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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

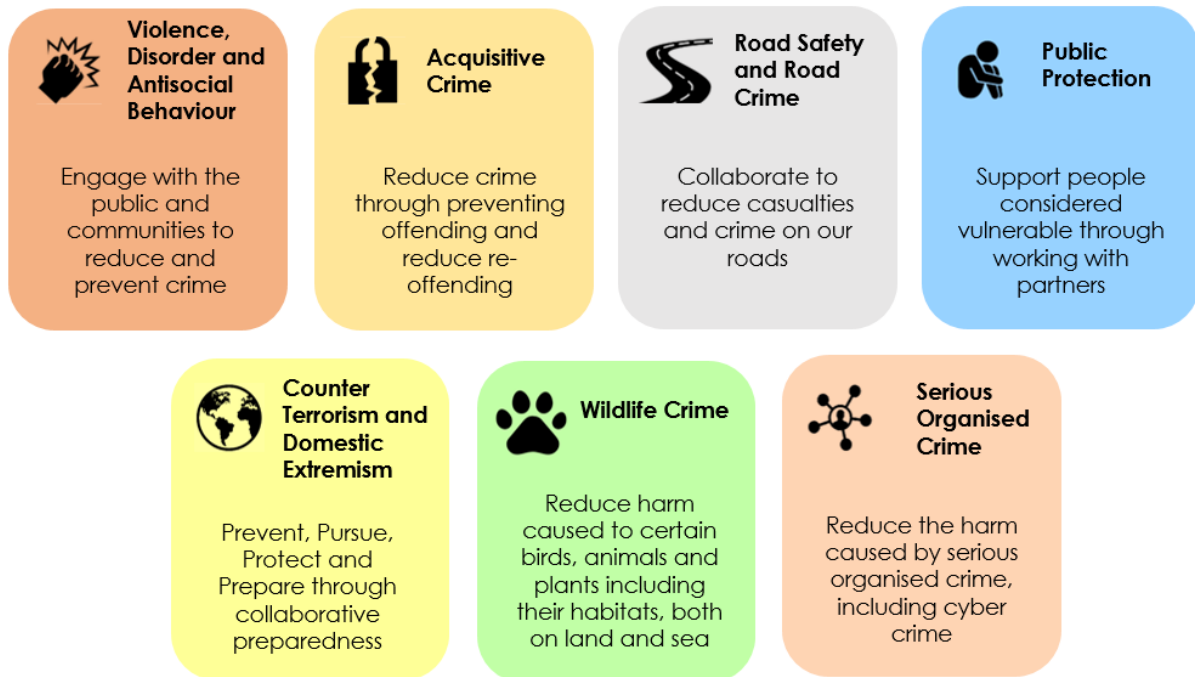
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus Council and will report to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

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 October 2020 to 31 December 2020, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019 and 1 April 2020 to 31 December 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.





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

1st April 2020 to 31st December 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	Robbery Inc Intent	Common Assault
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
19/20 41 85	19/20 21 71	19/20 898 75
20/21 29 93	20/21 19 74	20/21 753 76
% +/- ↓29% ↑8%	% +/- ↓10% ↑3%	% +/- ↓16% ↑1%
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Acquisitive Crime	Acquisitive Crime
Emergency Services Assault	Housebreakings - Dwellings	Motor Vehicle Crime
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
19/20 72 100	19/20 68 31	19/20 112 36
20/21 49 100	20/21 40 22	20/21 104 52
% +/- ↓32% 0%	% +/- ↓41% ↓8%	% +/- ↓7% ↑16%
Acquisitive Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes Detect %	Off. Detect %	Off. Detect %
19/20 84 56	19/20 1204 100	19/20 124 99
20/21 179 10	20/21 578 100	20/21 115 92
% +/- ↑113% ↓46%	% +/- ↓52% 0%	% +/- ↓7% ↓7%
Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Public Protection
Road Deaths - All	Serious Injury - All	Rape Inc Assault With Intent
Deaths Detect %	Injury Detect %	Crimes Detect %
19/20 2 N/A	19/20 34 N/A	19/20 34 38
20/21 3 N/A	20/21 33 N/A	20/21 27 70
% +/- ↑50% /	% +/- ↓3% /	% +/- ↓21% ↑32%
Public Protection	Serious Organised Crime	Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
19/20 260 62	19/20 25 100	19/20 154 91
20/21 216 61	20/21 23 83	20/21 201 87
% +/- ↓17% ↓1%	% +/- ↓8% ↓17%	% +/- ↑30% ↓4%

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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:

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Operating Context

The reductions shown in violent crime, alongside the increases in detection rates for Angus, are encouraging.

With the easing of lockdown measures throughout the majority of the reporting period, it was always anticipated that there may be a rise in instances of anti-social behaviour and potentially some disorder.

Through effective communication with our communities, and the continued use of the "4Es" approach when engaging with members of the public, the majority of incidents attended were amicably resolved without the need for enforcement.

Although there is an increase in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents (due to this encompassing breaches of the new public health regulations), a closer look reveals that the majority of these reports are isolated incidents.

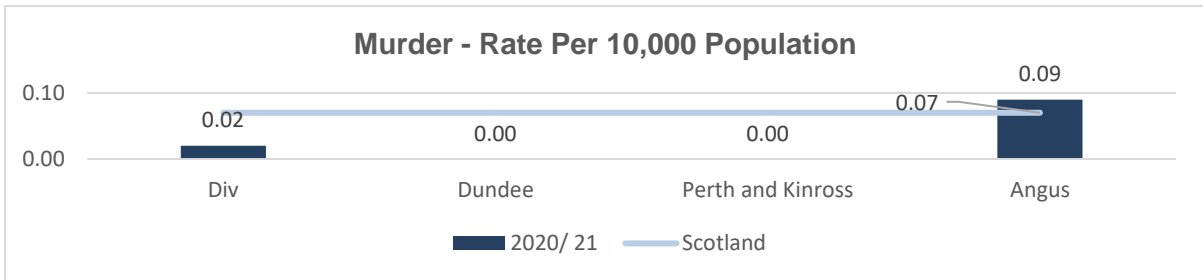
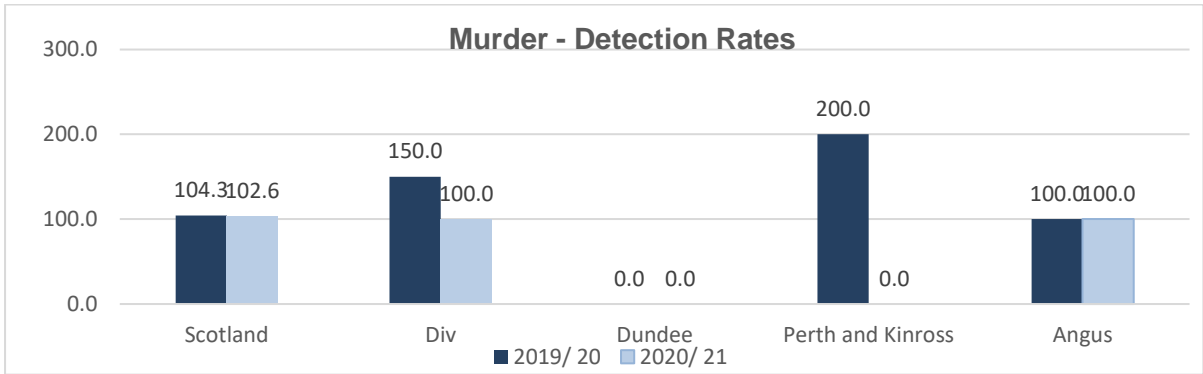
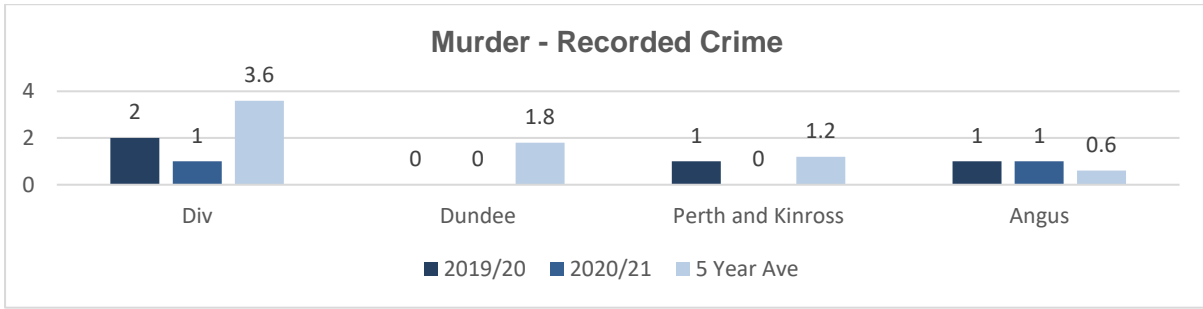
Through our Preventions and Interventions officers, we continue to work with Angus Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team and main housing providers to target the most prolific ASB offenders. Currently, there are no live ASBOs in Angus.

To illustrate further, in terms of residential property, there are currently 29 addresses assessed as higher risk through our joint assessment process. Five of these addresses are responsible for 27% of all ASB incidents in Angus that meet the criteria.

Police Scotland will be participating in the forthcoming Angus Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2021-26, Joint Discussion Virtual Event to be hosted by Angus Council on Tuesday 2nd February 2021.

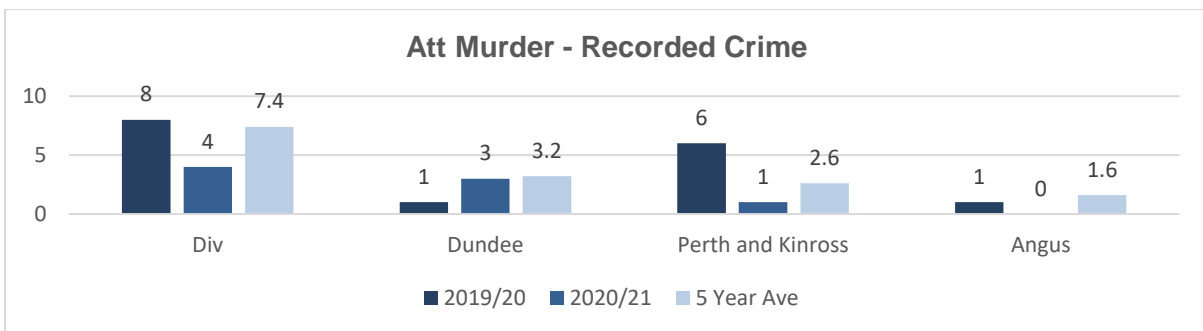
Measure – Murder

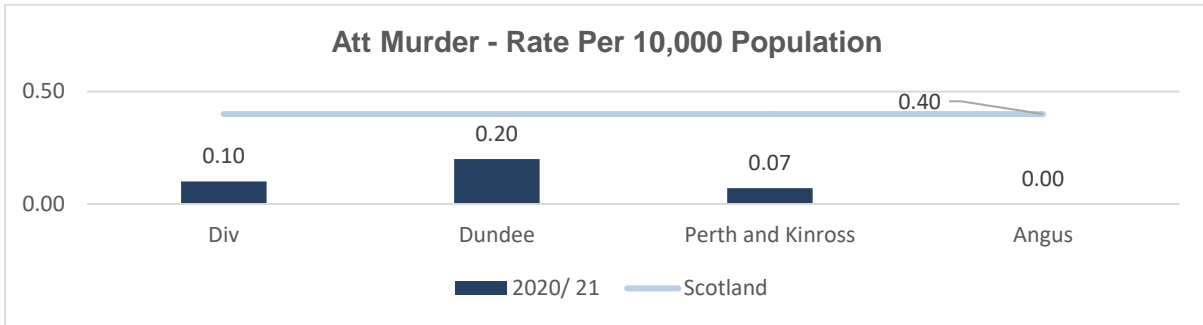
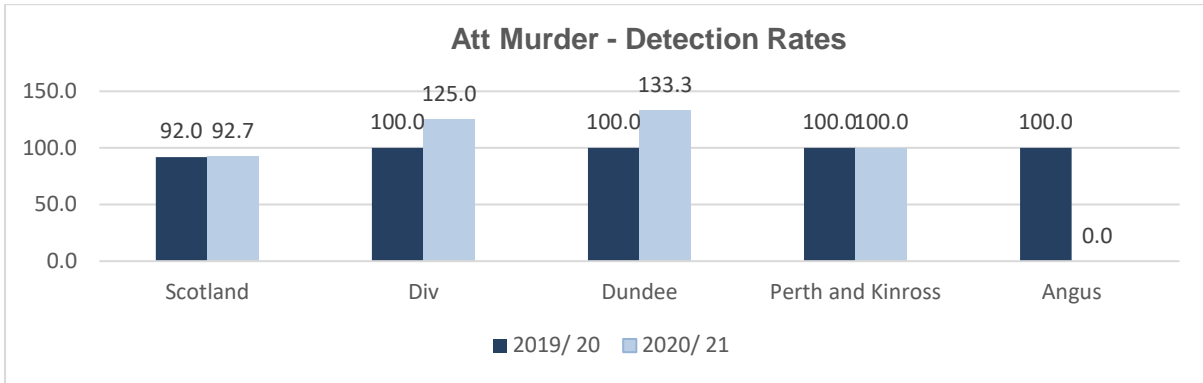
There have been no murders within the reporting period, the year to date figure is the same as last year.



Measure – Attempted Murder

There have been no attempted murder crimes in the reporting period, the year to date figure is below the number recorded in the previous year.



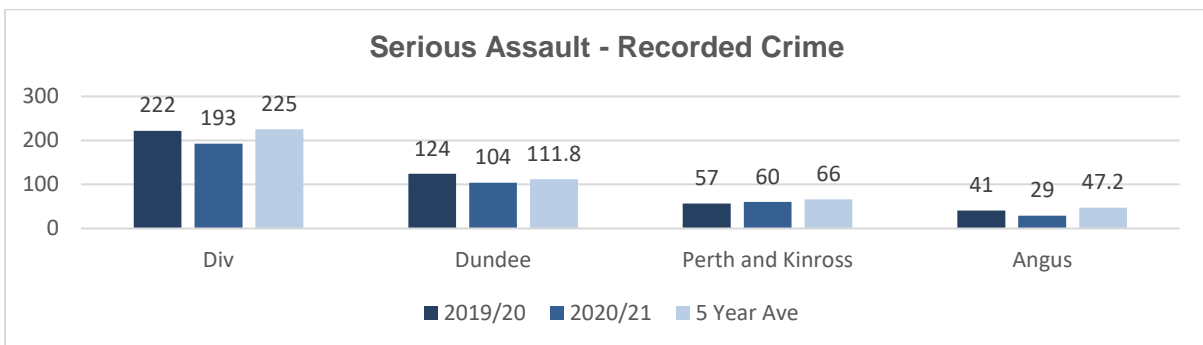


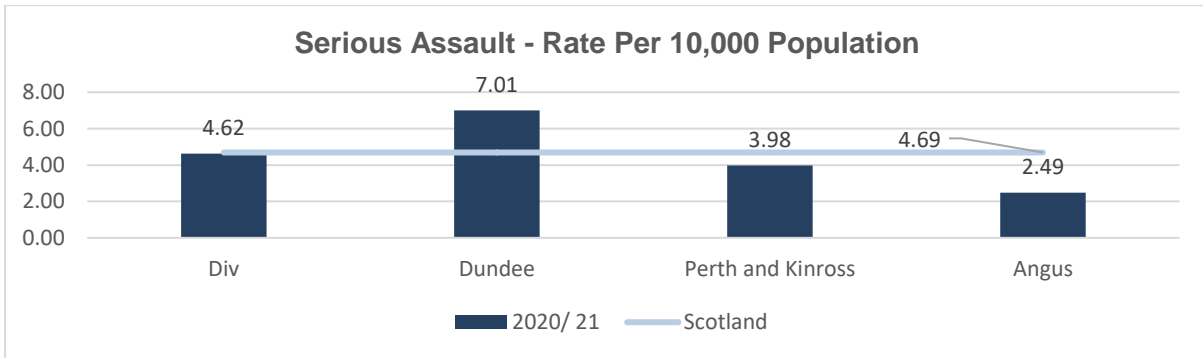
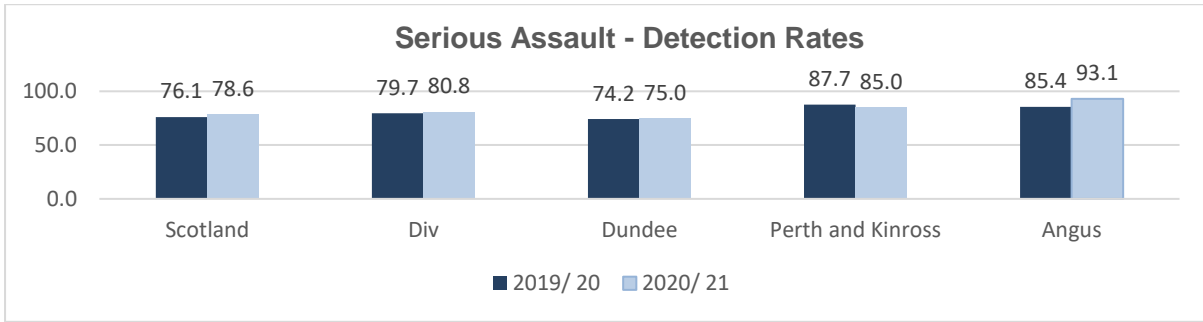
Measure – Serious Assault

There have been 9 recorded serious assaults in the reporting period, with 4 crimes committed in the Arbroath locality, 4 crimes in the Montrose and Brechin locality and 1 crime in Forfar and Kirriemuir locality.

Six of the crimes have been detected, with enquiries continuing into one of the undetected crimes with a named suspect. Alcohol was the main factor in the undetected crimes with the victims unable to recall the incident clearly due to intoxication.

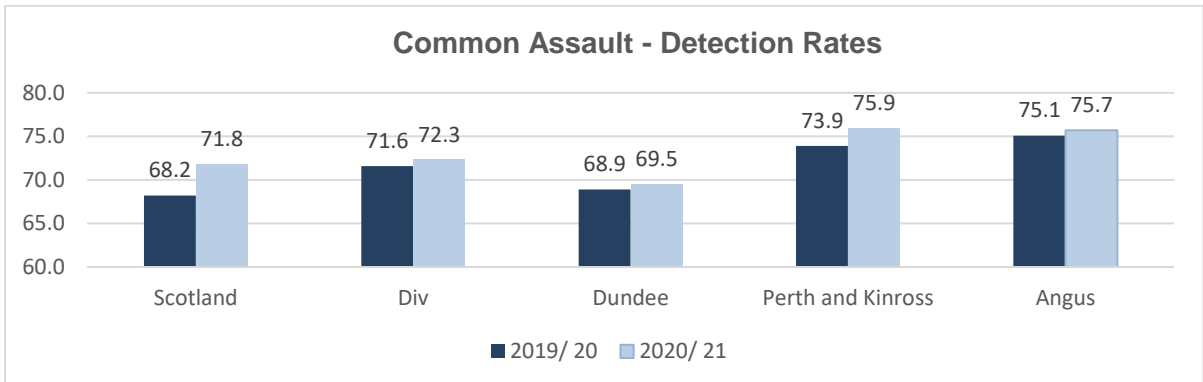
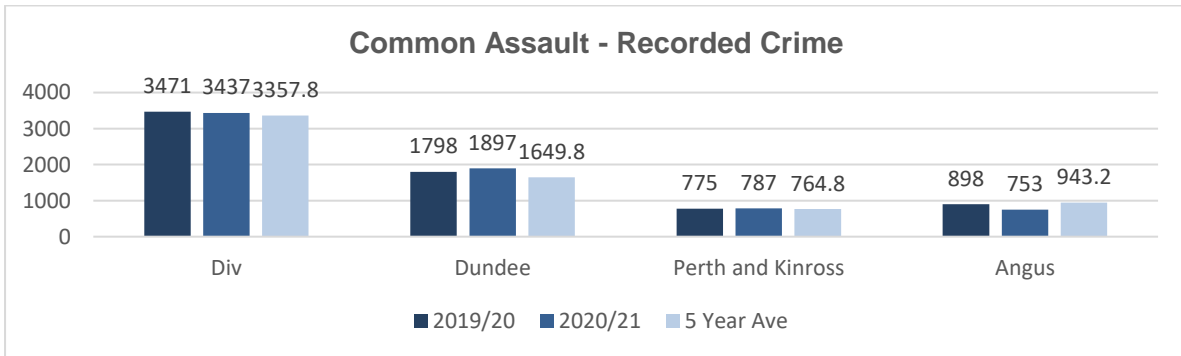
Overall Serious Assault has reduced by 29.3% year to date in comparison to last year, with an increase in detection rate of almost 8%.

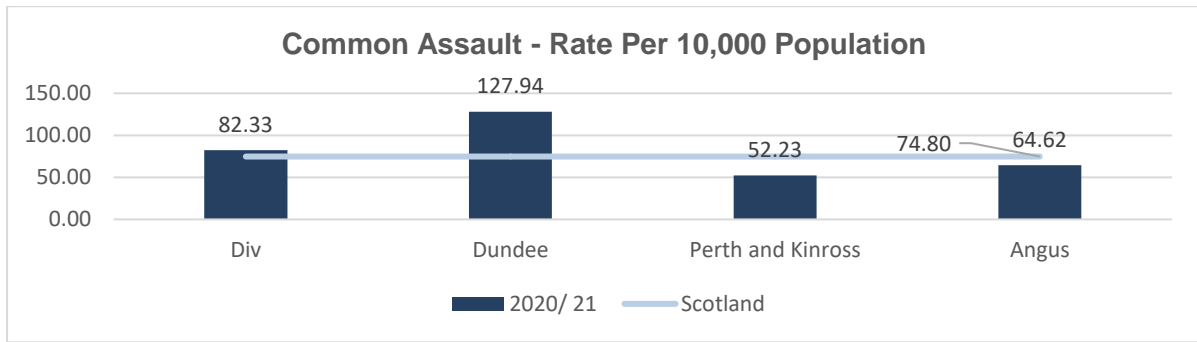




Measure – Common Assault

Common assault continues to fall across Angus with a 16% reduction in crimes of assault year to date in comparison to the previous year. This reduction also includes a drop in the number of crimes committed against Emergency Workers.



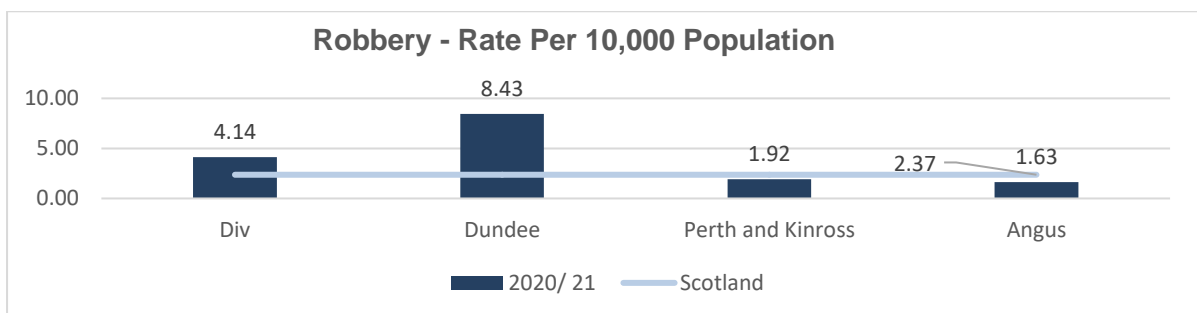
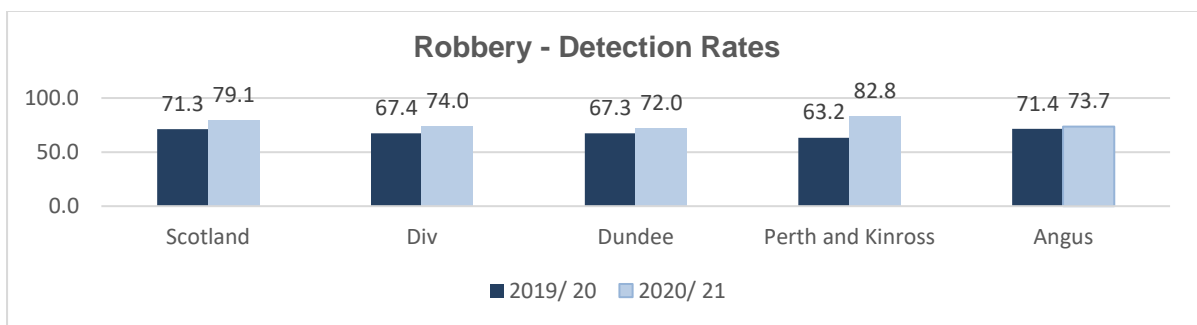
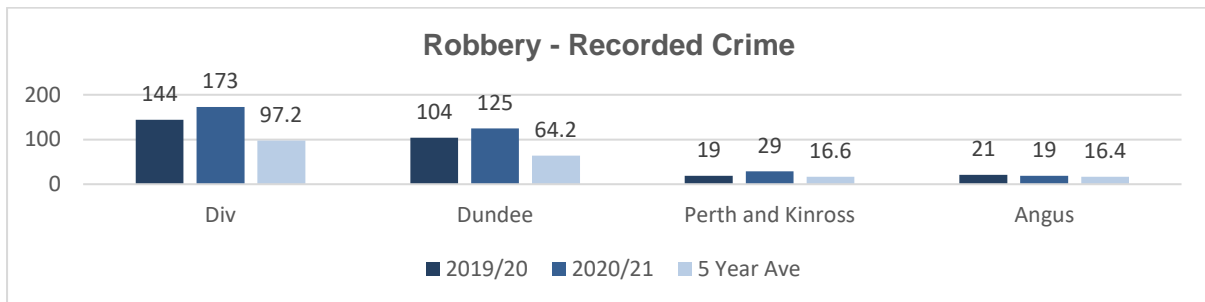


Measure – Robbery

Robberies have again reduced slightly in comparison to last year. There have been 7 crimes committed in the reporting period, with 5 crimes being detected.

The investigation of the undetected crimes was made more difficult due to the victims' reluctance to divulge the full details of the incidents and the potential motive for the offence. Both crimes were committed in Arbroath within the home addresses of the victims.

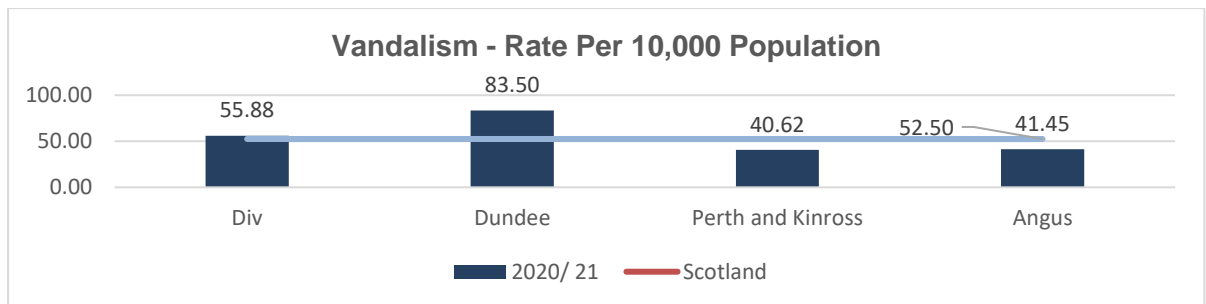
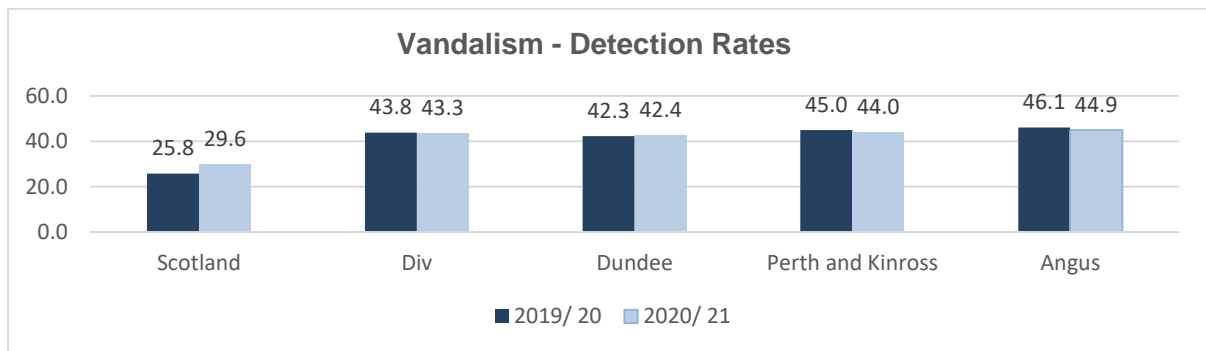
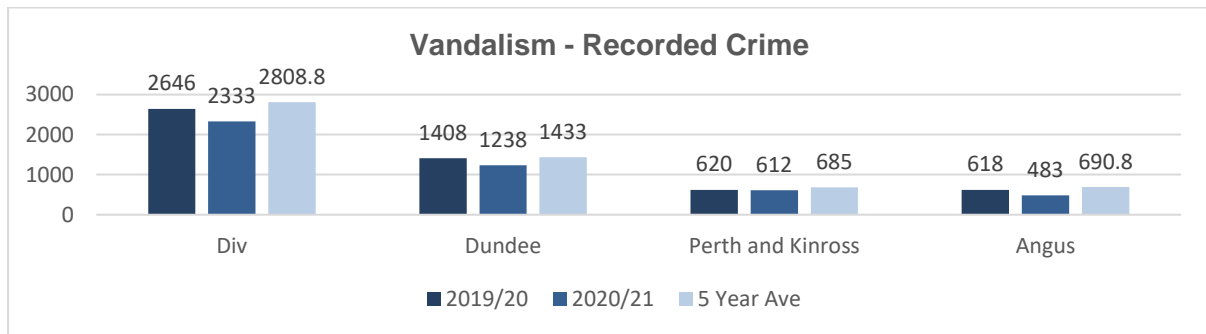
The detection rate is slightly down on last year's figure.



Measure – Vandalism

Vandalism continues to reduce across Angus, there is an obvious link to the restriction placed on youths by COVID-19 guidelines. However all opportunities are taken to prevent issues of anti-social behaviour including vandalism. Throughout December, the Arbroath Community Team assisted by mobile CCTV and additional officers from our Operational Support Division focussed on the Mayfield area, reducing the number of neighbourhood complaints and youth calls.

The community officer serving the Arbroath secondary schools has provided inputs to educate both S1 and S2 pupils around preventing anti-social behaviour and the impact it has on the victims.

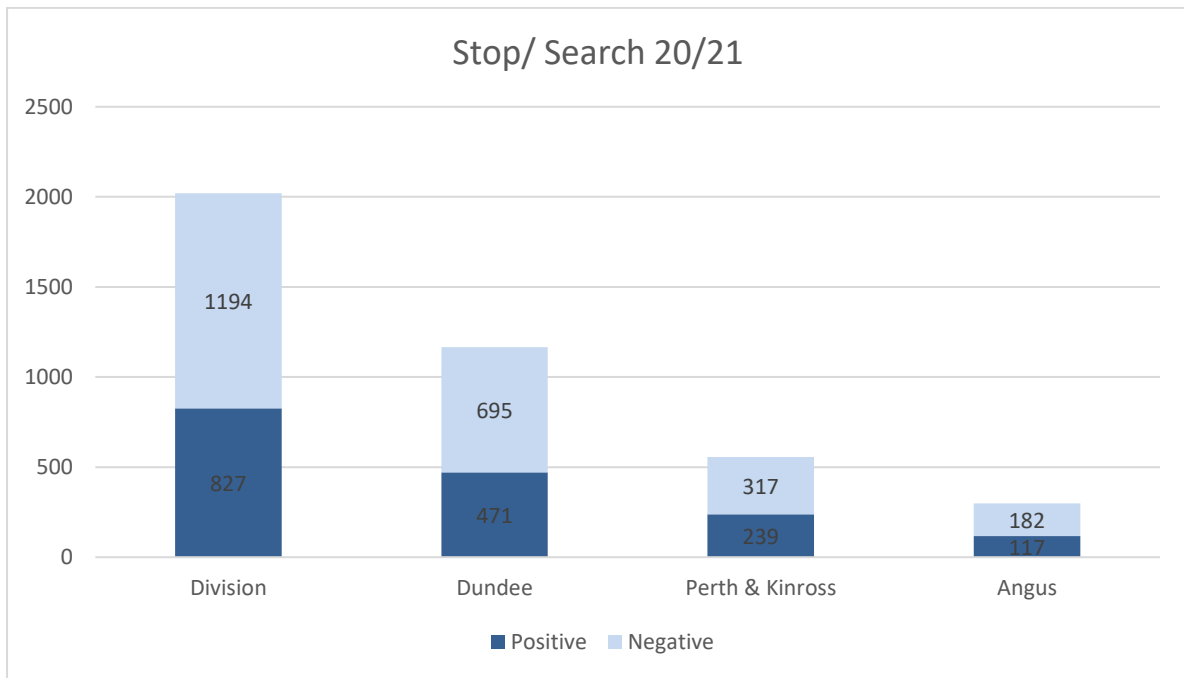


Stop Search

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 this reporting year to date, 299 stop searches were conducted, during which, items including stolen property, drugs and weapons were recovered on 117 occasions. This equates to a positive search rate of around 39%.



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Acquisitive Crime

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Operating Context

Overall Acquisitive Crime in Angus has reduced in comparison to the previous year, with significant reduction in both commercial and domestic housebreaking. Angus is often targeted by individuals from out with the area, who will look to commit crime in isolated and rural areas, where there is a reduced likelihood of being disturbed or detected for the crime.

For this reason, greater emphasis is now being placed on a more collaborative approach by all Police Scotland Divisions in targeting those travelling to our rural areas to commit crimes.

A rural crime officer now carries out a daily trawl nationally, for the latest crimes and ensures all officers throughout Scotland are aware of their counterpart's latest crime trends.

This was particularly useful recently when Angus farmers were targeted for their tractor's GPS systems. In Angus alone, over £300,000 of systems were stolen. The investigation was undertaken by officers from Angus, supported by colleagues in NE Division (Aberdeen) and P Division (Fife). The person responsible was traced in Fife and charged with multiple thefts throughout Scotland. A significant amount of property was recovered from him during the execution of a search warrant at his home address. The officers could not have achieved this without this collective approach.

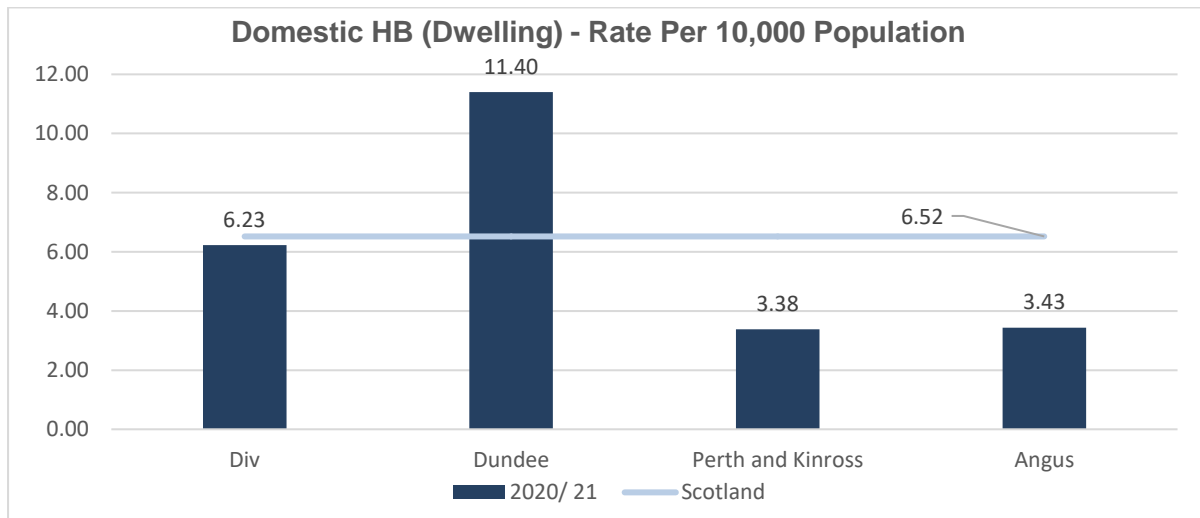
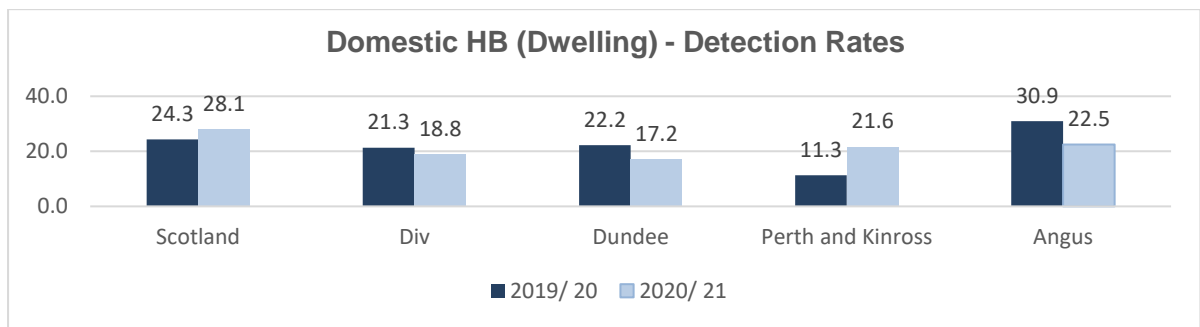
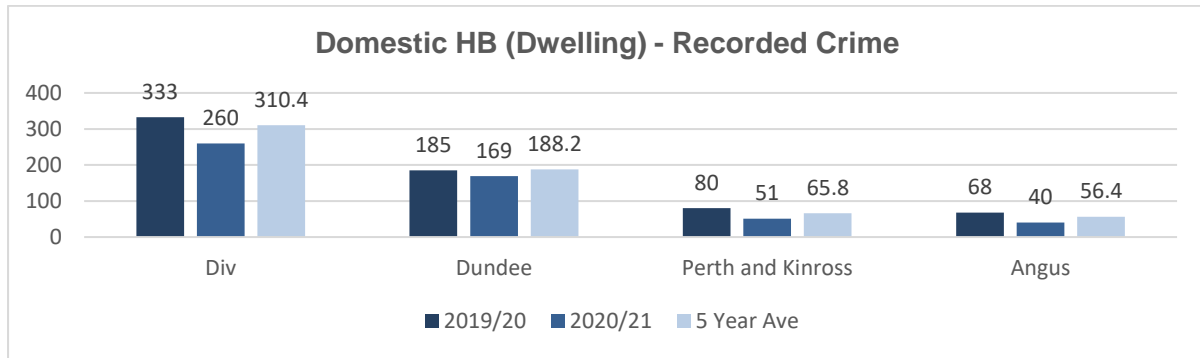
Police Scotland are an active member of SPARC (Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime), which is a useful forum for us to reach our communities during crime sprees such as that mentioned above. People living in our rural communities can sign up via SPARC for alerts and when required, any of the member agencies with information or advice to share can create a rural alert. A useful tool to tackle rural crime.

Measure – Domestic Housebreaking

Theft by housebreaking has reduced by almost 42% in comparison to last year. There were 17 crimes committed during the recording period, with the security of the house overcome in 10 of these crimes. There was 1 repeat location, where on both occasions the individual detected for the offence was known to the occupier.

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Housebreaking was more prevalent in the Montrose/Brechin locality with 9 crimes recorded in this area. There has been a reduction in the detection rate, but the difference is exaggerated due to the reduction in crimes recorded. Three more detected crimes would see the rate at last year's level.



Measure – Fraud

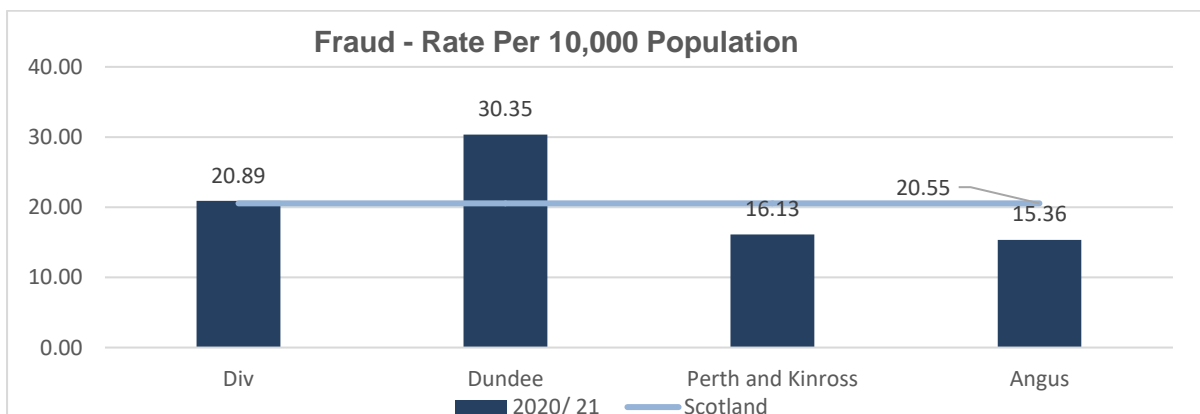
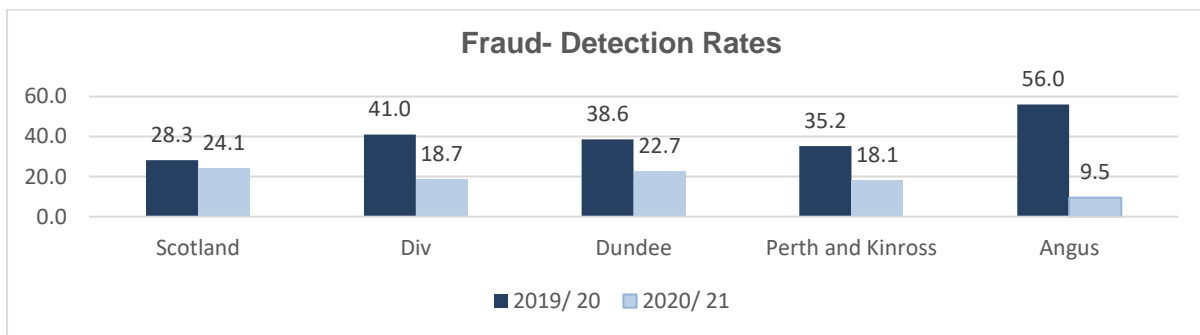
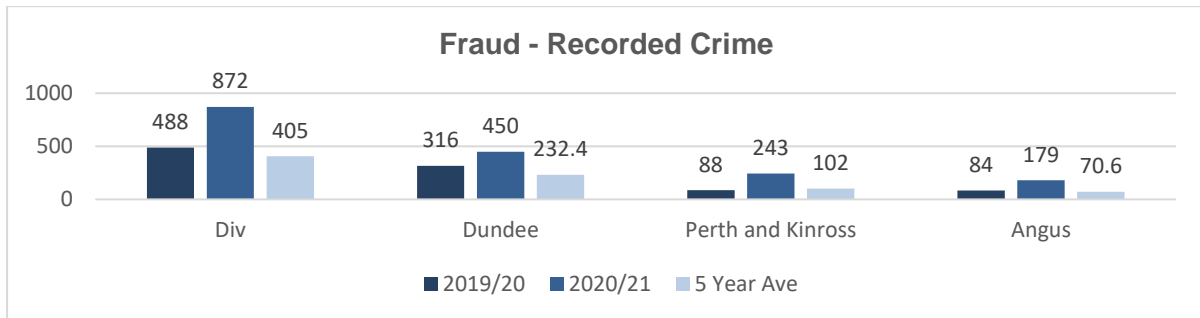
The increase in fraud continues both nationally and locally, as criminals continue to target the vulnerable. The difficulties in these type of investigations are well documented, reliance on financial information from different organisations, the location of suspects often out with the jurisdiction of the Police in Scotland, and the complexity of some of the investigations.

Ultimately victims are looking to recover the funds they have lost. Often this will be decided by the financial institution, who make their decisions based on the actions of the victim.

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The Coronavirus pandemic has been used as another means to target individuals. It's important that the public remain vigilant to guard against fraudulent emails, phone calls, texts messages or social media posts.

The banking protocol continues to be a successful preventative measure at banks, whereby, staff are trained to pick up on customers transferring large sums of cash where the circumstances give rise to suspicion. In November a would-be victim of a "romance scam" was identified during a bank visit in Angus. Relevant supports were put in place for him and he was persuaded not to transfer any more money, undoubtedly averting financial ruin for him.



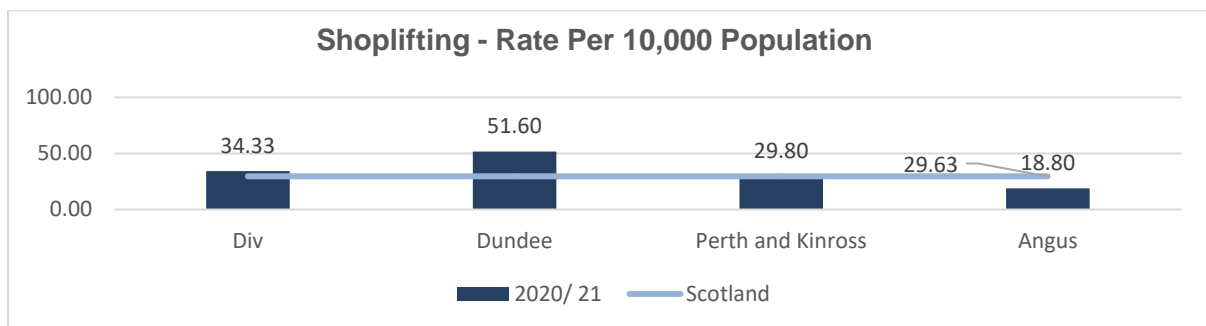
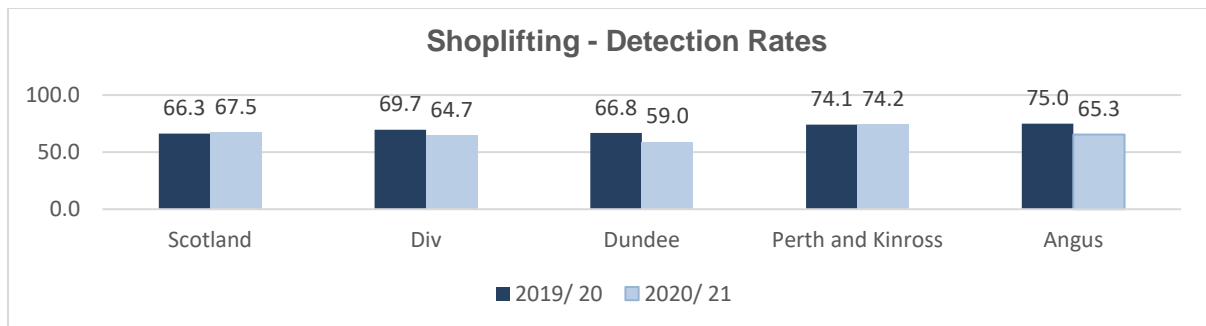
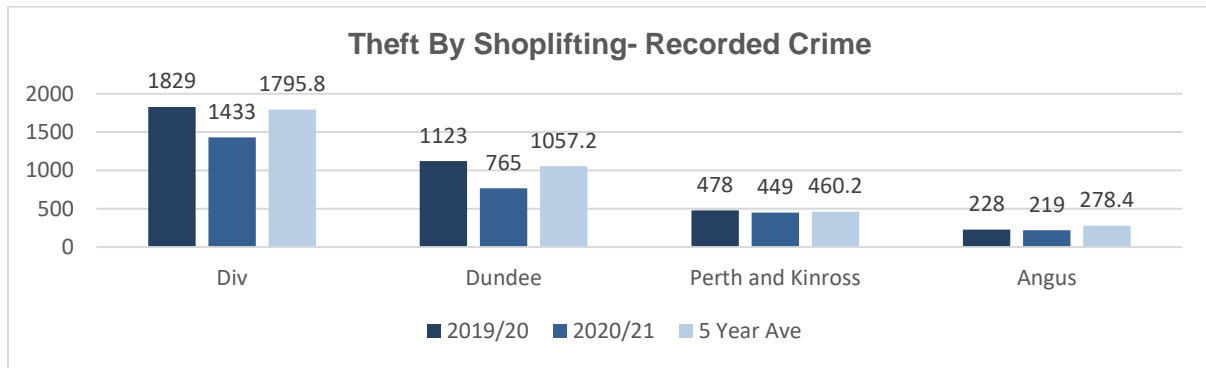
Measure – Theft by Shoplifting

Having seen a spike in shoplifting offences in quarter 2, the numbers have reduced to below the figures recorded in comparison to the previous year. Smaller stores in Kirriemuir and Arbroath have seen a number of thefts, with alcohol being the most commonly stolen item.

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Community officers have been working with the store managers offering crime prevention advice to make the shop less of a target and deter offenders from entering.

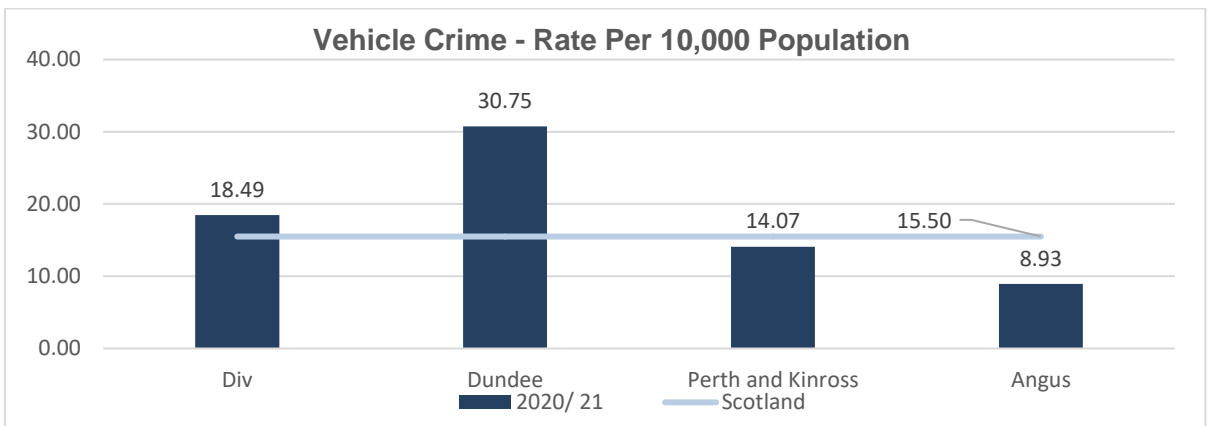
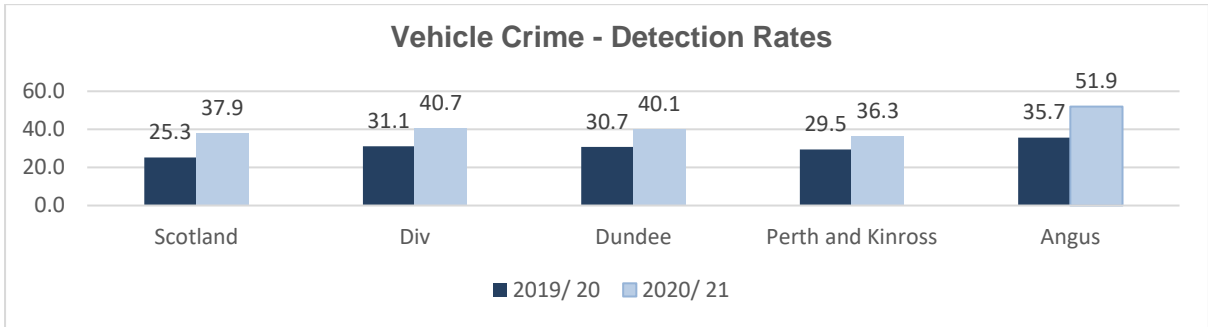
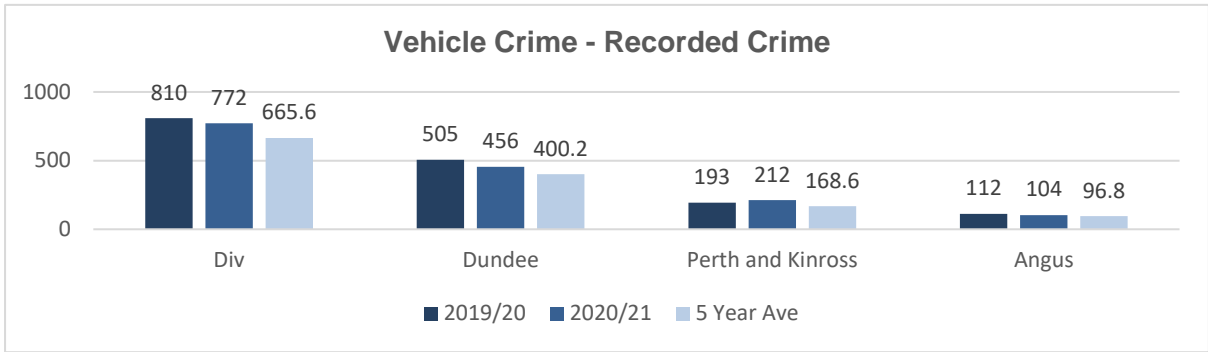
Most shopliftings are reported retrospectively, with store managers reviewing CCTV to establish what exactly has been stolen and by whom. Coronavirus guidelines have meant officers are encountering difficulties identifying perpetrators wearing face masks. Detection rates are slightly down as a result.



Measure – Motor Vehicle Crime

Motor vehicle crime is slightly down in Angus. Theft from insecure vehicles and theft of motor vehicles account for most of the crime in this group. The motor vehicle category includes quad bikes and motorcycles, which is the property targeted the most, particularly in the rural locations.

Investigations are often difficult due to the lack of CCTV and witnesses. However officers have been particularly successful this year and the detection rate has increased by almost 16%.



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Road Safety and Road Crime

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Operating Context

Angus Local Policing Area continues to make best use of the resource available through our colleagues in the Road Policing Division. Their specialist vehicles can regularly be seen at various spots throughout Angus, such as the Tinkletap junction on the A90, and at various points on the A92 between Arbroath and Dundee.

A recent issue in Kirriemuir with vehicle related anti-social behaviour was tackled with the assistance and increased visibility of Road Policing officers, with whom our Community Policing Teams work jointly on Road safety initiatives.

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

Tayside Division have had 4 road traffic fatalities YTD which is a decrease of 43% on the same period last year.

111 persons were seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions on Tayside's roads, which is a 23% decrease for the same period last year, where we experienced 144.

Additionally 238 persons were slightly injured as a result of road traffic collisions. Unfortunately, this is a 10% increase for the same period last year where we experienced 216.

Tayside Division have had 7 child casualties who were seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions. This is a 53.3% decrease on the same period last year which saw 15 children injured.

Tragically Angus LPA have had one adult fatality for the period under review.

On the 24th December 2020, at Arbroath harbour, an 81 year old male lost his life when his vehicle breached the confines of the harbour and plunged in to the sea.

This incident takes Angus total fatalities YTD to 3, this is an increase by 1 comparable to the same period last year.

Angus specifically saw 33 persons seriously injured in road traffic collisions. This is a 2.9% decrease on the same period last year, when 34 persons were seriously injured.

Slightly injured persons increased significantly with 85 compared to the previous year, where Angus experienced only 56, this equates to a 52% increase.

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Activity

During the period under review Tayside Division Road Policing Unit participated in a number of National Campaigns;

October 2020 - Mobile phone campaign

October 2020 - Vulnerable Road Users Campaign

October 2020 - Get ready for winter campaign

November 2020 – No insurance Campaign

November 2020 – BRAKE road safety week

December 2020 – Festive drink/drug driving 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.

However, it should be noted that COVID-19 precluded the usual preferred method of engagement on many of the aforementioned campaigns.

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 complimented 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.

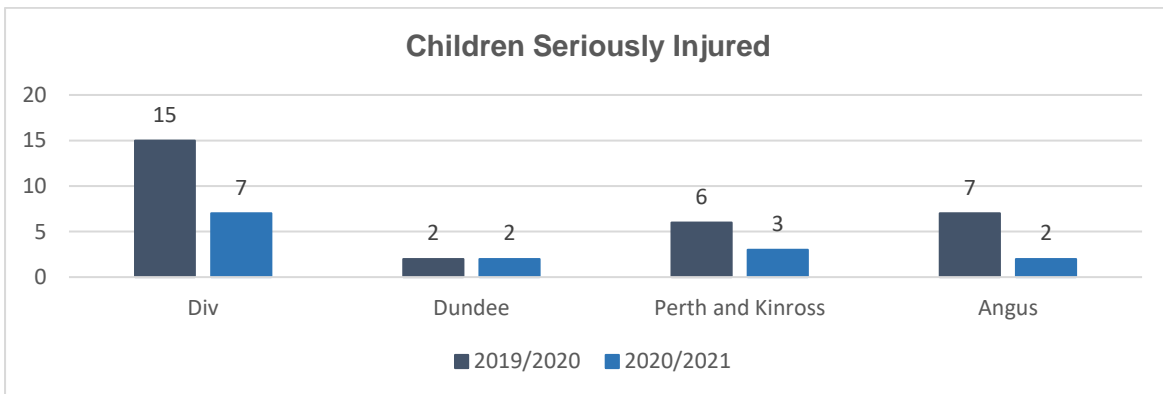
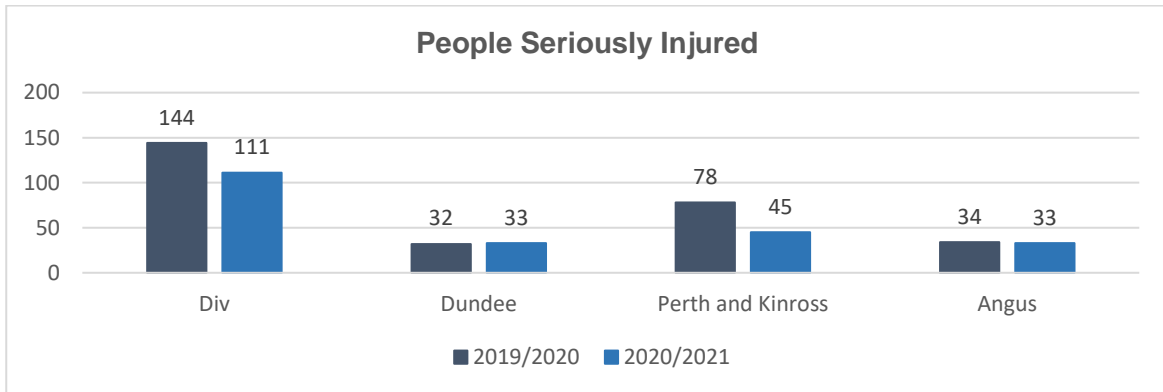
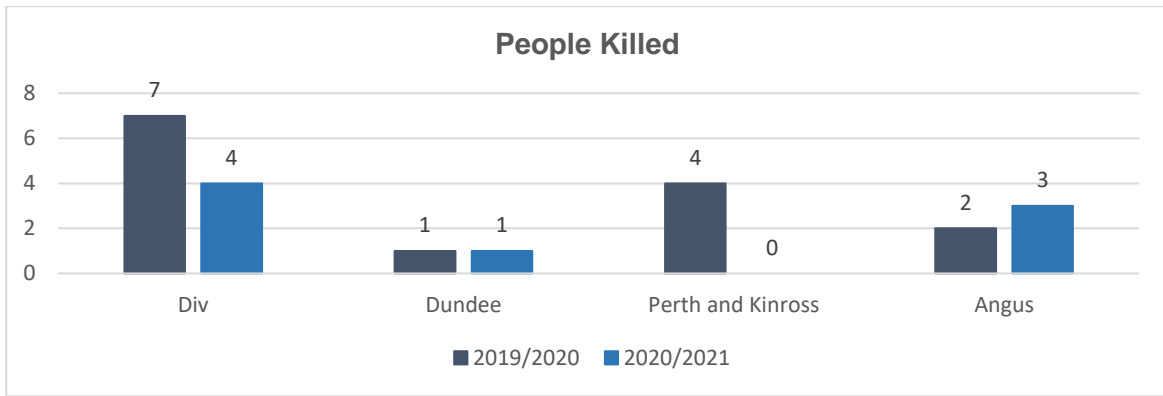
Based on strategic assessment a number of priority locations have been identified within Angus which were subject to focussed operation activity:

From year to date a total of 16266 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.

In response to the most recent lockdown, which commenced on the 26th December 2020, Police Scotland launched Operation Lite which is being predominantly carried out by Roads Policing officers.

The purpose of this operation is to provide a highly visible and reassuring policing presence across Scotland's Roads infrastructure and minimise any risk to public health. It is also an opportunity to provide clear advice and guidance to the public on the travel restrictions, through an effective communications plan with a clear indication of policing intentions.

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Measure – Speeding

Tayside Division detected 2776 speeding offences YTD which is a 38% decrease on the same period last year. This is directly attributable to COVID-19 lockdown measures and a significant reduction in vehicles on the roads network.

During the period under review, speeding offences in Angus overall have decreased by a significant 52%. This may be 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 identified through a number of community based engagements.

The return to normal business of the Safety Camera Unit will also have played a part in the reduction.

Activity

Speed detection falls in to the remit of daily business for Road Policing. However for the period under review, a number of Route Strategy Days have focussed on not only the priority routes but also on roads which have been identified as problematic.

During activity, officers from both the Road Policing Unit and Safety Camera Unit worked alongside Divisional officers to specifically target road users who contravene our 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 and local social media platforms are an effective way in which to raise awareness and to actively encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour.

Results

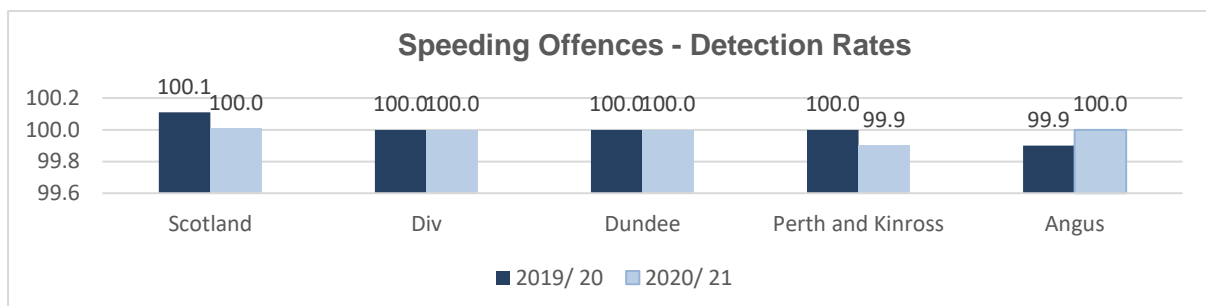
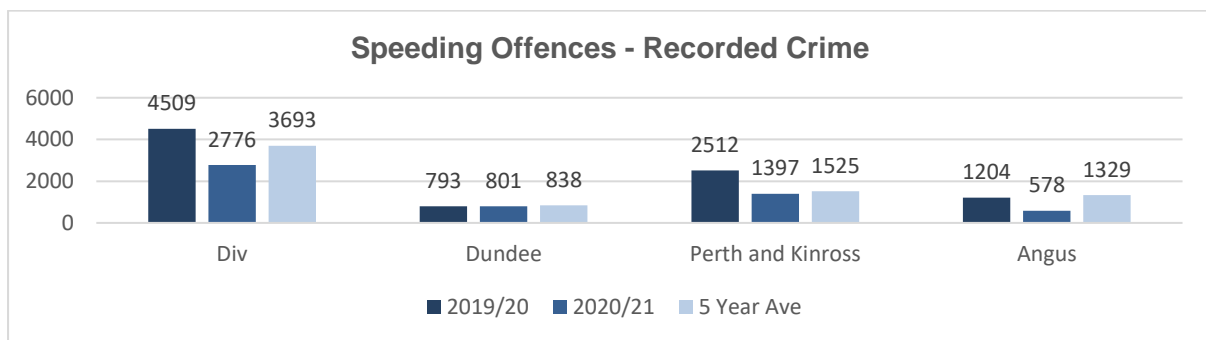
In the YTD 578 speeding offences were detected in Angus compared to 1204 in the same period last year. This equates to a 53% decrease.

Again, this significant decrease is likely due to a combination of increased patrols and COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.

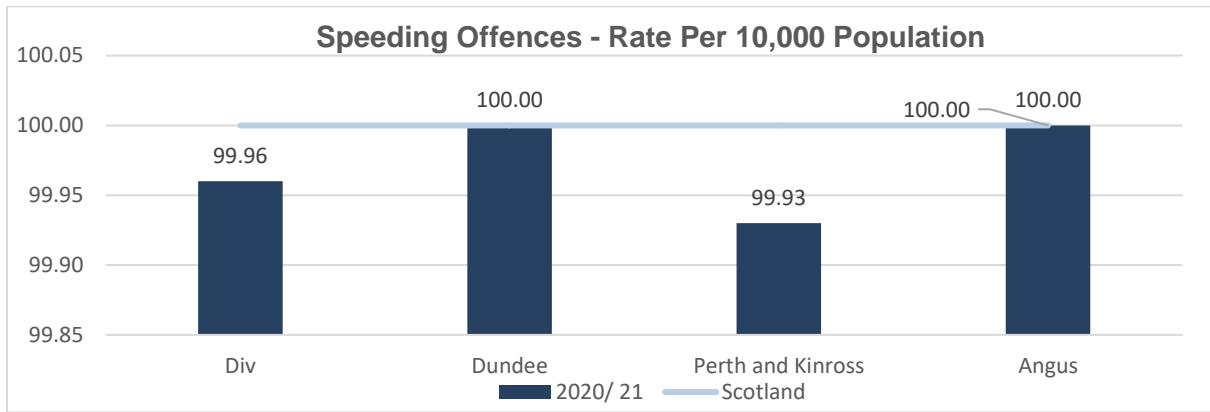
Challenges

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

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



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Measure – Drink/Drug Driving

Drink/Drug driving within Tayside Division for the period under review has increased by 17.4%. This is the combined total for both alcohol & drugs.

During the period under review, Drink/Drug offences in Angus have decreased by 7.3% compared to the same period of last year, this is extremely encouraging.

Tayside Division breakdown of figures:

Offences	19/20	20/21
Driving m/v while under influence of controlled drug above limit	42	22
Driving m/v while unfit through drink or drugs	15	30
Driving m/v with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit	56	52
Failure to provide breath specimen at the roadside	28	29
Failure to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at police station	30	25
In charge of m/v while under influence of controlled drug above limit	5	1
In charge of m/v while unfit through drink or drugs	3	6
In charge of m/v with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit	2	2
TOTAL	181	167

Activity

The detection of drivers who are impaired through either Alcohol or Drugs falls in to the daily business for Road Policing.

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As explained, the current pandemic has seen a decrease in the number of vehicles on the roads. However our campaign to improve road safety has been as important as ever.

In the month of December 2020, Police Scotland held The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign. This involved dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit and divisional officers specifically target road users who drive whilst under the influence.

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 being under the influence.

The drug wipe testing kit continues to feature heavily in the media and was prevalent throughout the Festive Drink/Drug driving campaign. The kit 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.

Results

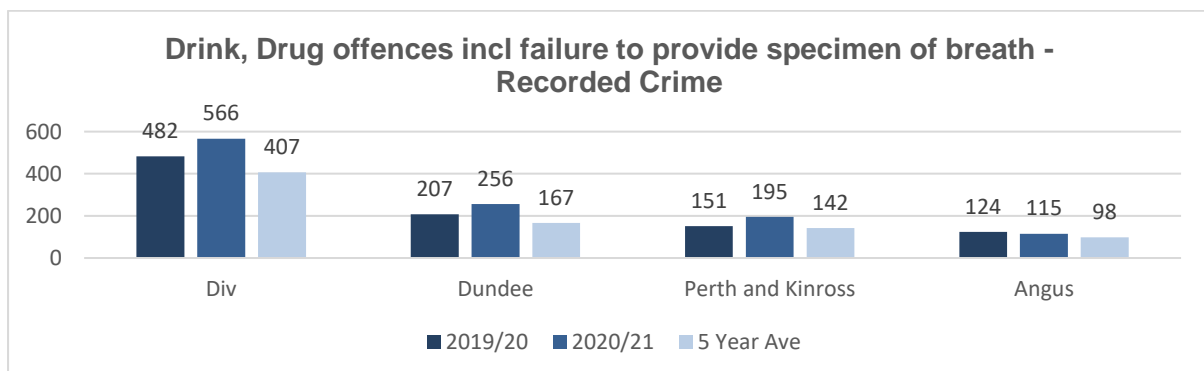
During the period under review Tayside Division excelled with a total 1028 breath specimens recorded throughout the Division. A total of 115 drink/drug drive offences were detected in Angus, all of which were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

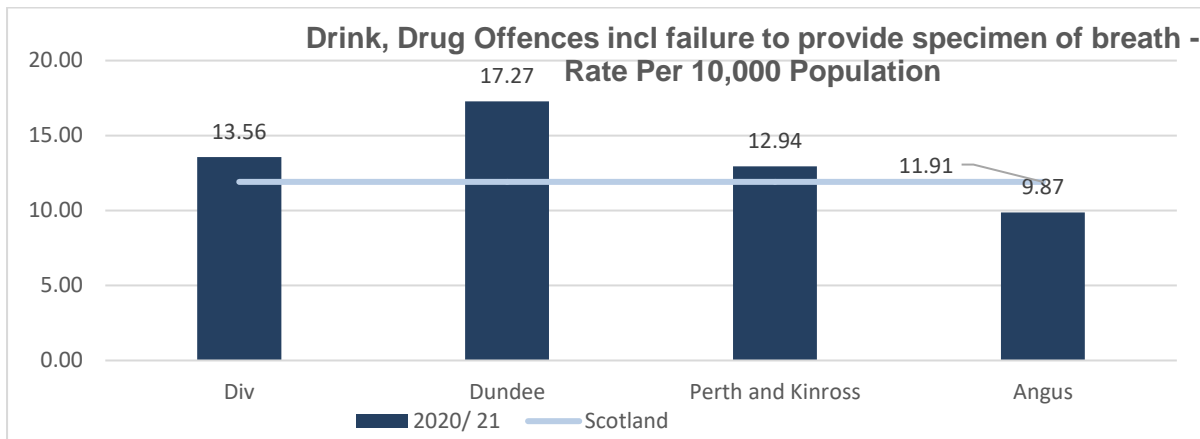
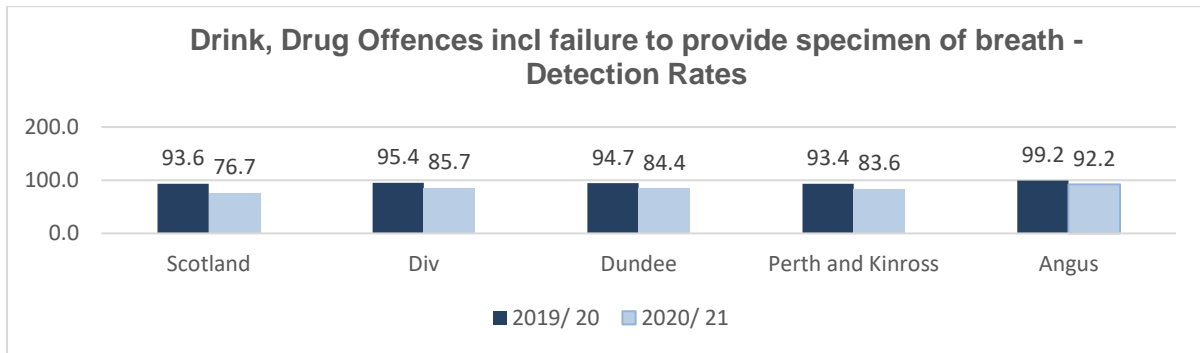
This is a 7.3% decrease from the previous year, where 124 offenders were detected.

It should be noted that these figures include drivers who failed to provide a specimen for analysis. Tayside Road Policing Unit carried out 270 drug wipes throughout the Division, 111 of which were positive, and 159 which were negative.

Challenges

Considering the analytical data highlights a 7.3% decrease for the period under review, it is disappointing to see that people are still willing to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. We will continue to take action against those who selfishly put others at risk by doing so.





Measure – Careless Driving

Careless driving across Tayside Division has decreased 9.4% with the total number of offenders detected being 471, compared with 520 the previous year.

Angus specifically, has significantly decreased by 9.1% with a total of 100 offenders detected, compared to 110 the previous year.

Focussing on raising awareness of road user behaviour is key to reducing careless driving figures. By concentrating 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.

Activity

Tayside 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.

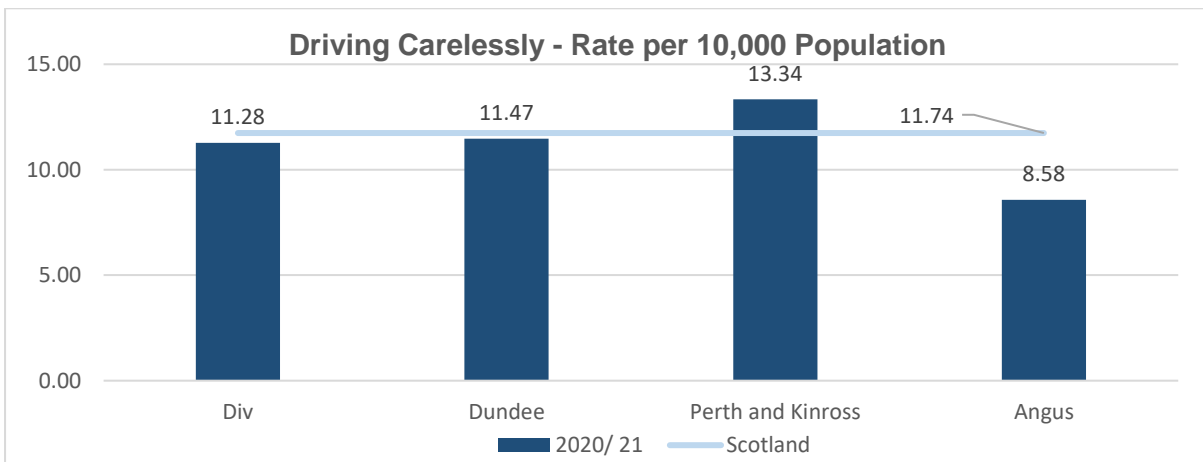
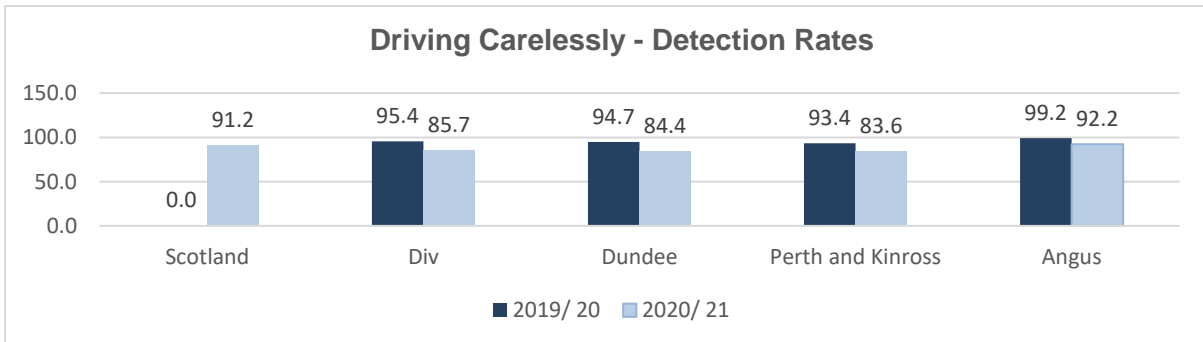
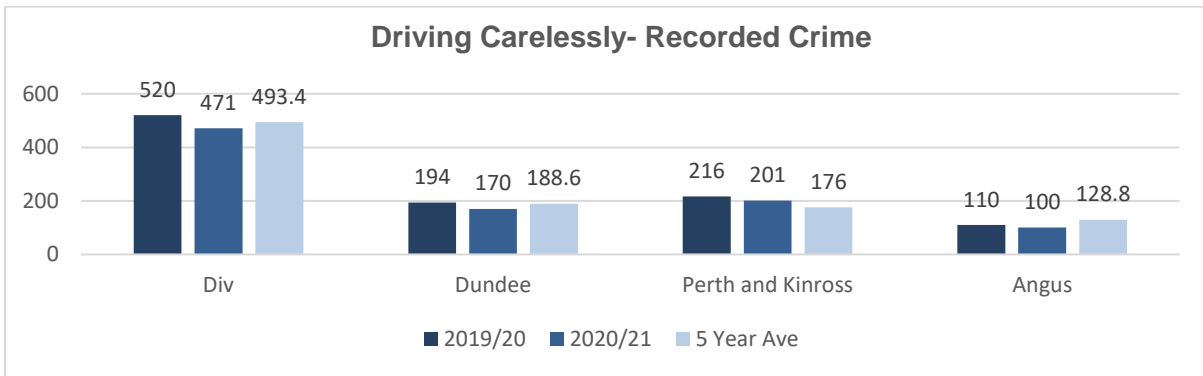
This is reinforced with Route Strategy Days based on the previous collision data for the month and involves multiple units carrying out high visibility patrolling of the same route. Where these routes traverse multiple Divisions we utilise cross border joint operations.

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As with all our operations, they are supported by partner agencies and road operating companies, which maximises efficiency and enhances our working relationships.

Challenges

Younger drivers especially are a challenge, 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. Unfortunately, this in is a lost opportunity to influence younger driver behaviour, which will never be regained.



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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 and domestic abuse incidents remains below those of 2019/20. It had been anticipated that the easing of lockdown restrictions would lead to an immediate significant rise in demand in this area and while this was not the case we did see a steady week on week increase throughout the reporting period, albeit figures for both areas remain below those of previous years.

This is a trend that was replicated both within the Division and nationally.

This increase continues and, as previously reported, we are returning to pre-COVID-19 levels of activity in this area. It has remained a key focus of improvement work as we find ourselves in another period of national lockdown. We continue to work with partners to identify potential victims and perpetrators in order to prevent and detect criminality.

Measure – Domestic Abuse

Activity

The figures in the table below represent crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act (DASA) 2018. These remain below the figures for 2019/20. Comparison with the 5 year average is of less relevance given the recent enactment of the legislation.

Results

Robust processes are in place to ensure that DASA offences are identified at the earliest opportunity and where offences have been identified perpetrators are charged and reported. This has seen a 30% increase in the detection rate for these offences, which is significantly higher than the national average.

Challenges

The move to another national lockdown continues to raise concern about victim's ability to access services and for police and partner agencies to identify those who may be at risk of harm.

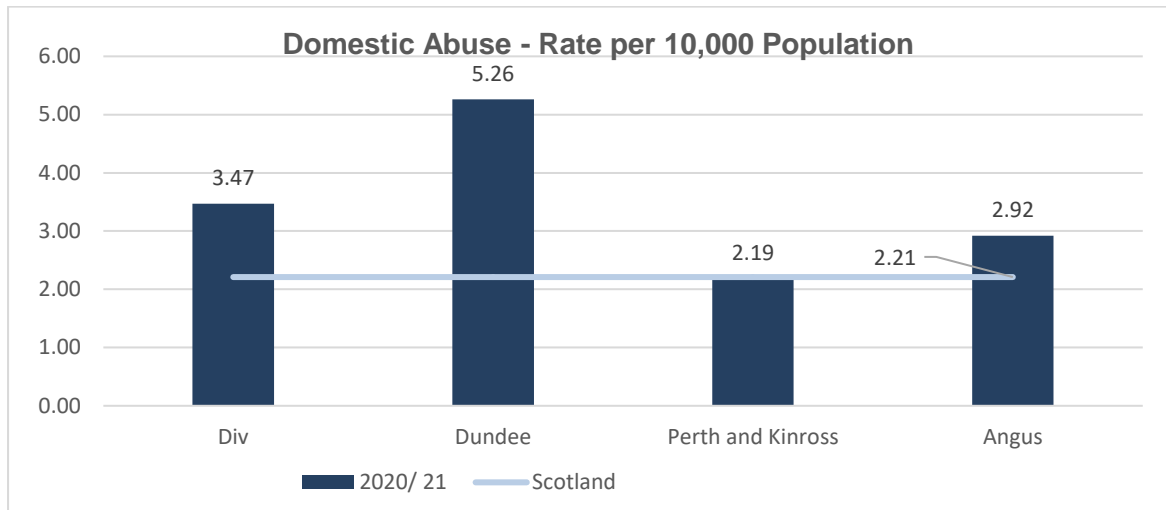
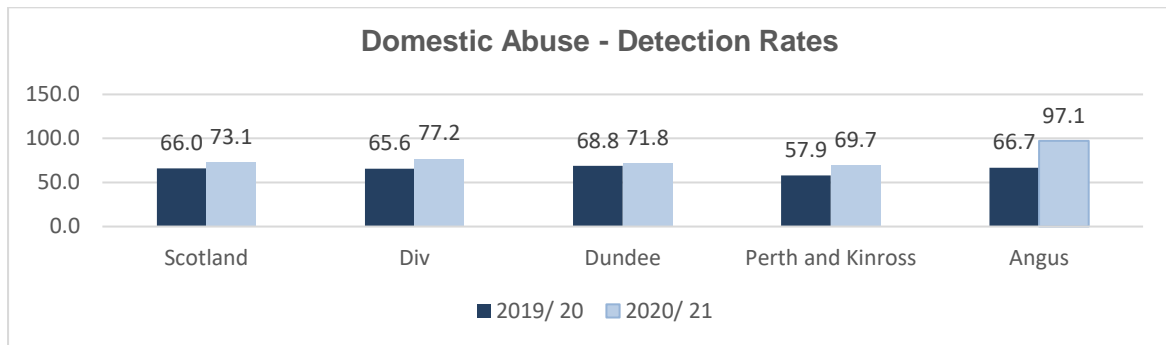
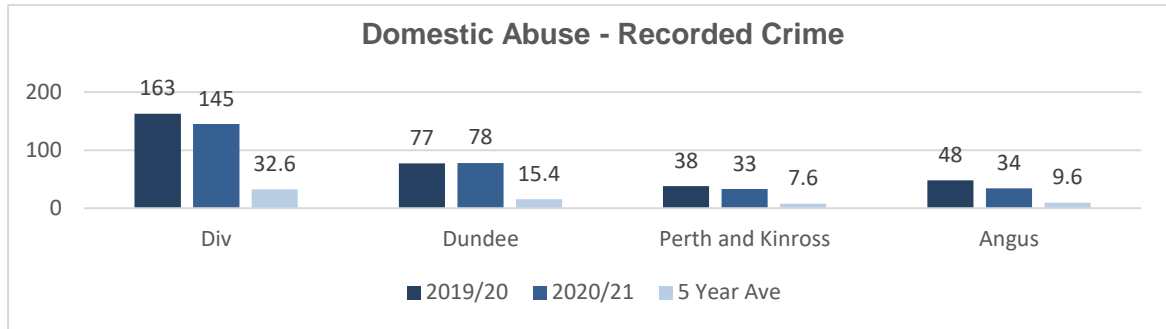
Along with specialist departments, including the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and National Domestic Abuse Task Force, we continue to work with

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partners agencies to ensure that the safeguarding of victims continues and that every opportunity is taken to target perpetrators and prevent crime.

All safeguarding processes, including MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) and MATAAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination) meetings continue in the virtual space and service provision is closely monitored via the Angus Violence Against Women Partnership.



Hate Crime

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

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partnership working allows for victims and communities to be signposted to support agencies and for reassurance messages and hate material to be shared.

1. Increase hate awareness amongst groups and communities.
2. Re-training of local third party reporting centres.
3. Maintain current Keep Safe premises within Tayside.
4. 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 challenge which was overcome by sharing material online as 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.
2. All centres completed a survey and the results showed a need to re-train 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. National meetings have taken place for support. Keep Safe lanyards have been received and will be distributed to those requiring.
4. A HIMAP meeting took place with another scheduled for January 2021.

Hate Incident - Any incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group but which does not constitute a criminal offence (non-crime incident).

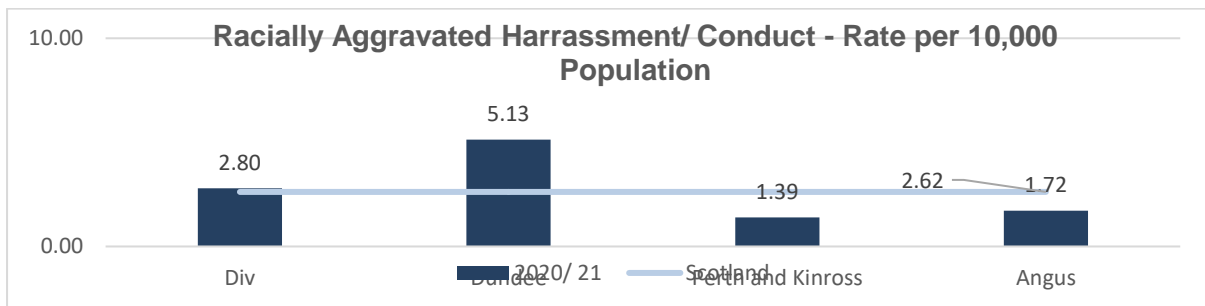
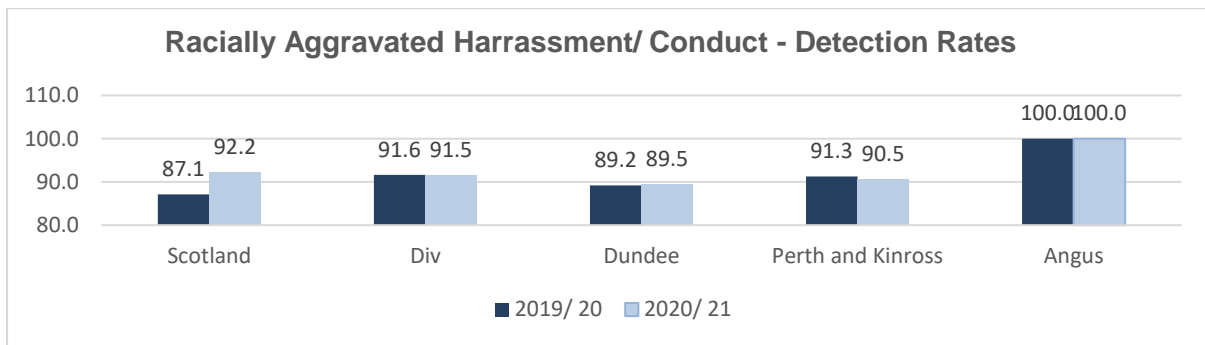
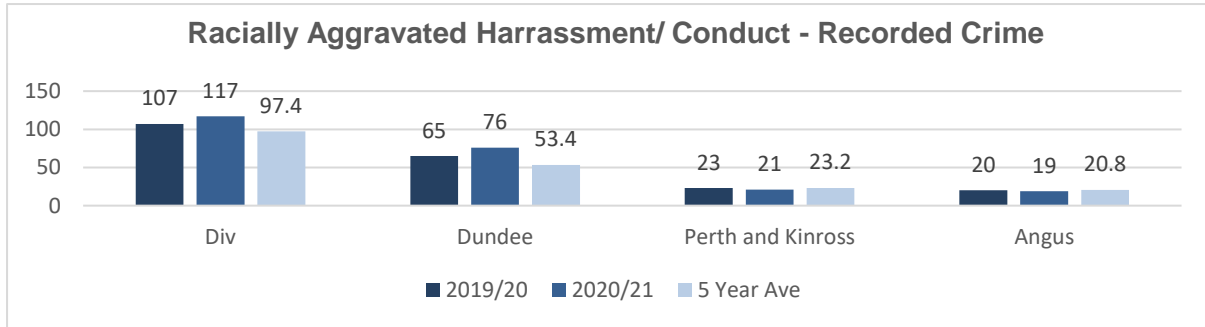
Hate Crime_- A hate crime is any crime which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group.

Racially Aggravated Conduct - Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act Section 50 - There must be evidence from more than one source pointing to the racial element of the charge. Only one source is needed to prove other charge aggravations although corroboration must exist in another form.

There were 78 Hate Incidents YTD for Angus. The breakdown is:

54 Race

- 1 Religion
- 1 Race and Religion
- 1 Multiple Aggravator (including Race or Religion)
- 5 Disability
- 25 Sexual Orientation
- 1 Multiple Aggravator (excluding Race or Religion)



Measure – Sexual Crime

Activity

As outlined above, occurrence rates for all sexual crimes remains below those of 2019/20 and below the five year average.

This is also the case for offences of Rape and Attempted Rape.

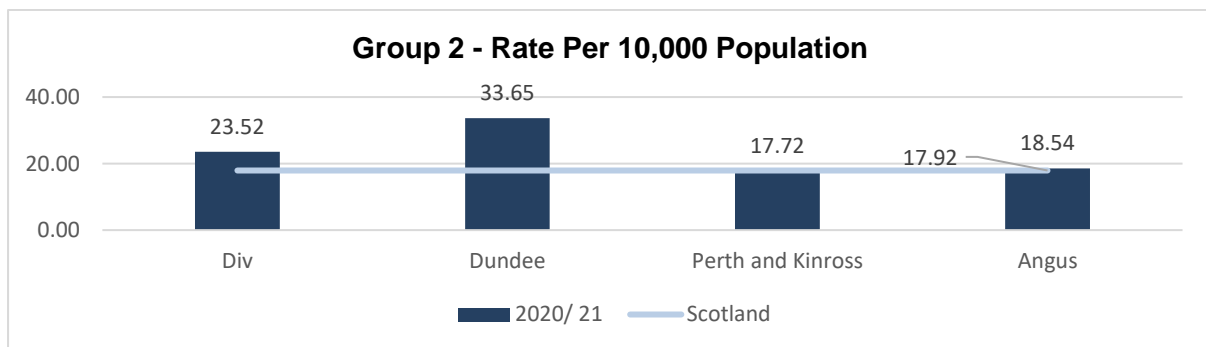
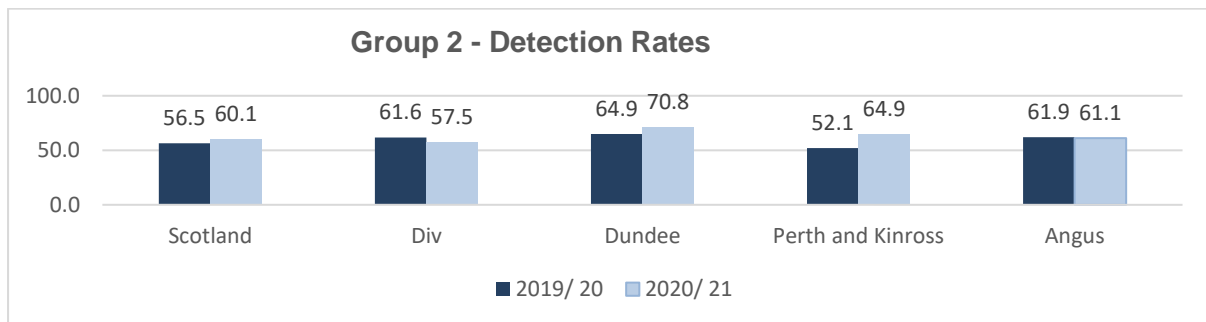
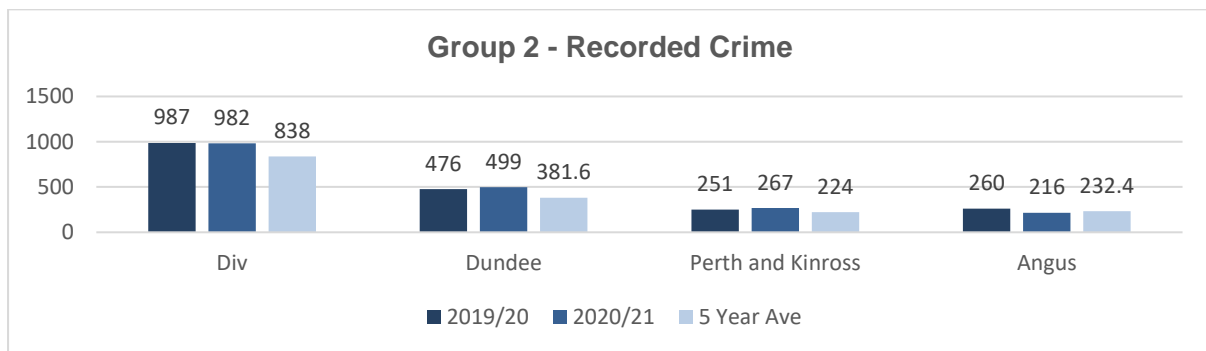
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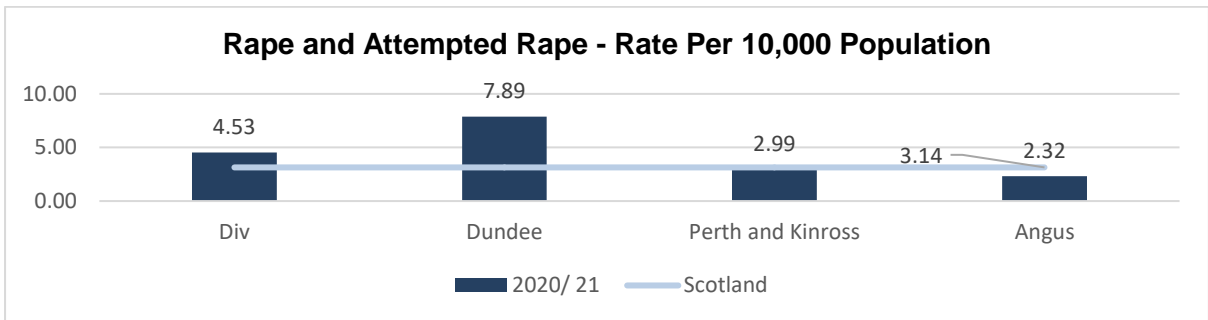
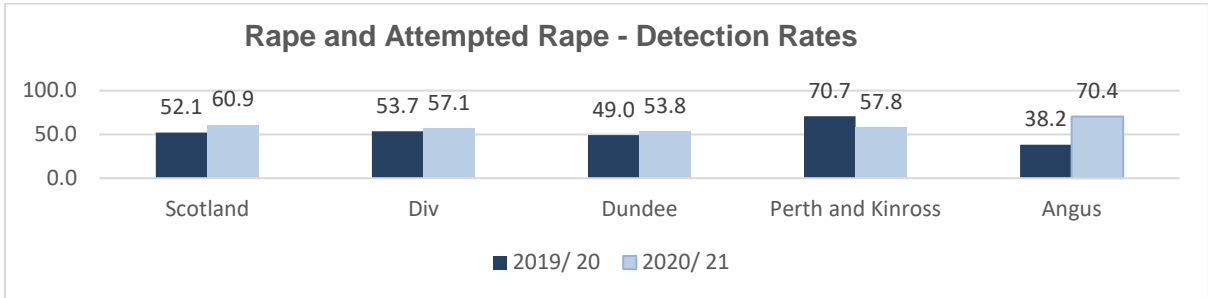
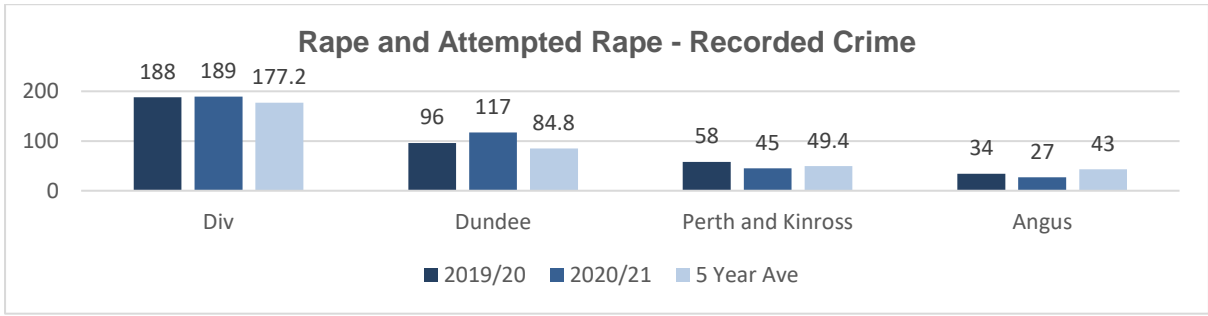
Detection rates for sexual crime are similar to that of 2019/20 and are slightly higher than the Divisional and National averages.

The detection rate for Rape is 30% higher than 2019/20 and is markedly higher than the Divisional and National average.

Challenges

Around 30% of all sexual crime is non-recent in nature, in that the offence occurred more than 12 months prior to being reported to police. This presents challenges as investigations are more protracted and evidence which may have provided corroboration is lost due to the passage of time.







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

Operating Context

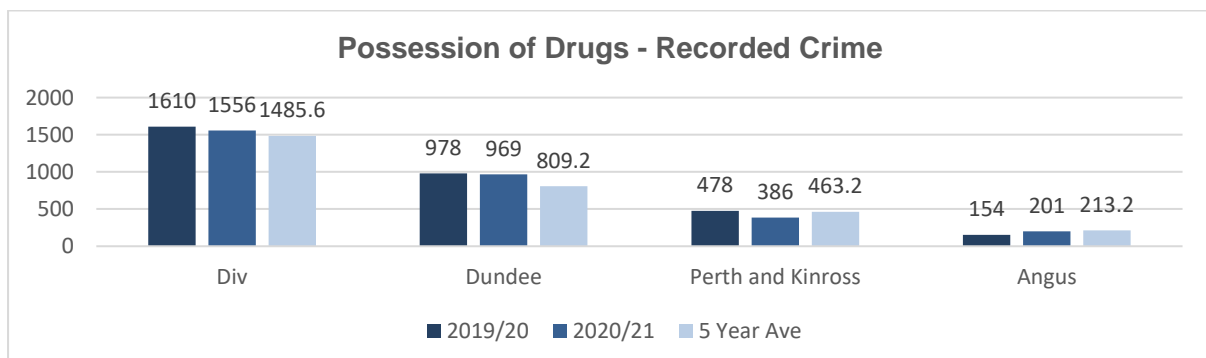
Organised criminality features in Angus, primarily in the form of the supply of controlled drugs. Whilst the links to acquisitive crime and disorder remain, serious violent incidents linked to organised crime in Angus are infrequent.

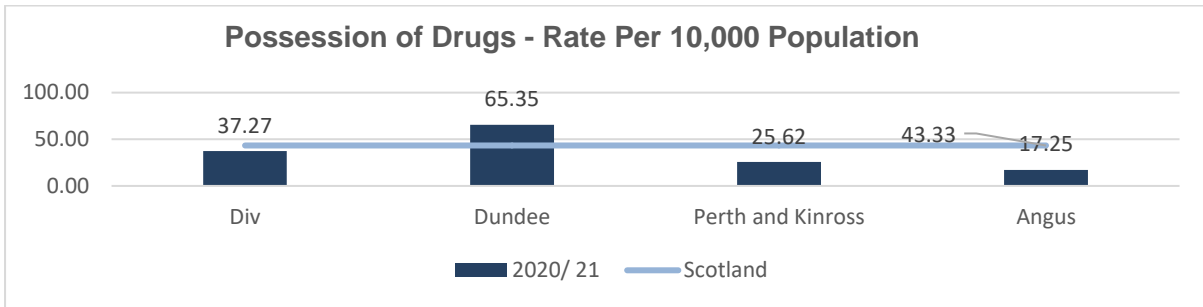
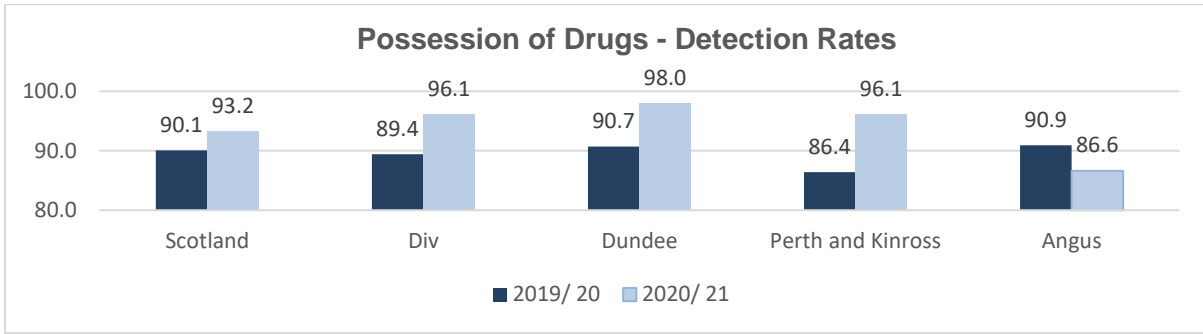
Through the development of intelligence and joint operations across and out with D Division, working with partner agencies, activity is focused on those causing the most harm to our communities.

Possession of Drugs

Recorded drug possession crimes in the reporting period is comparable to the 5 year average. Drug possession remains a problem and targeted use of stop and search powers continues to be used to curb offending. However, pro-activity requires to be balanced with the risks presented by COVID-19 through hands-on interaction with suspected offenders. As such, intelligence is used to direct activity.

The drugs recovered continue to include opiates and benzodiazepines. The reduction in current detection rates relate to substances awaiting forensic examination to confirm their content, exacerbated by the volume of 'street valium' recoveries. The detection rate will improve retrospectively once forensic examinations are completed.



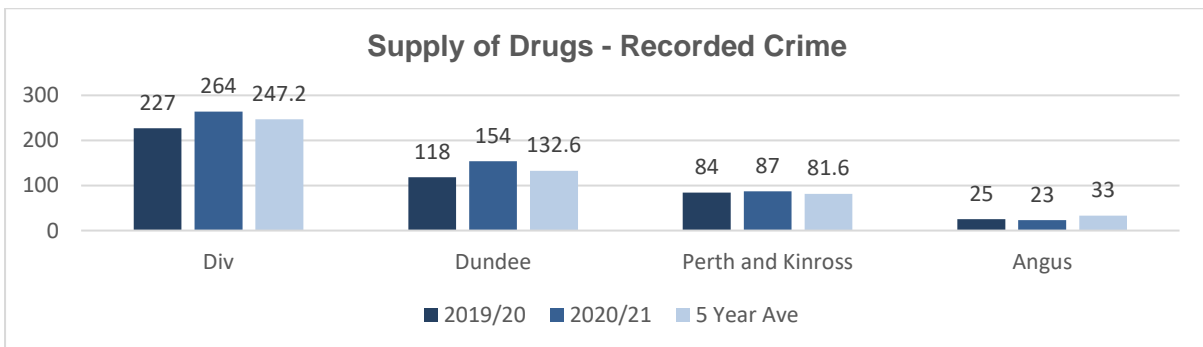


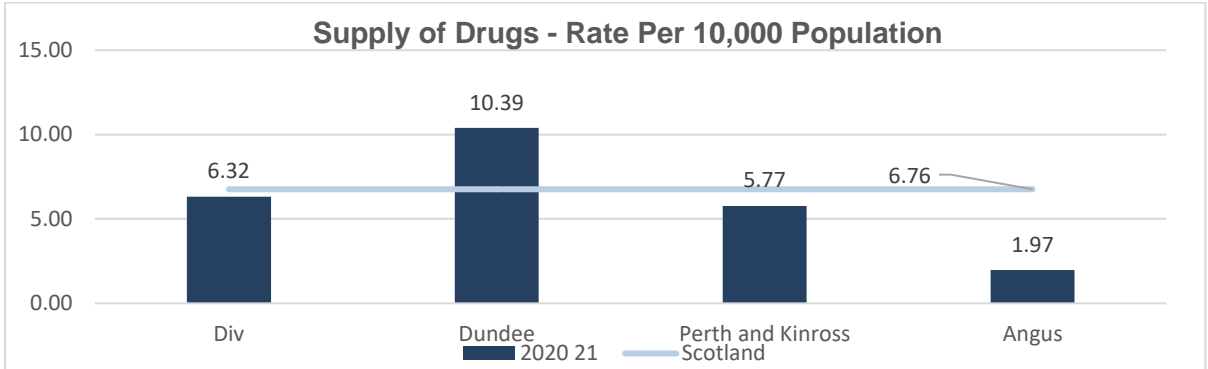
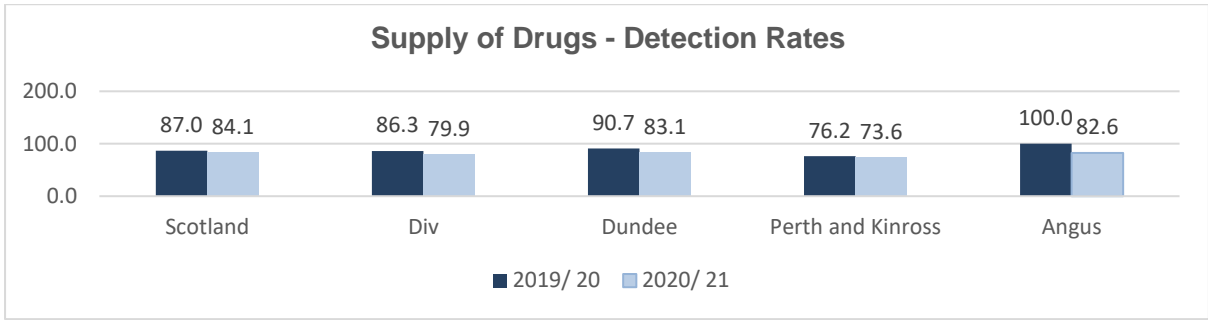
Measure – Supply of Drugs

The investigation of the supply of controlled drugs is a priority in Angus and continues to receive focused attention from the Angus Community Investigation Unit, with search warrants regularly being enforced at residential premises. This has resulted in an increase in recorded drugs supply crimes over previous reporting periods and the 5 year average.

Enforcement is supplemented with prevention and intervention activities, which aim to disrupt criminal activity or the actions of criminals who facilitate drugs supply. We also seek to prioritise the protection of vulnerable children and adults involved in the drug supply chain, through information sharing and partnership working.

As detailed above, COVID-19 has presented challenges to proactive activity, however, through risk assessment and the development of intelligence, Police action has continued to have a positive effect.





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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.

Operating Context

At present the national threat level is currently at SEVERE.

In November 2020, the National Threat level was increased from SUBSTANTIAL to SEVERE. This decision was made in response to events that happened in France and Austria and not in relation to any specific threat to the UK.

In this quarter, officers in Dundee carried out a Project Servator deployment in Dundee City Centre.

Project Servator is a policing tactic which aims to disrupt a range of criminal activity, including terrorism, while providing a reassuring presence for the public.

We work with partners, including businesses and security staff, to keep Scotland safe and make it a difficult environment for criminals and terrorists to operate.

Our Project Servator deployments are highly visible and unpredictable and can happen at any time, anywhere. Plans are in place to replicate the deployment in Angus, COVID-19 restrictions, permitting.

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*

Operating Context

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.

Activity

Operation Wingspan is a national wildlife operation which looks at each of the 6 wildlife priorities in turn, over a one year period – CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species), Bat Crime, Badger Persecution, Raptor Persecution, Poaching and Freshwater Pearl Mussels.

Results

Phase one of the operation in October and November looked at "CITES", where pet shops, antiques and furniture restorers in Angus and Tayside were visited. No offences were detected in Angus area, however awareness was raised and advice provided to retailers. Items were seized elsewhere in Tayside.

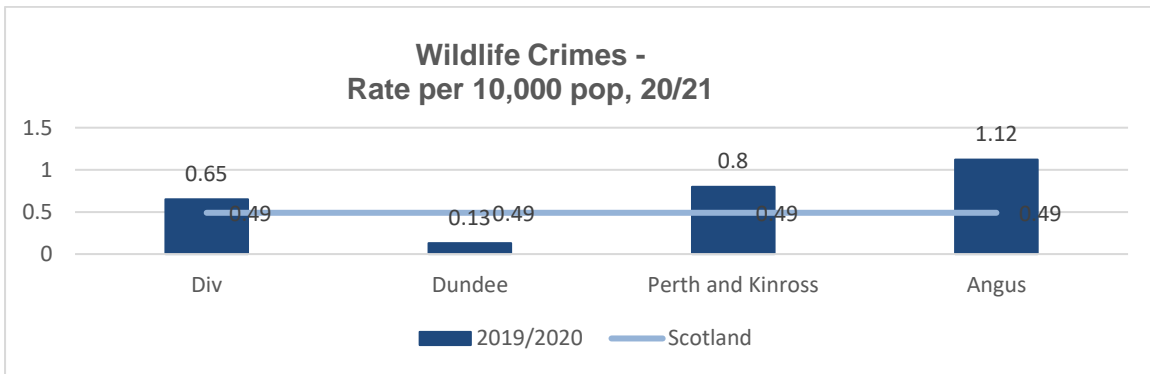
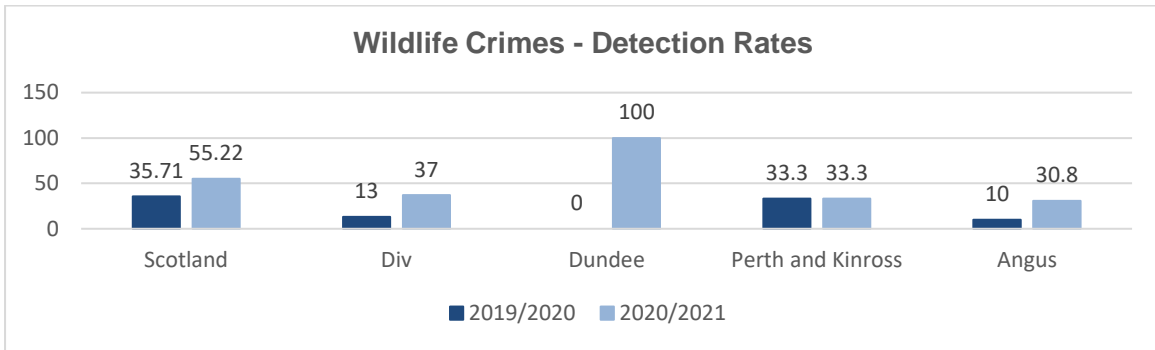
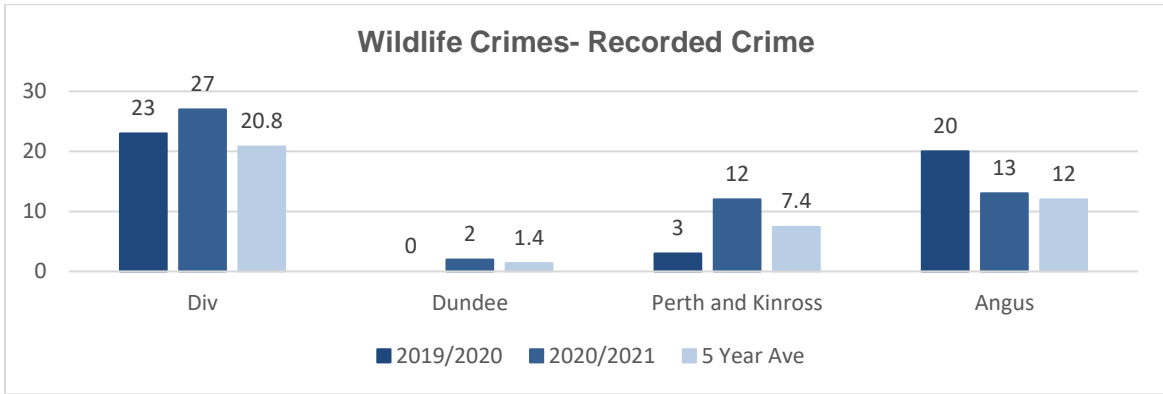
In December, 3 known Badgers sets in Angus were visited. Historically there has been interference found which was resolved.

During this quarter in Angus, 5 instances of hare coursing have been reported and investigated. Two further individuals have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal and bail conditions were granted so that the perpetrators were not permitted to enter Angus.

Two vehicles involved have been seized by Police, one in Angus and another following joint work with colleagues in Aberdeenshire. Items including hare and dogs were recovered and various forensic examinations have taken place. These forensic opportunities assist Police to link crimes between areas, identify perpetrators and provide additional evidence of these crimes.

All wildlife and rural crime in Angus is reviewed daily, which enables opportunities to be highlighted for disruption, deterrent, detection and cross border action.

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Other Key Activity

COVID-19 restrictions and lockdown has led to an increase in call volume to Police in relation to social gatherings.

The Policing approach remains as the use of the "4 Es", Engage, Educate, Encourage, Enforce, Enforcement is the last option and is used where the other 3 have been exhausted, or the breach is so blatant and reckless that officers feel enforcement to be more appropriate.

During the reporting period in Angus, 81 "COVID-19 offences" were recorded, with 69 fixed penalty notices (fines) issued. The use of this legislation and any subsequent Police action is being closely monitored to ensure the action taken is appropriate.

Licensing

Between 1st October 2020 and 31st December 2020, the Divisional Licensing Team processed 319 licence applications for the Angus area.

In general, licensed premises across the Angus have positively observed the restrictions placed on them and have worked closely with the Licensing Teams of both Police Scotland and Angus Council. This has been a very difficult period for licensed premises which saw a tiered system introduced in November 2020 in relation to the Pandemic. Angus moved between Tiers 2, 3 and 4. Throughout this turbulent period Police endeavoured to engage and support where possible and enforce as a very last resort. It was clear that the vast majority of licensed premises adapted to the changing environment with the safety of their staff and the local communities in mind.

During this quarter there were 8 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises. Despite repeated support and advice one premises did not adhere to the guidelines and legislation. This was taken to the Angus Licensing Board on the 29th October 2020, and the Divisional Licensing Team outlined the breaches of the licensing objectives which occurred at the premises. This was upheld by the board and the Premises Licence was suspended for 2 months.

The Divisional Licensing Team along with the local Policing teams across Angus carried out 84 inspections at licensed premises.

Complaints Against the Police

Members of the public need to have confidence that should they wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about the quality of policing service provided or the actions of an individual, their concerns will be listened to and appropriate action taken.

Frontline Resolution (FLR) will be attempted for allegations which are non-serious, non-criminal and non-complex in nature. This involves resolution by explanation, apology or assurance. Where this cannot be achieved, a full enquiry in accordance with statutory guidance will be undertaken.

Should complainers remain dissatisfied with the handling of a complaint upon its completion, they may contact the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) to request an independent Complaint Handling Review.

Operation Talla

At a national level, COVID-19 related complaints remain substantially below the volumes seen at the outset of the pandemic. The latest key themes amongst these complaints during December 2020 were:

- Officers failing to social distance and not wearing PPE. These issues were cited in 78.3% of all COVID-19 related complaints.
- Enforcement and perceived non-enforcement of the regulations. These issues were cited in 34.8% of COVID-19 related complaints. These complaints all related to gatherings, almost exclusively occurring indoors and in alleged contravention of the Government Coronavirus guidance.

The Professional Standards Department continue to identify and disseminate key themes and geographic variances, in order to support and inform both internal and external communications to frontline officers assisting in continued discharge of their duties.

Independent Review of Complaint Handling

The Dame Elish Angiolini final report was published on 11 November 2020 and contained a total of 81 recommendations, with 35 for which Police Scotland are directly responsible for, or will require a significant footprint from the organisation in order to be successfully discharged.

The report seeks to address matters covering a range of themes, including:

- Accountability and Transparency
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.
- Organisational Change
- Audit
- Training

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Addressing the recommendations from this report represents a significant and important piece of work for Police Scotland.

Complaints Received

Table: Complaints received for Tayside Division (Apr-Dec) ¹

Category	PYTD	YTD	% change from PYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	409	404	-1.2%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	652	569	-12.7%
Off Duty Allegations	1	2	+100.0%
On Duty Allegations	575	491	-14.6%
Quality of Service Allegations	76	76	0.0%

¹ Data is correct as at 01/01/2021.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 1.2% YTD compared to the PYTD. This is driven by decreases in Angus (-14.6%) and Perth & Kinross (-11.8%). However, an 11.9% increase was identified within Dundee City.

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased correspondingly by 12.7%. Irregularity in Procedure remains the common allegation received YTD, accounting for 48.9% of all allegations. Insufficient Enquiry Carried Out (75) and 'Other' (70) are the highest volume categories within this allegation type. Outwith this, Incivility is the most common category, with 96 allegations received YTD.

Please note that the data above covers all complaints and allegations against Tayside Division. Therefore, this does not include resources from Specialist Divisions which provide services within the area (e.g. Contact, Command and Control).

Appendix

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

	Reporting Period ³				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons) ²				
	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 mid-year estimates in some calculations. As soon as more current population data are available, the above table will be updated.