



Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee



Quarter 1 ending 30 June 2020 Chief Superintendent Todd

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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

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 will report to the 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 2020 to 30 June 2020, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.

Data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Committee Members to conduct their responsibilities under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

This report will make reference to specific crimes mentioned in the local policing plan, 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.



Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce reoffending



Road Safety and Road Crime

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



Public Protection

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness



Wildlife Crime

Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and sea



Serious Organised Crime

Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime, including cyber crime





Plan on a Page - Angus Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

Our vision
Our purpose
Our Values

Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Angus Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Angus Fairness | Integrity | Respect | Human Rights

Local Priorities		Objectives	Outcomes	
Violence Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	>	Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime		Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service
Acquisitive Crime	>	Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending		The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service
Road Safety And Road Crime	>	Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads	\sum	delivery
Public Protection	>	Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners		The public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing
Serious Organised Crime	>	Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related crime		Our people are supported through a positive working environment,
Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism	>	Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness	\sum	enabling them to serve the public Police Scotland is sustainable,
Wildlife Crime	>	Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea		adaptable and prepared for future challenges



Summary Report Angus LPA

1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020

The table below provides a summary of this year to date Vs last year to date figures for this quarter in relation to crimes reported and crimes detected. This is an indication of the current position and further detail and indicators are provided in the full scrutiny report.

Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour		
Serious Assault No. of Crimes Detection Rate -63 % 100 % 12 0	Robbery Inc Intent No. of Crimes Detection Rate -50 % 100 % 4 25 1	Common Assault No. of Crimes Detection Rate -34 % 76 % 110		
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Acquisitive Crime	Acquisitive Crime		
Emergency Services Assault No. of Crimes Detection Rate -22 % 100 % 5 0 1	Housebreakings - Dwellings No. of Crimes Detection Rate -40 % 15 % 9 7	Motor Vehicle Crime No. of Crimes Detection Rate -14 % 62 % 6 ♣ 26 ♠		
Acquisitive Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime		
<u>Fraud</u>	<u>Speeding</u>	Drink/Drug Driving		
No. of Crimes Detection Rate 96 % 17 % 25 1 51	No. of Crimes Detection Rate -72 % 100 % 201 0	No. of Crimes Detection Rate 28 % 88 % 11 1 12 12		
Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Public Protection		
Road Deaths - All	<u>Serious Injury - All</u>	Rape inc Assault with Intent		
No. of Deaths Detection Rate 1	No. of Serious Detection Rate 11 -15% ••• NA	No. of Crimes Detection Rate -44 % 140 % 4 106		
Public Protection	Serious Organised Crime	Serious Organised Crime		
Indecent/Sexual Assault	Drug Supply	<u>Drug Possession</u>		
No. of Crimes Detection Rate -48 % 94 % 17 \$\cdot 5\$	No. of Crimes Detection Rate 0 % 75 % 4 75	No. of Crimes Detection Rate 16 % 62 % 10 1 26		



Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime This activity will link in with and support the Angus Community Plan 2017-2030 strategic priority:

• Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

This also supports the delivery of Police Scotland's strategic outcome:

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Operating Context

COVID 19 has influenced both Violence and Antisocial Behaviour during the reporting period. There has been a significant decrease in violence across Angus, this can be attributed partly to the closure of licensed premises and the lockdown guidelines, however it should be noted that other local authority areas have not achieved such a large reduction and the continued focus on violence by officers in Angus has positively affected the number of crimes recorded.

The number of Antisocial Behaviour reports increased significantly in Angus, The initial stages of "Lockdown" saw numerous complaints from the public regarding perceived breaches of the guidelines.

Police Scotland Officers adopted the 4Es approach of engage, explain, encourage and as a last resort enforcement to assist the public to gain a better understanding of the legislation.

The easing of "Lockdown" saw new issues emerge as the public visited local beauty spots bringing reports of poor parking and littering. Officers worked with partners to provide assistance and reassurance whenever possible.

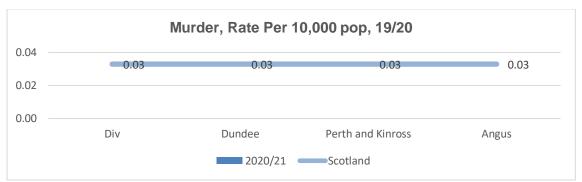
Murder and Attempted Murder

There have been no murders or attempted murders during this reporting period.

In April 2020, Keith Rizzo was sentenced to 22 years imprisonment for the murder of Neomi Smith in Brechin in June 2019.













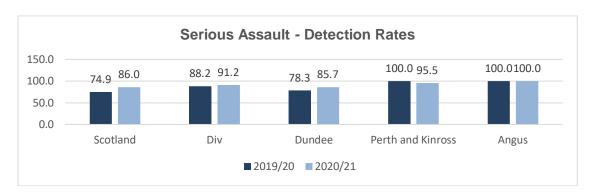
Serious Assault

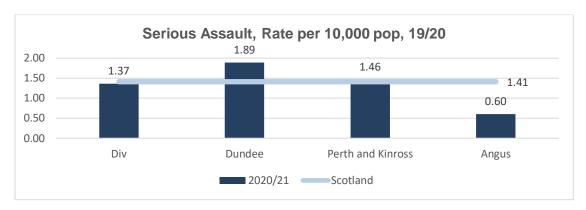
There was a 63% reduction in the number of serious assaults during this reporting period, all of which were detected. These figures will have undoubtedly been affected by the cessation of the night time economy during the covid pandemic.

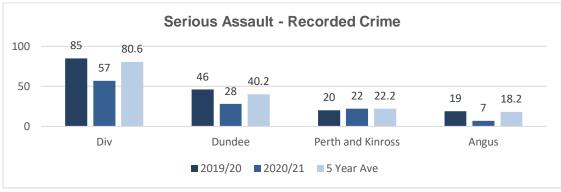
Three of the crimes reported involved alcohol and a further two crimes were committed within a residential unit for children.

All serious assaults receive additional supervision and CID scrutiny in order to maximise evidential opportunities and achieve timeous detection.

All the crimes have been detected.







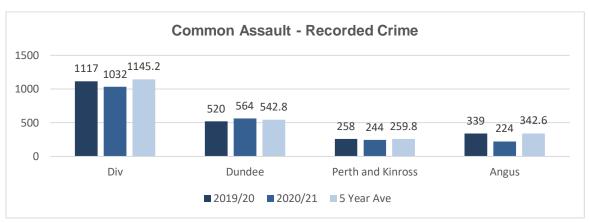
Common Assault

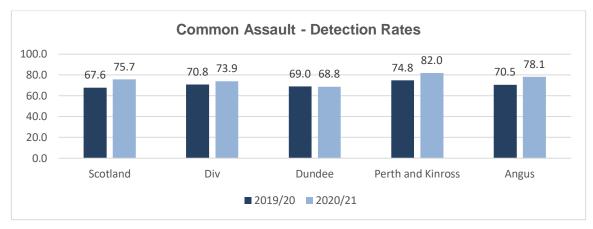
There was a 34% reduction in recorded assaults for this reporting period. Although it is assessed that the lockdown situation will have contributed, this has not resulted in a significant drop in recorded crime in other local policing areas, indicating a degree of local success in targeting violent offenders.

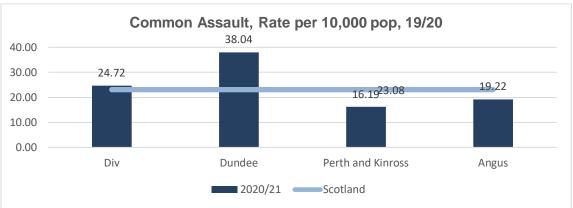
Wherever possible anti-social behaviour, neighbour disputes and other low level complaints are addressed quickly to prevent escalation and incidences of violence.

Community engagement during lockdown has not been without challenge, but amended practices have achieved success.

A promising increase in the detection rate has also been achieved through a focus on violent offenders.





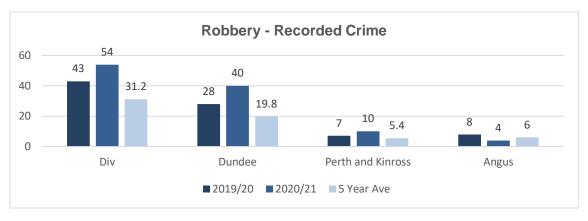


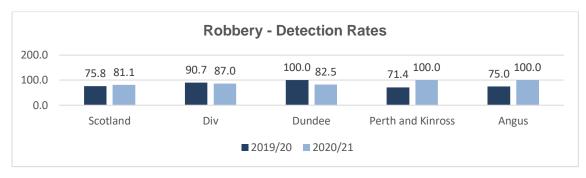
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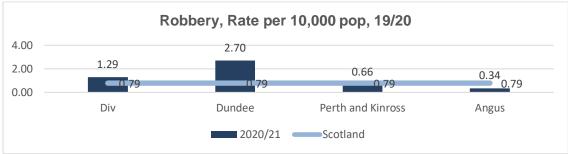
There has been a 50% reduction in recorded robberies. The links between chaotic lifestyles, substance use and becoming a victim of crimes such as robbery are well evidenced and continue to be the case in a local context. Frequently the perpetrators are known to the victim.

All of the crimes recorded have been detected.

Support mechanisms for victims and offenders continue to be utilised with referrals made to statutory and third sector partners.





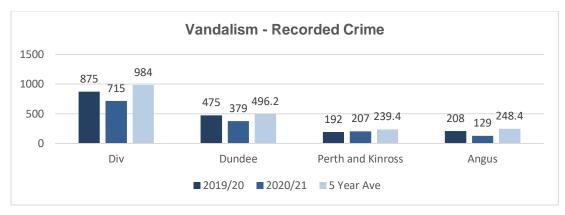


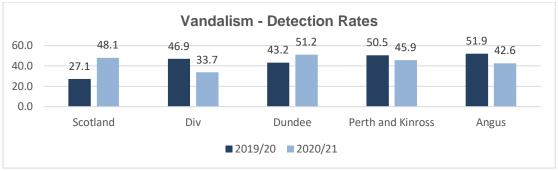
Vandalism

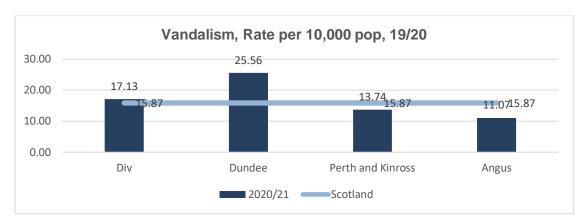
There has been a 38% reduction in recorded vandalism.

Throughout the lockdown period the number of vacant or temporarily unoccupied buildings have required additional focused attention in order to curb youth vandalism at these locations.

Problematic 'hot spot' locations are identified and given additional attention through directed proactive patrols and community officer engagement. This has achieved a degree of success.





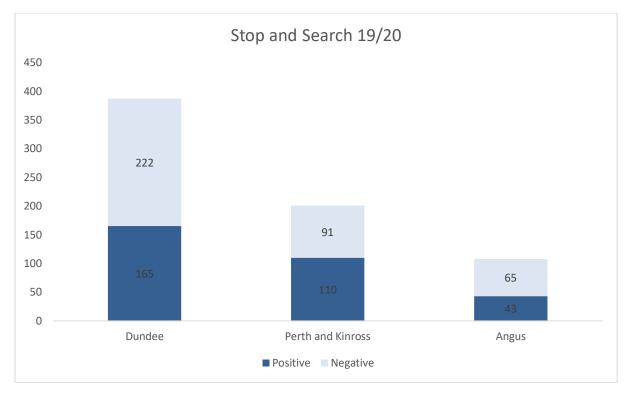


Stop Search

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%.





Acquisitive Crime

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Operating Context

Overall Acquisitive Crime in Angus is down by 21.5% in the reporting period, with reductions in Housebreaking and Vehicle crime. The exception in this crime grouping is Fraud, which continues to increase significantly, with cyber enabled fraud the main driver, a trend which is being experienced nationally.

Vehicle crime and commercial housebreakings are monitored closely, as often one or two individuals in Angus can contribute significantly to this type of crime. All opportunities are explored to link offending and detect crime, regular liaison with the Intelligence Unit ensure officers are aware of active criminals at liberty.

Domestic Housebreaking

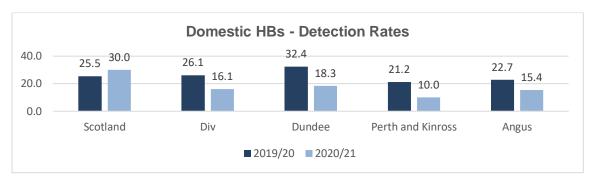
There has been a 41% reduction in recorded domestic housebreakings.

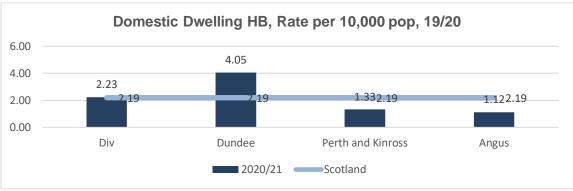
All housebreakings enquiries are prioritised for progression by the Community Investigation Unit.

An amended policy for scenes of crime officer attendance during the pandemic, necessary to ensure resilience for the investigation of the most serious of crimes, has resulted in a reduction in forensic investigation at domestic housebreakings. This has had an unfortunate impact on the detection rate during this reporting period.

Enquiries are ongoing regarding one particular known offender following which it is anticipated that further crimes will be detected.







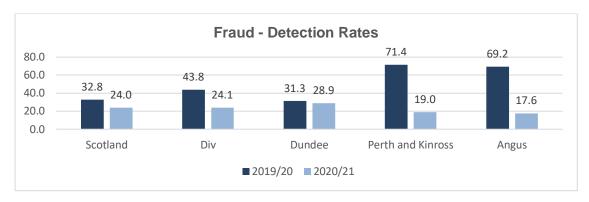
Fraud

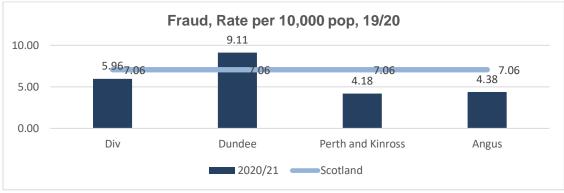
There has been a significant increase in recorded fraud, the majority of which is perpetrated online. This is reflected in the divisional and national picture.

The lockdown situation has resulted in residents increasing the online aspect of their lives, thereby increasing their exposure to online criminality. Recent victims have frequently been elderly with limited knowledge of online security and those conducting retail transactions through third party selling sites. The suspects for recent crimes are out with Scotland.

Investigation of these crimes are complicated by jurisdiction and the need to acquire communications data which delays resolution.







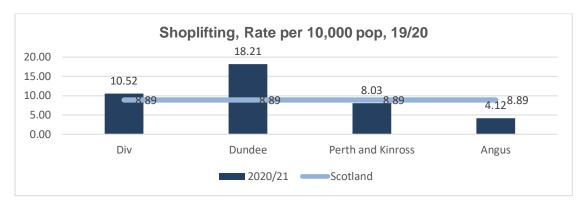
Theft by Shoplifting

There has been a 29% reduction in recorded thefts by shoplifting.

Increased security and amended policy at some large supermarkets has reduced the opportunity for theft, however the wearing of face coverings has reduced the opportunity for crime detection through the use of CCTV. This has contributed to the reduction in detection.



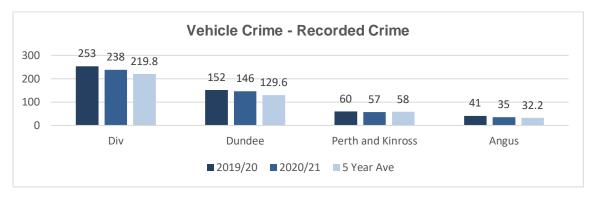


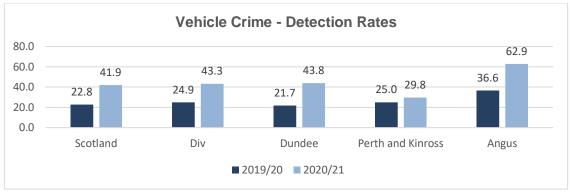


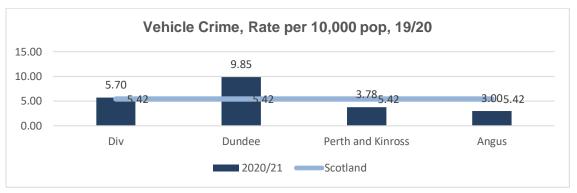
Motor Vehicle Crime

There has been a 14% reduction in vehicle crimes.

Such crimes are reviewed to identify links and patterns of offending with suspects targeted by the Community Investigation Unit. This has resulted in a considerable increase in crime detection.









Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads

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Operating Context

Measure - All Persons Killed, Seriously Injured and Children Killed, Seriously Injured

D Division have recently implement a fresh approach in response to Road Safety. Our efforts will be coordinated under the principles of Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce), a road safety scheme which has been successfully delivered in both the north east of Scotland and the Highlands and Islands. CEDAR will build on established road safety practices and provide a focus for agencies across Tayside to work together to make our roads safer for all.

Operation CEDAR

The principles of Operation CEDAR will be applied in the following ways across Tayside, linked to priority areas of focus:

Challenge	Build effective partnership working and methods to develop new and innovative ways to improve road safety. Improve information sharing and analysis to support an evidence-led approach
Educate	Deliver and evaluate educational initiatives to driver and road user behaviour, making effective use of media opportunities to highlight CEDAR and the work of the forum
Detect	Provide an intelligence-led and multi-agency approach to enforcement, supported by analytical products, to make the best use of available resources
Reduce	Ensure all road safety education, engineering and enforcement activity is focused on having the maximum positive impact on reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured

The implementation of Operation CEDAR across Tayside and delivery of our Action Plan provides an opportunity to contribute to a consistent approach across the north of Scotland. It will refocus our efforts to further improve safety on Tayside's roads and promote active travel.

Tragically Angus has had 1 fatality for the period under review. On the 21 June 2020 a 52 year old male car driver succumb to his injuries following a collision

which occurred on the A930 in Monifieth, the circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration.

Angus LPA have had 11 serious collisions which is a 15% decrease comparable with the same period last year.

Whilst there have been 14 slight injury collisions which is a 17% increase comparable with the same period last year.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Angus. 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 RPU 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 a number of priority locations have been identified within in Angus which were subject to focussed operation activity:

For the period under review a total of 4035 vehicles were stopped in the Tayside division with a number of offences being detected and reported whilst a number of offenders were warned in respect of other road traffic contraventions.

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 of which are delivered successfully through a number of mediums and campaigns.







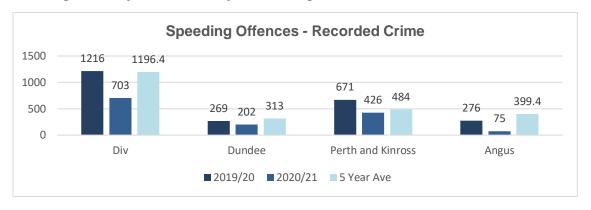
Measure - Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Angus LPA overall has significantly decreased by 75.1%. 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.

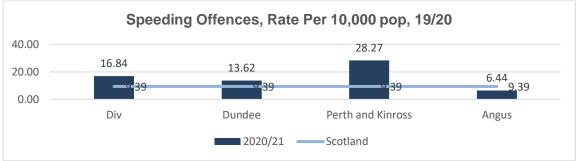
Although focused patrols are key to the reduction, the significant drop can also be partially apportioned to the Coronavirus 'lockdown' and travel restrictions.

Although normal Policing patrols have been in place due to the Coronavirus 'lockdown' and travel restrictions, there limited planned activity in the first quarter, however due to the phased release of lockdown and the number of vehicles now utilising the roads network, the Campaign Calendar will now be utilised going forward.

During the period under review 75 speeding offences were detected in Angus LPA, this is significantly below the 5 year average.







Measure - Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Angus LPA has saw a 28.2% increase compared to the same period of last year.

Across Tayside Division 196 Drink/drug drivers detected for the period under review, 34 of which were Drug impaired drivers which were dealt with by Road Policing Units.

Between 27 June & 9 July 2020, Police Scotland held a variation on our 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.

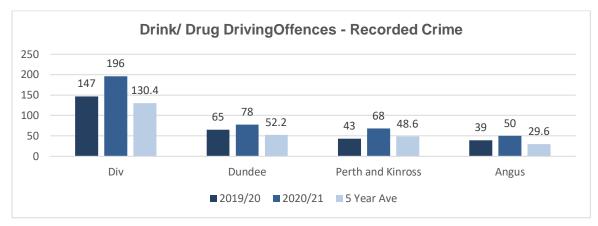
Focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offender's drive the morning after being under the influence.

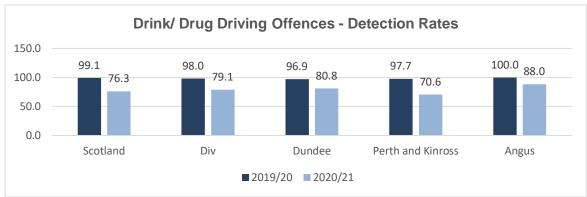
Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

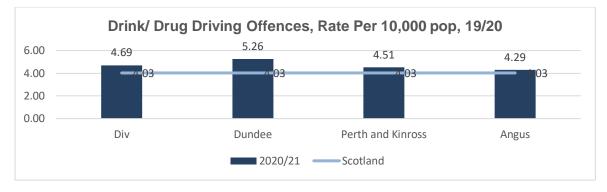
As is evident from the figures the drug wipe testing kit featured heavily in the media and was prevalent throughout the duration of this campaign, it will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving.

During the period under review due to the Covid19 lockdown and distancing measures breath/drug specimens have not been required as would normally be for road traffic offences.

Irrespective of Police campaigns and reinforcement through varying mediums, evidence suggests the message does not appear to be hitting home and road users are continuing to drive whilst under the influence which is completely unacceptable.







Measure - Careless Driving

Angus LPA saw a 15% decrease in relation to Careless driving compared to the same period last year which is encouraging.

Part of the key to reducing Careless driving figures focus on Influence driver and road user behaviour.

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' and working with partners, Tayside Division road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education activates and influence the provision of engineering solutions (3 E's). This will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

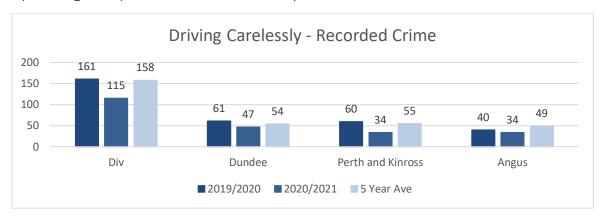
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

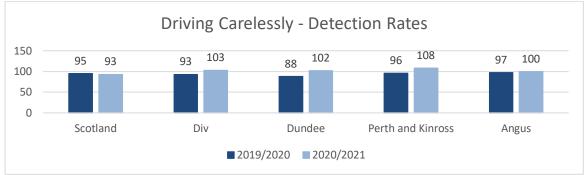
These are; D Division - A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

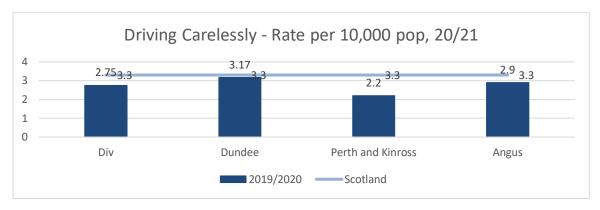
Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Angus.

This is reinforced with Route Strategy Days based on the previous collision data for the month and involve multiple units carrying out high visibility patrolling of the same route. Where these routes traverse multiple Divisions we utilise cross border joint operations.

As is with all our operations, they are supported by partner agencies and road operating companies which maximises potential.









Public Protection

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- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

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Operating Context

Occurrence rates for reported sexual crimes decreased in the reporting period however as published nationally it is expected that victims of domestic abuse and child abuse may have been more vulnerable during lockdown. As such this has been a focus for Public Protection partners.

Missing person rates in Angus have increased in the reporting period in comparison to the previous year. During quarter 1 Police dealt with 47 missing person incidents, which relates to 44 different people, which compared with quarter 1 2019/20 which showed 27 reports from 31 different people.

COVID 19 has curtailed the ability of our "Looked after Children" officer to engage as effectively, whilst she has maintained contact, the lack of face to face contact may have impacted the recorded reports.

Domestic Abuse

The domestic crimes recorded are comparable to the previous recording period.

All crimes of a domestic nature are prioritised and given focused attention so that support is provided to victims and offenders are arrested quickly.

All recorded domestic crimes are reviewed by operational supervisors and scrutinised by the locality Inspector so that all evidential avenues are explored and safety planning is as robust as possible.

The provisions of the Domestic Abuse Scotland Act 2018, particularly around controlling and coercive behaviour, are being utilised frequently and officers are now confident in doing so. This is resulting in police intervention in situations where criminal proceedings would not have previously been viable, affording victims an opportunity to break the cycle of domestic offending.

LPA officers continue to work alongside specialist officers in the divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and the national Domestic Abuse Task Force.

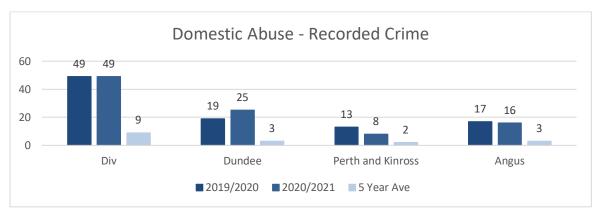
Proactive approaches to possible victims are conducted as a matter of routine.

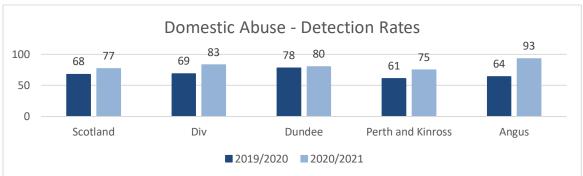
The focused and intensive investigation of these matters has resulted in a considerable detection rate and criminal proceedings being taken against several offenders on a solemn basis.

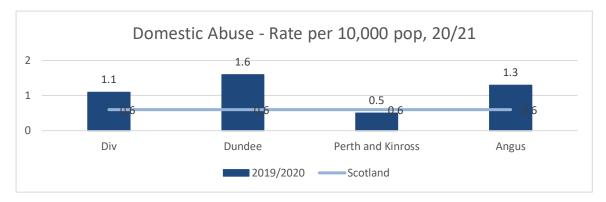
The Procurator Fiscal's service has highlighted recent good practice and commended the efforts of the officer's involved.

One notable example is the conviction of a male from Angus who was the subject of a protracted investigation by the Domestic Abuse Task Force. The male had committed offences including rape, abduction and assaults against seven partners over a 15 year period. He appeared at the High Court in Edinburgh in May and was sentenced to 9 years imprisonment.

The figures below relate to the number of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 crimes recorded. The number of domestic related crimes for Angus year to date is 205, which is a reduction of 8 crimes on the previous year.







Hate Crime

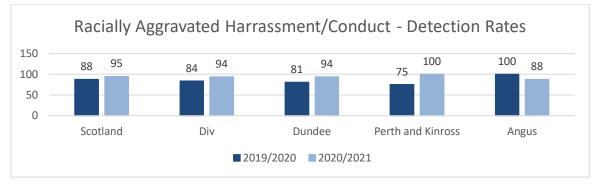
There has been an unfortunate increase in the number of hate crimes recorded although overall numbers remain low.

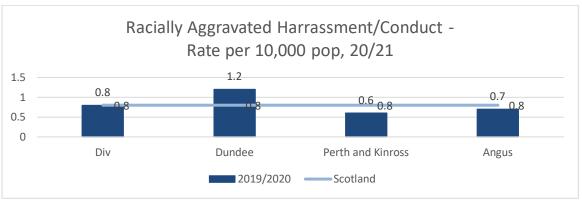
Of these offences 6 have been as a result of disputes where the victim and offender have been known to each other, 2 directed to police officers whilst they were affecting the arrest of the offender, and 1 towards a security officer in similar circumstances.

The offences have all involved unacceptable comments being made, none have involved acts of violence. None of the incidents have been attributed to the Covid pandemic and the situation is not considered to have caused any community tensions in this regard.

All crimes have been detected with one exception which remains under enquiry.







Sexual Crime

The COVID period has seen a decrease in reported sexual crime, in accordance with national and Divisional figures. The occurrence rate was below 5 year average and crimes per head of population remain below the national average.

Around half of the crimes involved child victims and a significant number were cyber enabled. These themes are consistent and focus the activity of the local Child Protection Committees and Tayside Regional Collaborative. Just under a quarter of the recorded crimes were historical in nature and took place a year or more before reporting.

The overall detection rate for sexual crime has improved on last year with an increase of 22% overall.

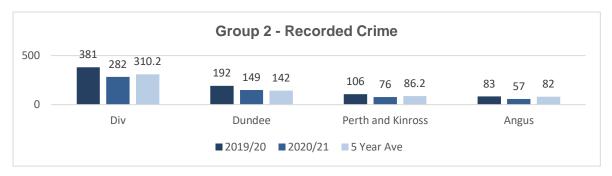
As with overall sexual crime we have seen a reduction in the occurrence rate for Rape compared with the previous year and it remains significantly below the 5 year average.

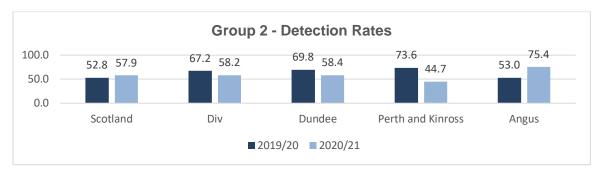
The detection rate for Rape has seen a significant increase from last year and now sits at 140%. This can be attributed to offences that were reported last year being detected during the current reporting period and highlights the protracted nature of some of these investigations.

Every Rape investigation is progressed by specialist investigators from Divisional or National units and is overseen by a Senior Investigating Officer and we continue to work closely with partners to ensure that victims are fully supported.

A notable example of this was the rape of a 13 year old female in Kirriemuir which was reported to police in March 2020. The investigation into this incident is ongoing and is being led by an SIO from the National Rape Task Force with support from investigative support being provided by Divisional and National teams.

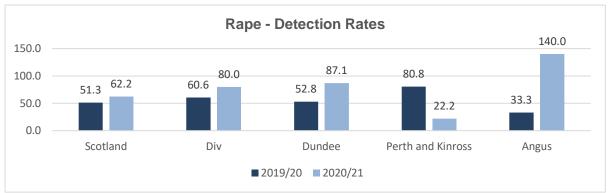
It is an international problem, well beyond the sole scope of the local policing area, but the opportunities for children to become victim of cyber enabled sexual crime is becoming more prevalent and we may yet see a surge in reporting of crimes which occurred during lockdown. This is as stated above known to the CPC and VAWP's and is the focus of local and national campaigns and other work.

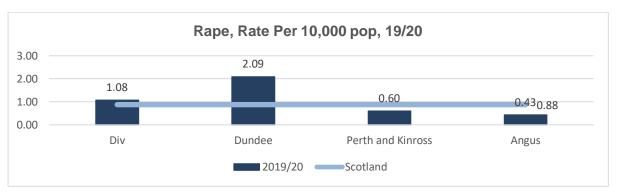














Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime, including cyber crime This activity will link in with and support the Angus Community Plan 2017-2030 strategic priority:

• Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

This also supports the delivery of Police Scotland's strategic outcome:

 Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police

Operating Context

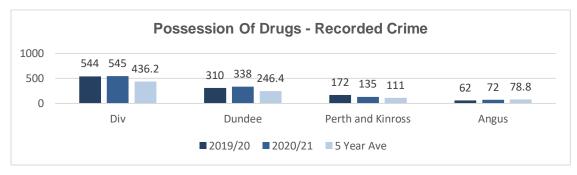
Reliable and current intelligence is essential to effectively target serious and Organised Crime.

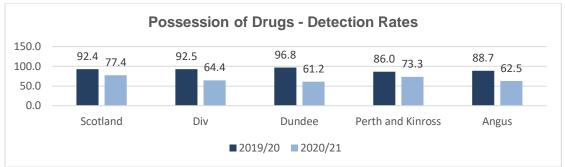
Our Community Intelligence Unit and Community Teams work hand in hand with the Divisional Intelligence Unit to proactively fill gaps in intelligence and develop opportunities to take enforcement.

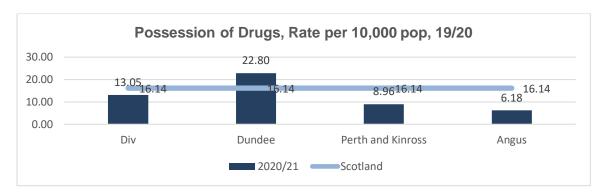
Measure - Possession of Drugs

The proactivity of officers was restricted due to the risks associated with COVID, however there has been a 14% increase in possession of drugs within Angus, Officers have continued to target Offenders for stop/search in appropriate circumstances and have a robust approach to reporting Offenders.

In most cases, the identity of the person in possession of suspected illicit drugs is known. The primary reason for detection rates not being closer to 100% is the fact that on discovery of a suspected controlled drug, a crime report is raised, however may remain undetected until the conclusion of forensic tests, which may not be received until out with the quarterly reporting period.



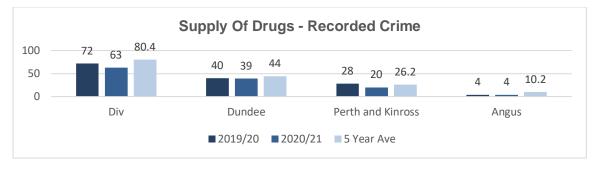


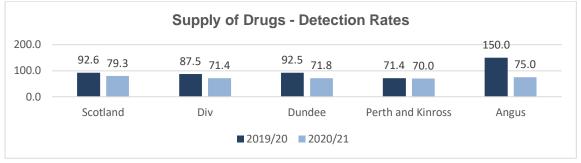


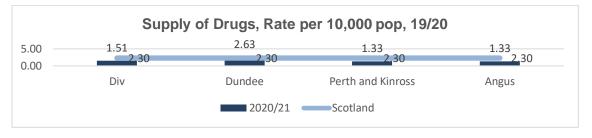
Measure - Supply of Drugs

During this unprecedented period we have faced significant challenges in respect of ensuring Public and Officer Safety due to COVID, which has impacted proactive enforcement activity. Angus Community Investigation Unit have continued their proactive approach, building on the intelligence picture and prioritising investigations of drug supply.

It is an achievement that during this period the recorded number of drug supply cases detected remains the same as previous year, although detection rates are down. This is partially due to a number of detected cases which are generated by enforcement action.







Measure - Proceeds of Crime

During this recording period there have been no Civil Cash Seizures, Expedited Civil Recovery or Assets for Restraint in Angus. During drug enforcement activity and enquiry into money lending, cash and assets have been seized in Angus. These seizures are initially kept as productions until the conclusion of criminal cases, at which time application for Civil Seizure is made.



Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness This activity will link in with and support the Angus Community Plan 2017-2030 strategic priorities:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy

This also supports the delivery of Police Scotland's strategic outcome:

 Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service

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.

Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism in Angus.

There are Officers based in Angus who are trained and act as Counter Terrorist Liaison Officers. These Officers engage regularly with National Specialists and assist with education, checks and regular liaison with identified transport and other potentially vulnerable sites in Angus.

During this period Police in Angus worked with other Emergency Services, during an Emergency Planning training and response event at Montrose Harbour. This training was successful in raising awareness of Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism and how these issues relate to the Angus area and Montrose Harbour in particular. The training was designed to prepare Harbour staff and all partner agencies with knowledge of each other's priorities, legislation and working practices. Officers from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Ambulance Service, and Montrose Harbour were amongst partner agencies who all benefited from this joint agency approach. This preparation will undoubtedly assist to minimise the impact of

an attack and enable the Community to recover as quickly as possible. This partnership will continue to be supported by Police with ongoing training and liaison.



Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and sea This activity will link in with and support the Angus Community Plan 2017-2030 strategic priority:

An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

This also supports the delivery of Police Scotland's strategic outcome:

• The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery

Wildlife Crime is any act that is made illegal in Scotland under legislation with regard to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea.

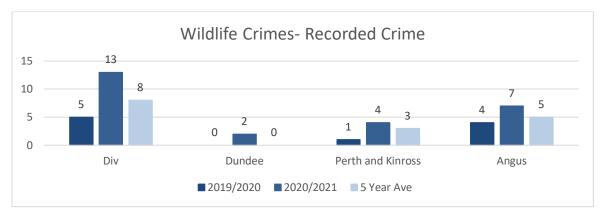
It includes the illegal disturbance, destruction, theft and sale of animals and plants both in the countryside and urban areas, and includes the destruction of and damage to protected habitats.

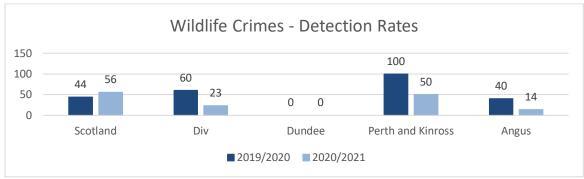
Operating Context

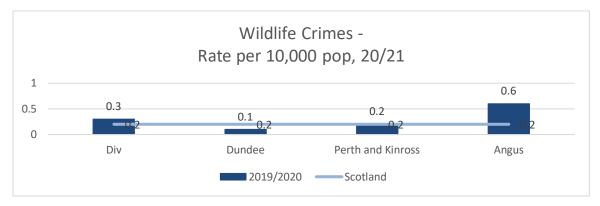
Wildlife crime in Angus sits above the National average, this is to be expected due to the Rural Landscape in Angus, as Scotland figures include urban populations. A Specialist Wildlife Crime Officer is based within Angus and there is now an appointed Inspector and two Community Sergeants appointed within Tayside who will work collaboratively to maintain an overview and consistency within all aspects of Rural and Wildlife crime.

A positive, proactive approach is being taken in relation to Hare coursing with repeat Offenders identified and targeted to deter and detect. These individuals are often involved in other criminality such as Threatening and Abusive Behaviour, Rural Thefts and Vehicle crime.

Increased reporting is positive as the Rural Community engage with Police and crime recording improves. By the nature of the enquiry and investigation of offences reported these crimes take time to investigate and Police are following positive lines of enquiry at present. Crimes reported in Angus include illegal snares to catch badgers and traps set with the intention of catching wild birds.







Other Key Activity

Events

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic there have been very few additional events with the cessation of public events.

Other Key Activity

In these unprecedented times, Police in Angus faced considerable additional challenges in responding to changing legislation, priorities and practices. The response to COVID 19 by the majority of the Public in Angus remained by consent. Police engaged with the Community, explaining to individuals, groups and businesses about the new guidance and legislation. Police encouraged compliance but took enforcement action when necessary.

Demand

Police Scotland has introduced a new ways of assessing calls to its 101 and 999 service that will enable specially trained police officers and staff to make an enhanced assessment of threat, risk, harm and vulnerability.

They will take into account the needs and circumstances of every caller to ensure the most appropriate response is provided every time we are contacted.

If a call is non urgent, advice and guidance may be provided over the phone or through a personal appointment or through referral to a partner agency.

There is no change to the ay the public contact us, they will still call 101 or 999 and the first thing we do is make sure they are safe. That won't change

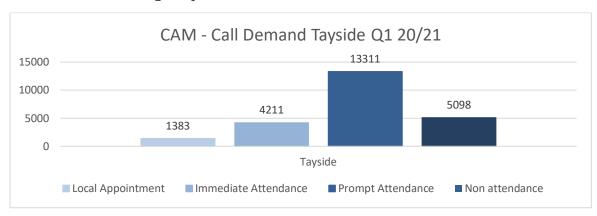
This went live within Tayside on the 21st April 2020 and calls are now graded as follows;

Immediate: where the circumstances dictate there is a threat to life, property or an ongoing incident that requires a dynamic police response.

Prompt: where a response within 4 hours is required.

Scheduled: where a planned attendance is appropriate through a Local Policing Appointment.

Non-attendance: which includes direct crime recording, police officer advice or referral to another agency.



Appendix

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

Reporting Period³

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20		
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons) ²						
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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016		
FORCE / SCOTLAND	5 327 700	5 347 600	5 373 000	5 404 700	5 404 700		
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 midyear estimates in some calculations. As soon as more current population data are available, the above table will be updated.