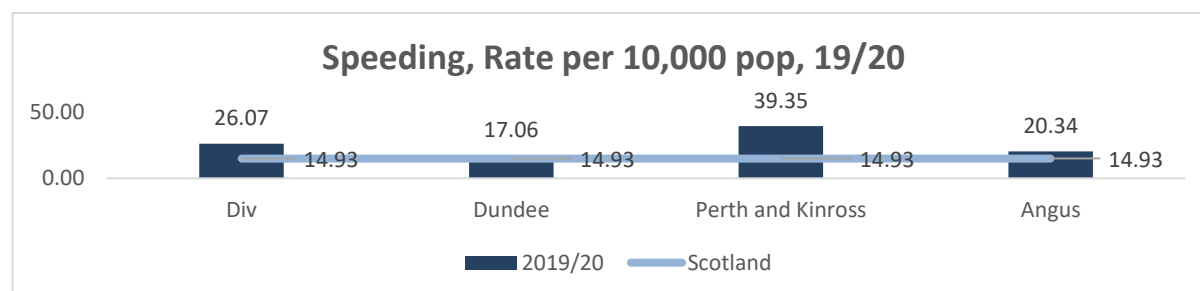
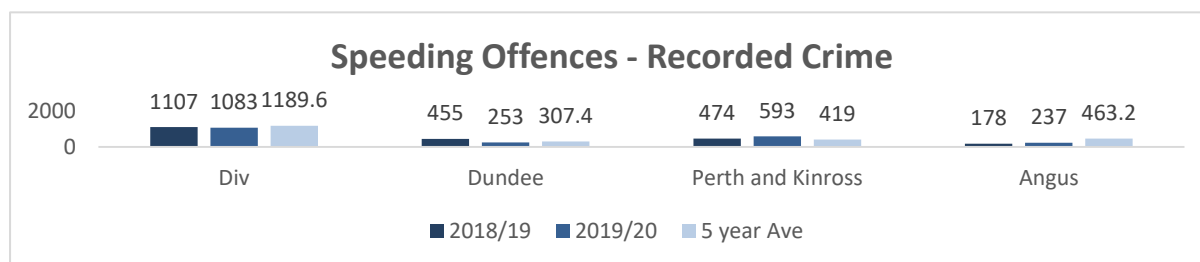
During this campaign a total of 74 speeding offences were detected and reported for consideration. It should be borne in mind when considering analytical data provided that although there is an increase of 33% during the first quarter of 2019, this figure is a significant reduction on the 5 year average. The introduction of the average cameras on the A90 Dundee to Aberdeen road are thought to be the main cause for the significant decrease.

Out with the campaign an Audi motor car detected on the A90 Dundee to Aberdeen road at Stracathro travelling 108 mph exceeding the 70 mph limit, the driver was subsequently reported to the Procurator Fiscal for the consideration of prosecution.

## Challenges

Police resources are being challenged by an increasing number of complaints received in relation to road users exceeding the speed limit. As a result of any complaint Police will carry out a percentile speed check to establish if there is indeed an issue.

Unfortunately a vast number of these checks highlight the perception of speed is the issue rather than road users exceeding the speed limit. The perception of speed can also be attributed to modified vehicles which are significantly louder than a standard motor vehicle.



## Drink, Drug offences including failure to provide specimen of breath:

During the first quarter of 2019/20, Drink and Drug offences in Angus LPA overall have increased by 82% from 2018/19 which is a significant rise.

### Activity

Between 24 June 2019 and 7 July 2019, Police Scotland held The Summer Drink & Drug Drive Campaign which saw dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit and divisional officers specifically target road users who drive whilst under the influence.

Focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offender's drive the morning after being under the influence.

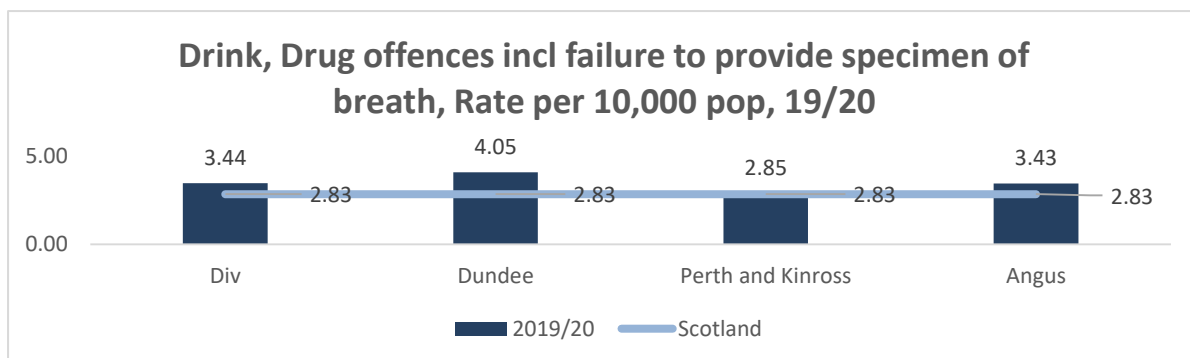
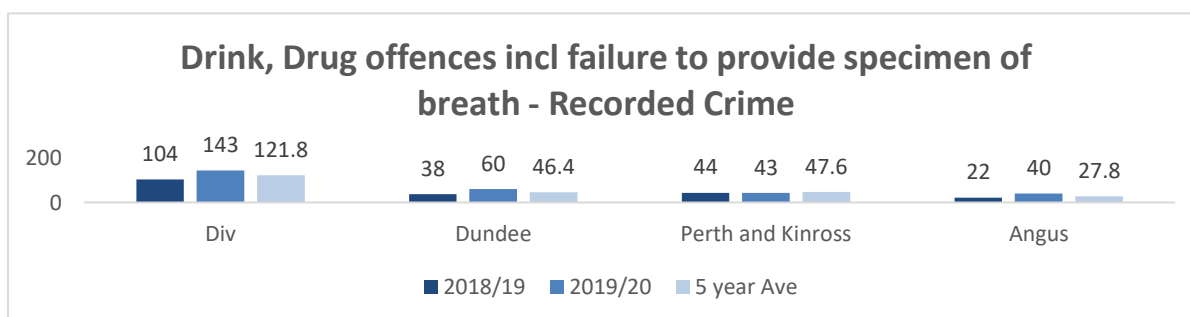
Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

### Results

During this campaign in the Tayside Division a total of 262 negative breath specimens were recorded and a total of 20 drink/drug drive offences were detected and reported to the Procurator fiscal for the consideration of prosecution, this figure includes drivers who failed to provide a specimen for analysis.

### Challenges

Considering the analytical data which highlights an 82% increase for the period under review compared to 2018/19 for the same period is concerning. Irrespective Police campaigns and reinforcement through varying mediums, evidence suggests the message does not appear to be hitting home and road users are continuing drive whilst under the influence which is completely unacceptable.



## Mobile phones:

During the period under review mobile phone offences in Angus LPA have had a significant decrease of 78%.

This is attributable to a number of factors, firstly increased police patrols accompanied by numerous media campaigns which highlight the dangers of using a mobile device whilst driving a motor vehicle. Technology also has a part to play in the reduction due to improved vehicle Bluetooth capability.

Activity

Between 29 April 2019 and the 5 May 2019 Police Scotland held The Speed, seatbelt and mobile Phone campaign which had dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit, Safety camera Unit and divisional officers who specifically targeted road users who contravene legislation.

Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour.

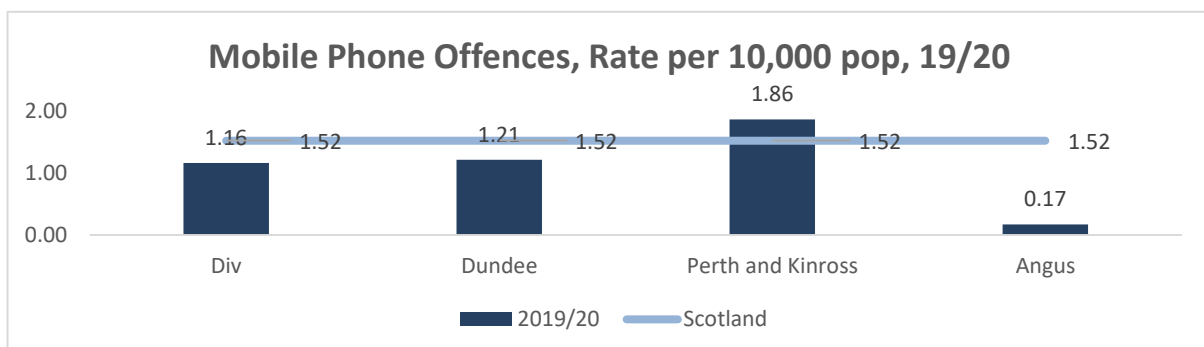
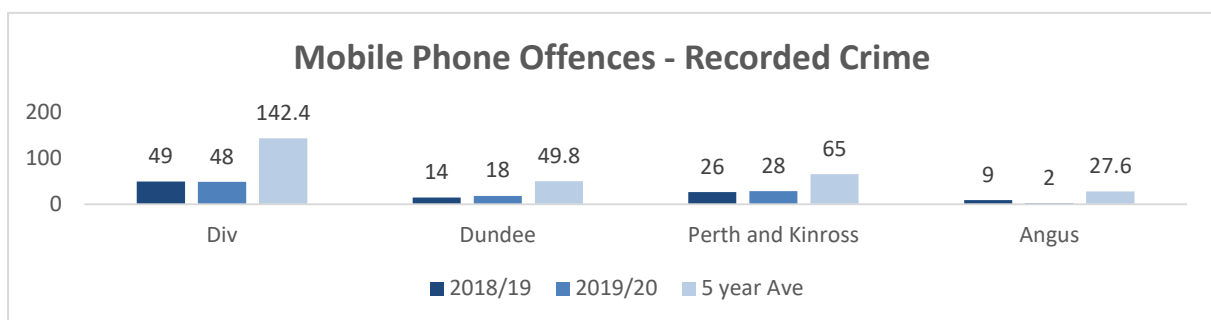
## Results

During this campaign a number of mobile phone offences were detected and reported for consideration only 2 of which were in Angus LPA.

For the period under review 32 mobile phone offences have been detected across the Tayside division all of which have been dealt with robustly.

## Challenges

It is clear through enforcement, education and media campaigns especially in the pre-driver and drivers between the ages of 17-25 category the message is having the required impact which is preventing contraventions. It is also evident that excellent advancements in technology is having an immeasurable effect on driver behaviour.



## Seatbelts:

During the period under review seatbelt offences in Angus LPA have remained the same for the period 2018/19. Although there is no increase or decrease, the data remains encouraging as it is 54% down on the 5 year average.

This is attributable to a number of factors, firstly increased police patrols accompanied by numerous media campaigns which highlight the dangers of failing to buckle up.

## Activity

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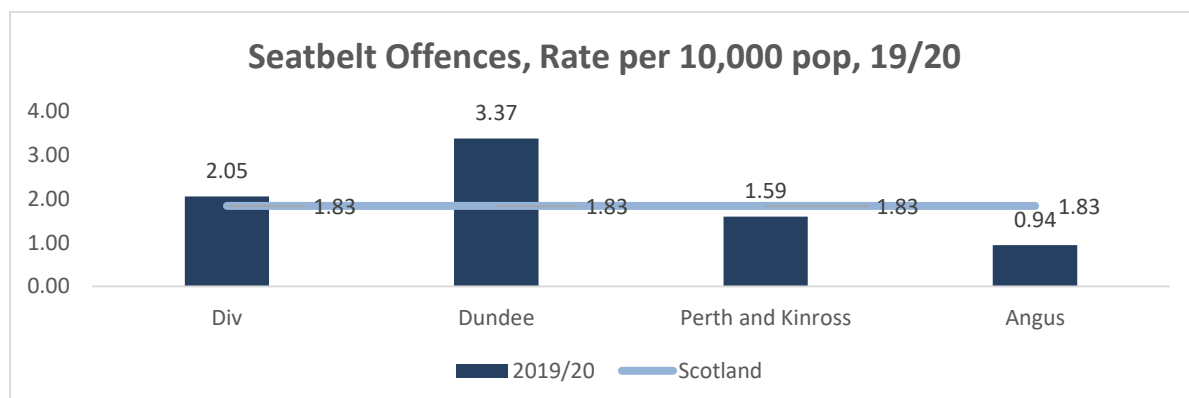
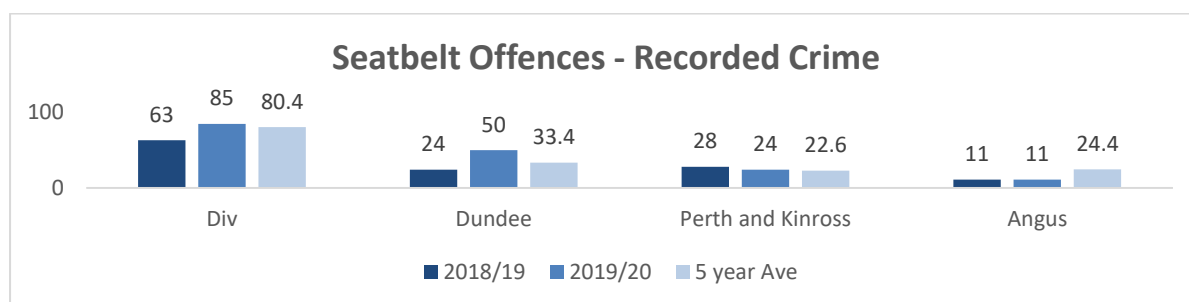
## Results

During this campaign a number of seatbelt offences were detected.

For the period under review 11 seatbelt offences have been detected in Angus LPA which is consistent with the previous year for the same period. A total of 85 seatbelt offences were detected in the Tayside area for the first quarter.

## Challenges

Similar to mobile phone offences the dangers of failing to wear a seatbelt is being accepted. Years of rigorous enforcement and numerous media campaigns highlighting the consequences are very impactful on modern day road users resulting in a high rate of people buckling up.



## Outcome 2 – Events

Police Scotland provide support in relation to a large number of events, including football, across Tayside Division.

The overarching aim in relation to these events is to work with and in support of event organisers to ensure they are safe, secure and successful.

This is achieved through meticulous planning by Event Commanders who are supported by a Divisional Planning Team, meetings with event organisers in advance and during the event and through operational deployment on the day of the event.

As well as the foregoing safety aspects, Police are often present at events to ensure, where necessary, the activation of a contingency plan and thereafter the coordination of the resulting emergency services response.

Angus host a number of these events. A selection of events are highlighted for the area below which emphasises the diversity of activity in the area, along with the total number of events where police have been deployed:

Arbroath v Montrose  
Arbroath v Raith Rovers  
Bonfest – A live music festival in Kirriemuir  
Montrose Live – A live music festival  
Forfar Gala Parade

Police deployed to **15** events in total in the Angus area with **13** Sergeants and **90** Constables deployed over this period.

Police deployed at 4 football matches where there were no arrests, 1 male charged with assault, 1 male charged with setting off a smoke device, 1 male charged with a vandalism and 4 ejections. These incidents were all relative to a game between Forfar v Raith Rovers on 11 May 2019. This could be best described as an isolated incident as it is not reflective of normal games held between clubs in Angus.

Although there is clearly a diverse range of other events taking place in Angus, there are no further policing issues to report.

### Outcome 3 – CONTEST

CONTEST is the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It was first developed by the Home Office in early 2003. The aim of the strategy is "to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence."

CONTEST is split into four work streams that are known within the counter terrorism community as the 'four P's': *Prevent, Pursue, Protect, and Prepare*.

- **Pursue:** the investigation and disruption of terrorist attacks.
- **Prevent:** work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism or extremism.
- **Protect:** improving our protective security to stop a terrorist attack.
- **Prepare:** working to minimise the impact of an attack and to recover from it as quickly as possible.
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Protective security advice and personal security information briefings have been delivered to staff of all Tayside Division Members of Parliament. This is in conjunction with the work and surveys carried out in relation to g Operation Bridger.

Security advice and reassurance briefings have also been provided to Tayside Division Mosques following terrorist attacks in New Zealand.

CONTEST and Protective security advice has been provided to staff at various outward bound locations across Tayside in order to raise awareness that people who are prepared to carry out terrorist attacks may travel to remote areas, holiday locations, or to multi-activity centres as part of their planning phase. The information highlighted to staff is so that they were alert but not alarmed and to ensure they are comfortable reporting any matters of concern to police.

Briefings and inputs have bene delivered to carers and professionals regarding vulnerability and exploitation of young people. These input also included Domestic Extremism awareness.

CONTEST and Online safety awareness inputs have been provided to foster carers within Tayside.

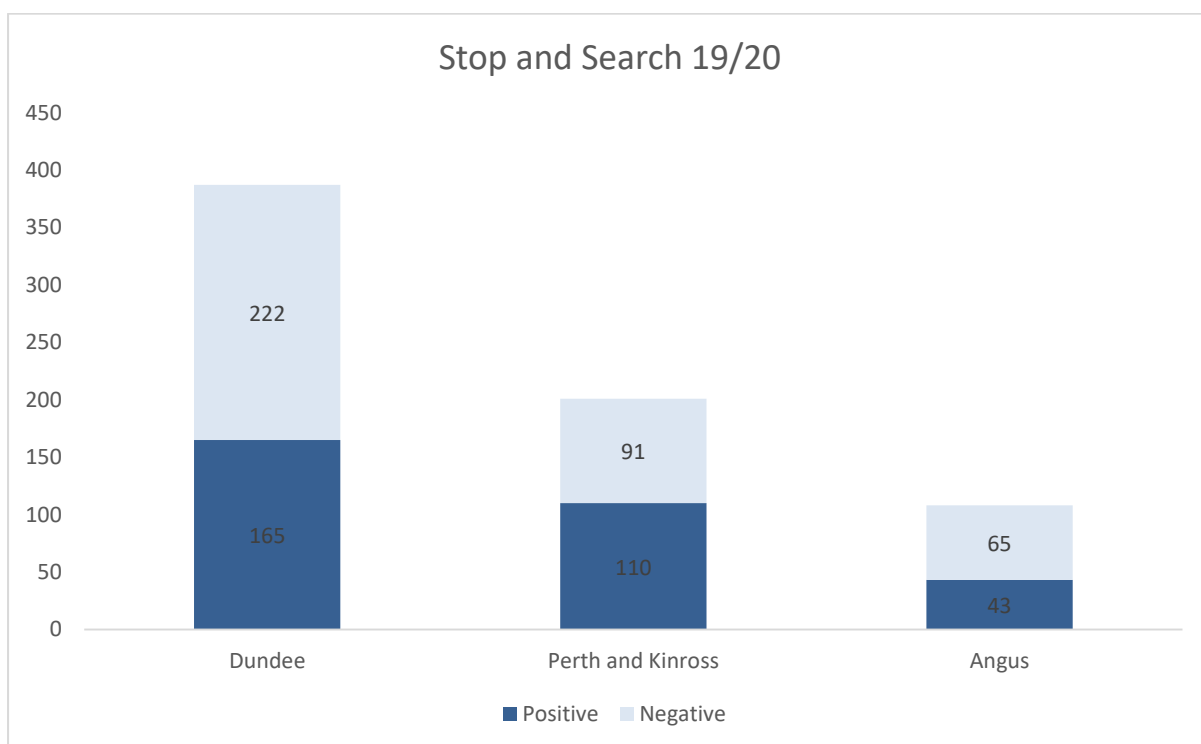
Multiagency Prevent Professional Concerns Case Conference table top exercises have been planned and delivered in both Dundee and Perth. The aim of these were to ensure the preparedness of partners for dealing with a Prevent Professional Concern referrals. These exercises were led by the Local Authorities and designed to involve a wide range of partners taking part in referral discussions.

## Demand

Stop and Search as an operational policing tactic in the prevention, investigation and detection of crime, with the intention of keeping people safe and improving community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion into their personal liberty and privacy and is committed to ensuring that when it is necessary to stop and search a person it is carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

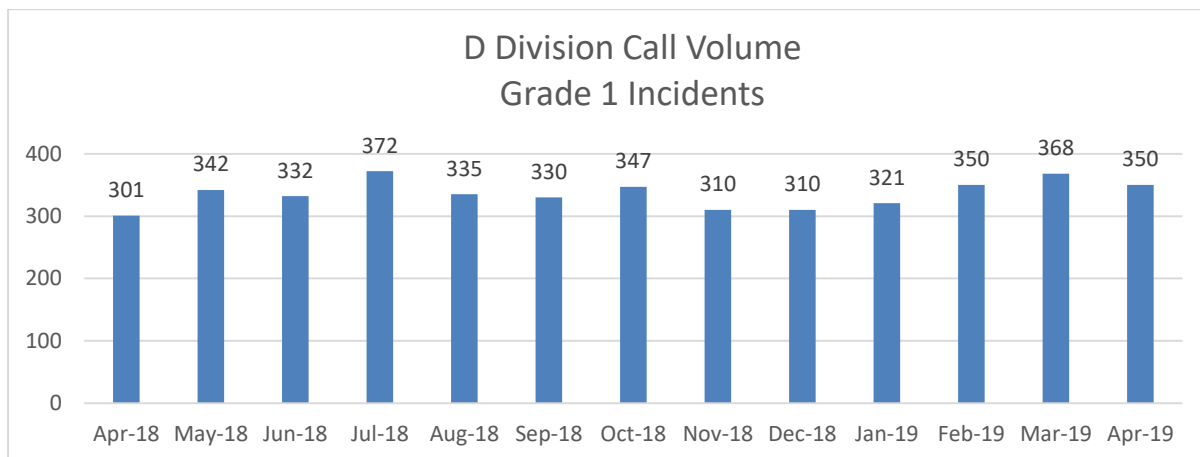
Officers will explain why they have stopped an individual before any search, explain what they are looking for. After the search officers will provide the individual with a receipt for the search, which contains information about their rights and how they can access a copy of their stop and search record.

In the reporting period 108 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 43 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 39.8%.

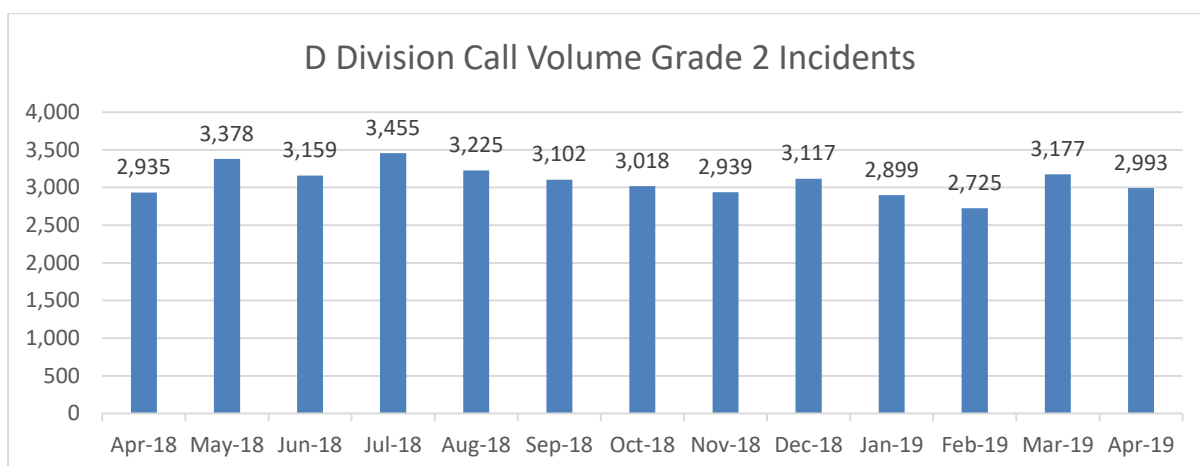




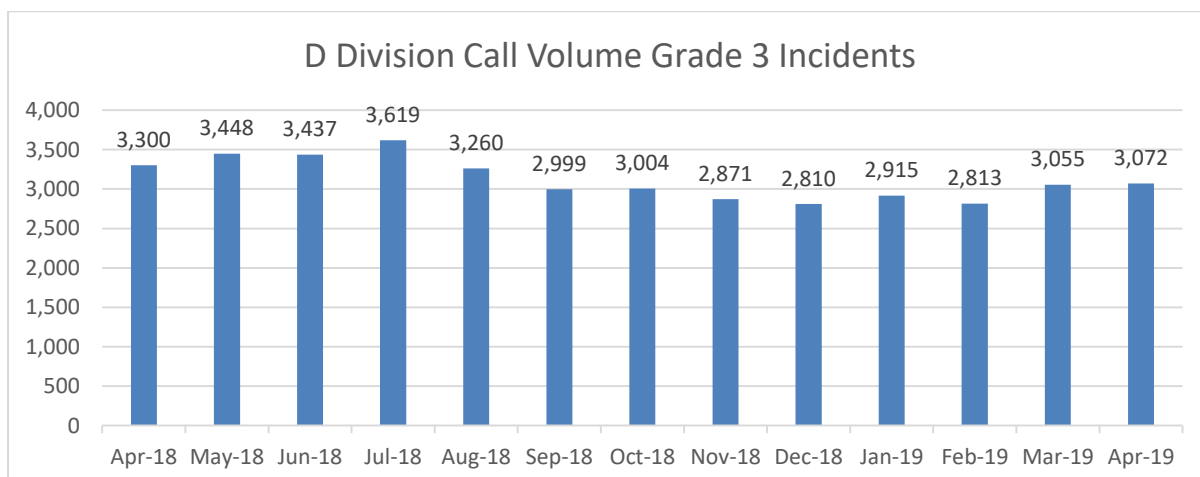
Data extracted from STORM Unity showing data from 00:00:00 on the first of each month until 23:59:59 on the last day of each month. Figures include all resourced incidents (except diary calls) including those which have been generated by police, e.g. pre planned events such as firearms operations or spontaneous deployment to deal with ongoing crime.



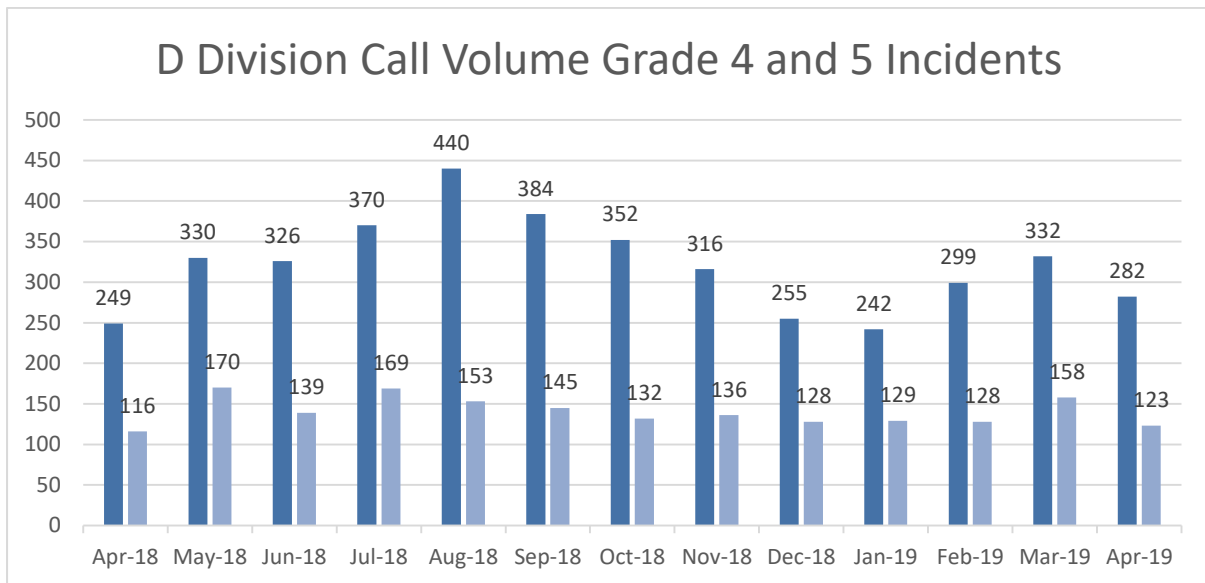
**Grade 1: IMMEDIATE** - An ongoing incident with an immediate or apparent threat to life or a serious crime in progress.



**Grade 2: PRIORITY** - Crime/Incident where there is a degree of importance or urgency associated with initial police action. Requires immediate attendance and would only be superseded by a grade 1 call.



Grade 3: STANDARD - Incident is not ongoing, however police attendance is required and the situation could be prejudiced by significant delay.



Grade 4: SCHEDULED - Crimes/Incidents which will not be prejudiced by a scheduled response, with police attendance at a mutually agreeable time.

Grade 5: NON - ATTENDANCE - Incidents that can be resolved by telephone or by some other which do not require police attendance.

## Appendix

Rate 1 per 10,000 figures are based on the following population data:

	Reporting Period <sup>3</sup>				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons) <sup>2</sup>				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016
<b>FORCE / SCOTLAND</b>	<b>5 327 700</b>	<b>5 347 600</b>	<b>5 373 000</b>	<b>5 404 700</b>	<b>5 404 700</b>
Tayside	412 160	413 800	415 040	415 470	415 470
Angus	116 290	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 520
Dundee City	148 100	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 270
Perth & Kinross	147 770	148 930	149 930	150 680	150 680

2 - Mid-year population data based on extracts from National Records for Scotland (<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>), as at April 2016.

3 - Due to when population data are published it is necessary to use earlier mid-year estimates in some calculations. As soon as more current population data are available, the above table will be updated.