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## Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

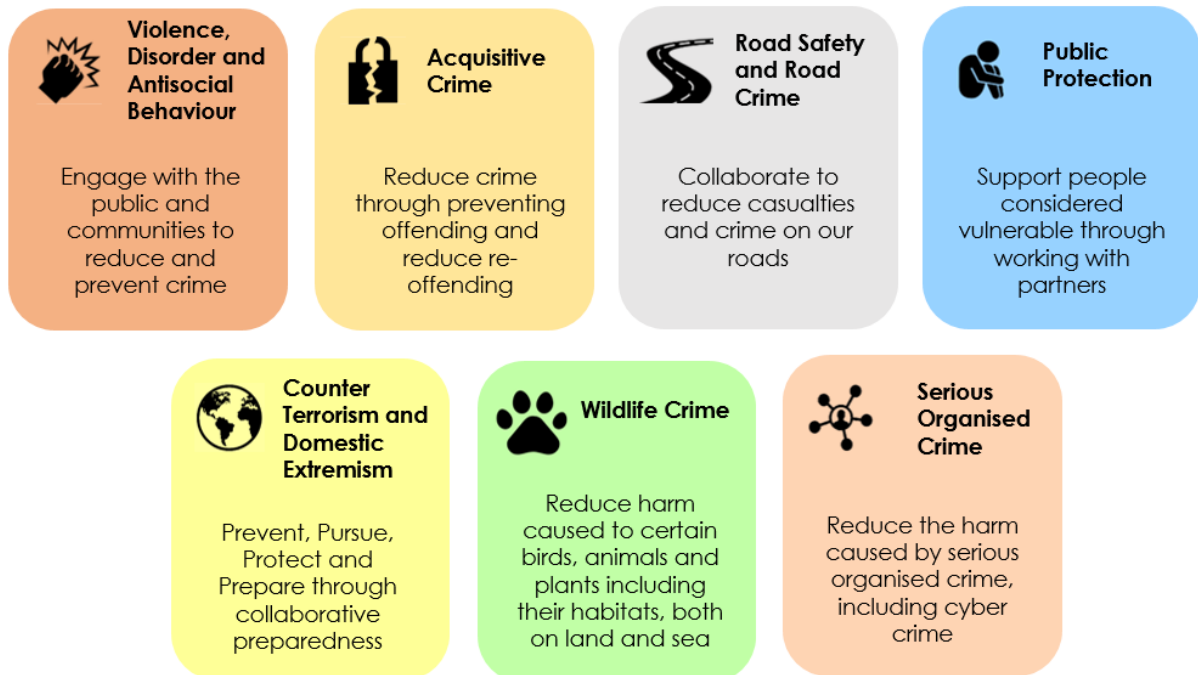
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus Council and will report to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

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 September 2020, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019.

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.





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

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


## Local Priorities

 Violence Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

 Acquisitive Crime

 Road Safety And Road Crime

 Public Protection

 Serious Organised Crime

 Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

 Wildlife Crime

## Objectives

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

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

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness

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

## Outcomes

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

The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery

The public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing

Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public

Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges


















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# Summary Report Angus LPA

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 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.

 <b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	 <b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	 <b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b>
<b>Serious Assault</b>	<b>Robbery Inc Intent</b>	<b>Common Assault</b>
Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %
19/20   34   88	19/20   16   56	19/20   656   72
20/21   19   95	20/21   12   75	20/21   509   78
% +/-   ↓44%   ↑7%	% +/-   ↓25%   ↑19%	% +/-   ↓22%   ↑6%
 <b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	 <b>Acquisitive Crime</b>	 <b>Acquisitive Crime</b>
<b>Emergency Services Assault</b>	<b>Housebreakings - Dwellings</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle Crime</b>
Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %
19/20   45   100	19/20   45   29	19/20   77   34
20/21   36   100	20/21   24   25	20/21   68   57
% +/-   ↓20%   0%	% +/-   ↓47%   ↓4%	% +/-   ↓12%   ↑23%
 <b>Acquisitive Crime</b>	 <b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>	 <b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>
<b>Fraud</b>	<b>Speeding</b>	<b>Drink/ Drug Driving</b>
Crimes   Detect %	Off.   Detect %	Off.   Detect %
19/20   61   44	19/20   783   100	19/20   80   100
20/21   112   11	20/21   207   100	20/21   78   92
% +/-   ↑84%   ↓33%	% +/-   ↓74%   0%	% +/-   ↓3%   ↓8%
 <b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>	 <b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>	 <b>Public Protection</b>
<b>Road Deaths - All</b>	<b>Serious Injury - All</b>	<b>Rape Inc Assault With Intent</b>
Deaths   Detect %	Injury   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %
19/20   2   N/A	19/20   26   N/A	19/20   23   17
20/21   2   N/A	20/21   26   N/A	20/21   21   57
% +/-   0%   /	% +/-   0%   0%	% +/-   ↓9%   ↑40%
 <b>Public Protection</b>	 <b>Serious Organised Crime</b>	 <b>Serious Organised Crime</b>
<b>Group 2 Sexual Crimes</b>	<b>Drug Supply</b>	<b>Drug Possession</b>
Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %
19/20   186   60	19/20   15   93	19/20   109   88
20/21   152   61	20/21   14   86	20/21   135   90
% +/-   ↓18%   ↑1%	% +/-   ↓7%   ↓7%	% +/-   ↑24%   ↑2%

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### Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

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:*

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

### Operating Context

It is unknown to what extent COVID-19 has influenced Violence and Antisocial Behaviour during this reporting period. The decrease in violence across Angus, may be attributed partly to the continued closure of licensed premises and the lockdown guidelines which still existed at the start of the reporting period.

The continued focus on preventing violence by officers throughout the Local Policing area has had this positive effect on the number of crimes recorded. This will undoubtedly have been assisted by the steady transition out of lockdown and the preparation the local policing teams undertook prior to the community being permitted to socialise publically again.

The number of Antisocial Behaviour reports must still be treated with caution as these include complaints from members of the public regarding perceived breaches of COVID-19 guidelines, which were not always substantiated.

Police Scotland Officers continue to adopt the "4Es" approach of engage, explain, encourage and enforcement (as a last resort) in order to work *with* the public to gain a better understanding of the legislation and ever-changing guidelines.

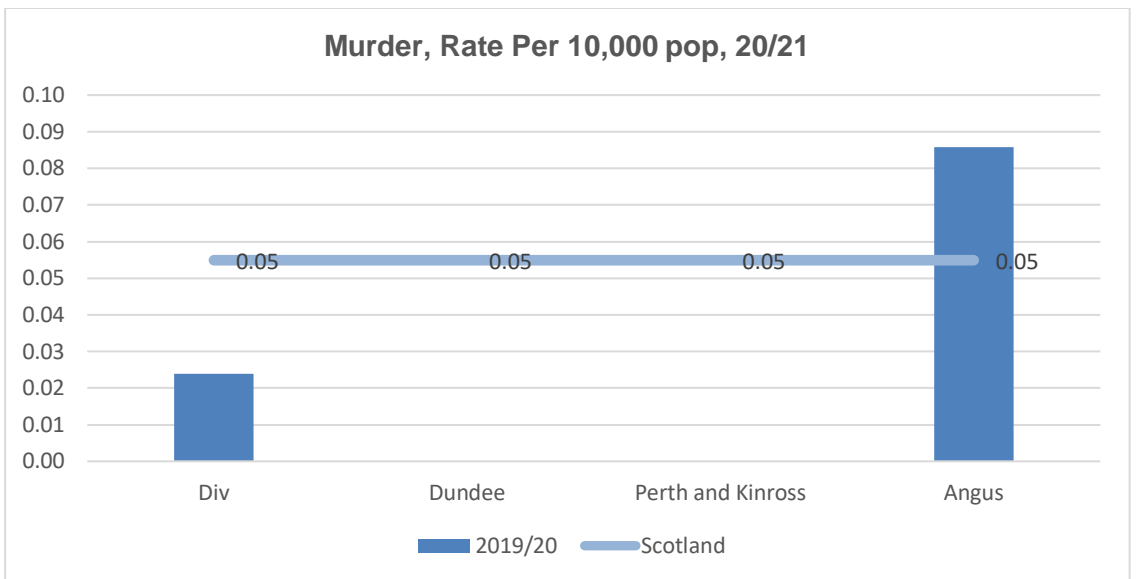
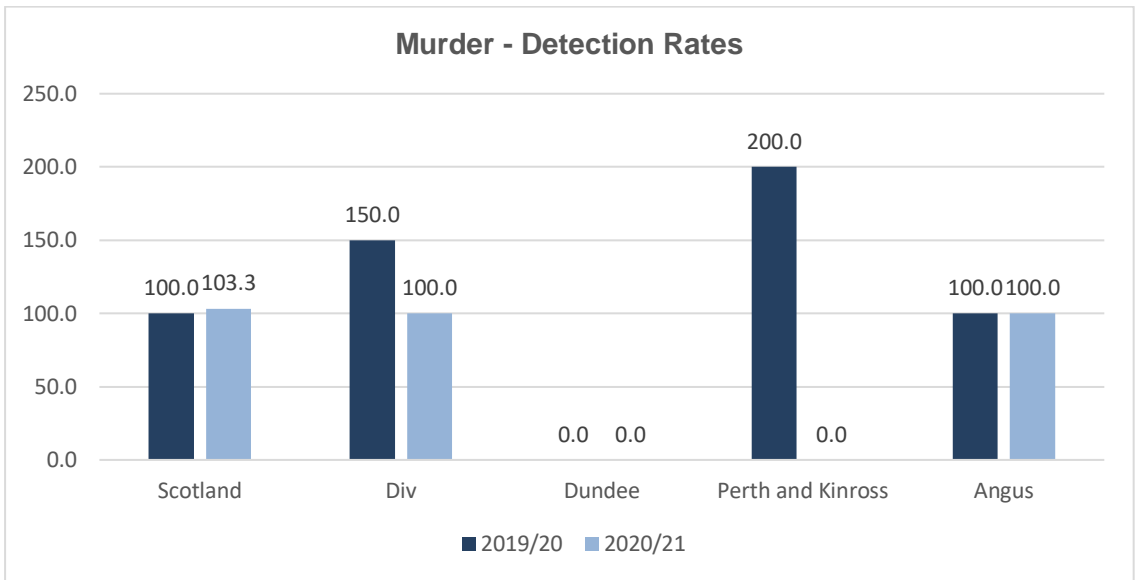
It is apparent that some of the inconsiderate and anti-social behaviour witnessed at local beauty spots, following the easing of lockdown, has now dissipated due to the cooler weather. This situation has been closely monitored, and community policing teams in Angus continue to work with partners to provide assistance and reassurance whenever possible. The use of social media to plea to such visitors has been particularly effective in raising awareness.

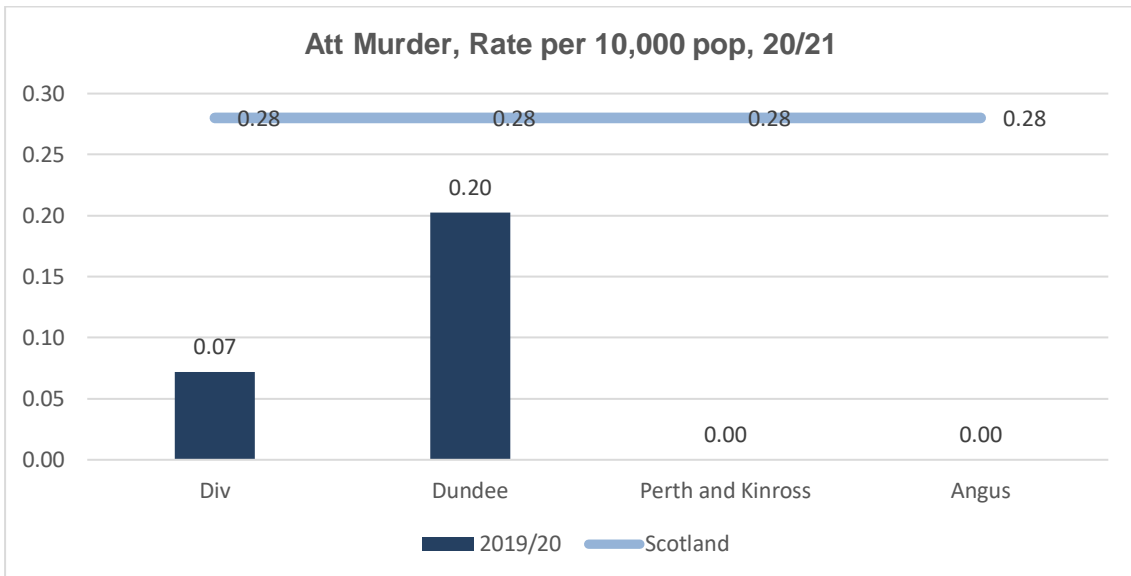
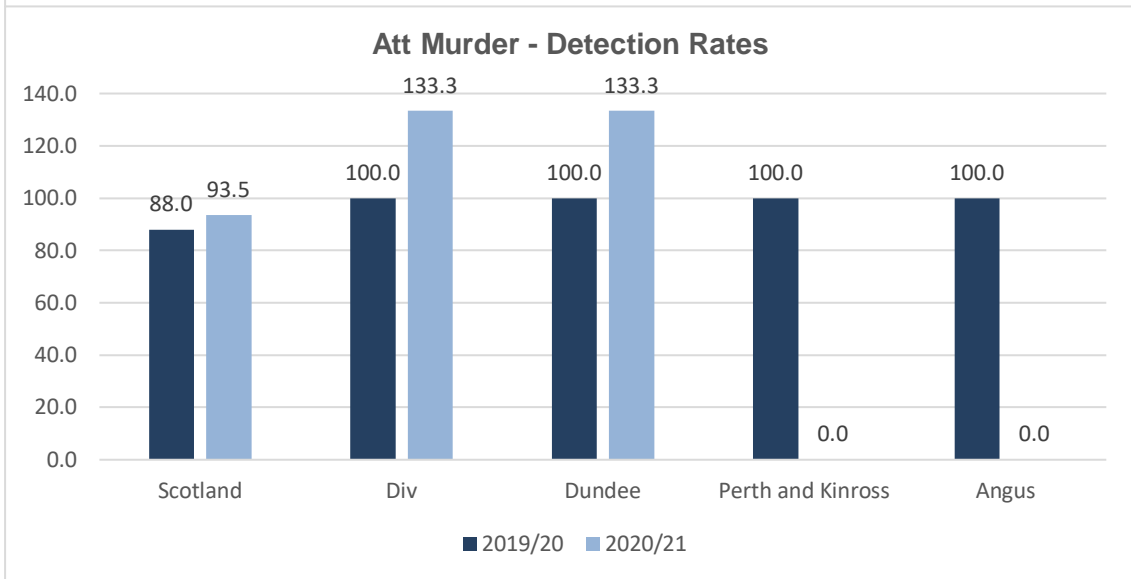
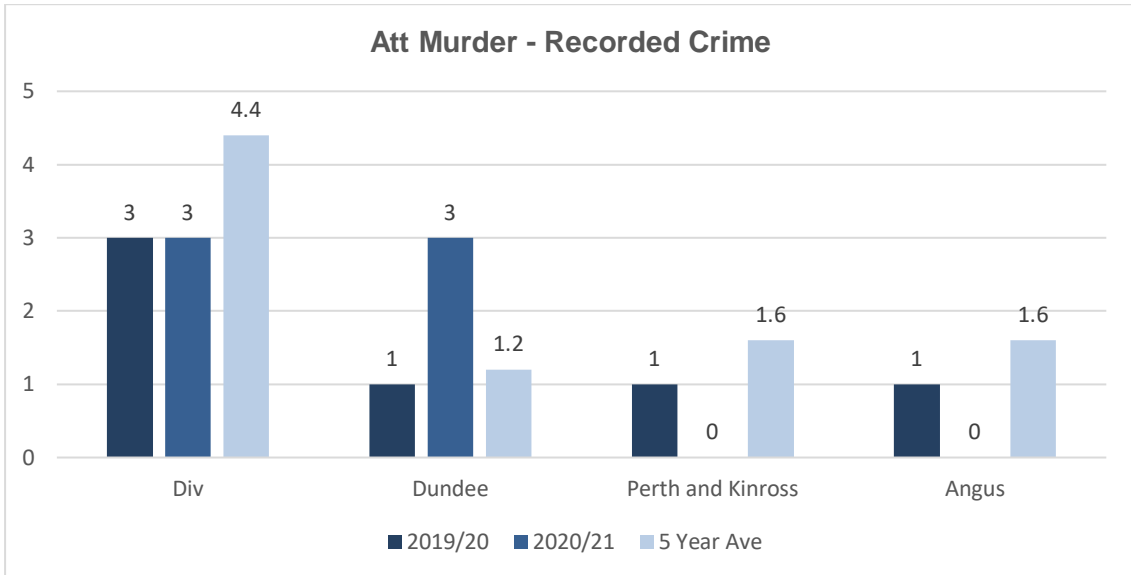
### Murder and Attempted Murder

There has been one murder during this reporting period. A 41year old male is currently awaiting trial following the death of a 34 year old male in Arbroath during August 2020.

There have been no attempted murders.

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Serious Assault

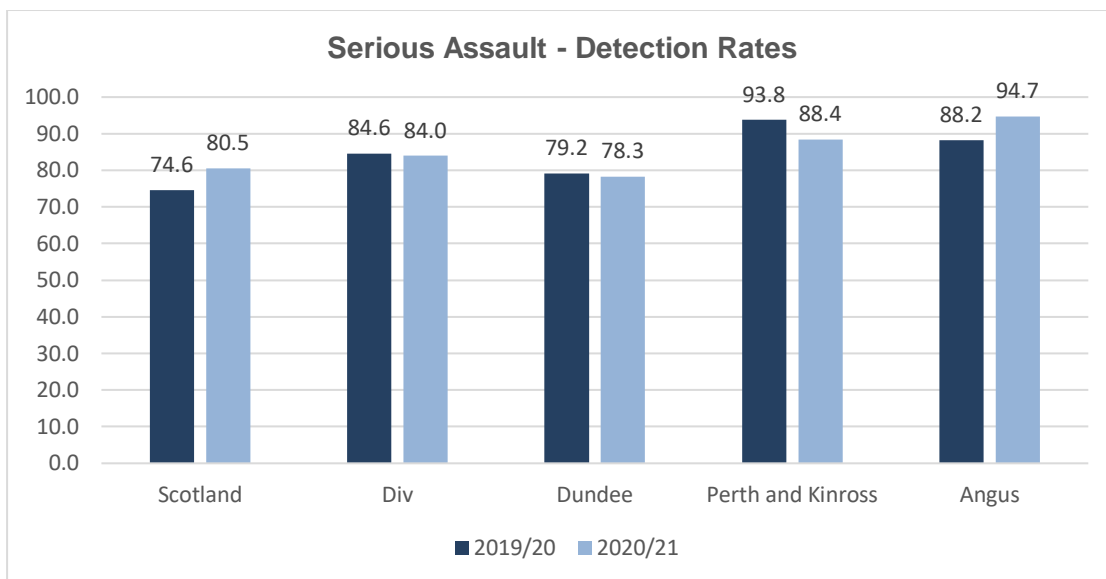
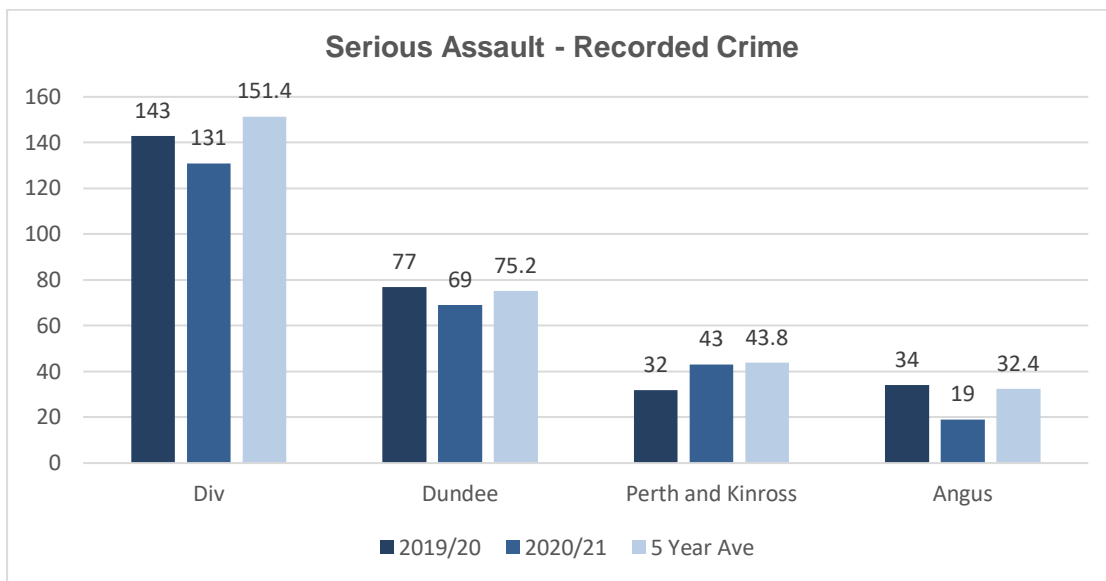
There has been 44.1% reduction in the number of serious assaults in comparison to the previous year, with 13 assaults recorded in the reporting period.

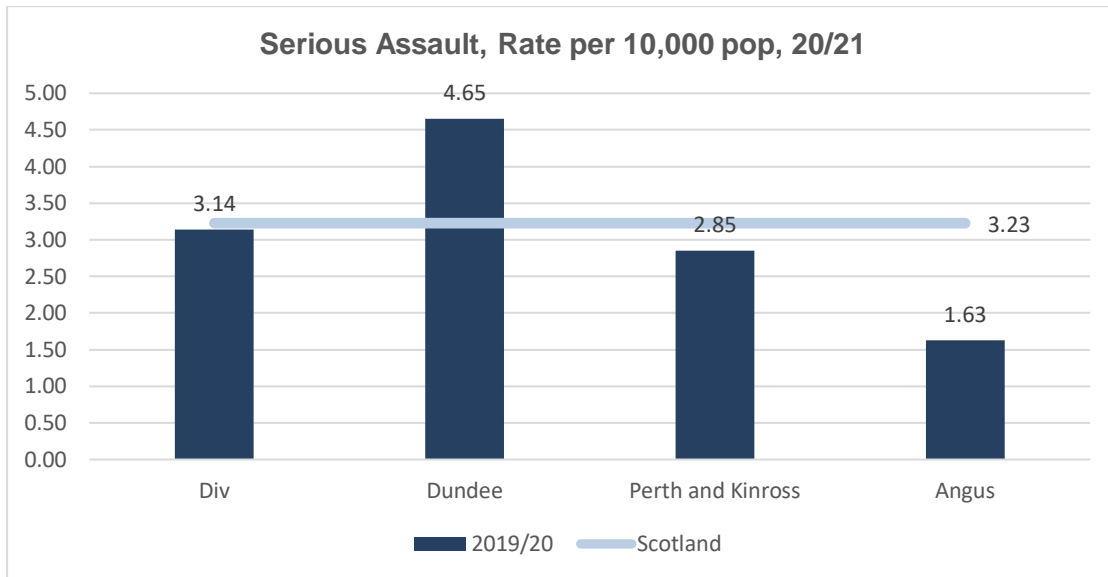
Alcohol was a factor in 5 of the assaults committed, however only 1 involved a licensed premises, which was in Montrose. Domestic violence accounted for 3 of the crimes recorded, with both female and male victims.

Year to date there has been a reduction of 15 crimes.

There has not been a marked increase in violence following the easing of the lockdown restrictions and the opening of licensed premises.

All the crimes have been detected.





### Common Assault

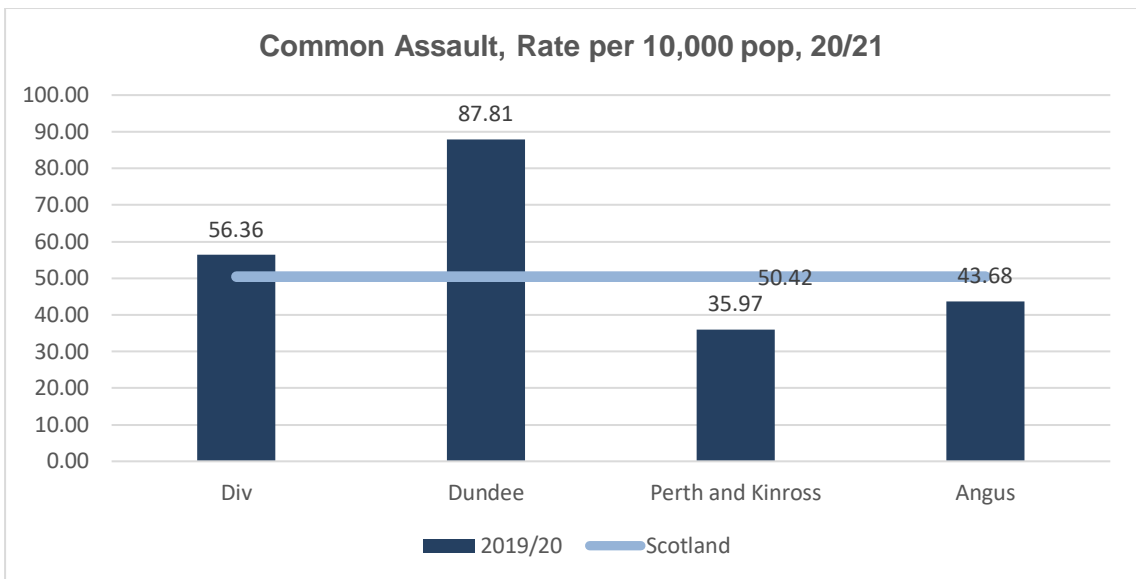
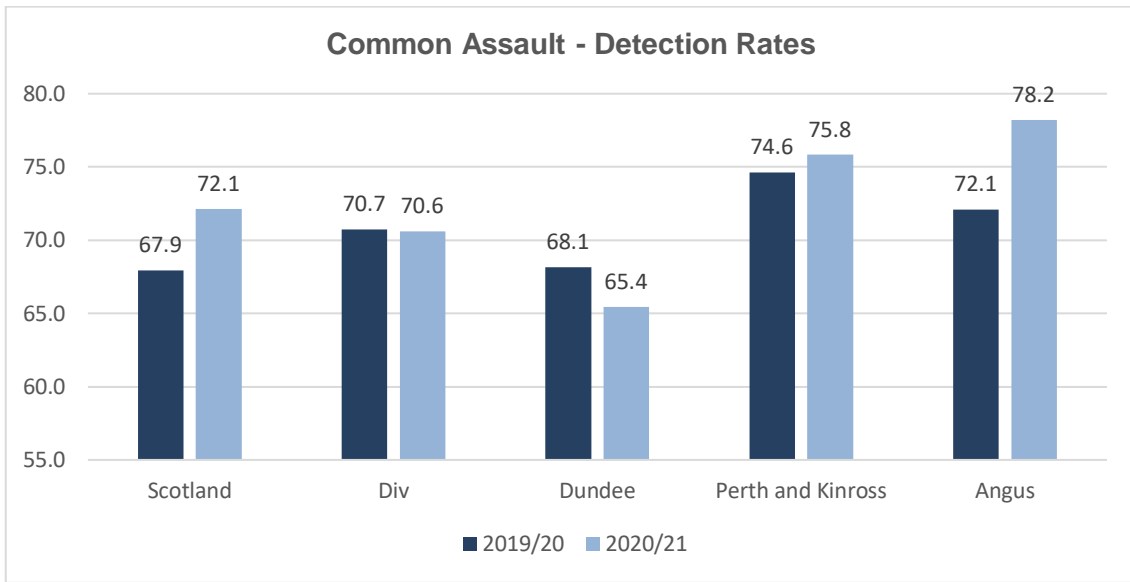
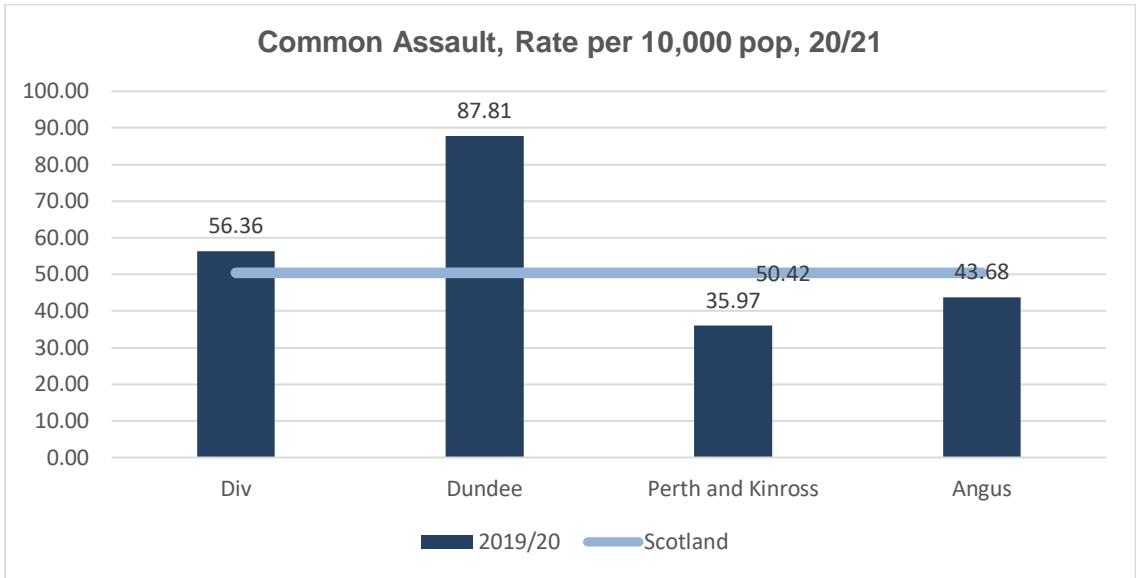
There has been a 23% reduction in recorded assaults in comparison to the previous year - a reduction of 147 crimes. Violence remains a focus for Angus officers and crimes are regularly reviewed by the locality Inspectors to ensure all opportunities are taken. The focus remains on ensuring violent offenders are targeted, arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

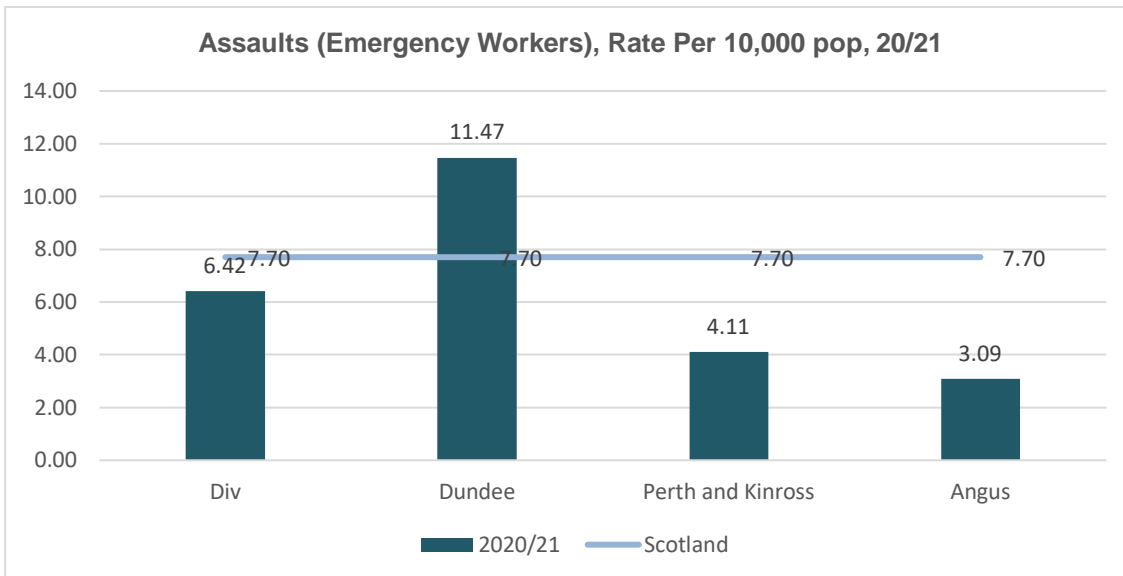
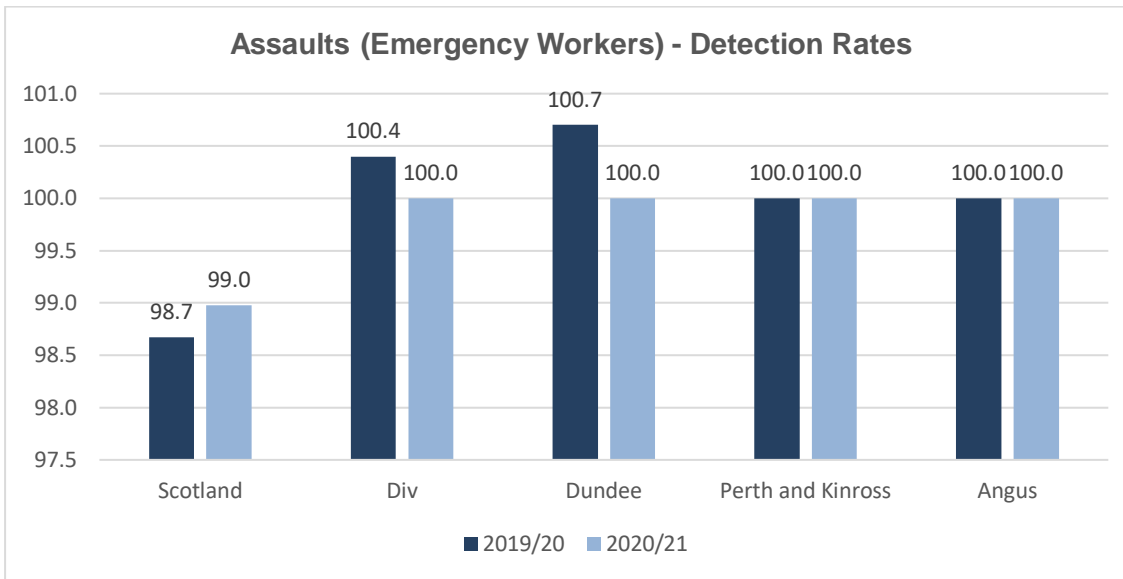
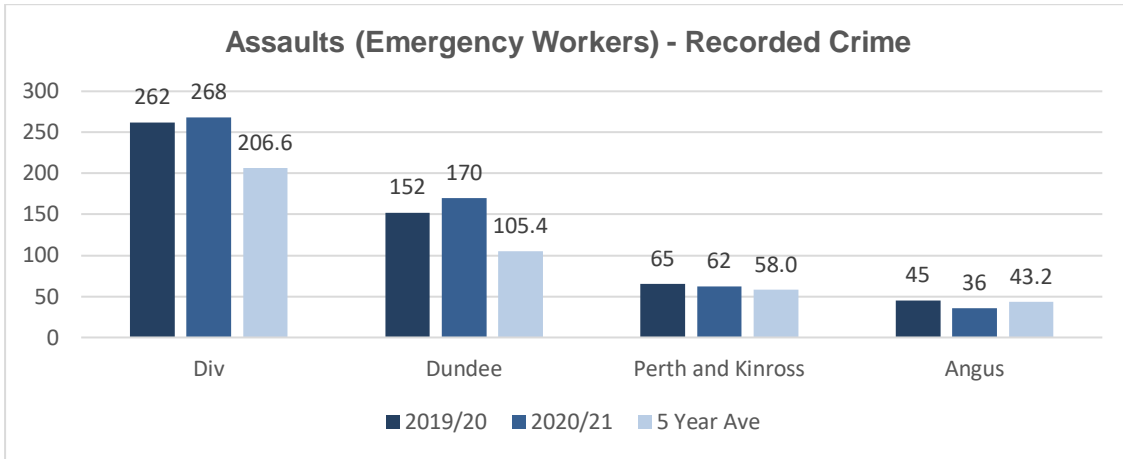
There has also been a reduction of assaults on emergency workers. The reviews of these incidents and learning shared with officers has positively impacted this.

The impact that violence or abusive behaviour towards officers has, is something that is taken seriously within the organisation. The Chief Constable has given a pledge to all staff which ensures that officers are supplied with the training and tools required to do their job safely and that officers are supported appropriately when subject to violence.

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

This continued focus has seen a 6% increase in the detection rate, to 78.4%.



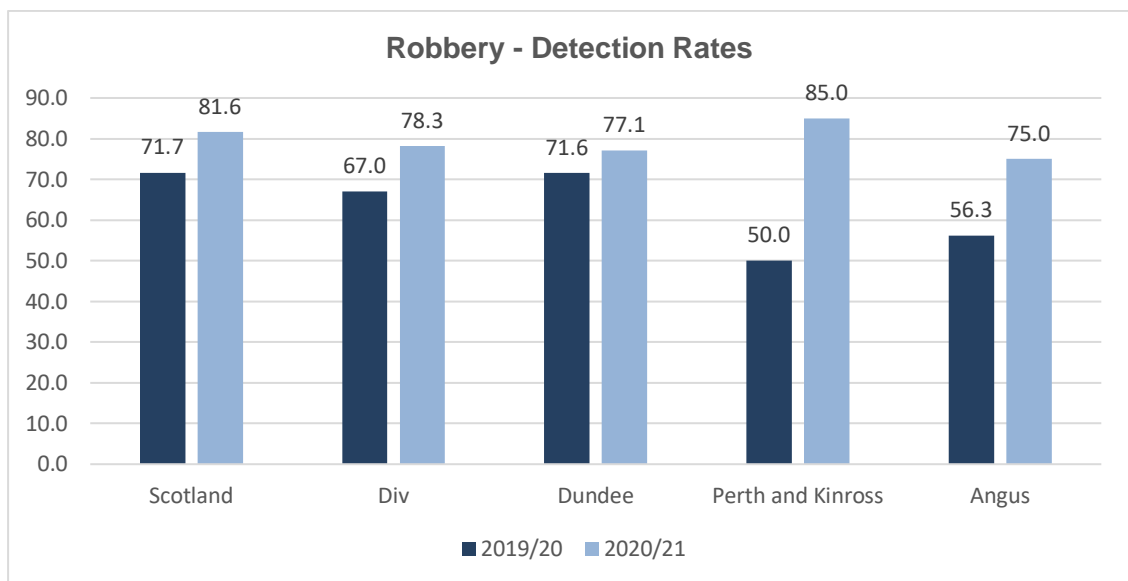
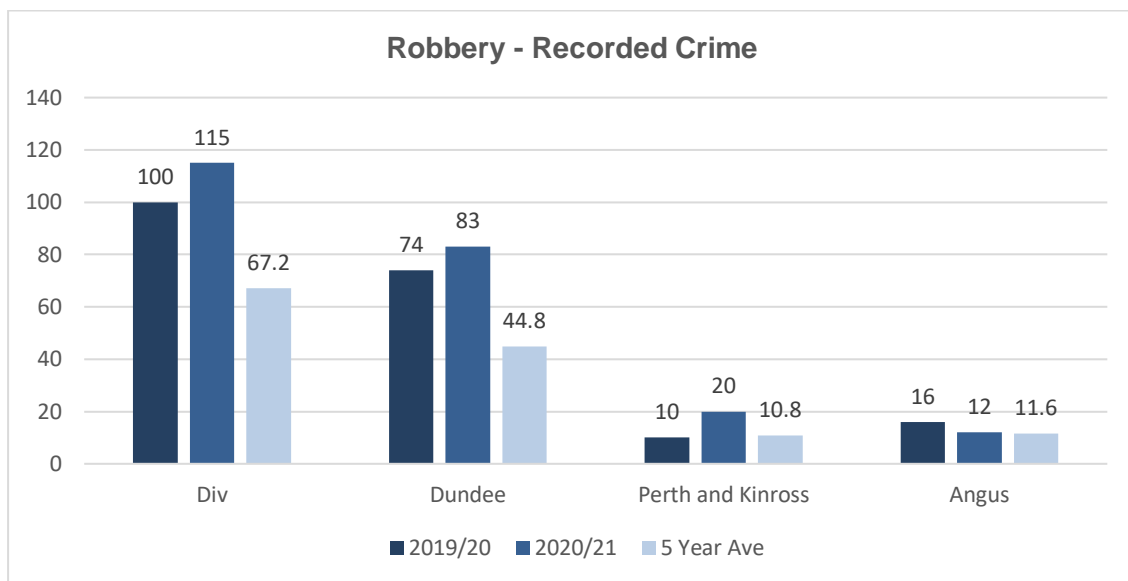


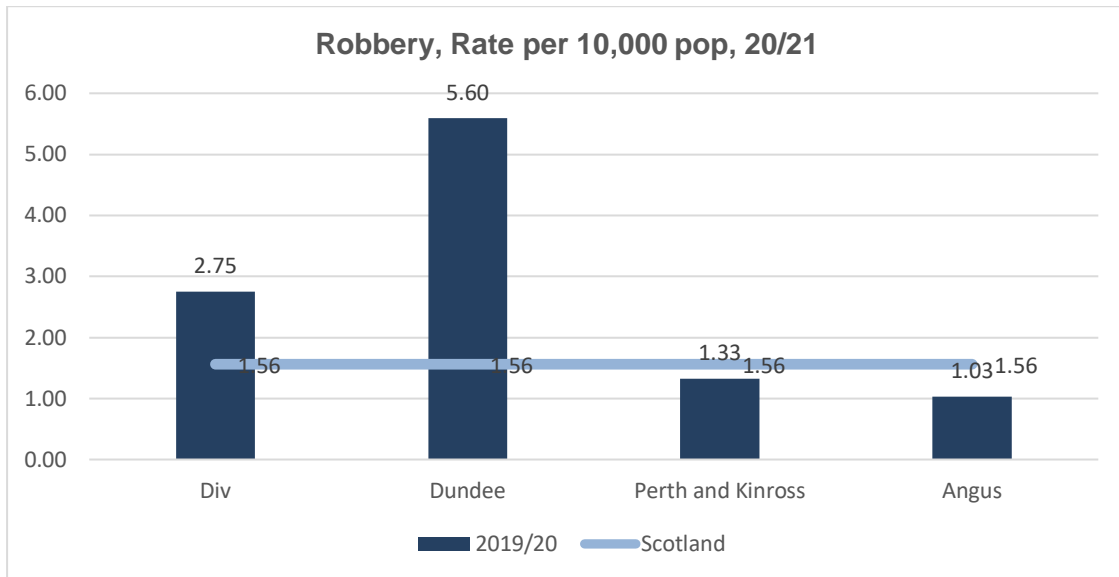
Robbery

There has been a 25% reduction in recorded robberies, year to date. There have been 8 robberies recorded during this reporting period, five of which have been detected, the remaining crimes are still under investigation, however there are difficulties in progressing these investigations as victims and witnesses are vulnerable with a reliance on illicit substances. In most cases the offender is known to the victim, however the fear of reprisal prevents officers from obtaining an accurate accounts of the circumstances.

The outstanding investigations mean the detection rate is 75%, which is still above the previous year's figure of 56.3%.

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





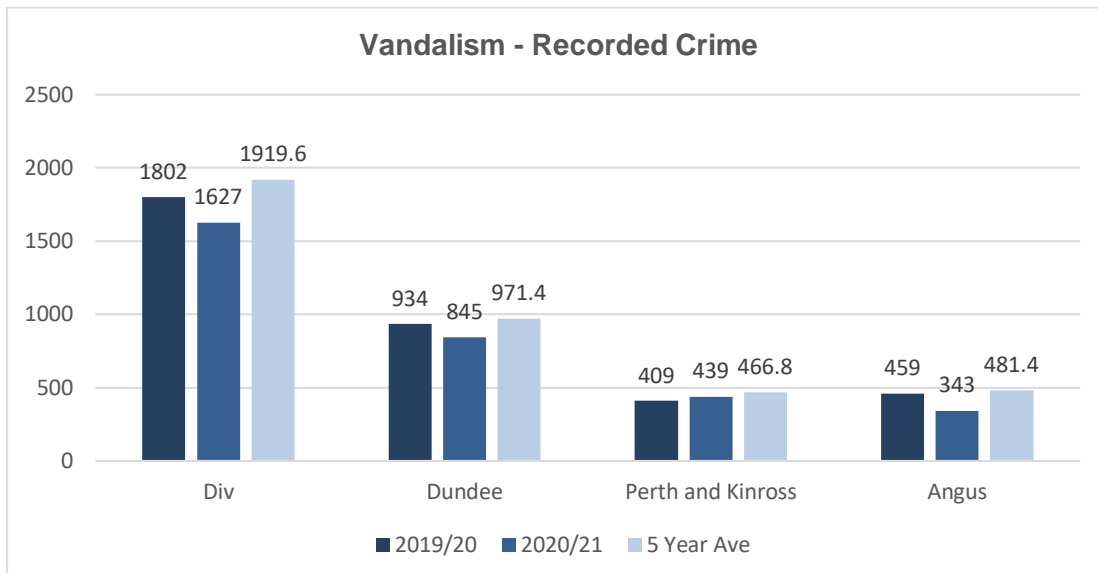
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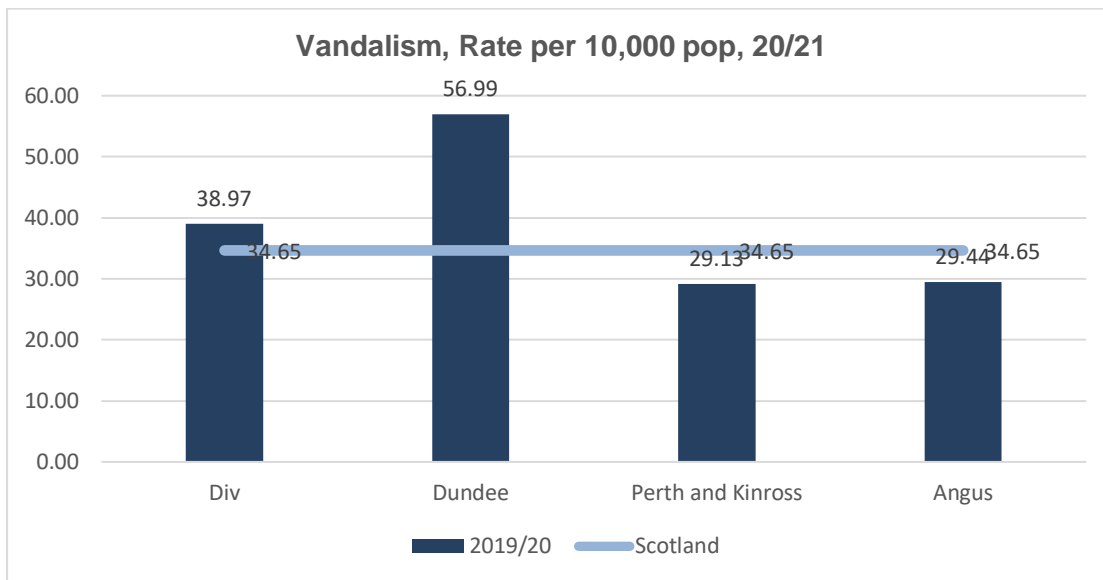
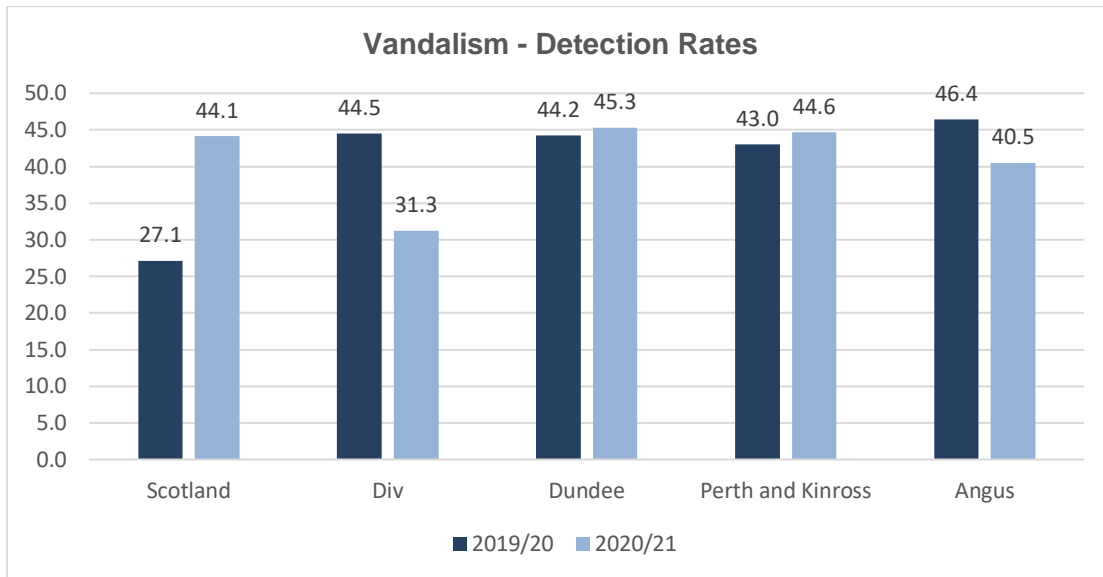
There has been a 25.8% reduction in recorded vandalism year to date.

There were several incidences of cars being scratched in both Newtyle and Arbroath during the reporting period. An 11 year male and a 10 year old female were identified as being responsible for the crimes in Newtyle.

The improvement in DNA technology has seen a number of detections in windows damaged by stone throwing.

Community teams work closely with partners to ensure problematic areas are given additional attention through directed proactive patrols. This has achieved a degree of success.





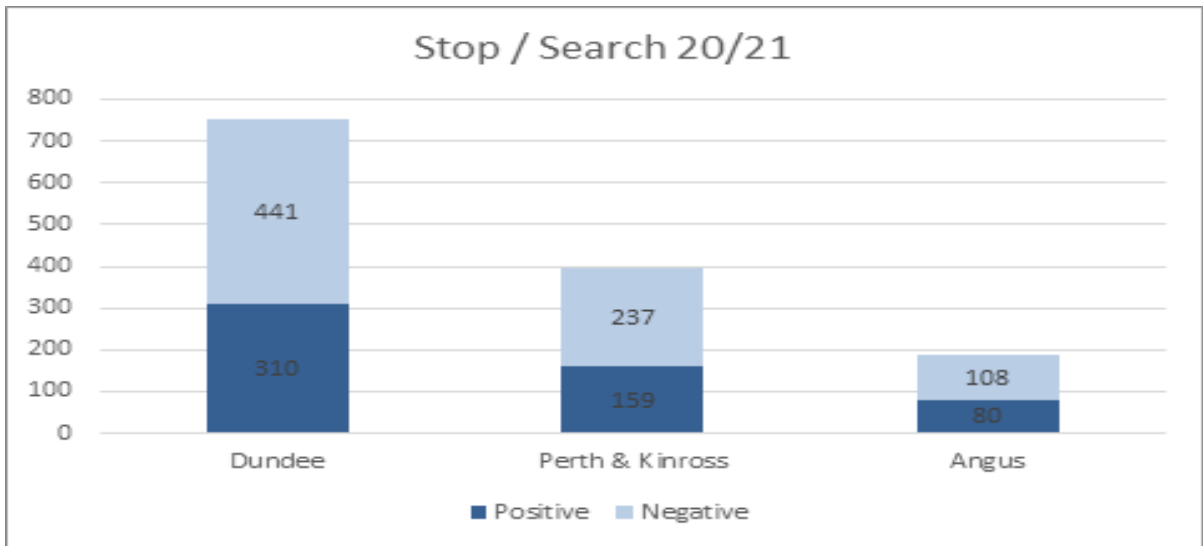
### Stop Search

Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic used in the prevention, investigation and detection of crime. The overall objective is to maximise the safety of those in our communities and improve well-being through reassurance. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion into their personal liberty and privacy, which demands that our actions are lawful, proportionate and accountable.

Officers are trained to explain why they have stopped an individual before any search, and through appropriate communication, explain what they are looking for. After a search, officers 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, 188 stop searches were conducted, during which, items including weapons and drugs were recovered on 80 occasions. This equates to a positive search rate of around 42.5%.

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**Acquisitive Crime**

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending

This activity will link in with and support the Angus Community Plan 2017-2030 strategic priorities:

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- An inclusive and sustainable economy

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**Operating Context**

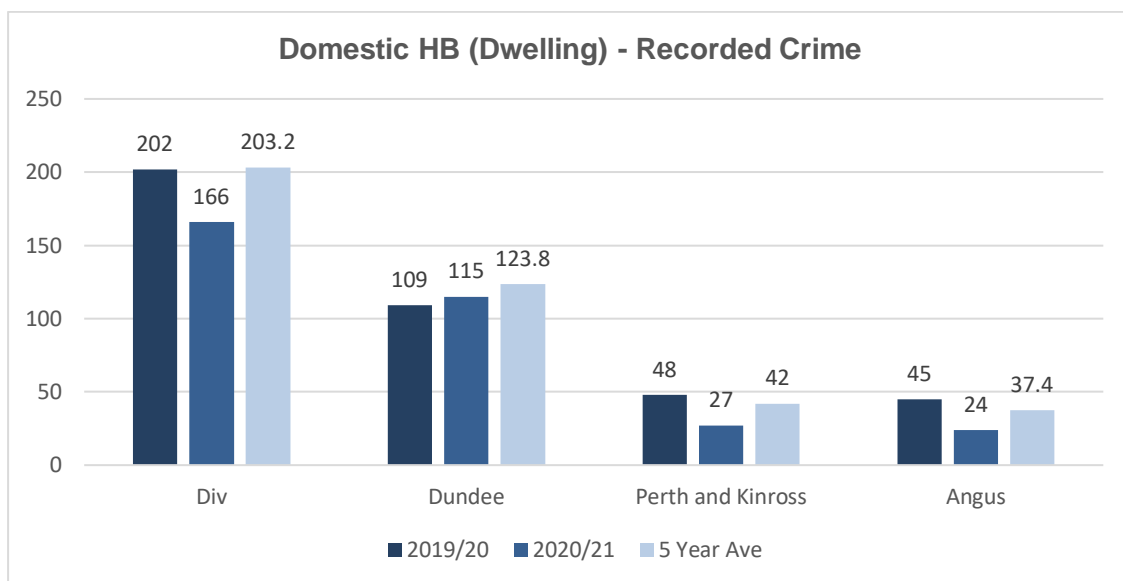
Acquisitive Crime has reduced across all crimes within the group, with the exception of fraud. There have been significant reductions in domestic, non-dwelling and commercial housebreakings.

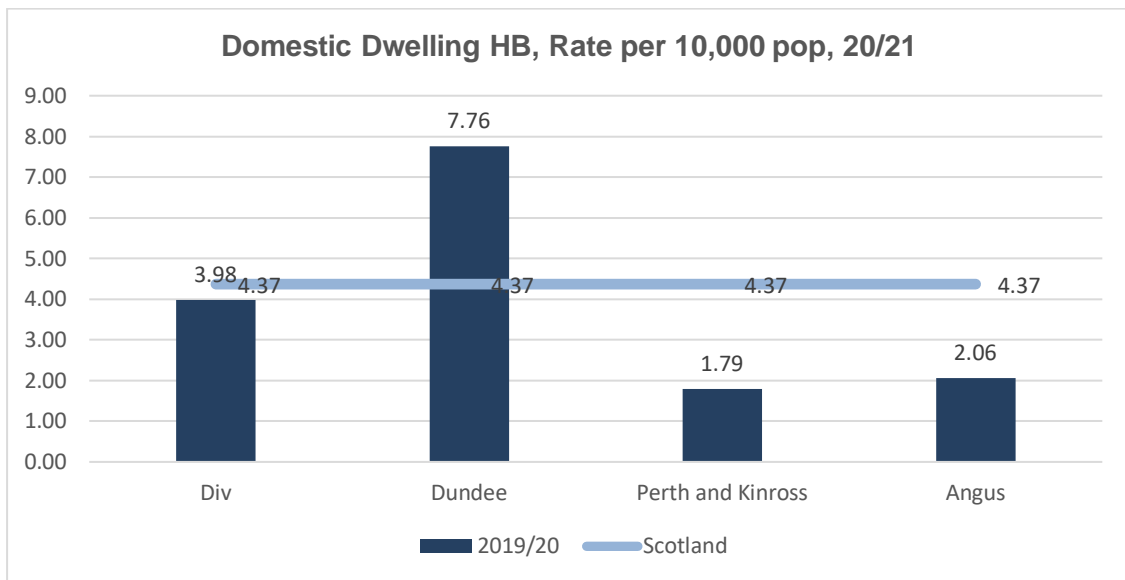
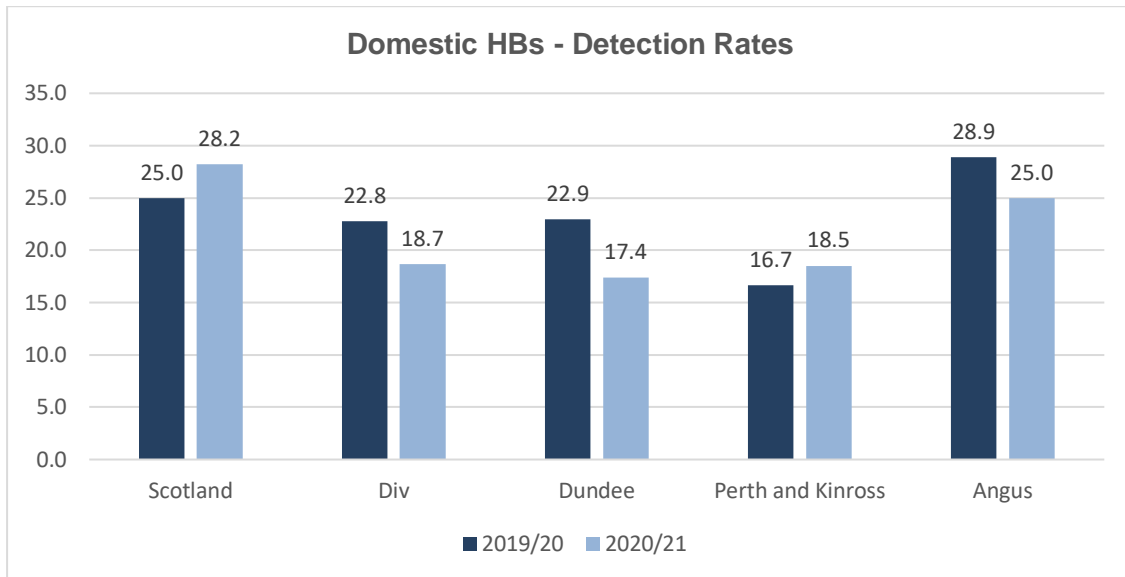
Continued focus on prison releases allows officers to quickly identify trends emerging linked to offenders who have been released. By taking opportunities to detect offenders quickly, we ensure the reductions in these types of crimes are maintained.

Domestic Housebreaking

There has been a 46.7% reduction in recorded domestic housebreakings, year to date, with a detection rate of 25%. The lifting of COVID-19 restrictions has allowed Scene of Crime Officers to return to normal duties and support officers in their investigations.

There is no particular "hotspot" in Angus for domestic housebreaking with crimes recorded in each of the towns. A 35 year old male was detected for two crimes committed in Arbroath, during the reporting period.





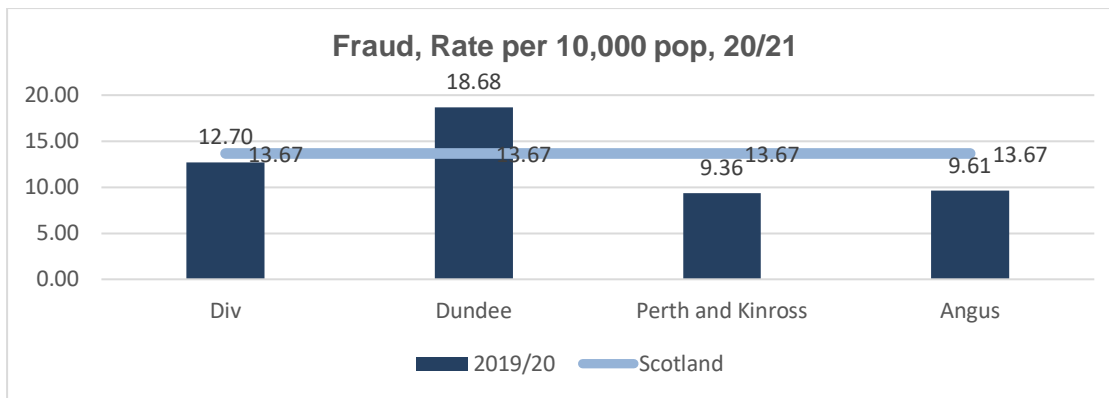
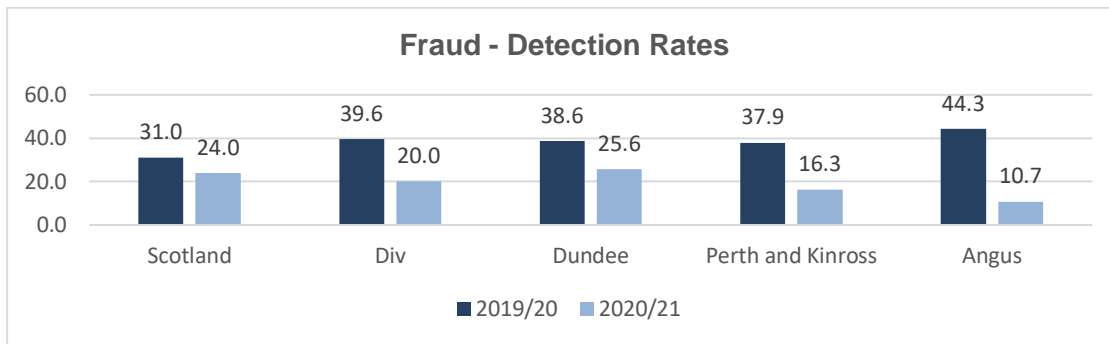
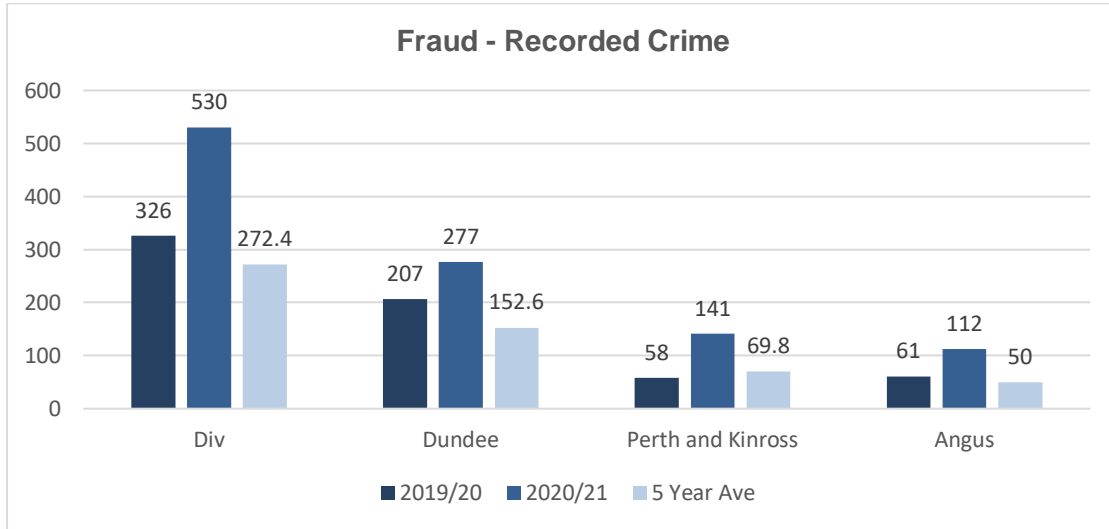
### Fraud

Fraud continues to be reported on a daily basis across Angus, the majority of which is perpetrated online or by telephone, with individuals losing thousands of pounds having been the victims of complex scams. Victims are often embarrassed to come forward and can be repeatedly targeted by unscrupulous offenders.

The investigation of these complex frauds requires cooperation from banks to track the destiny of the money fraudulently obtained. The money trail will often lead to Eastern Europe or Africa, with very little chance of it ever being recovered from the suspects.

Work continues to be carried out with partners to highlight fraud types within the media to raise awareness and prevent further victims. Vulnerable victims are supported by continued multi-agency work with groups such as the Angus Financial Harm subcommittee. Interventions such as the banking protocol whereby Police are alerted by banks where they suspect individuals may be subject to fraudulent activity have also had a positive outcome.

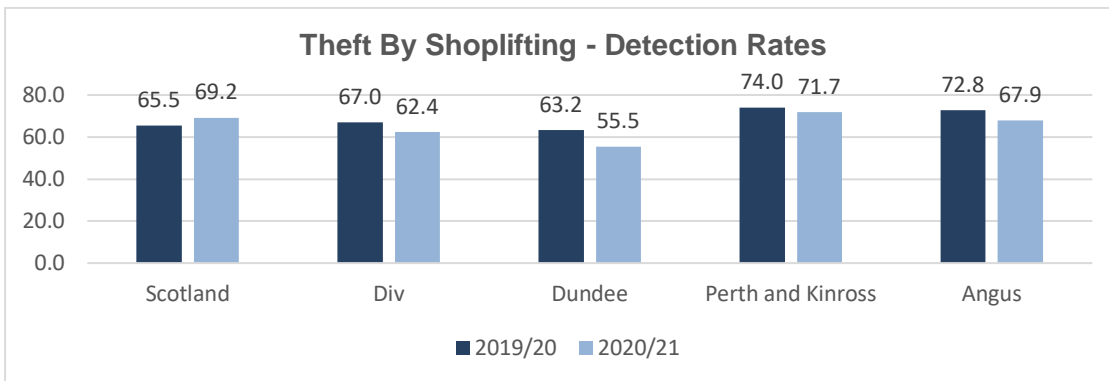
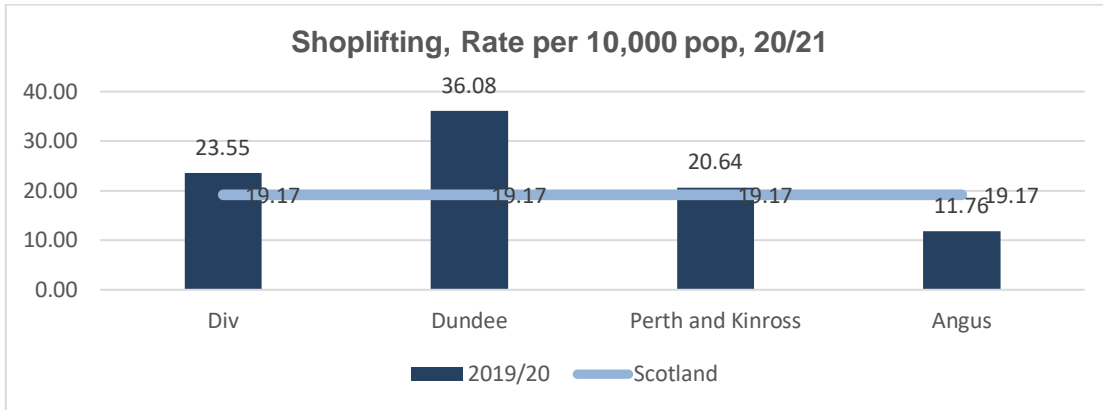
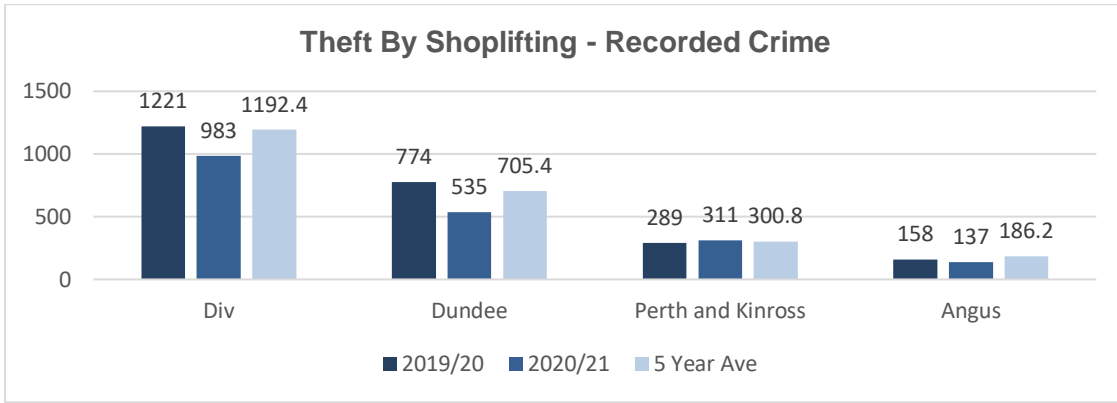
Fraud reports have increased by 51 crimes year to date.



Theft by Shoplifting

There has been a 13% reduction in recorded thefts by shoplifting year to date, however it is apparent that shoplifting is returning to the same levels as the previous year.

The stricter lockdown rules around the wearing of face masks in shops appears to have given offenders more confidence, and they are exploiting the fact that masks are concealing their identities, making it harder for Police to identify them unless they are caught whilst committing the crime.

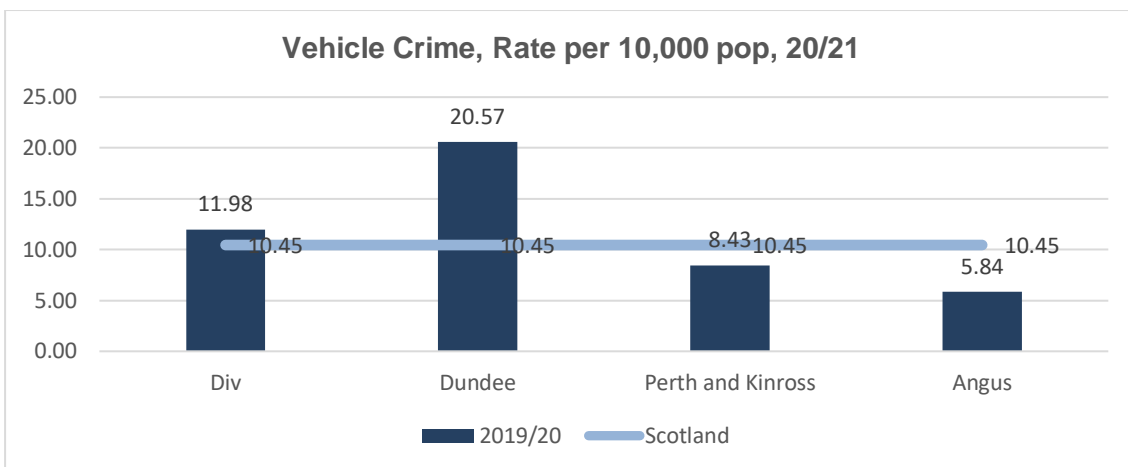
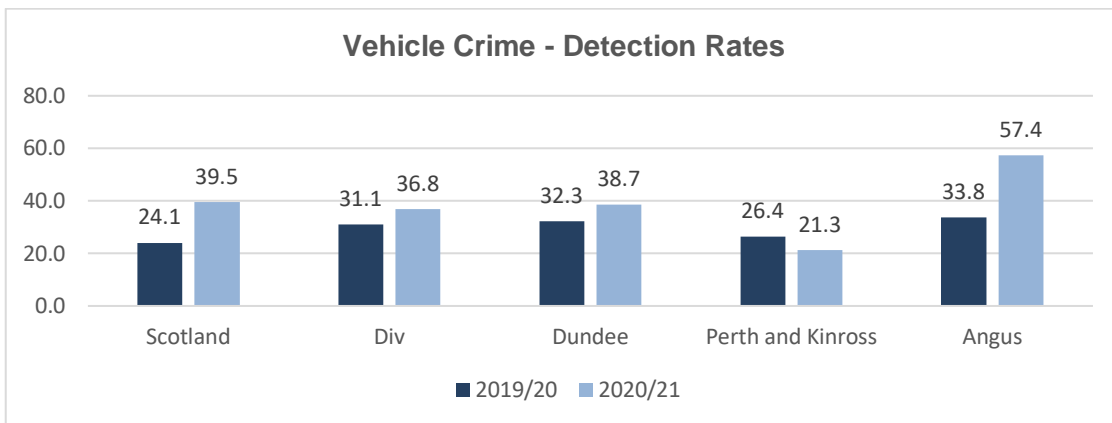
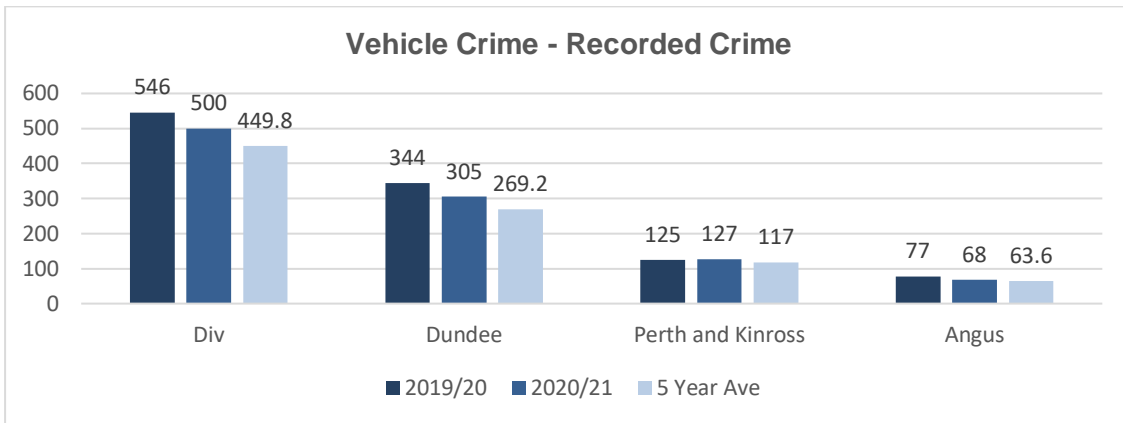


Motor Vehicle Crime

There has been an 11.8% reduction in vehicle crimes, year to date.

The majority of these crimes are thefts from insecure vehicles, which account for 40% of the crime. Improved vigilance by vehicle owners would significantly reduce the numbers of crimes committed.

The detection rate for these crimes is still considerably higher at 57.4 %, which is positive.



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### Road Safety and Road Crime

Collaborate to  
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### Operating Context

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

D Division have recently implemented 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 Tayside Division had one adult fatality for the quarter which occurred in Angus LPA.

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On 22 August 2020 on the A92 near to Montrose, a 53 year old male car driver lost his life when an insecure load fell from a lorry and landed on the vehicle.

Tayside Division had 78 persons seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions, which is a 9% decrease for the same period last year where we experienced 86.

Tayside Division had 160 persons slightly injured as a result of road traffic collisions, this unfortunately is a 20% increase for the same period last year where we experienced 133.

Tayside Division have had 4 child casualties who were seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions, this is a 56% decrease on the same period last year which saw 9 children injured.

Angus LPA specifically saw 26 persons seriously injured in road traffic collisions, this matches the figures for the same period last year where we also experienced 26.

Similarly, Angus LPA saw 1 child seriously injured, this is a 75% decrease on the year previous where we experienced 4 child casualties which is an extremely positive statistic.

Whilst slightly injured persons increased significantly with 58 compared to the previous year in Angus LPA where we experienced only 30.

During the period under review Tayside Division Road Policing unit took part in a number of National Campaigns;

July 2020 - summer drink/Drug Drive campaign

July 2020 – Motorcycle campaign

August 2020 – Seatbelt/speed/mobile phone days of action

August 2020 - Project EDWARD (European Day without A Road Death)

August 2020 – Vulnerable Road Users Campaign

All of the aforementioned campaigns were successful in respect of public engagement, awareness, education and enforcement. Effective use of media campaigns were also utilised for the aforementioned campaigns which were well received.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Angus LPA. Focused patrol work will be complemented by the use of available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking.

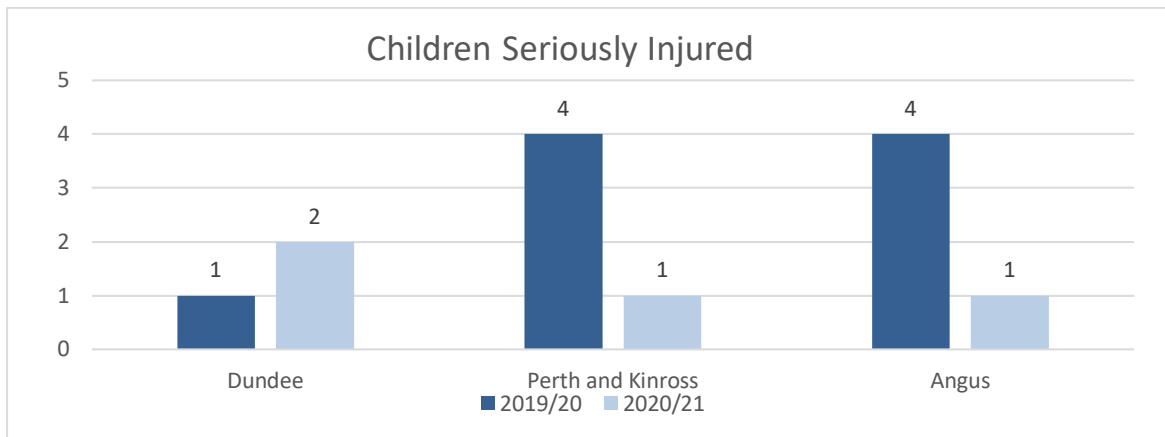
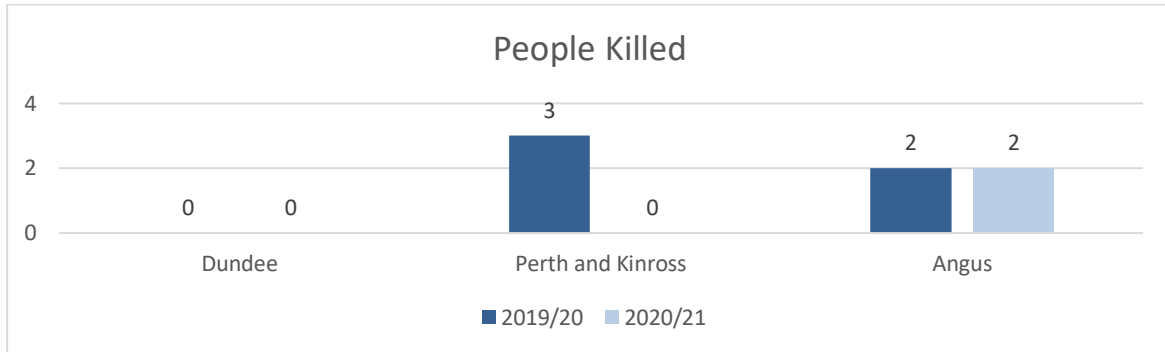
Local Policing and RPU Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on a wide range of driving behaviours including dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug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

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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 6816 vehicles were stopped in Tayside division. A number of offences were detected and reported, whilst a number of offenders were warned in respect of other road traffic contraventions.



### Measure – Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Angus LPA have decreased by a significant 73.6%. This is attributable to the full lockdown seen with COVID-19 and there being less road activity along with focused operational activity, on not only the priority routes, but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues.

Although speed detection falls in to the remit of daily business for Road Policing, in the months of August and September 2020, Police Scotland held numerous specific "Speed days of action" which focussed not only on the Priority routes but also on roads which have been brought to the attention through varying mediums.

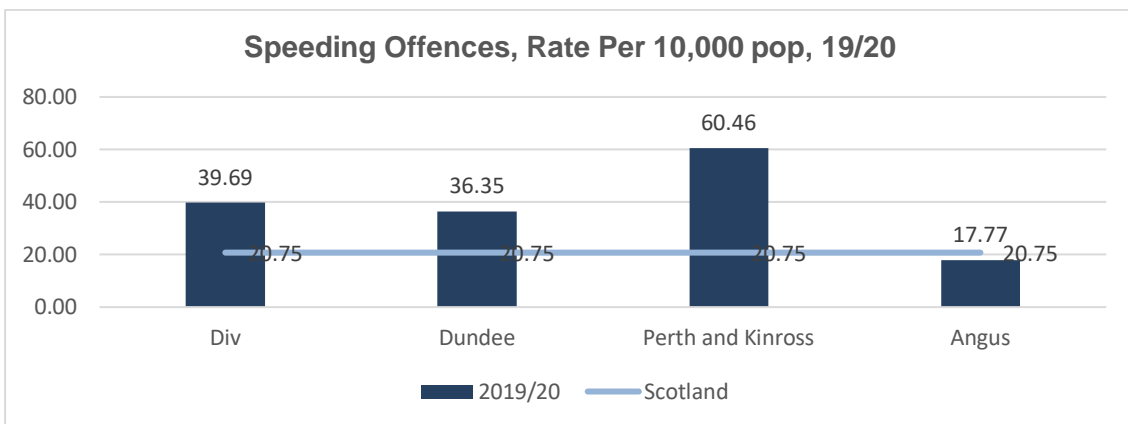
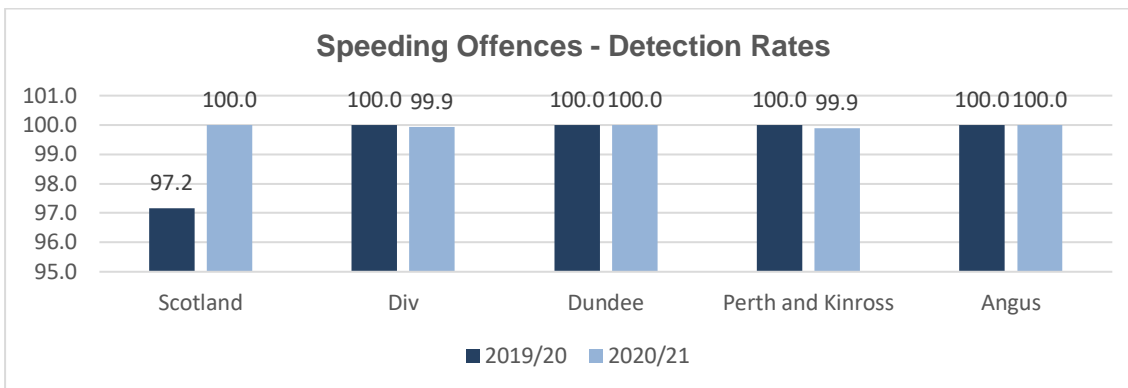
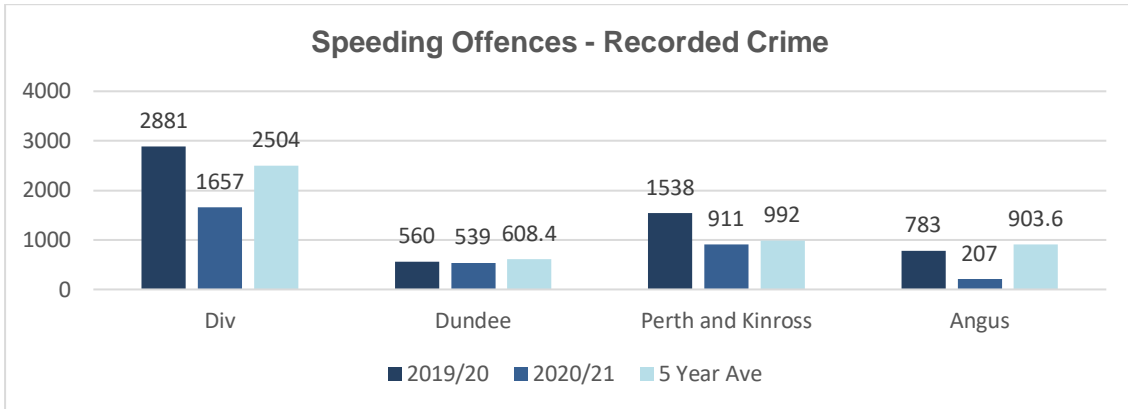
During activity officers from both the Road Policing Unit, Safety camera Unit and divisional officers worked together to target road users who contravene legislation.

Working closely with Angus Council, we also saw traffic monitoring equipment fitted to a number of locations to establish traffic flow/volume and average speed of motorists.

The media was used effectively to raise awareness and to actively encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour.



During this period under review 207 speeding offences were detected in Angus LPA compared to the 783 the year previous.



Measure – Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink/Drug driving offences in Angus LPA overall has decreased by 2.5% compared to the same period last year. Although this may seem only a slight improvement, Angus LPA is the only area in Tayside to record a decrease.

In the month of July 2020, 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.

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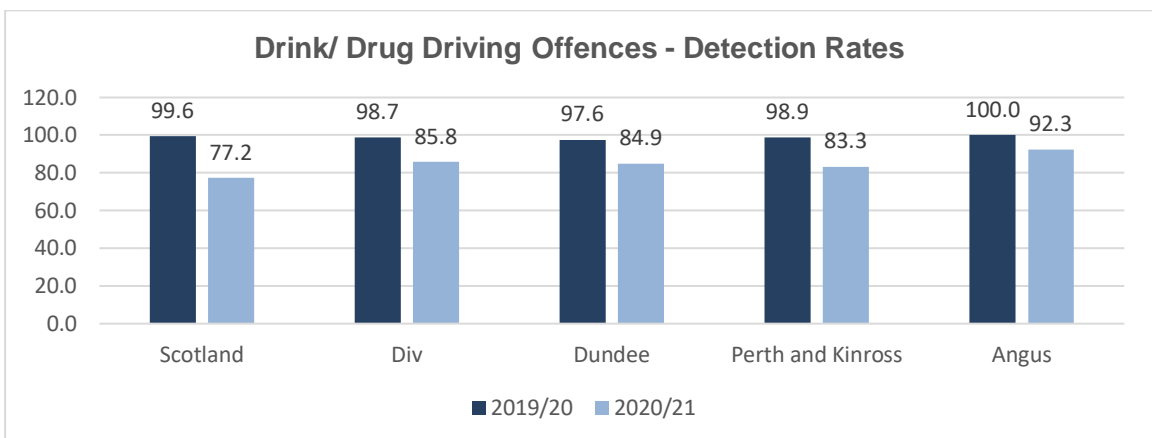
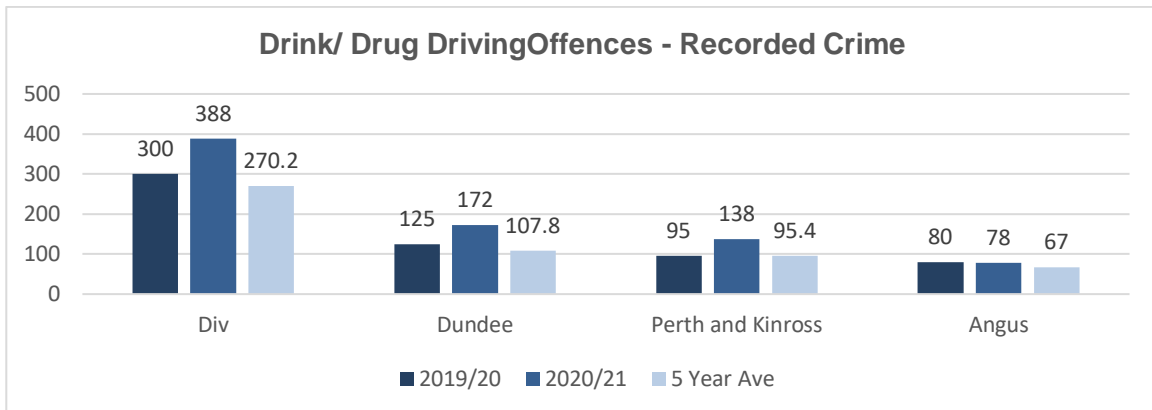
A media campaign was also launched in support of the activity sending out a clear message that this behaviour will not be tolerated whilst reinforcing the ramifications should offenders be caught.

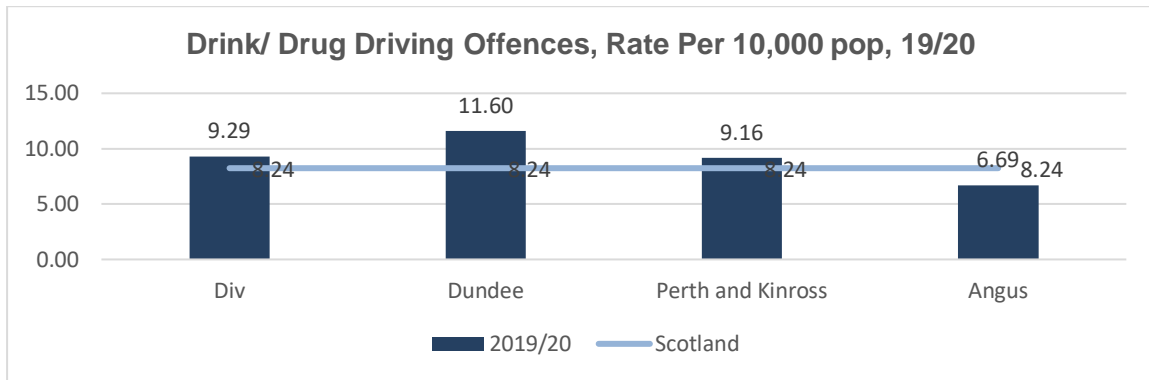
Focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offenders who drive the morning after.

Throughout the period under review and the challenges raised by COVID-19, the media has been used extensively to raise awareness and actively encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour.

The new drug wipe testing kit, for which there has previously been no data for, 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 with a considerable number of positive wipes throughout Tayside Division.

During the period under review Tayside Division excelled with a total 1895 breath specimens recorded throughout the Division, a total of 78 drink/drug drive offences detected within Angus LPA, all of which were reported to the Procurator fiscal for the consideration of prosecution. It should be noted these figure include drivers who failed to provide a specimen for analysis.





### Measure – Careless Driving

Careless driving across Tayside Division has decreased 8.2% with the total number of offenders being detected at 313 compared with 341 the previous year.

Angus LPA specifically has significantly decreased by 18% with a total of 68 offenders being detected compared to 83 the previous year.

Driver and road user behaviour is key to reducing careless driving figures and our focus remains on taking every opportunity to influence this.

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.

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.

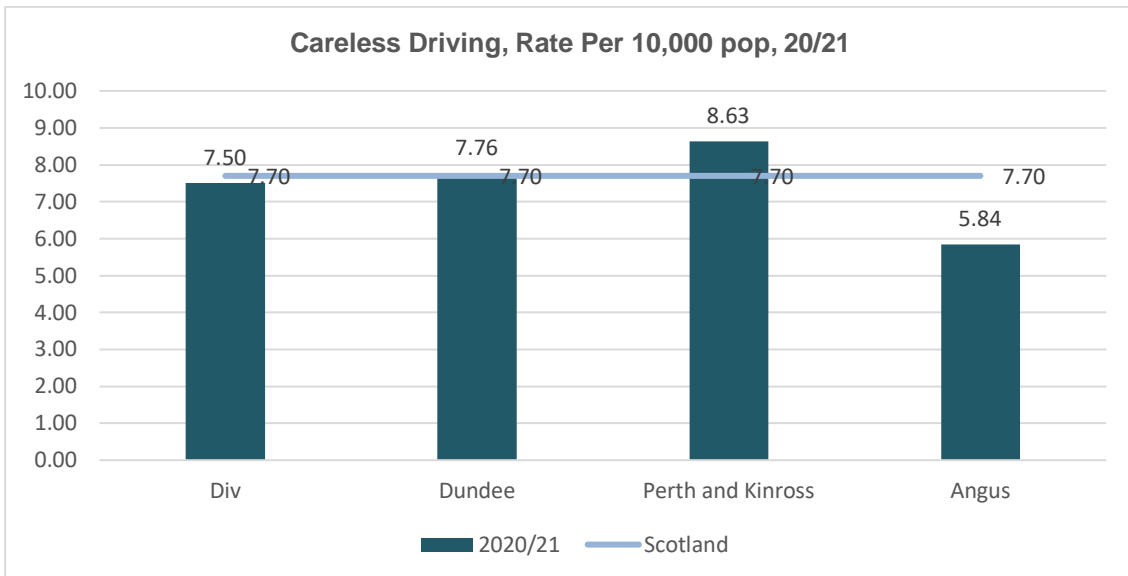
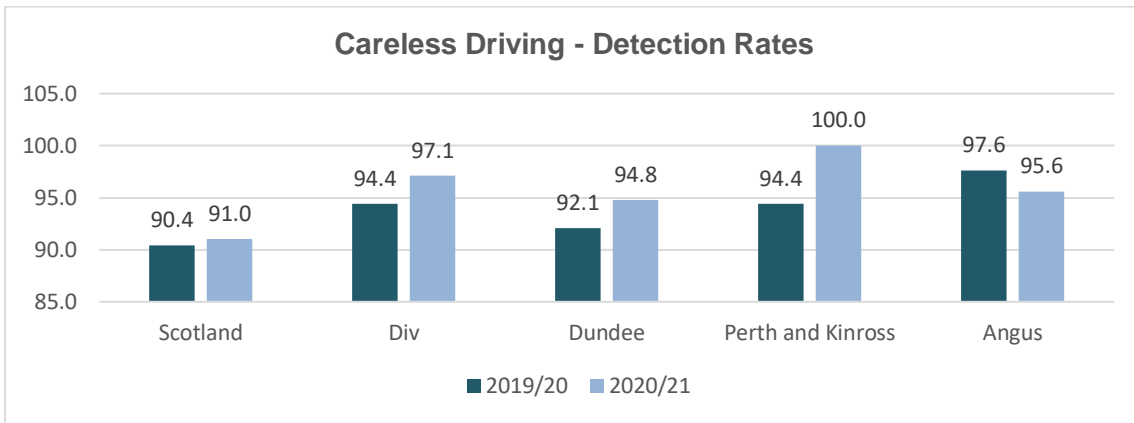
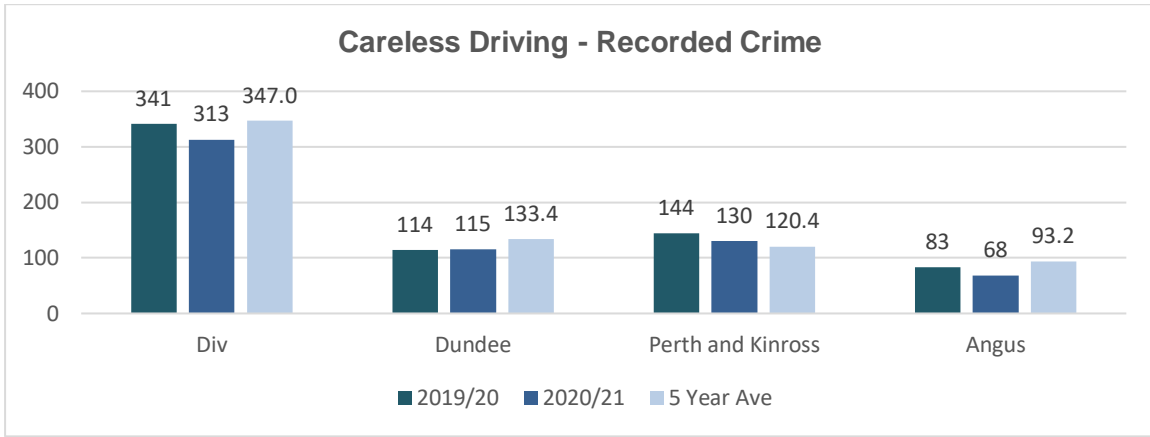
These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

Many of the aforementioned priority routes run through Angus.

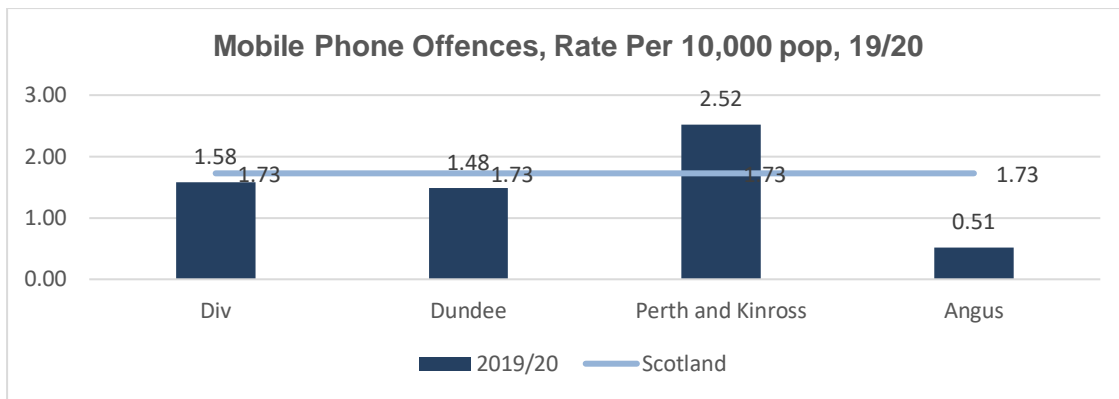
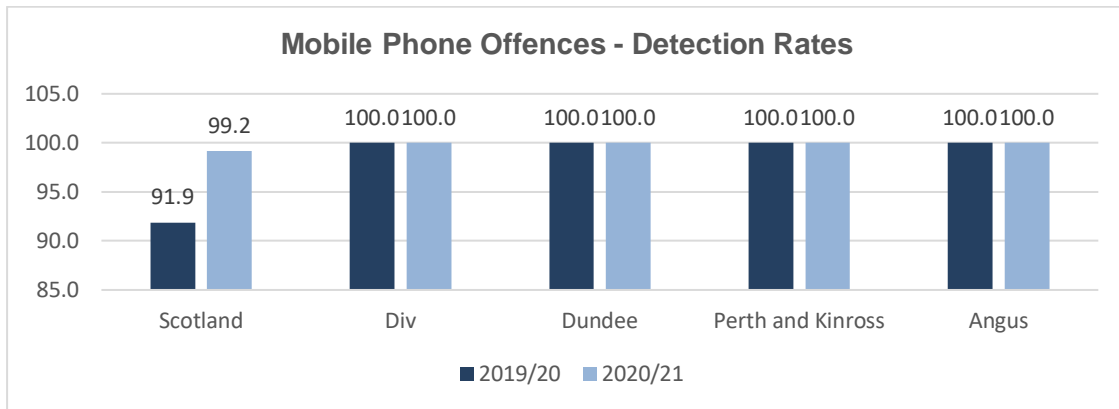
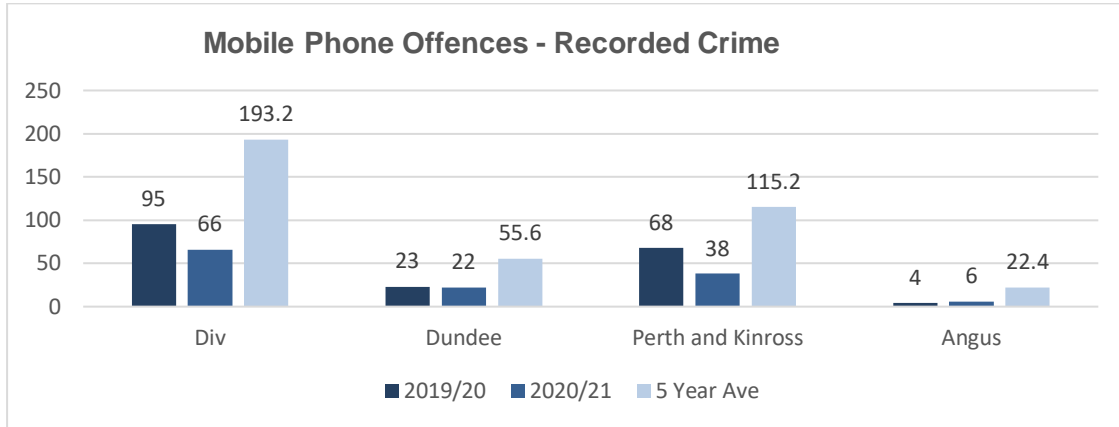
This is reinforced with Route Strategy Days based on the previous collision data for the month and involve multiple units carrying out high visibility patrolling of the same route. Where these routes traverse multiple Divisions we utilise cross border joint operations.

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

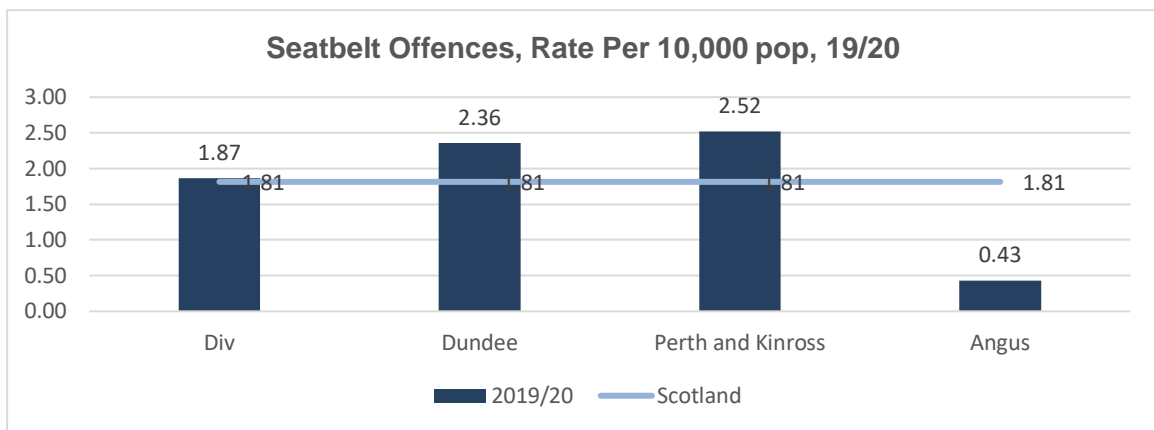
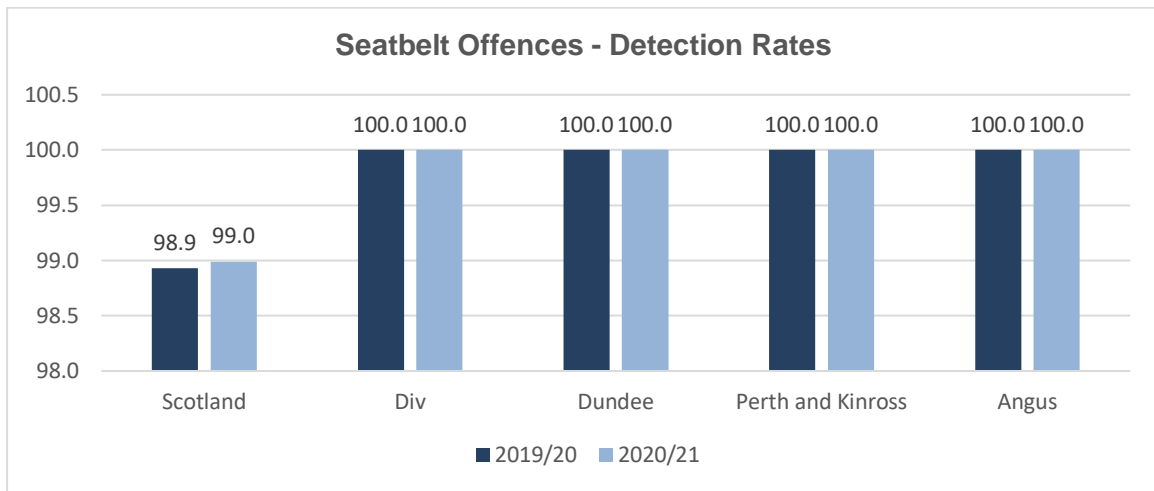
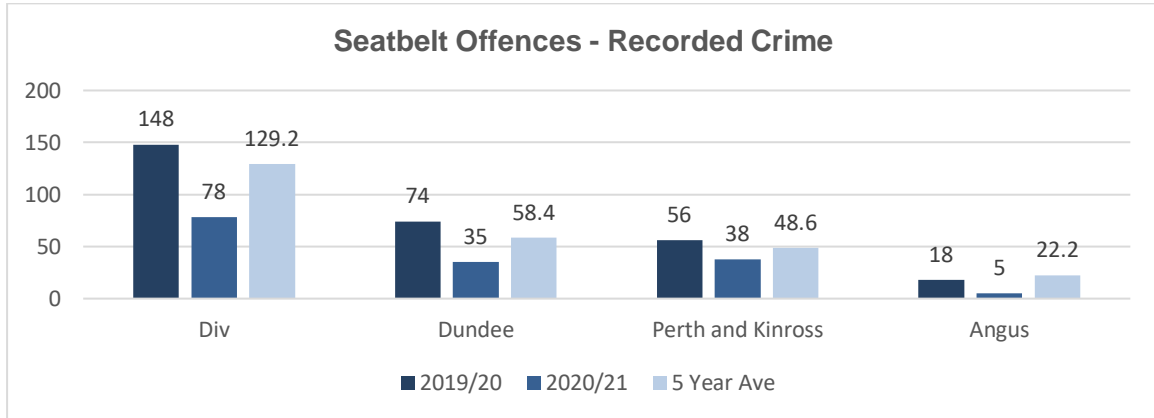
Younger drivers are particularly vulnerable, given their inexperience behind the wheel accompanied by peer pressure from their passengers. This has been compounded significantly due to COVID-19 restrictions which have forced annual education programmes such as Safe drive stay alive to be postponed. This in essence is a lost opportunity to influence younger driver behaviour which will never be regained.



Measure – Mobile Phone Offences



Measure – Seatbelt Offences





**Public Protection**

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

This activity will link in with and support the Angus Community Plan 2017-2030 strategic priorities:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

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

**Operating Context**

Occurrence rates for reported sexual crimes remain below those of 2019/20 and whilst there has been an increase in demand around Public Protection investigations since the relaxation of lockdown, Angus has not seen the increased demand in Domestic Abuse and Child Abuse that many predicted would emerge in 2020.

That said, we are returning to pre-COVID-19 levels of activity in this area and it remains a key focus of improvement work to identify potential victims and perpetrators with partners in order to prevent and detect criminality.

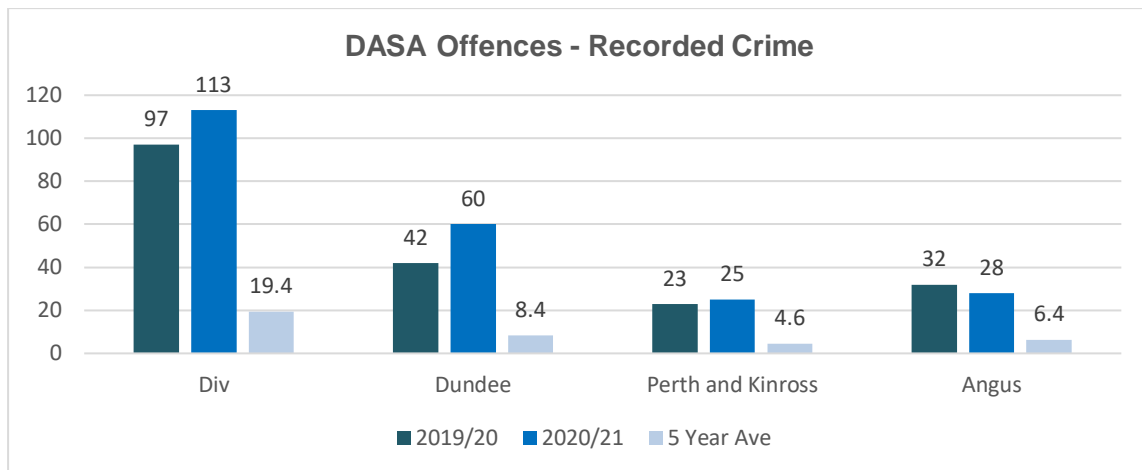
Measure – Domestic Abuse

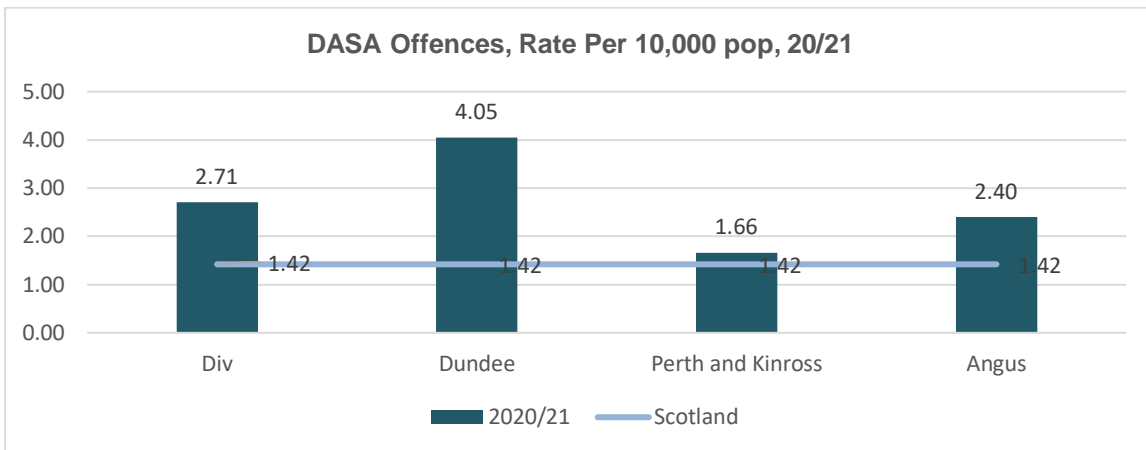
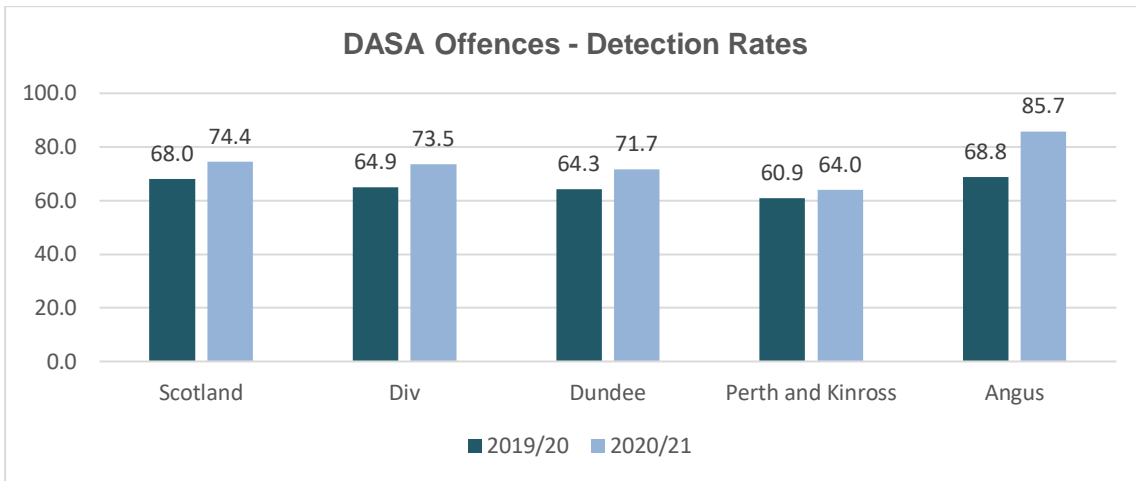
Activity

The crime rates in the table below represent crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018. These remain below the figures from 2019/20. The five year average is of less relevance given the recent enactment of this legislation.

All Domestic incidents in Angus are subject to daily management scrutiny and priority is given to the arrest of any outstanding perpetrators, who are routinely traced and arrested within the first 24/48 of a reported crime to allow appropriate safety measures for victims to be activated.

Domestic Abuse





## Hate Crime

### Activity

Processes are still in place locally to monitor and review all hate crimes/incidents to ensure these are being recognised and recorded properly.

A daily review is carried out of hate crimes/incidents to assist with identifying emerging trends. This allows appropriate interventions to take place. Relevant partnership working allows for victims and communities to be signposted to support agencies and for reassurance messages and hate material to be shared. A HIMAP group is again meeting within Angus which allows partners to monitor and work towards reducing instances of hate crime across Angus.

### Objectives

1. Increase hate awareness amongst groups and communities.
2. Re-training of local third party reporting centres.
3. Evaluate current Keep Safe premises within Tayside.
4. Efforts are on-going to reintroduce HIMAP locally in Angus.

### Challenges

1. Due to no face to face meetings this was a problematic process. Groups who met regularly prior to COVID-19 were not meeting as often, if at all. This was a



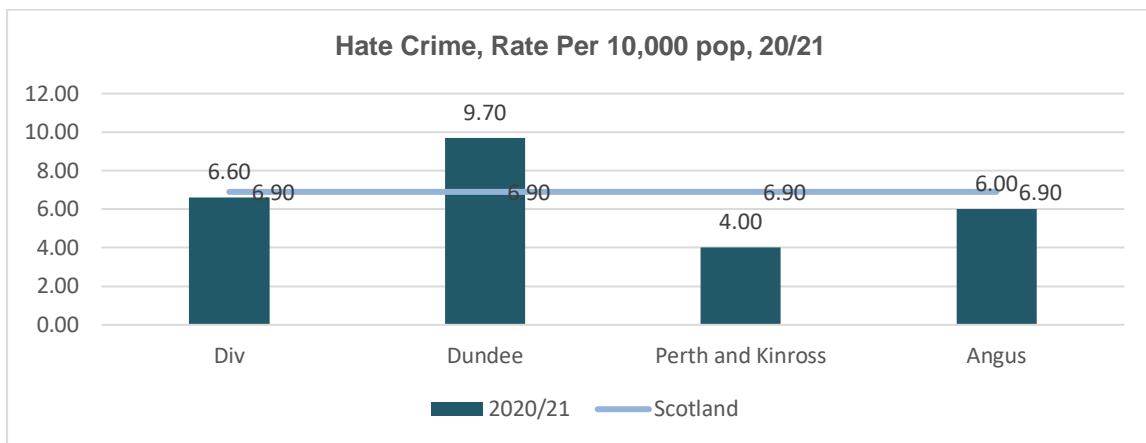
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challenge for sharing online material which was a substitute for the face to face meetings.

2. This type of training aimed for interactive groups and required face to face interaction. Given the current pandemic this cannot happen so another method needed to be found.
3. Premises could not be visited to establish if they were still able to provide this service.
4. A new format for this meeting had to be established due to current guidelines.

### Results

1. The national hate crime awareness campaign has been driven locally using electronic material with no face to face promotion. Material has been shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres. Hate awareness was included in information packs distributed to new students at both of Dundee's Universities as well as Dundee and Angus College.
2. All centres completed a survey and the results showed a need to retrain organisations. An online training video was developed locally to address these training needs. This video was distributed to the centres with their feedback and questions encouraged. Once this short video has been viewed by the work force everyone should feel competent in their participation as a valued centre.
3. All Keep Safe premises in Tayside have been contacted to see which are still able to be utilised by vulnerable people in crisis. Support has been offered by way of new materials and online training videos.
4. A HIMAP meeting took place with another scheduled for December 2020.



### Measure – Sexual Crime

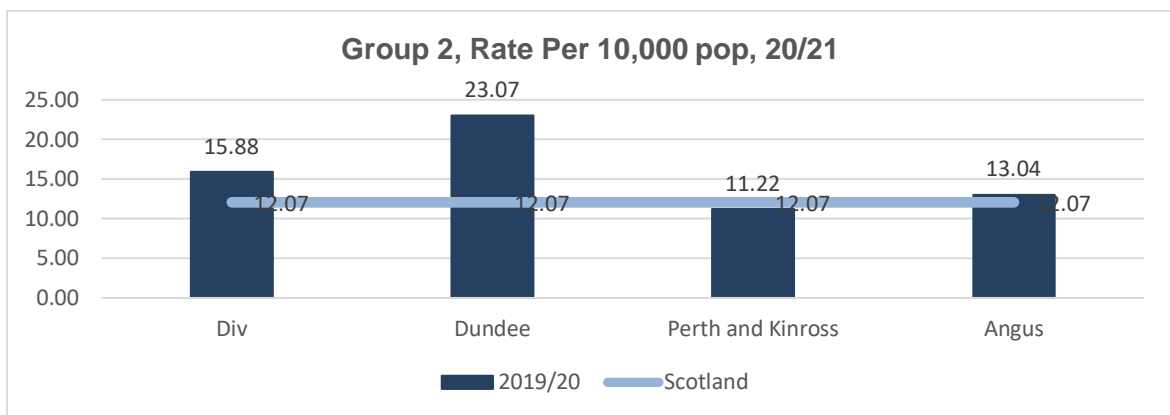
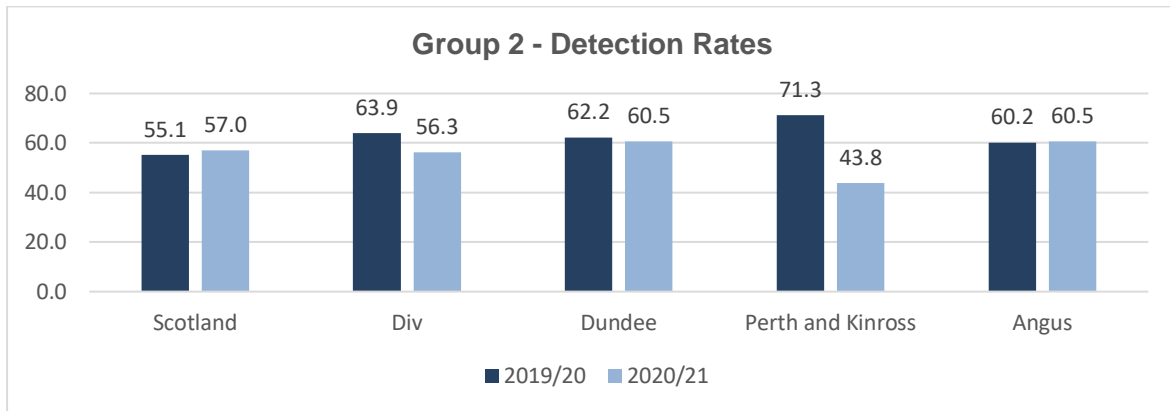
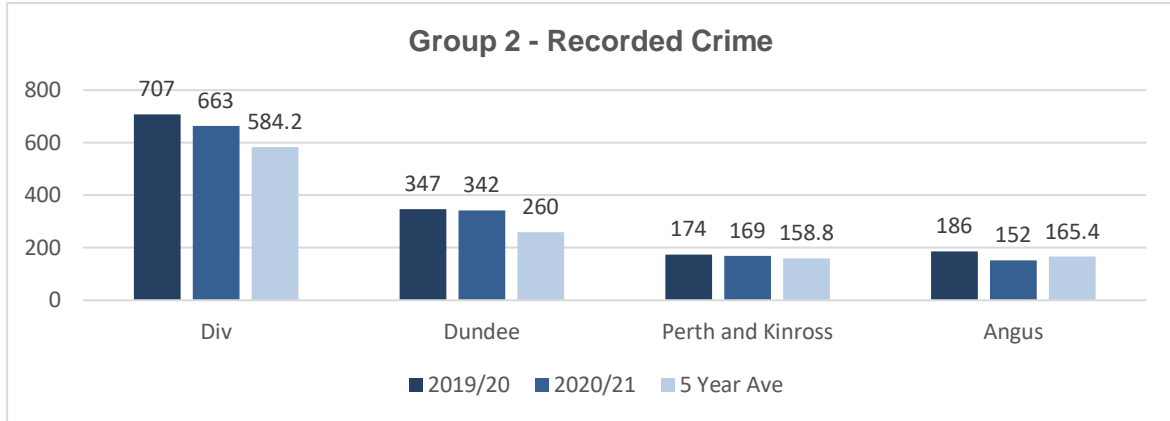
Occurrence rates of reported sexual crime remain below those of 2019/20 and are below the five year average. Slight increases towards the end of the quarter are evident and are assessed as being attributable to the easing of lockdown restrictions.

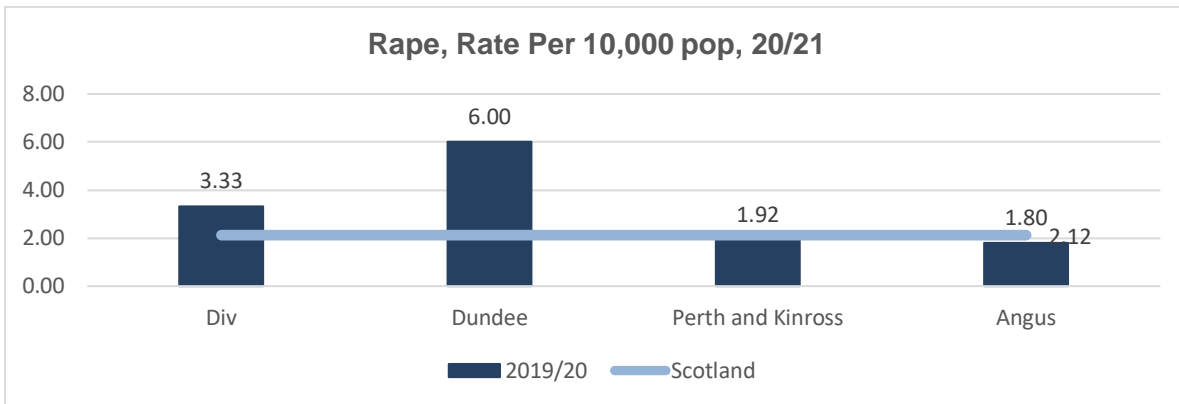
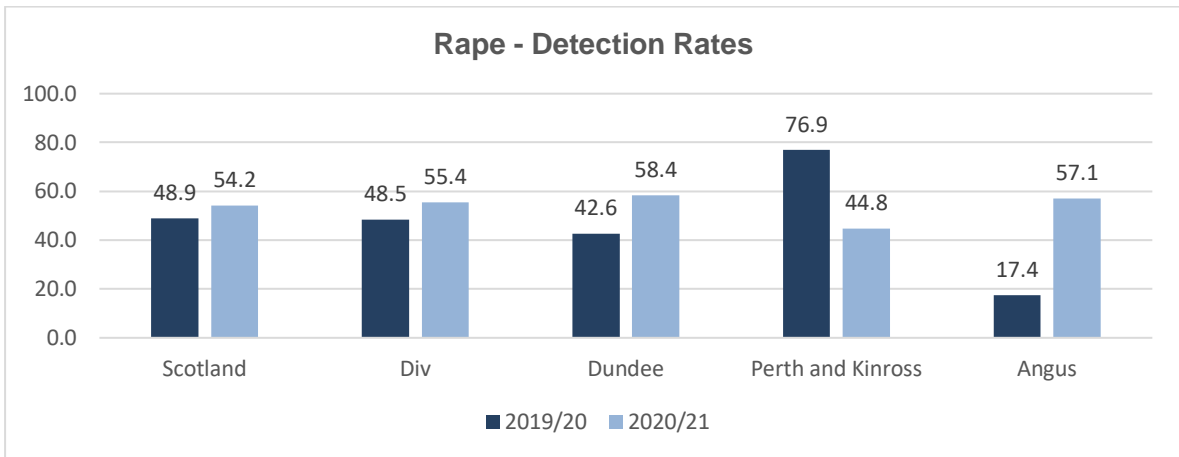
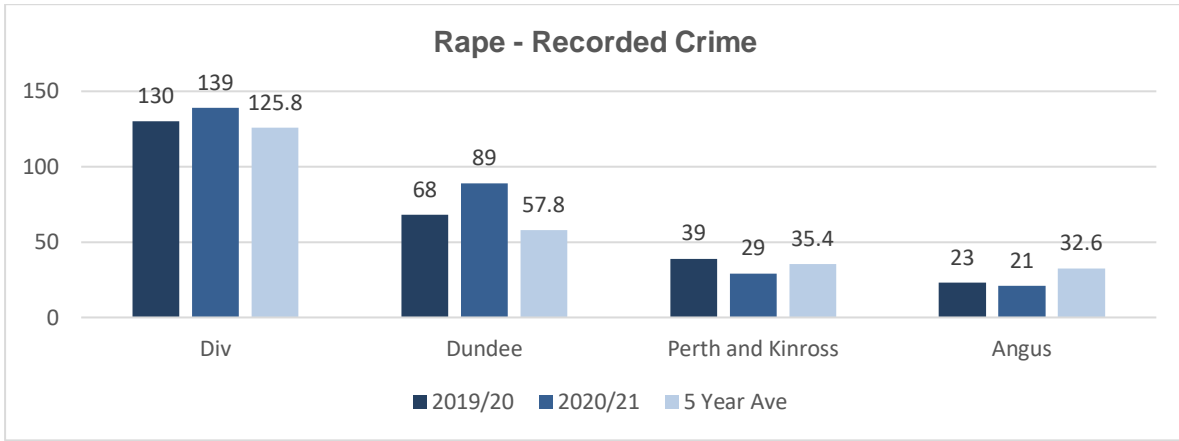
Detection rates for sexual crime remains similar to 2019/20, however there has been a significant increase in the detection rate for Rape (39%).

Around 30% of recorded sexual crimes are non-recent, that is occurring over a year before report. These investigations can take some time, can involve multiple victims

across Scotland and the UK and are always out with the window for securing forensic evidence.

Child victims are notably in around half of reported crime and in the vast majority of cases reported crime involve a victim and perpetrator who are known to each other, making stranger incidents extremely rare.







### Serious Organised Crime

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

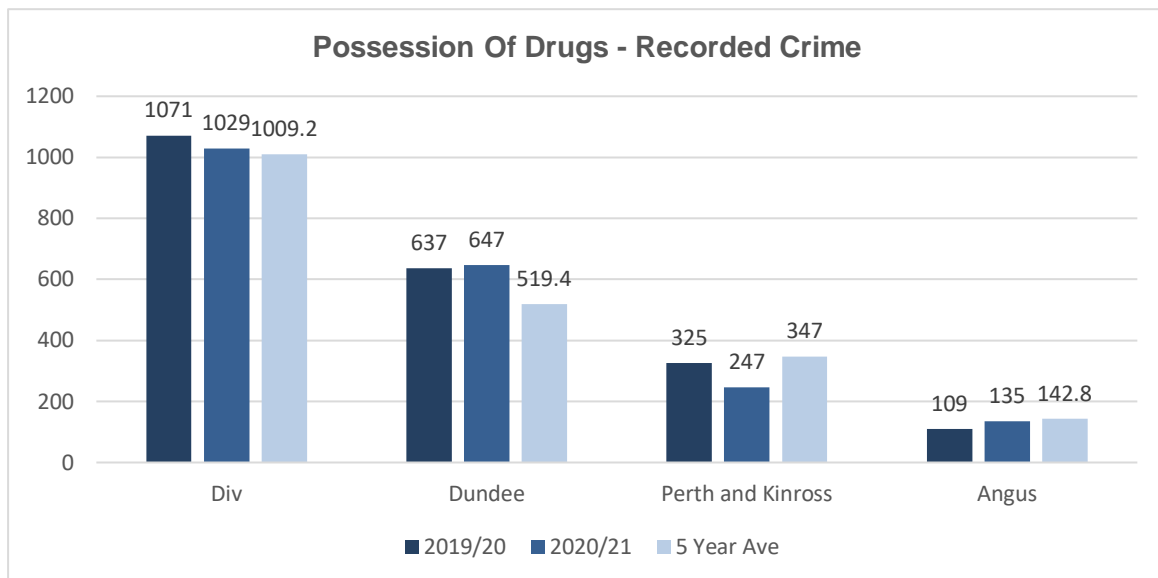
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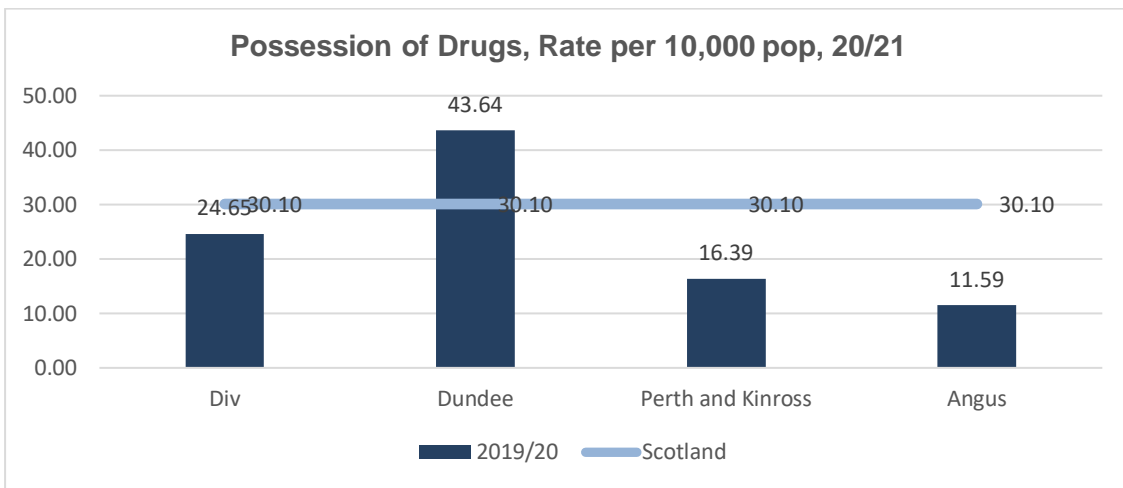
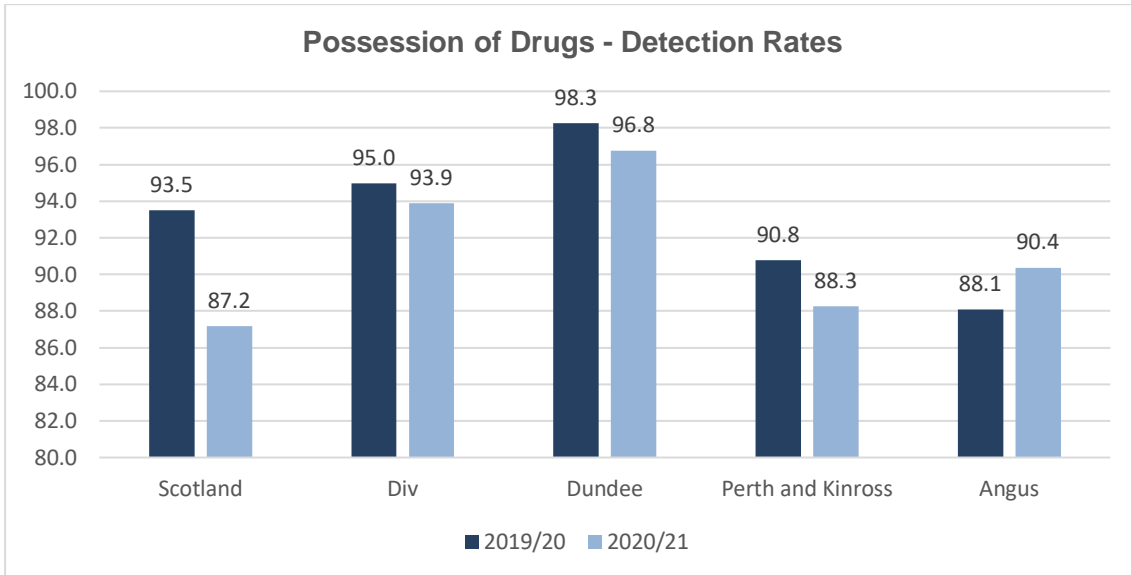
Reliable and current intelligence is essential to effectively target serious and Organised Crime.

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

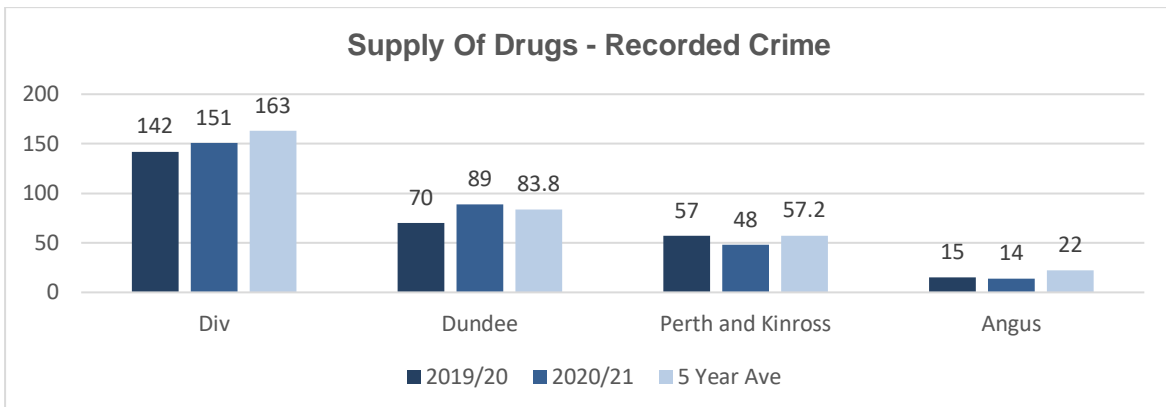
In September, the team assisted the UK Border Agency with a Drugs Search Warrant at an address in Brechin. This followed the interception and seizure of two packages destined for the address containing a total of around £90,000 of drugs. Investigation revealed potential money laundering offences and financial crime involving the use of crypto-currency.

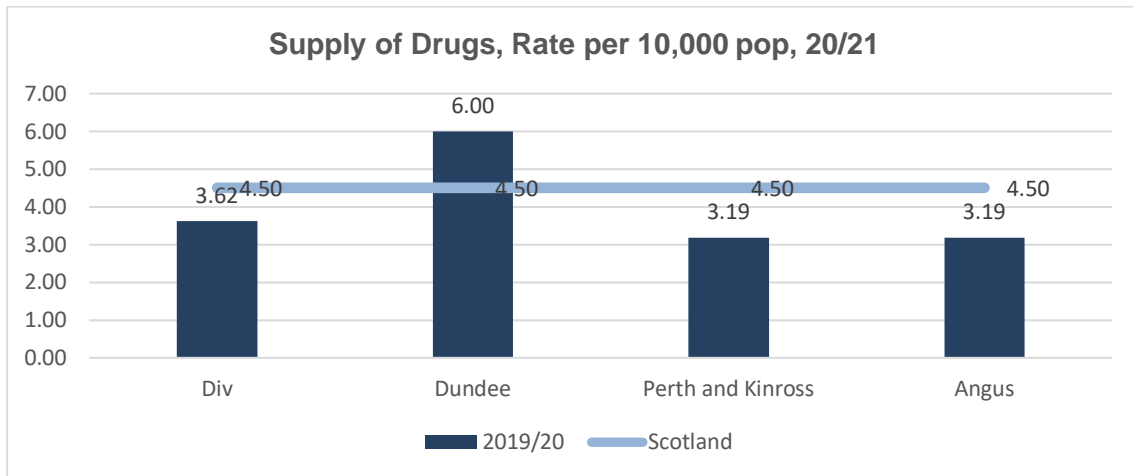
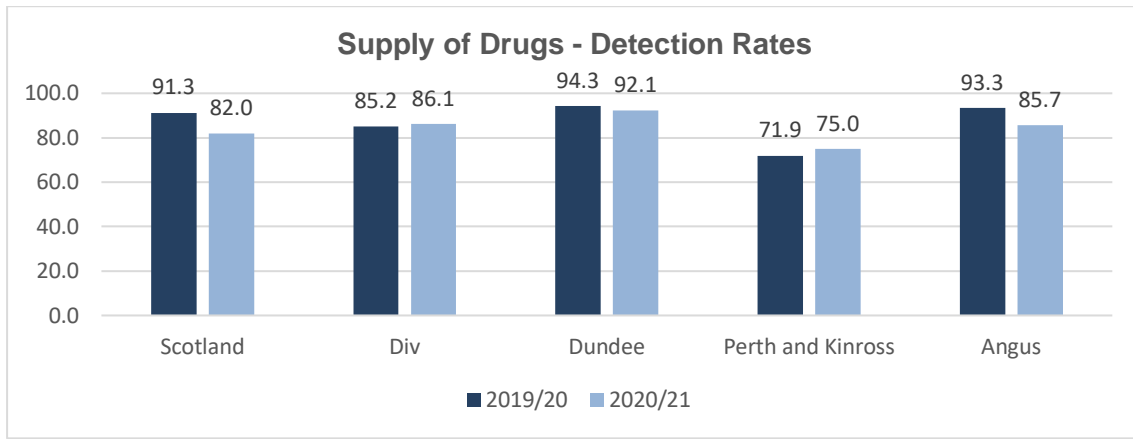
### Measure – Possession of Drugs





Measure – Supply of Drugs





Measure – Proceeds of Crime

**Activity**

Targeting the assets of those involved in criminality and Serious Organised Crime. This activity helps prevent future criminal enterprise.

**Results**

In addition to the above focussed activity around the supply of drugs and other connected offences has resulted in a number of cash seizures and assets being restrained in this quarter.

- Civil Cash Seizures Nil
- Expedited Civil Recovery Nil
- Assets for Restraint £4,590

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### 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.

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL.

A number of community officers are trained to be Local CONTEST Liaison Officers (LCLOs), providing a capability to promote CONTEST.

This allows delivery of the strategy throughout the Angus community as part of daily business.

ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) briefings provided to frontline officers across the Division to highlight the significance that each and every role plays a part in countering terrorism.

D Division officers continue to support partners and organisations in various CONTEST related matters including advice on security and protection of premises and the mitigation of both physical and cyber-attacks.

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### Wildlife Crime

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

#### Measure - Operation Wingspan

The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness of the action Police Scotland is taking to tackle wildlife crime, and its commitment to working in partnership to reduce crime and increase reporting. Over the coming year, each of the 6 wildlife crime priorities will be targeted for action - CITES, Badger Persecution, Bats, Freshwater pearl Mussels, Poaching and Raptor Persecution.

Phase One – CITES, action is happening throughout October and November 2020

The illegal trade in endangered species is happening in Scotland, items are being sold online, in antique/second hand stores, pet shops and in traditional medicines/remedy shops.

Throughout these months, officers in D Division will be attending at these types of shop and trading outlets, to check on items for sale such as fur coats, furniture containing ivory, live reptiles and handbags made of crocodile skin etc.

An Antique Shop and Pet Store have already been visited in Angus as well as other premises in Perthshire. There is a list of further premises to look at in Angus over the coming months.

### Events

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

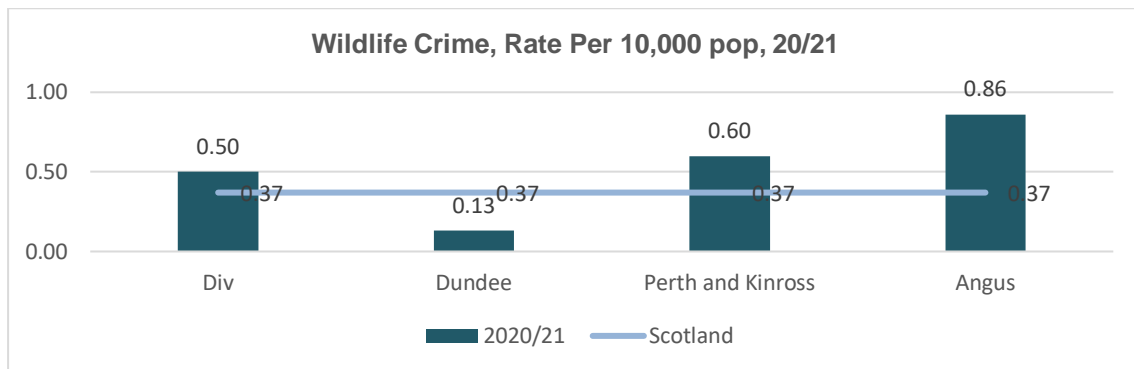
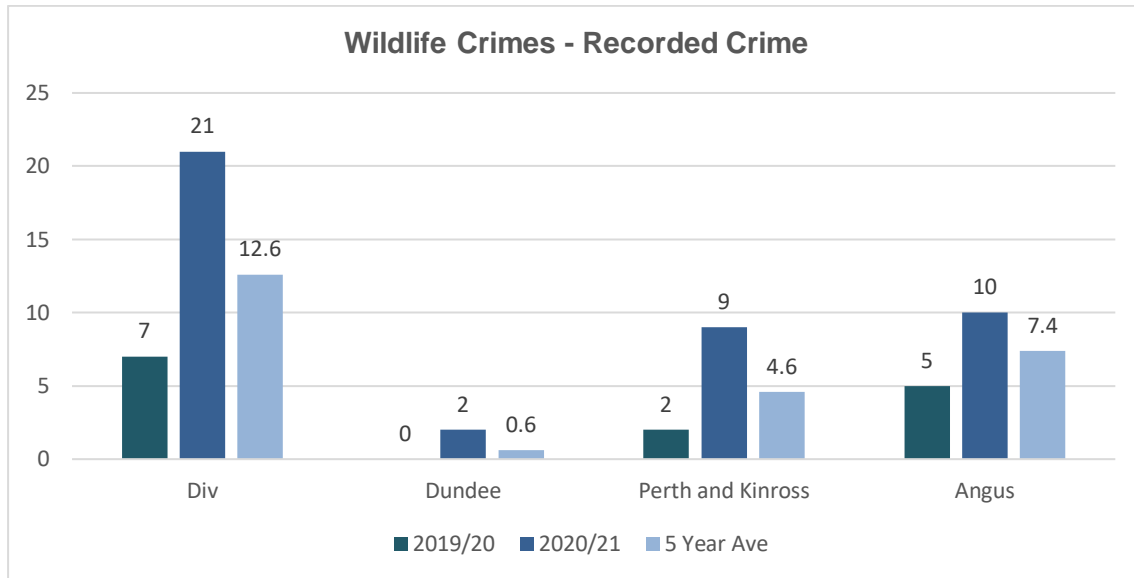
### Other Key Activity

In these unprecedented times, Police in Angus faced considerable additional challenges in responding to changing legislation, priorities and practices. The

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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 way 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 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and calls are now graded as follows;

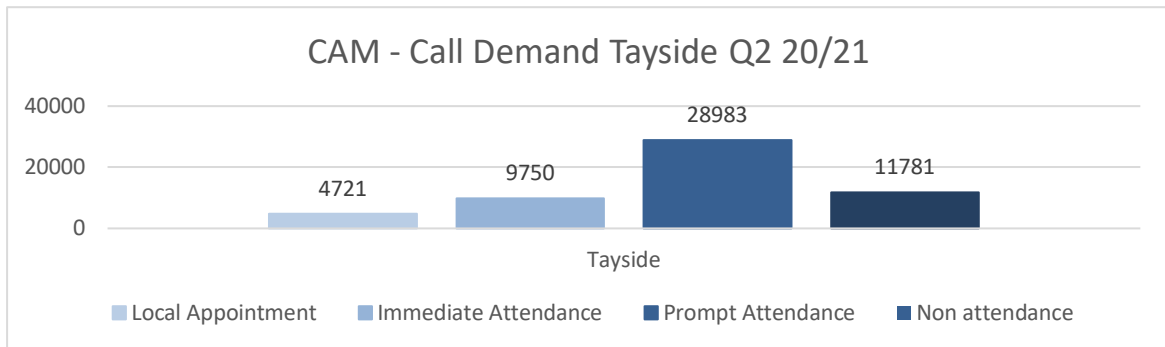
**Immediate:** where the circumstances dictate there is a threat to life, property or an ongoing incident that requires a dynamic police response.

**Prompt:** where a response within 4 hours is required.

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**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.



**Other Key Activity**

Tayside Division continue to experience significant demand as a result of COVID-19 related incidents. This demand ranges from significant numbers of requests from the public for advice and guidance, monitoring and responding to changes in legislation, working collaboratively with partners to limit the impact of the pandemic and responding to incidents where apparent breaches have occurred. Tayside Division has also delivered a clear internal focus on health and safety, prioritising the well-being of our people, whilst maintaining a safe and resilient operating model.

The vast majority of our community members continue to comply with the COVID-19 legislation, adhering to social distancing and avoiding gatherings which are currently prohibited. However, there remains a small minority who have breached the rules, resulting in Police intervention using the 4 Es approach of Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce.

The vast majority of incidents where a breach of the legislation has been reported have related to gatherings in private houses and gardens, with small numbers of complaints linked to lax practices within licensed premises. Despite the recent focus on Tayside’s student populations, it is clear that as a demographic they maintain very high levels of compliance. To provide some context, the following snap-shot offers recent statistics pertinent to the period between 01.09.2020 to 14.10.2020, which coincides with the resurgence of infection rates across Tayside Division.

COVID-19 Incidents	Number of Incidents	% Breakdown
Total Incidents Reported	548	NA
Private Homes	475	86.7
Private Gardens	17	3.1
Licensed Premises	31	5.6
Other (Streets/public spaces)	25	4.6
<b>4 Es</b>	<b>Number of Incidents</b>	<b>% Breakdown</b>
No Breach	327	59.7

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Engage, Explain or Encourage	134	24.5
Warning Issued	79	14.3
FPN / Report or Arrest	8	1.5

These statistics demonstrate that Tayside Division has pursued a proportionate, graduated and well considered approach to enforcement, with retaining public confidence and cooperation being at the heart of our approach. Despite this, there has been no hesitation in taking action where incidents have been in flagrant breach of legislation with the potential to pose a danger to public health.

## 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.