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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

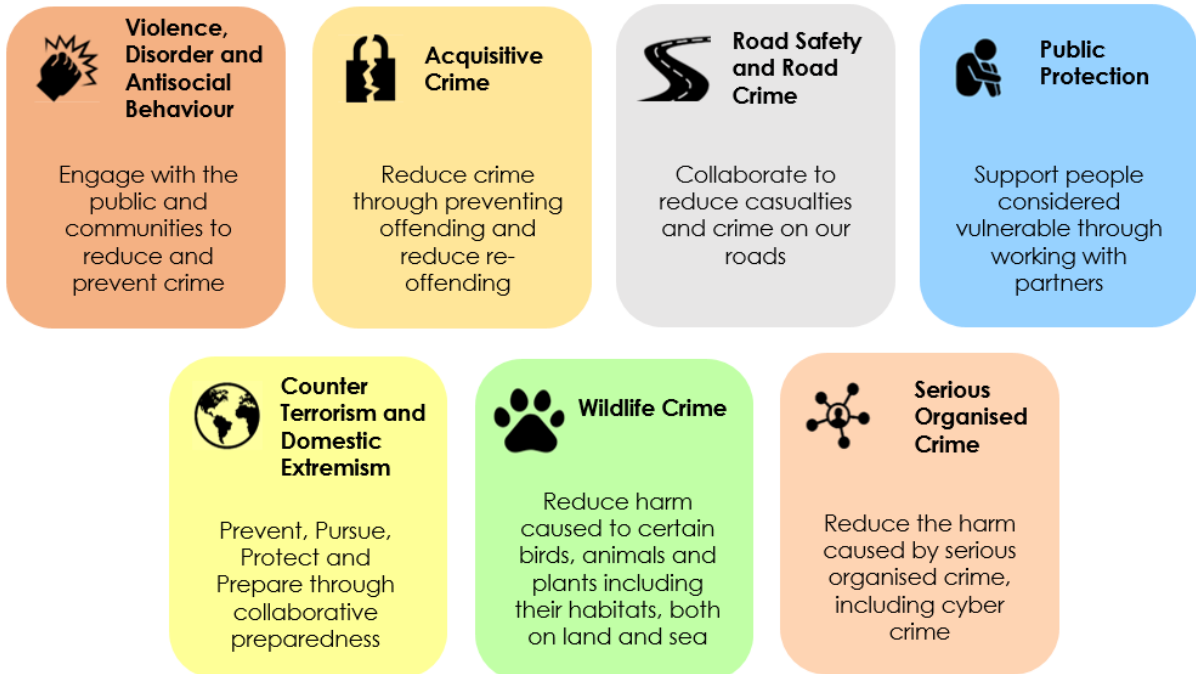
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus Council and will report to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

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 January 2021 to 31 March 2021, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2019 to 21 March 2020 and 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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 March 2021

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 55 87	19/20 25 72	19/20 1070 76
20/21 42 90	20/21 25 72	20/21 904 72
% +/- ↓24% ↑3%	% +/- - -	% +/- ↓16% ↓4%
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Acquisitive Crime	Acquisitive Crime
Emergency Services Assault	Housebreakings - Dwellings	Motor Vehicle Crime
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
19/20 102 100	19/20 92 33	19/20 139 36
20/21 84 100	20/21 60 15	20/21 147 51
% +/- ↓18% -	% +/- ↓35% ↓18%	% +/- ↑13% ↑15%
Acquisitive Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes Detect %	Off. Detect %	Off. Detect %
19/20 127 50	19/20 1578 100	19/20 156 99
20/21 250 10	20/21 912 100	20/21 143 88
% +/- ↑97% ↓40%	% +/- ↓42% -	% +/- ↓8% ↓11%
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 3 N/A	19/20 51 N/A	19/20 46 50
20/21 3 N/A	20/21 47 N/A	20/21 43 58
% +/- - /	% +/- ↓8% /	% +/- ↓6% ↑8%
Public Protection	Serious Organised Crime	Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
19/20 358 61	19/20 33 103	19/20 193 93
20/21 327 54	20/21 35 83	20/21 259 84
% +/- ↓9% ↓7%	% +/- ↑6% ↓20%	% +/- ↑34% ↓9%

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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

Overall, violent crime in Angus is down.

As seen below, the frequency of the crime of robbery has remained the same, as has the detection rate. This is a particular focus of our Divisional Violence Prevention Board, where the three local policing areas meet to discuss violence and share preventative ideas and successful strategies.

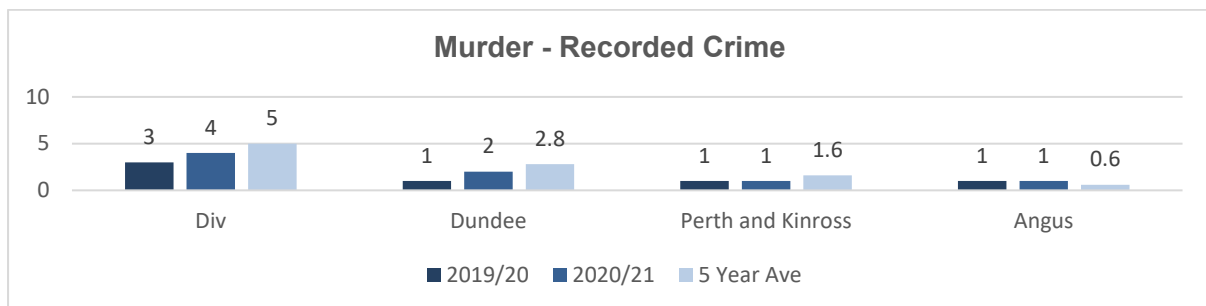
Our local Community Policing teams, in conjunction with our Preventions Hub, have compiled robbery advice for local shopkeepers, following a notable increase elsewhere in the targeting of retail premises. Fortunately, this trend has not been apparent in Angus, but the advice was well received by local business owners. This work will continue as lockdown eases and more retail premises re-open.

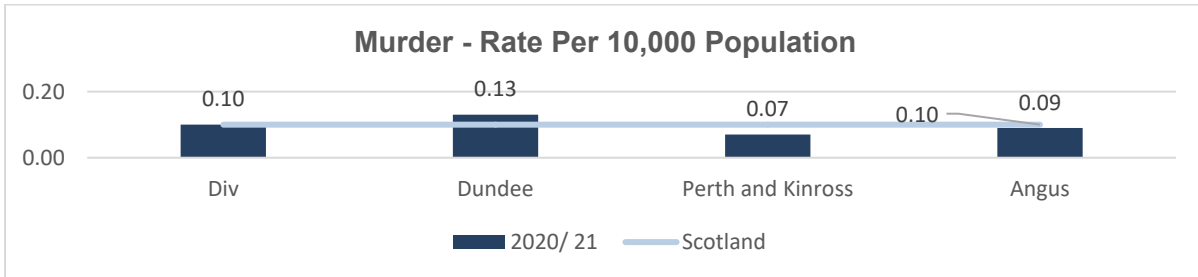
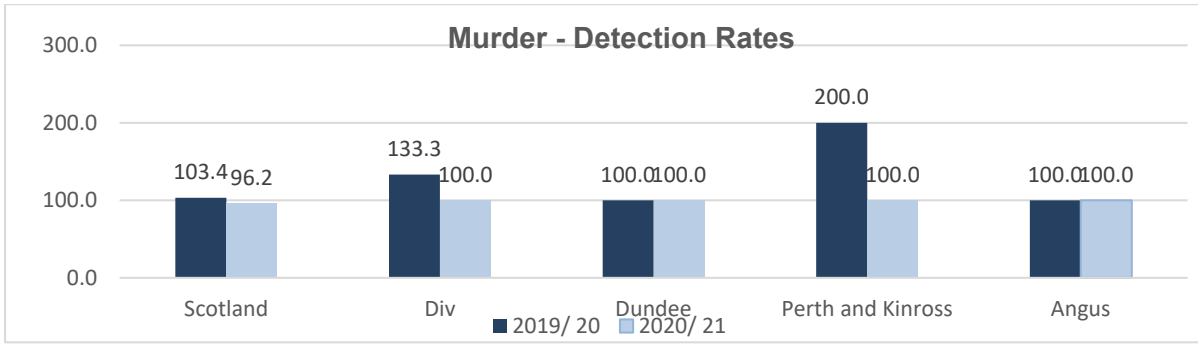
Anti-social behaviour has increased overall, but reduced slightly over the last quarter. We continue to work closely with local housing providers to ensure a robust response to our most anti-social tenants.

There are currently 13 active ABA/UBNs in place, which are being monitored. There are no current ASBOs in Angus.

Murder

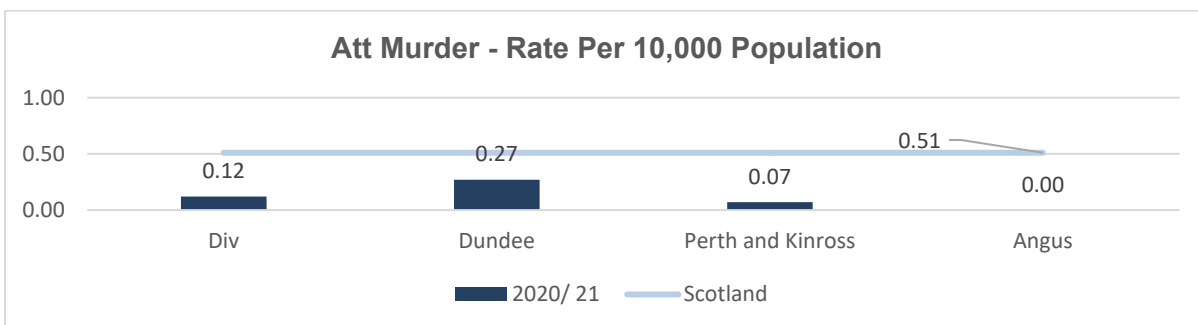
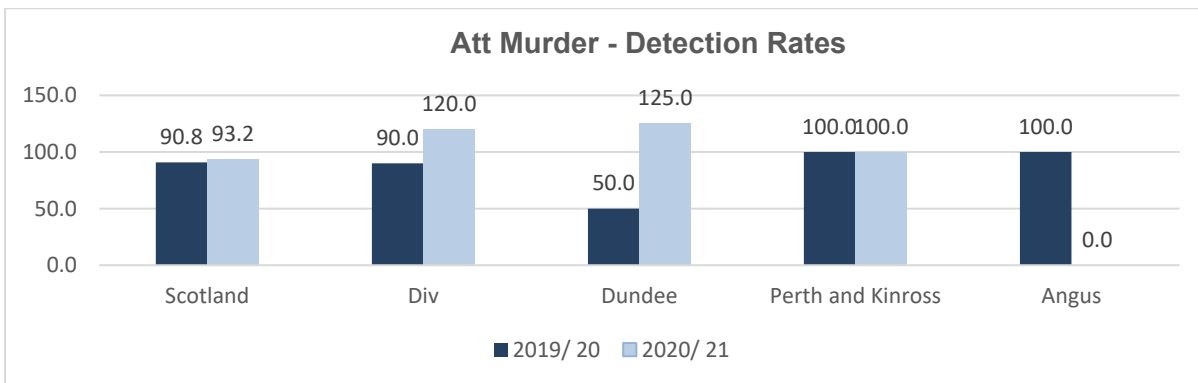
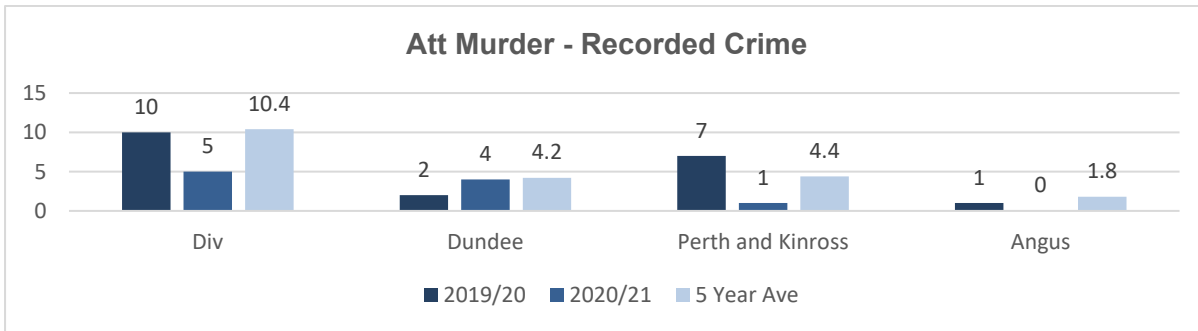
There were no murders recorded in the final quarter, which meant that the figure for murder was the same as the previous year.





Attempted Murder

There were no attempted murder crimes recorded in the reporting period or across the year.



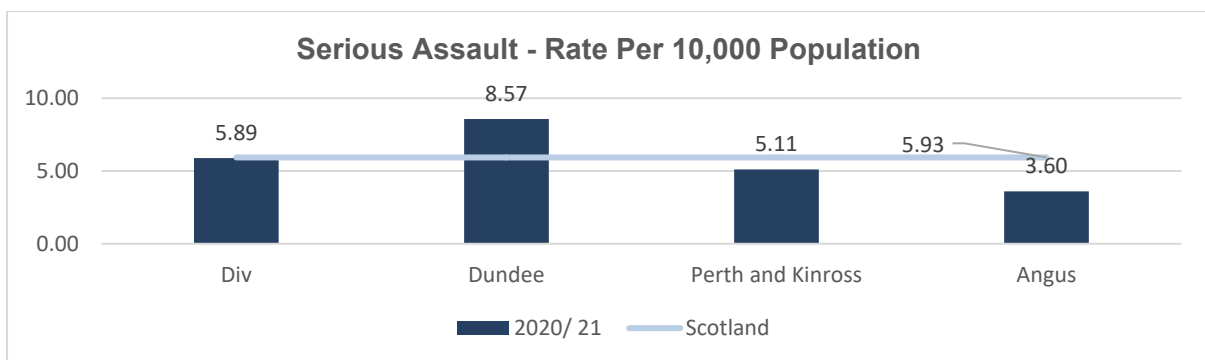
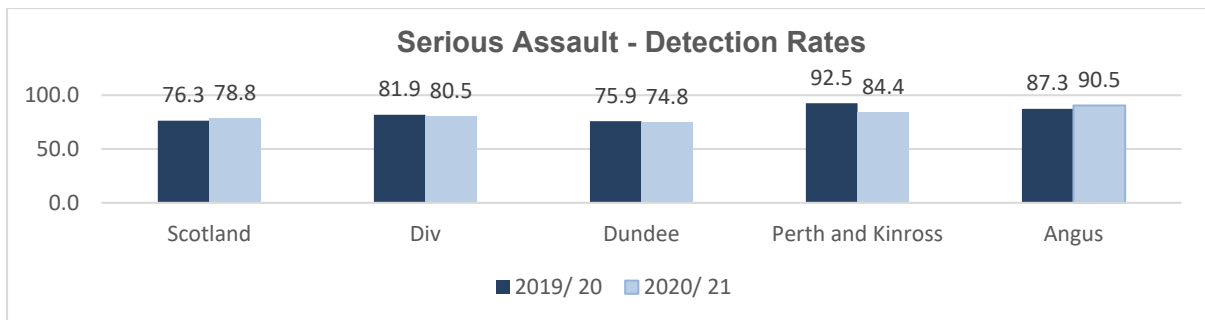
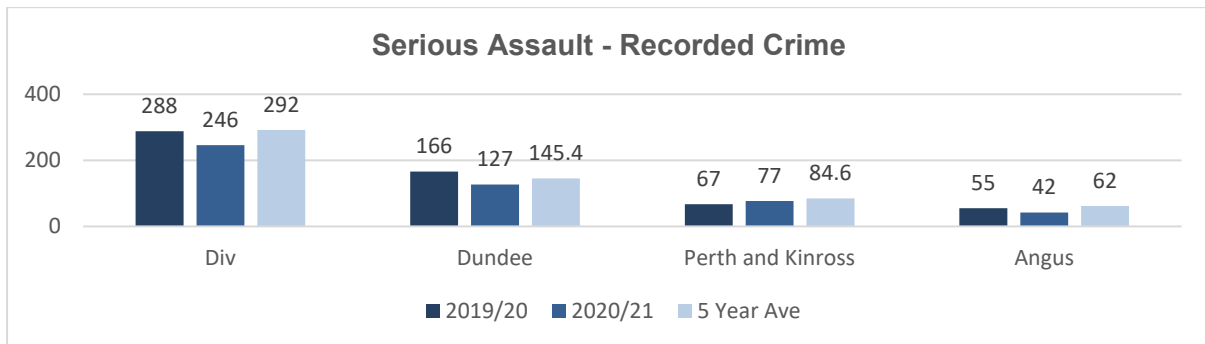
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Serious Assault

There were 8 serious assault crimes recorded in the final quarter, with 7 of the crimes being detected, the outstanding enquiry remains under investigation. Arbroath and Carnoustie localities accounted for 6 of the crimes committed, 4 of the crimes were committed in a domestic setting.

Victims ranged from 15 years old to 76 years old, with the offenders also in a similar age bracket.

Overall serious assault reduced by 23.7% in comparison to the previous year, with detection rates increasing by 3.2%.



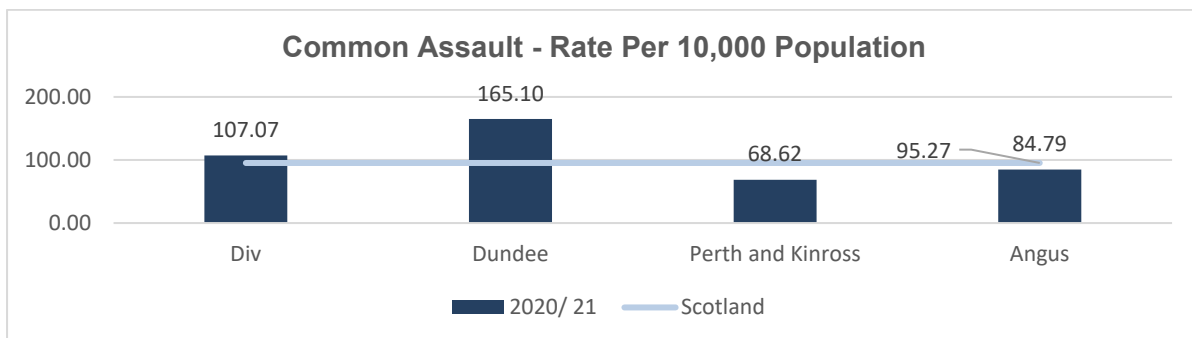
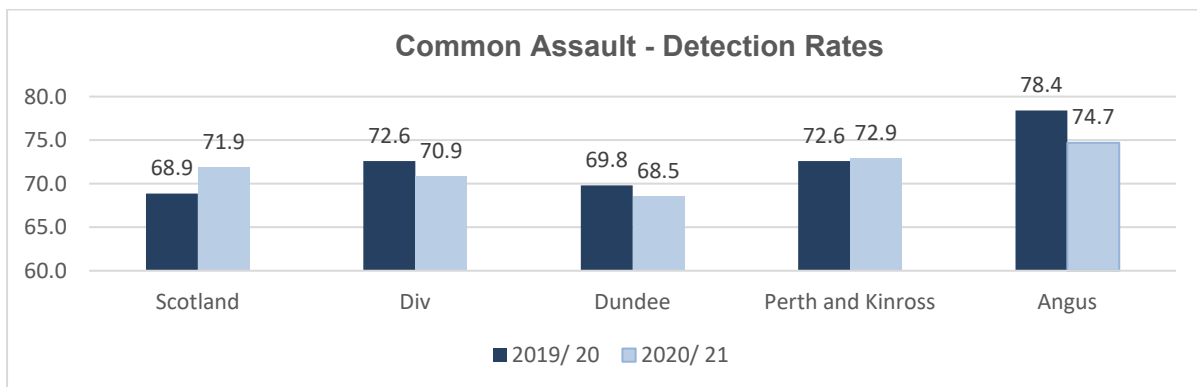
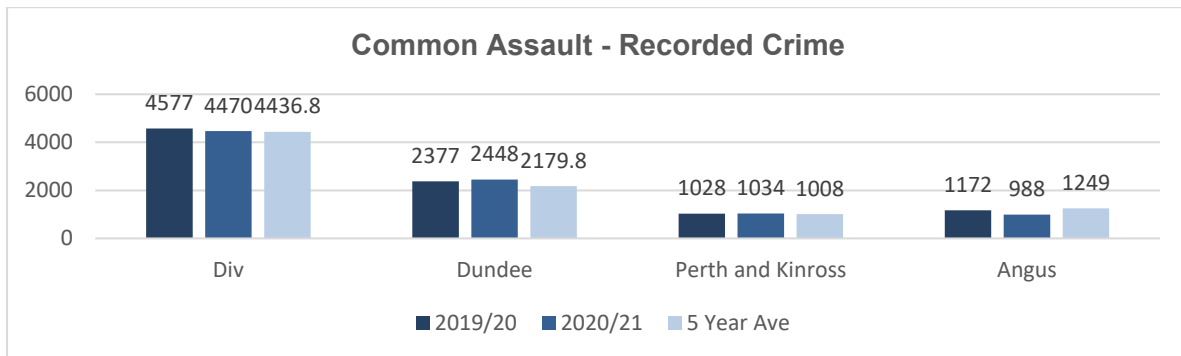
Common Assault

There was a 15.7% reduction in common assault in comparison to the previous year, which equates to 184 crimes. This was assisted by reductions in assault on emergency workers and domestic assaults. Assaults on emergency workers and domestic assaults are included in the table below. The detection rate was slightly down at 74.7%,

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however there still remains a number of crimes under enquiry, which have yet to be finalised. This will increase this detection rate.

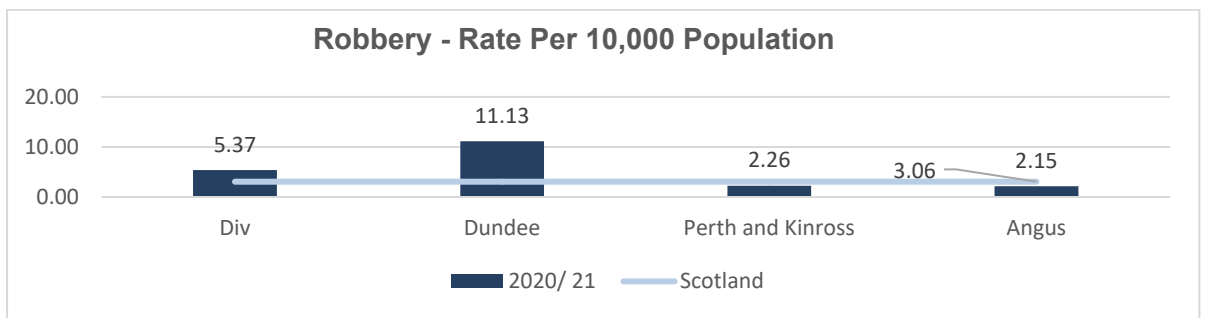
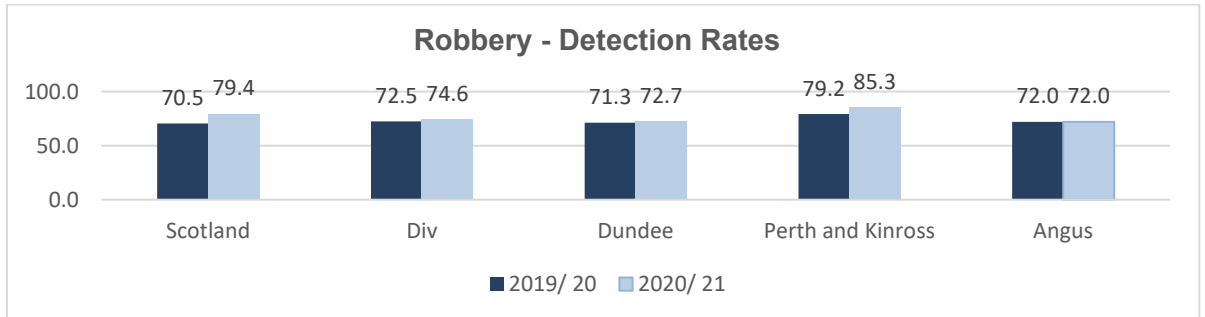
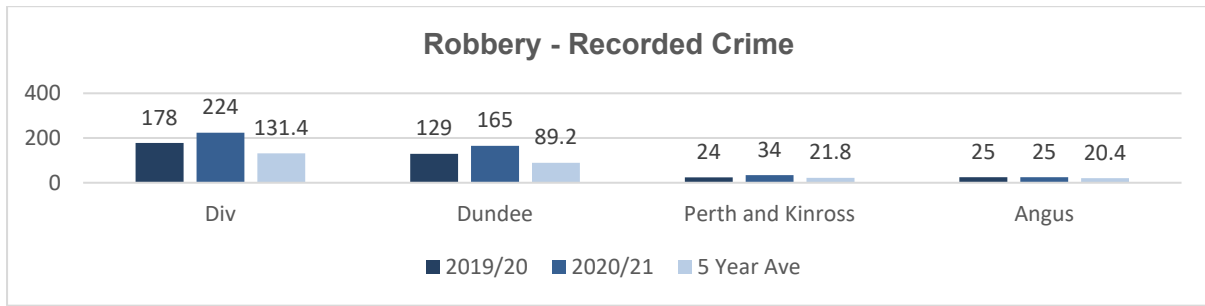
The majority of common assaults continue to be committed in private space, which provides challenges with regards to prevention. Continuing focus on repeat and domestic offenders ensures all opportunities are taken to reduce violence in the LPA.



Robbery

The instances of robberies committed were the same as last year, with the detection rate also at the same level of 72%. In total eighteen crimes were detected out of the twenty five reported.

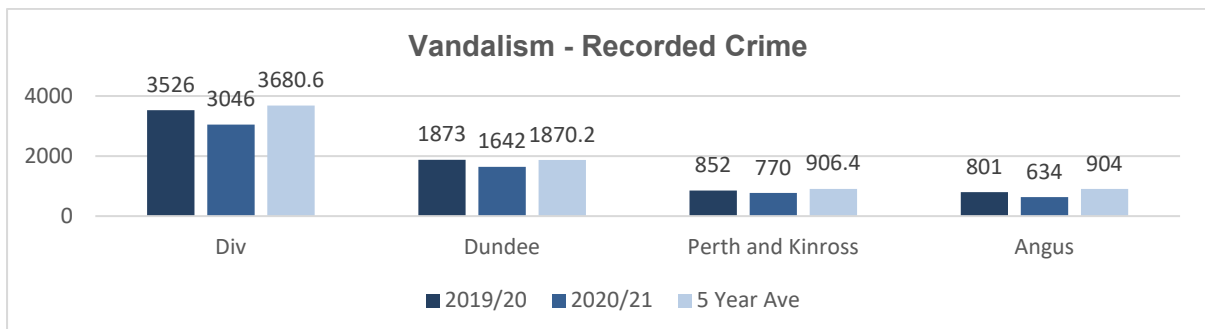
There were 5 robberies committed in the reporting period, with 4 of the crimes being detected. In 3 of the crimes the offender was known to the victim. These crimes were committed across Angus, in Arbroath, Brechin, Forfar, Montrose and Monifieth.

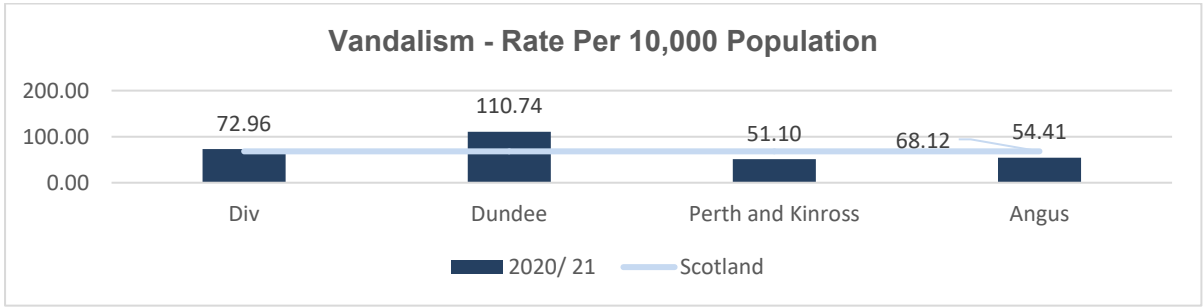
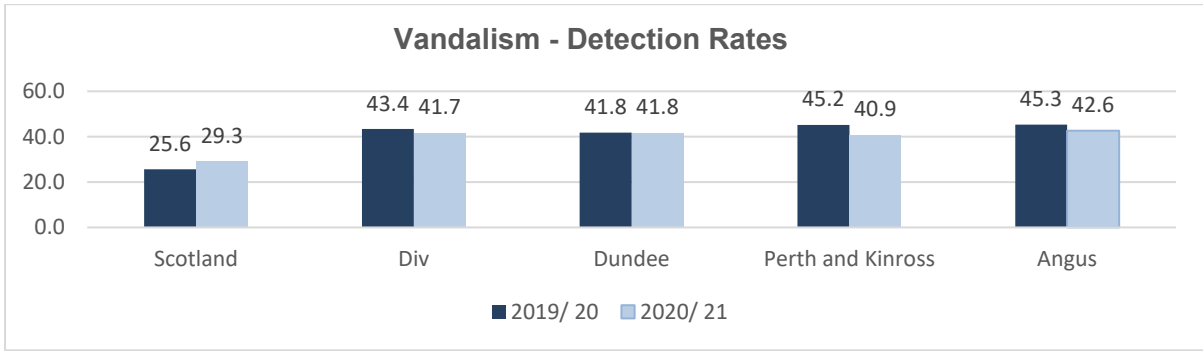


Vandalism

There was a 20.8% reduction in vandalism across Angus in comparison to the previous year, which equated to 167 less crimes. The detection rate was good at 42.6%.

Community officers focussed on problem areas in Forfar in the fourth quarter, which led to a decrease in the number of anti-social behaviour calls and subsequently a reduction in vandalism crimes. Moving forward, plans are already in place as the weather improves to tackle issues along with partners in both urban and rural areas affected by this crime type.





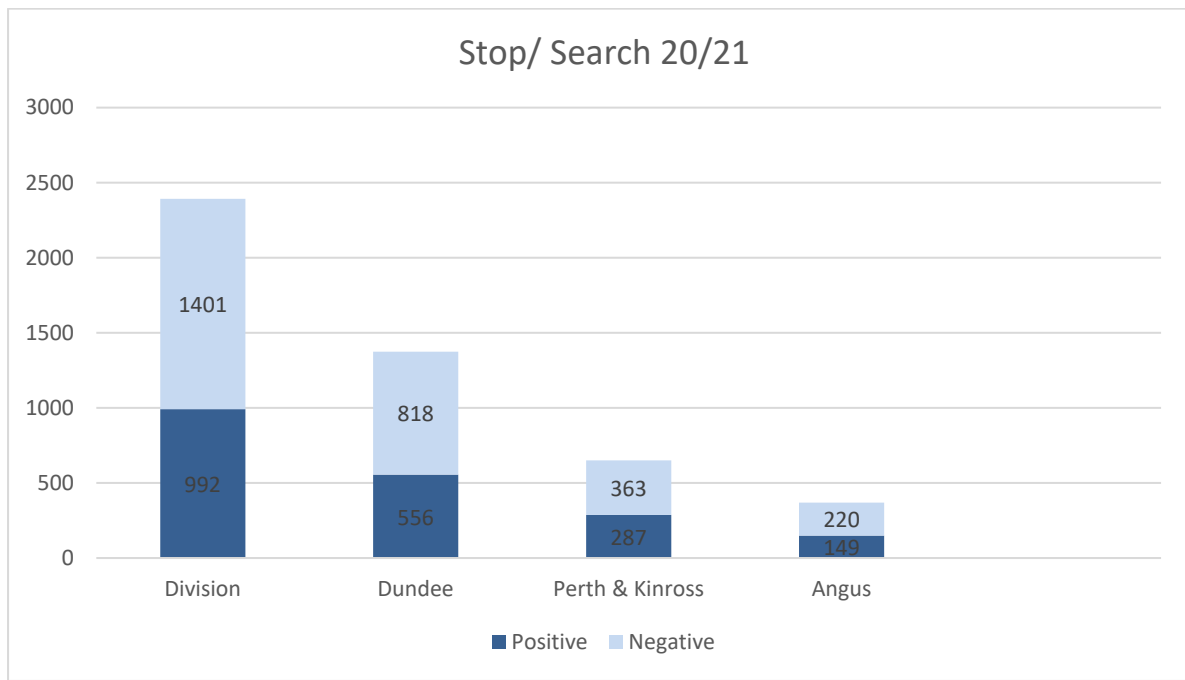
Measure – Stop Search

Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic deployed when necessary for the prevention, investigation and detection of crime. The overall objective is to maintain public safety and improve community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion of their personal liberty and privacy. It is carefully handled by Police and must be carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

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

For the year ended 31 March 2021, 369 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 149 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 40.4%.

Assurance reports are provided monthly which show no disproportionate searching was carried out of persons under 18, nor did any disproportionate searching take place around ethnicity.



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Operating Context

Overall Acquisitive Crime in Angus was down slightly, with significant reductions in both Domestic and Commercial Housebreaking. The exceptions in this crime grouping were Motor Vehicle Crime, which increased in the final quarter to slightly above the numbers recorded last year.

A series of thefts at rural locations between January and February drove this increase with 28 crimes committed and detected to criminals not residing in Angus.

Fraud accounted for the largest increase in this crime group with a 97% increase in recorded crime. This increase was not limited to internet fraud, with crimes initiated by telephone, text message and post.

Information regarding new types of scams or emerging trends are monitored and seized upon quickly by our Preventions Hub to alert the public and hopefully prevent people becoming victims of these schemes.

In March, an elderly Angus resident was taken in by a telephone scam, which offered him a loan. The caller insisted he should purchase and send on vouchers in order to progress. However, a vigilant staff member at the local post office intervened and prevented the sale of the vouchers. Police were alerted, and the male was referred to the Victim Support Scheme.

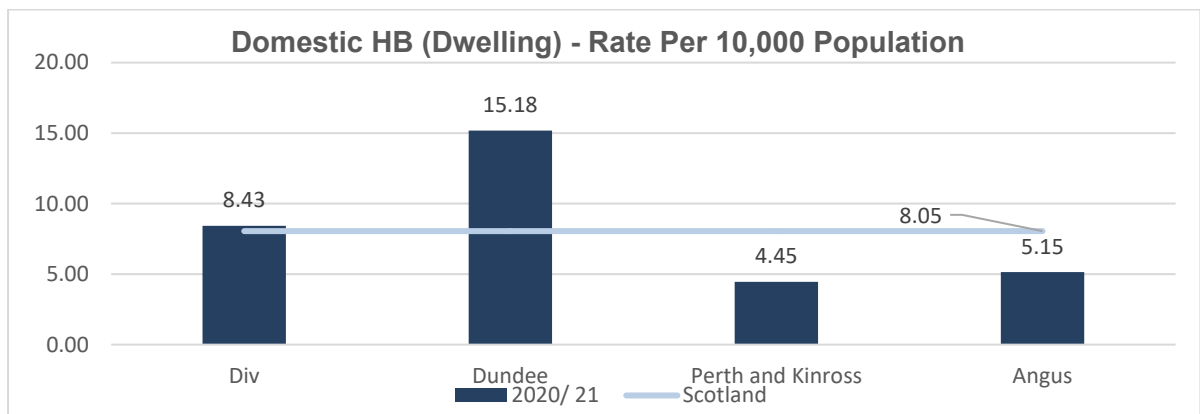
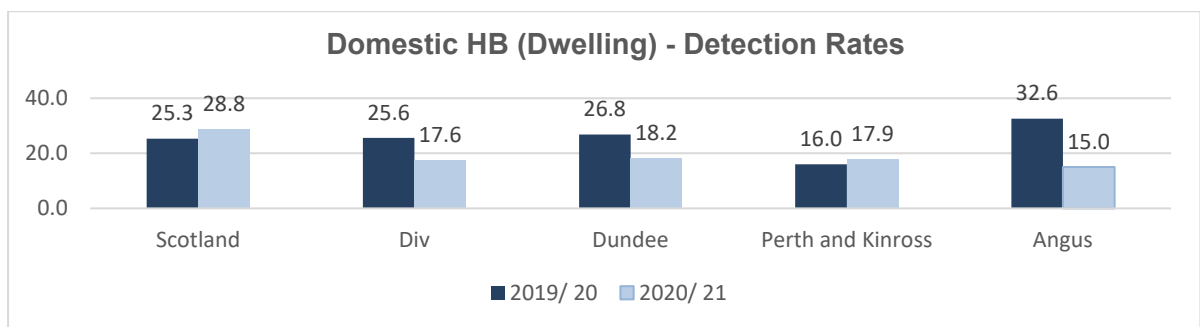
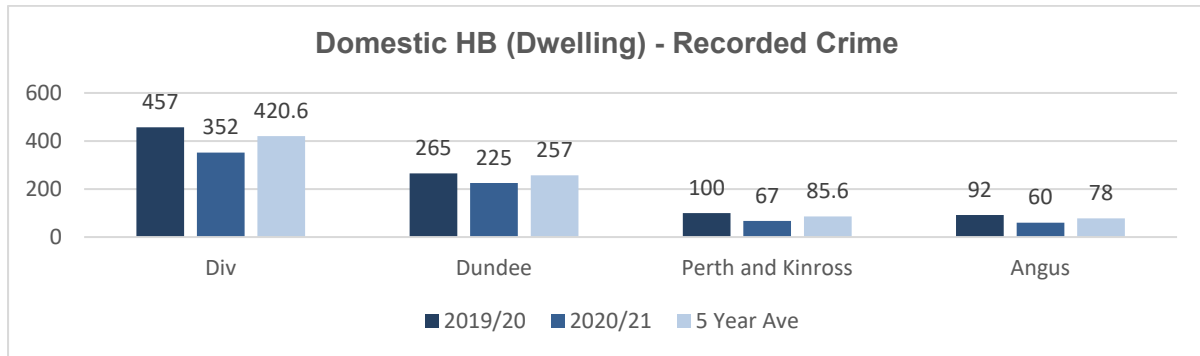
We continue to work with staff at banks in relation to the banking protocol, which generates an immediate Police response where it is suspected someone is about to become the victim of a fraud. A recent attempt by an elderly male to transfer funds to a "safe" account after receiving a phone call, supposedly from HMRC, was detected as suspicious by a bank employee. The transaction was prevented and there was no loss to the elderly male. Unfortunately, a similar transaction queried by a bank employee discovered the elderly male customer had already lost £10,000.

Domestic Housebreaking

Domestic housebreaking reduced by almost 35% in comparison to the previous year, a reduction of 32 crimes. During the reporting period, there were 18 crimes of housebreaking. This includes attempts to gain entry. Montrose and Brechin locality accounted for 50% of these crimes.

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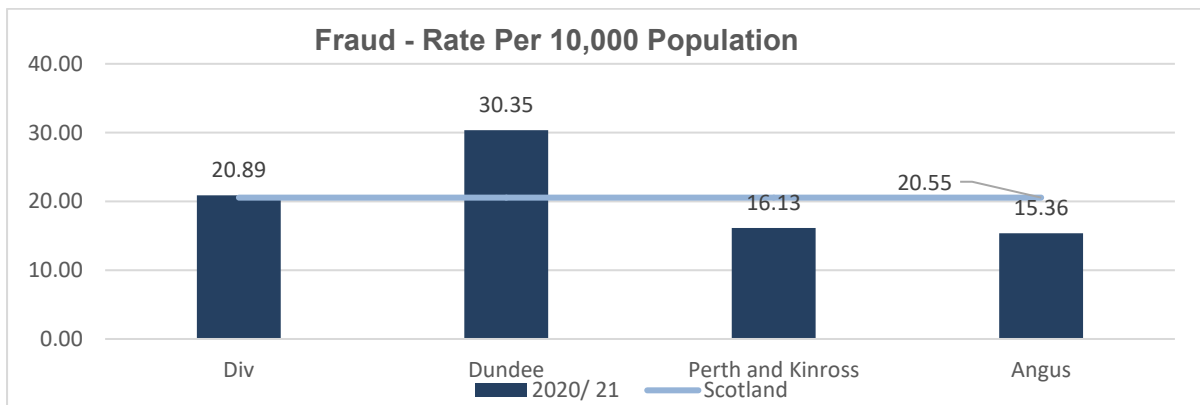
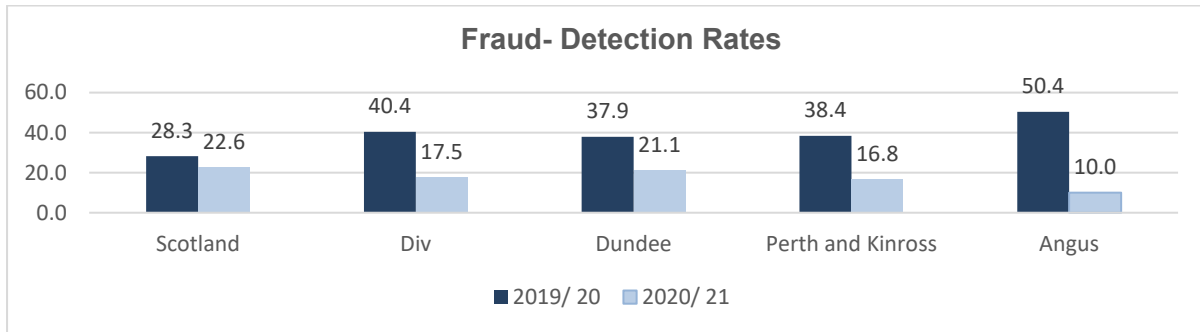
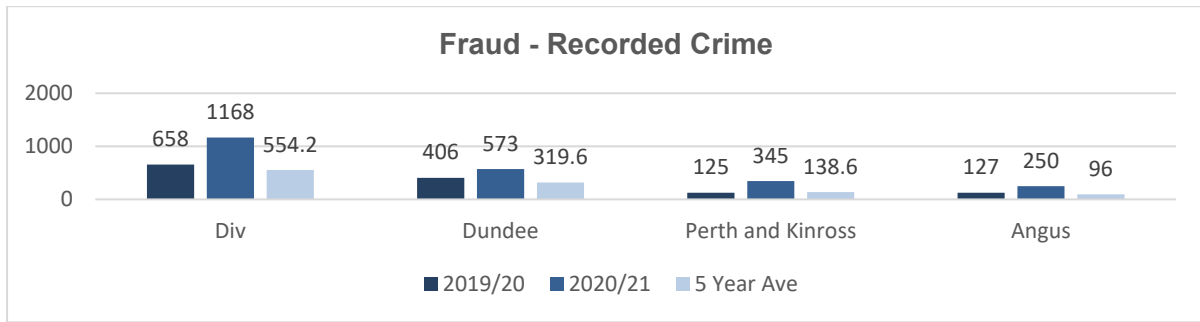
Detection of these offences continues to be a challenge, a number of the crimes, where property had been stolen were reported by persons who had not been living at the property for a period of time, limiting opportunities for CCTV and forensic evidence. Electrical goods were the most common items stolen.



Fraud

Fraud has been highlighted throughout the year as a growing concern. Despite crime prevention messaging and media campaigns warning of scams, fraud is being reported on a daily basis. Victims are losing sums ranging from double figures to six figure sums.

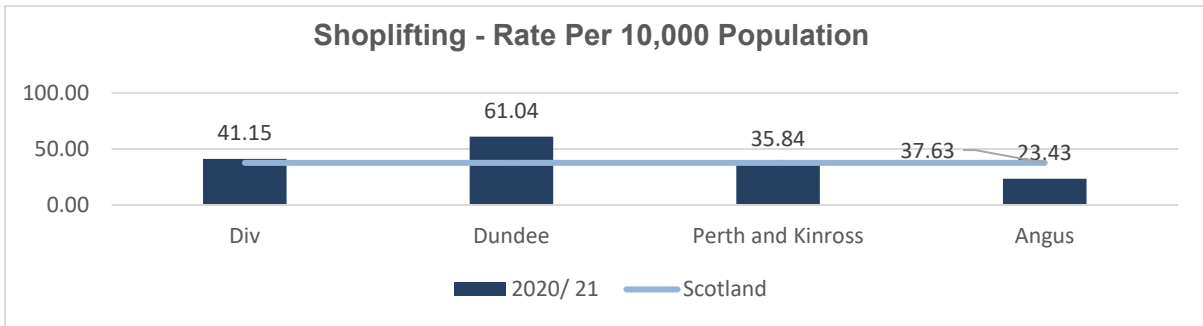
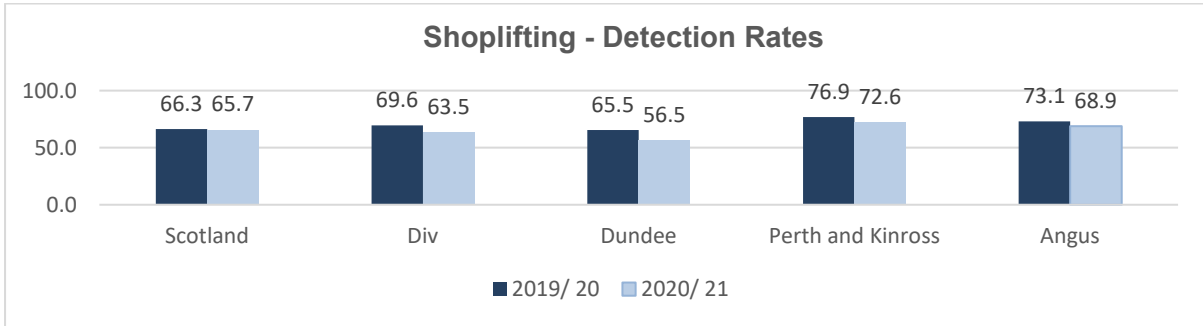
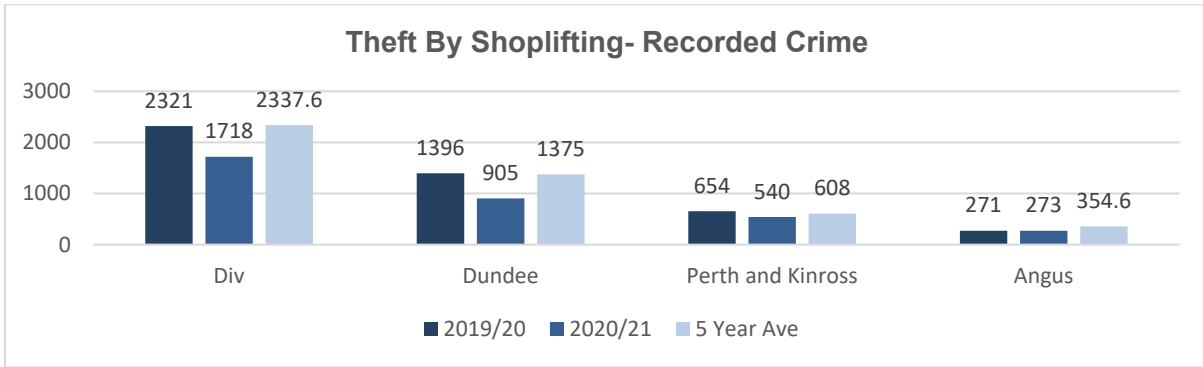
Given the large increase in this type of crime, a review is being undertaken of fraud in Angus, to allow us to understand the challenges faced by officers and identify opportunities for improving investigations. The increasing sophistication and complexity of such investigations can be extremely challenging to investigate.



Theft by Shoplifting

The number of shopliftings committed was similar to the previous year, although the detection rate slipped slightly. The property of choice continued to be alcohol throughout the reporting period, with repeat locations in Kirriemuir, Montrose and Forfar.

The offending in the fourth quarter did not appear to be organised groups, which were a feature earlier in the year. The most recent crimes were fairly blatant and demonstrated how those involved have lost their inhibitions due to being able to hide their identities behind face masks. CCTV features in most investigations, but it was notable how those stealing were doing so whilst making very little effort to disguise their actions. A worrying trend which our Community Policing Teams and Preventions Hub will work with shop owners to counteract.

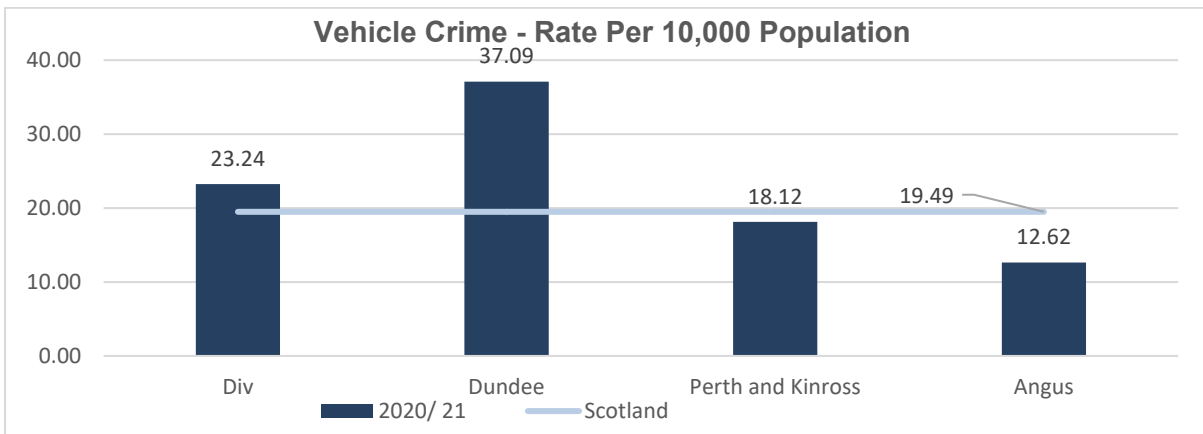
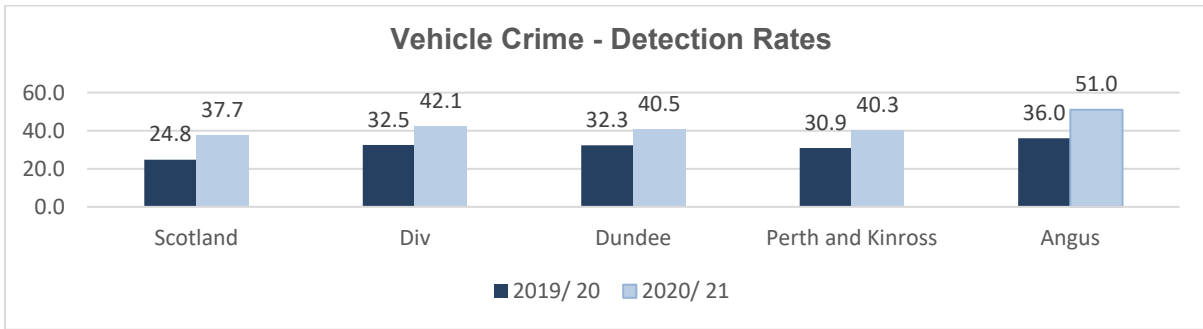
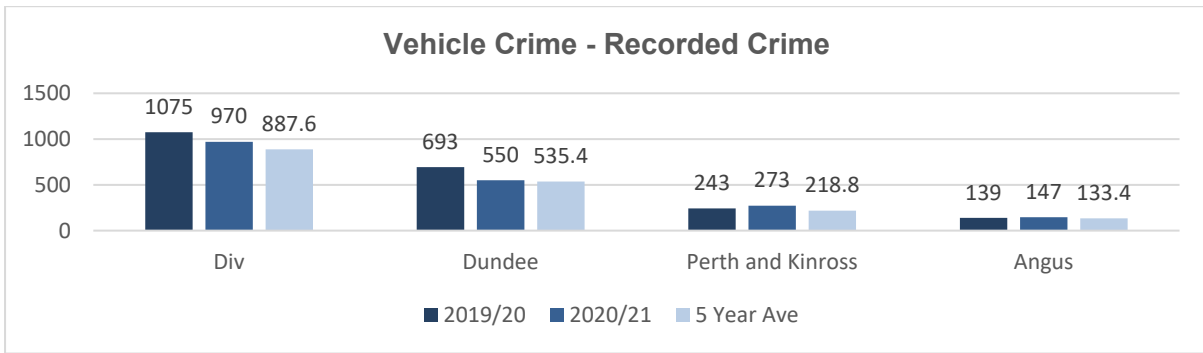


Motor Vehicle Crime

Motor vehicle crime increased slightly by 8 crimes in comparison to the previous year, the increase in theft of motor vehicles was the category that accounted for this slight increase, with an additional 12 thefts recorded over the year. The remaining categories in this grouping were similar or slightly lower.

Theft of motor vehicle includes take and drive away, where often a relative or friend has taken a vehicle, using the true key without permission of the owner. Very rarely is a vehicle stolen from the street.

Rural crime continues to be the other area where this type of crime is prevalent. Operation Hawkeye is a cross Border policing operation between English Police Forces, Police Scotland and SPARC (Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime), which targets travelling criminals involved in the theft of plant and agricultural machinery. It is an intelligence sharing and alert system which has proved particularly effective when plant from England was stolen and brought to Scotland for sale, (or vice versa). Quad bikes are a regular target for travelling criminals. On a positive note, the detection rate increased by 15%.



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Road Safety and Road Crime

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Operating Context

As we move in to a new financial year it is important to again highlight the principles of Operation CEDAR which are 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 and to refocus our efforts to further improve safety on Tayside's roads.

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

Tragically Tayside Division have suffered 5 road traffic fatalities YTD (year to date). This is a decrease of 61% on the same period last year where the Division experienced 13.

150 persons were seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions on Tayside's roads, which is a 20% decrease for the same period last year where we experienced 187.

Tayside Division have had 14 child casualties who were seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions. This is a 22% decrease on the same period last year which saw 18 children injured.

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Positively Tayside Division have not suffered any child road traffic fatalities YTD which is 100% decrease.

Specifically Angus LPA have not had any road traffic fatalities for the period under review.

From a YTD perspective, Angus have tragically suffered 3 fatalities which is the same total as the previous year.

Angus saw 51 persons seriously injured in road traffic collisions. This is an 8% increase on the same period last year which saw 47 persons seriously injured.

Persons who sustained slight injury as a result of a road traffic collisions in Angus significantly declined from 120 to 98 which equates to a 22 % decrease.

Activity

During the period under review the Road Policing Unit (RPU) took part in a number of National Campaigns;

January 2021 -	Festive drink/drug driving campaign
January 20210 -	Mobile phone campaign
February 2021-	Seatbelt campaign
March 2021-	Speeding campaign
March 2021	Operation Close Pass

Additionally Operation Lite commenced on the 26 December 2020, which was conducted by Road Policing officers in response to COVID-19 Government Lockdown measures. The purpose being to provide a highly visible and reassuring policing presence across Scotland's Roads infrastructure minimising any risk to public health.

It was also an opportunity to provide clear advice and guidance to the public on the travel restrictions imposed for Scotland, through effective communications with clear indications of policing intentions.

All 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 RPU 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 & Co-ordinating processes.

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

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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 in Angus which were subject to focussed operation activity.

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads;

M90/A90, A9, A923, A93, A85 and A92.

This reporting year, a total of 22376 vehicles were stopped in the Tayside Division with a number of offences being detected and reported, whilst a number of offenders were warned in respect of other road traffic contraventions.

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

Concerningly, Tayside Division have had 67 recorded pursuit situations. This is a 71% increase on the same period last year, where we experienced 19. Dundee has had significantly more pursuits than Angus.

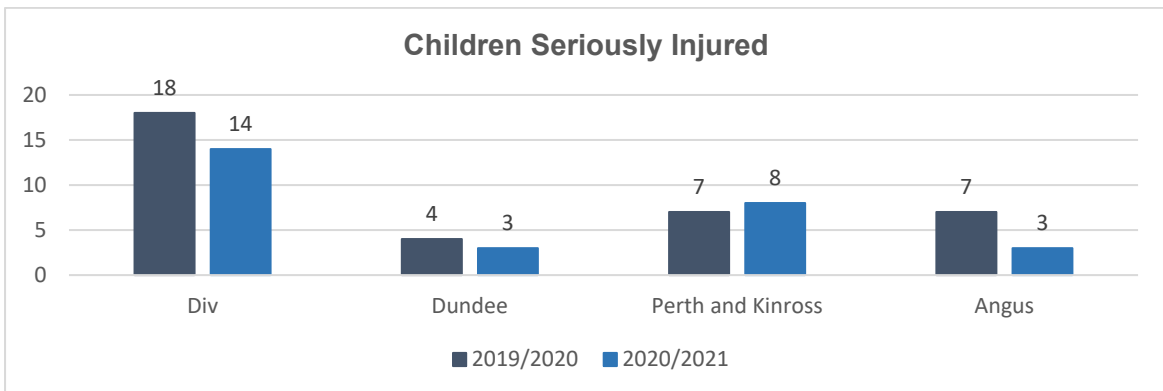
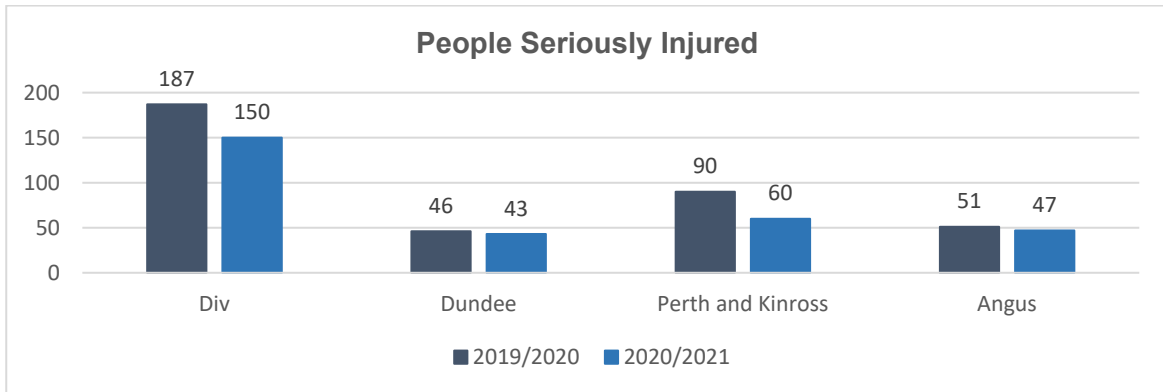
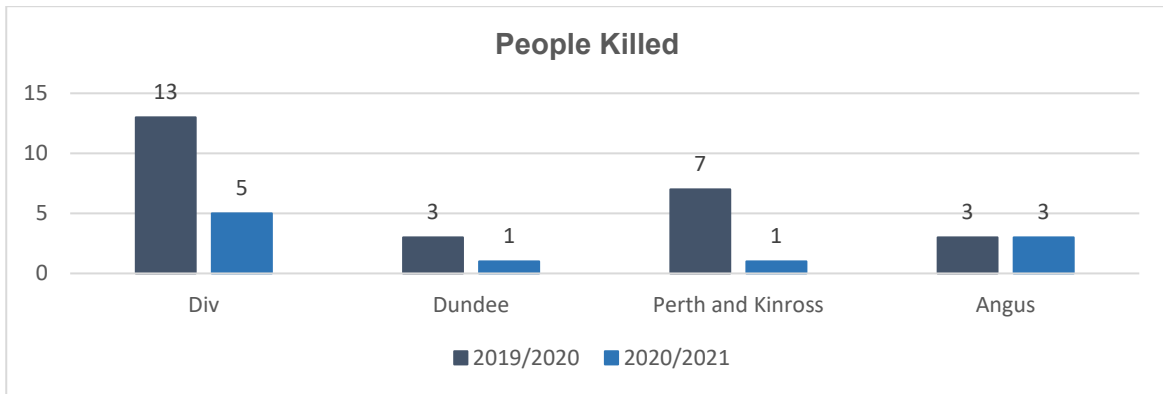
Operation Close Pass was launched in Tayside Division in summer 2020. The introduction was in response to a modal shift towards more active travel brought about by COVID-19 restrictions. This includes an increase in the number of people using Tayside's roads and paths for cycling.

Close Pass was originally launched by West Midlands Police in 2016, and was designed to proactively identify and educate drivers who pass too closely to cyclists. Plain clothes police officers cycle in traffic with cameras which record video evidence of motorists passing too closely to the cyclist. The evidence can then be used to either educate drivers at the side of the road or, where appropriate, prosecute offenders deemed to be dangerous drivers.

The key objective of Close Pass is that the police are proactively dealing with dangerous driving before an accident occurs, rather than waiting for someone to be seriously injured or killed. This preventative approach allows for positive engagement and an opportunity to educate and increase driver awareness about the need to give cyclists plenty of space.

The introduction of Operation Close Pass in Tayside has generated mixed reviews, however has been a very successful engagement tool. Operation Close Pass will continue to run in Tayside throughout 2021 when it is appropriate and proportionate to do so. We continue to work closely with Cycling Scotland and Road Safety Scotland who have assisted with funding to purchase the required equipment.

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Measure – Speeding

Tayside Division detected 4099 speeding offences YTD which is a 37% decrease on the same period last year. This is predominantly down to COVID-19 lockdown measures and a significant reduction in vehicles on the roads network throughout the year.

During the period under review, speeding offences in Angus significantly decreased by 42%. This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through community based engagements.

This figure remains significantly lower than the 5 year average.

Activity

Speed detection falls in to the remit of daily business for RPU. However, for the period under review a number of route strategy days have focussed on not only the priority routes but also on roads identified as problematic.

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During activity, officers from the RPU and Safety Camera Unit work alongside Divisional officers to specifically target road users who contravene legislation.

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

March 2021 also saw a speeding campaign which involved RPU officers in partnership with the Safety Camera Unit carrying out enforcement.

Results

In the YTD, 912 speeding offences were detected in Angus, compared to 1578 for the same period last year. This equates to a 42% decrease.

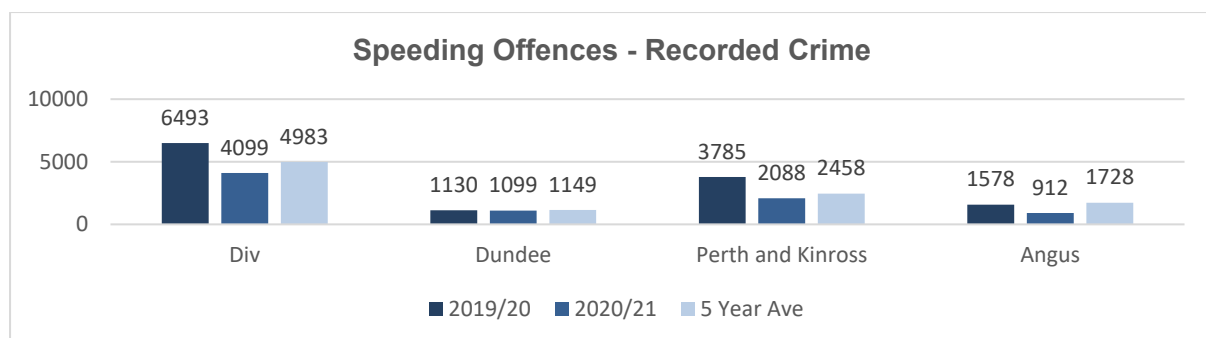
Some of the most notable speed detections:

117 mph exceed 70 mph limit, 105 mph exceed 70 mph limit, 100 mph exceed 70 mph limit, 99 mph exceed 70 mph limit and 62 mph exceed 40 mph limit.

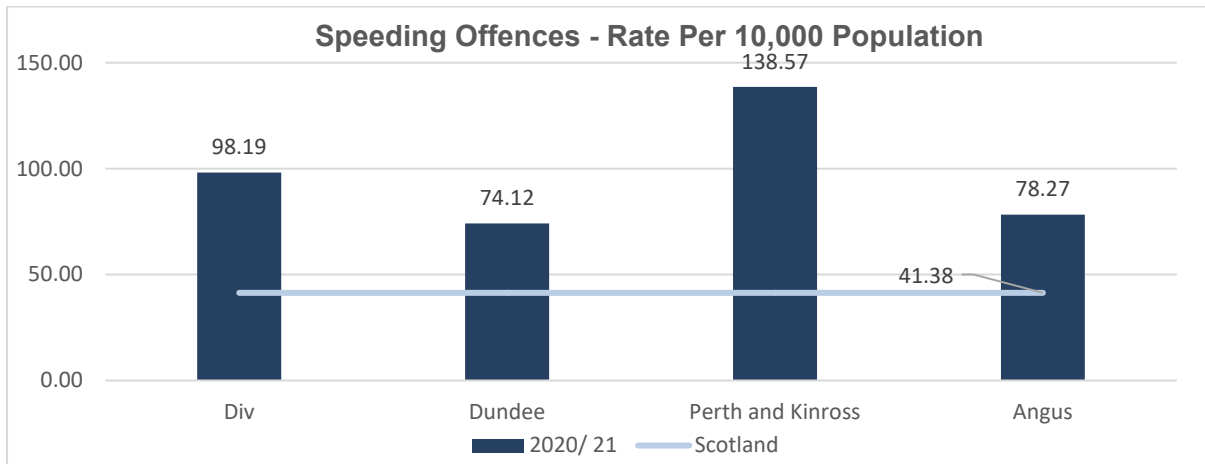
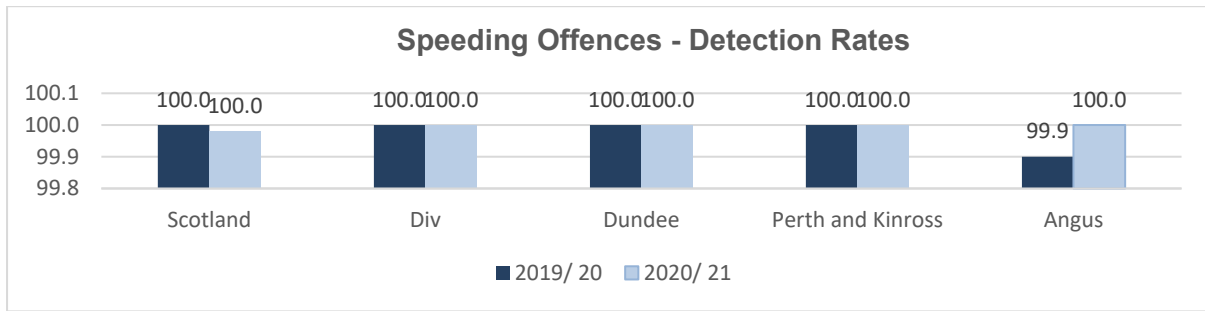
Challenges

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

A vast number of these checks highlight the perception of speed is the issue rather than road users exceeding the speed limit. The perception of speed can also be attributed to modified vehicles which are significantly louder than a standard motor vehicle. These complaints require investigation, but more often-than-not, don't identify speeding.



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Measure – Drink/Drug Driving

Drink/Drug driving in Tayside, for the period under review, has increased by 8.7%. This is the combined total for both Drink & Drugs.

Drink/Drug offences in Angus have decreased by 8.3% compared to the same period last year.

Divisionally, 707 Drink/Drug drivers were detected. However, from this total, Road Policing officers alone detected 74 drivers impaired through alcohol and 119 drivers impaired through drugs. This equates to approximately 28% of the combined figure.

Activity

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

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 January 2021, Police Scotland continued The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign. This involved dedicated officers from the RPU and Divisional officers working together to target those who drive whilst under the influence.

A media campaign was 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.

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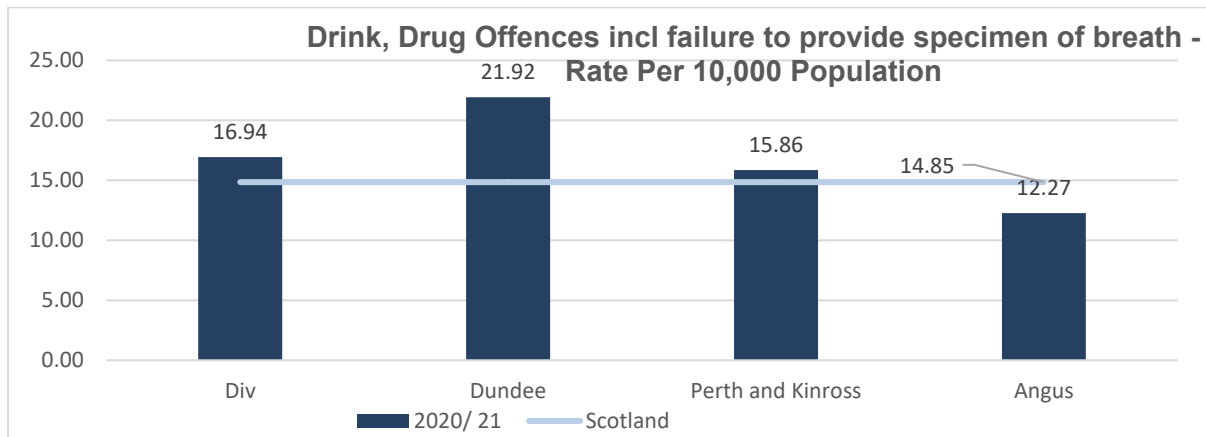
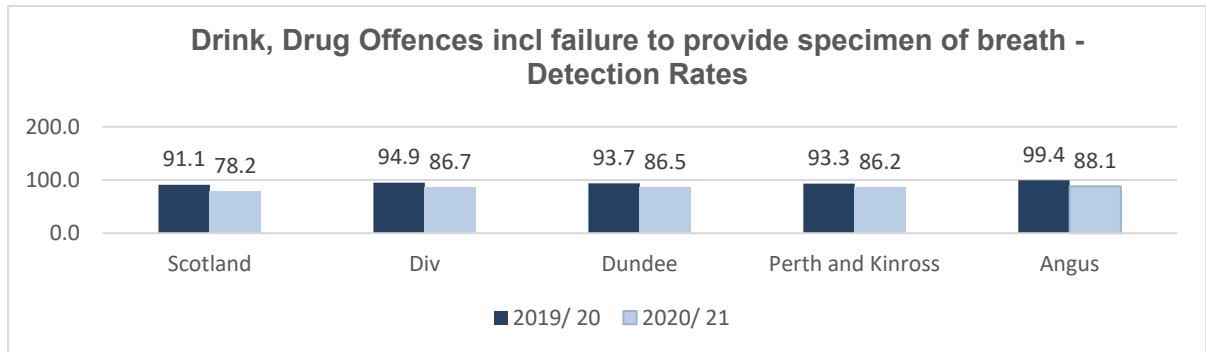
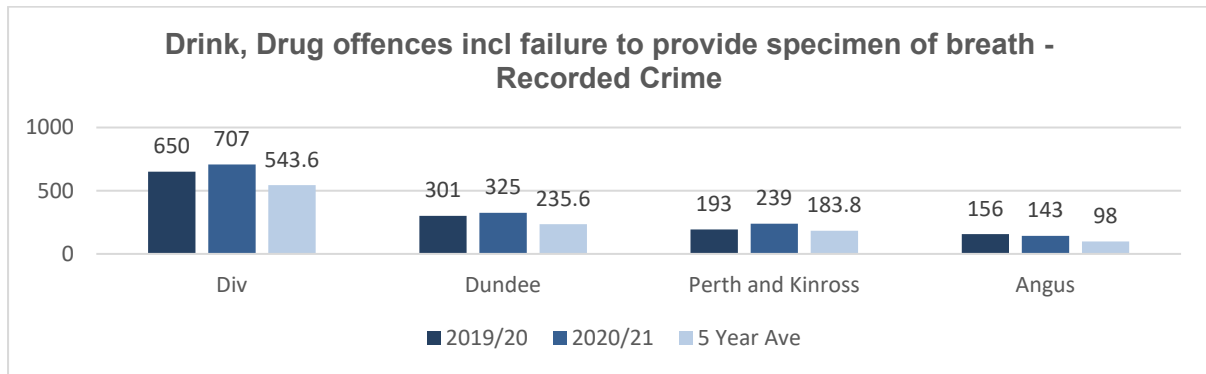
Results

During the period under review, Tayside Division excelled with a total 1131 breath specimens recorded. A total of 143 drink/drug drive offences were detected in Angus YTD. All detections were reported to the Procurator Fiscal for the consideration of prosecution.

Challenges

The analytical data highlights an 8.7% increase for the period under review, in comparison to 2019/20. It is disappointing to see that people are still willing to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

It is however encouraging that in Angus there has been a notable decrease of 8.3%. The increases are confined to Dundee and Perth & Kinross.



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Measure – Careless Driving

Careless driving across Tayside has decreased 9.5% with the total number of offenders being detected at 620 comparable with 685 the previous year.

In Angus, the decrease is 19.2%, with a total of 126 offenders being detected, compared to 156 the previous year.

Key to reducing Careless Driving figures, is focus on influencing driver and road user behaviour.

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' and working with partners, RPU make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education 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

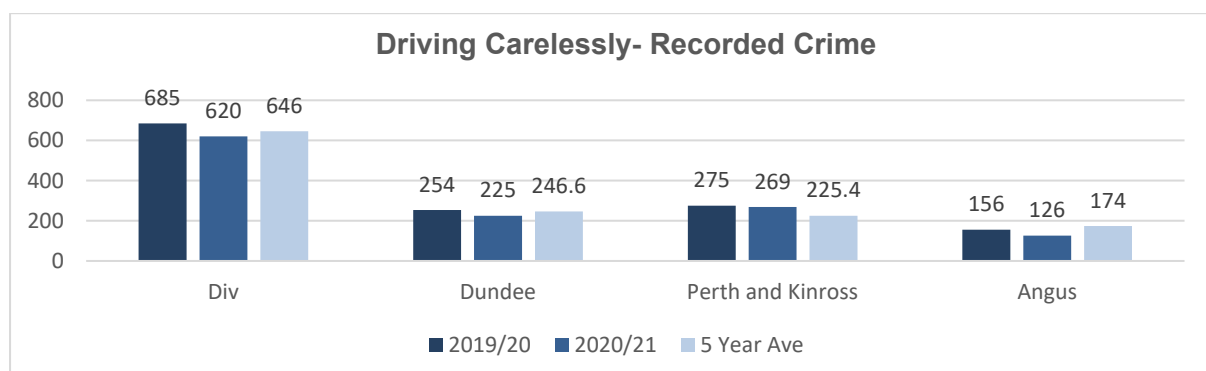
RPU will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed/Seriously Injured) routes as part of their high visibility daily patrols. These are A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90.

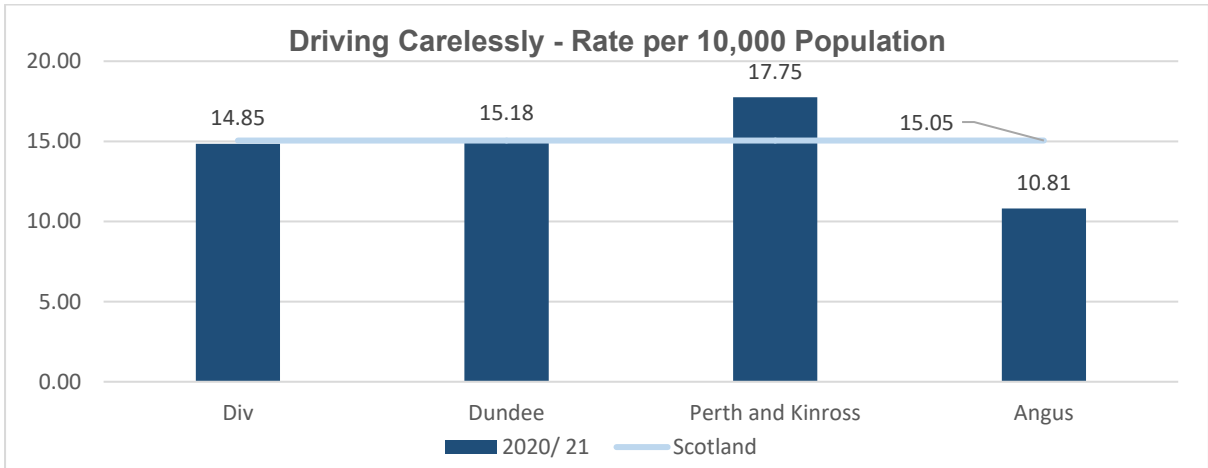
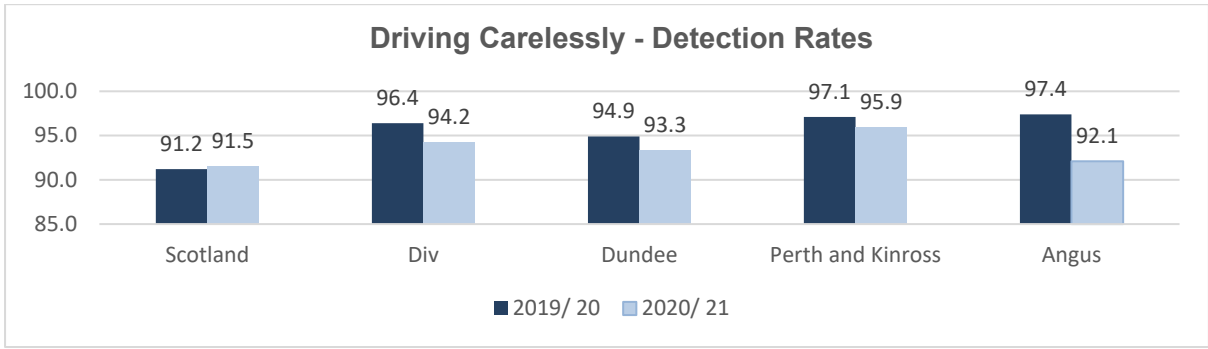
This is reinforced with Route Strategy Days based on the previous collision data for the month. Where these routes traverse multiple Divisions we regularly carry out cross border, joint operations. As is with all our operations, they are supported by partner agencies and road operating companies to maximise efficiency/success.

Challenges

Younger drivers are a challenge, given their inexperience behind the wheel, accompanied by peer pressure from their young 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 is a lost opportunity to influence younger driver behaviour.

Additionally, with COVID-19 lockdown measures slowly being reduced we will have a number of drivers who have not been behind the wheel in a significant period of time. As such, RPU have created and released a number of educational videos which highlight vehicle/motorcycle issues which can arise from lack of use. Additionally, driving hazards to be aware of when you have not driven/ridden for a significant period of time.







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 remain 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. Figures for both areas remain below those of previous years.

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.

There are currently 2 perpetrators from Angus who are subjects of active investigation by the Domestic Abuse Task Force. These investigations are a result of MATAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating) referrals with a number of other active investigations being progressed by the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and local policing.

We continue to see a year on year increase in the number of applications made to the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS). These increases are for both Right to Ask and Power to Tell applications. We will continue to actively promote the use of this scheme in an effort to safeguard potential victims from risk of harm.

Results

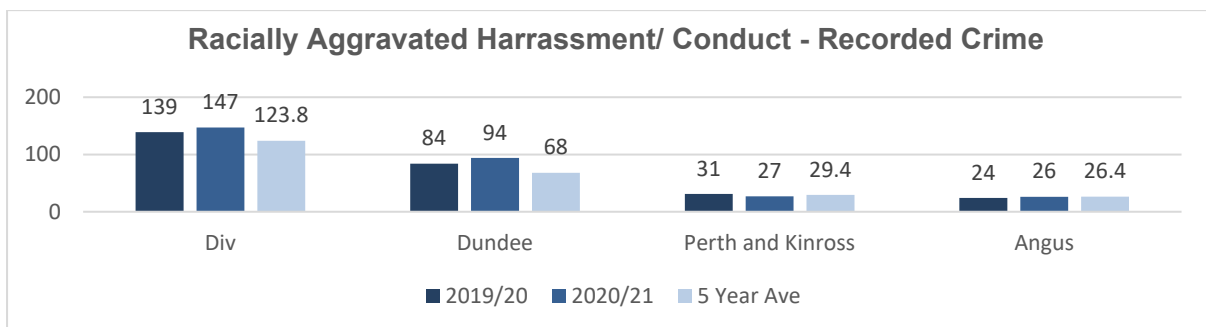
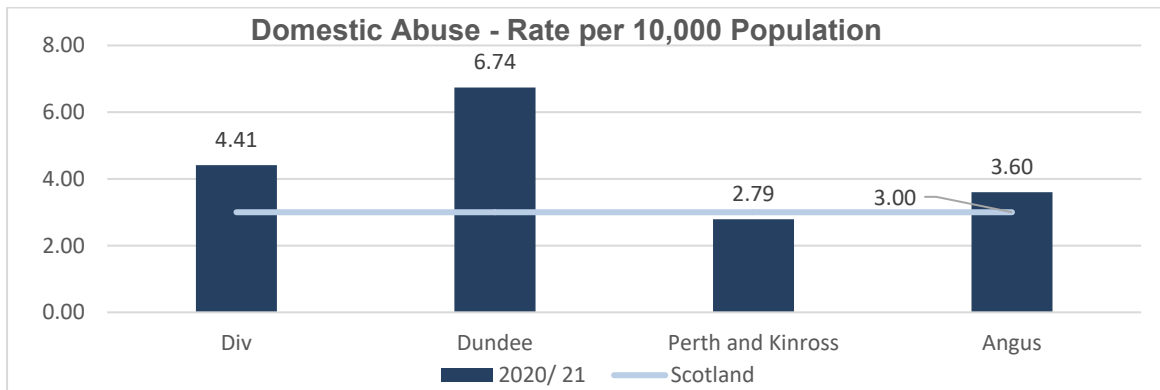
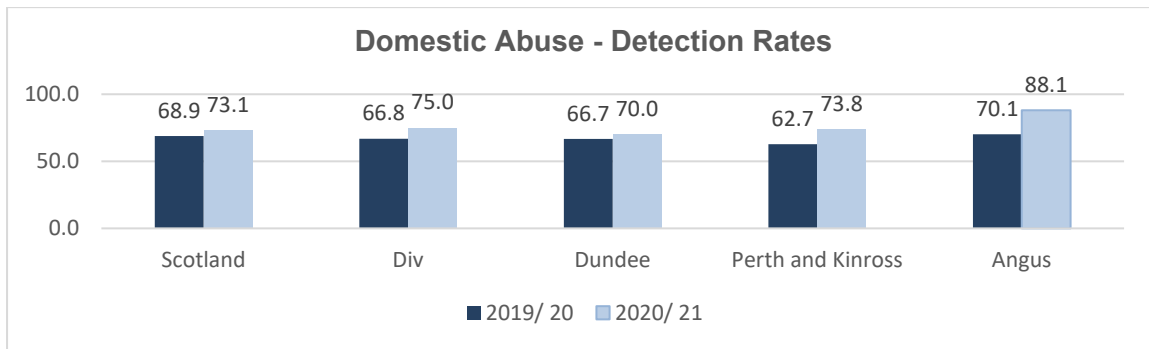
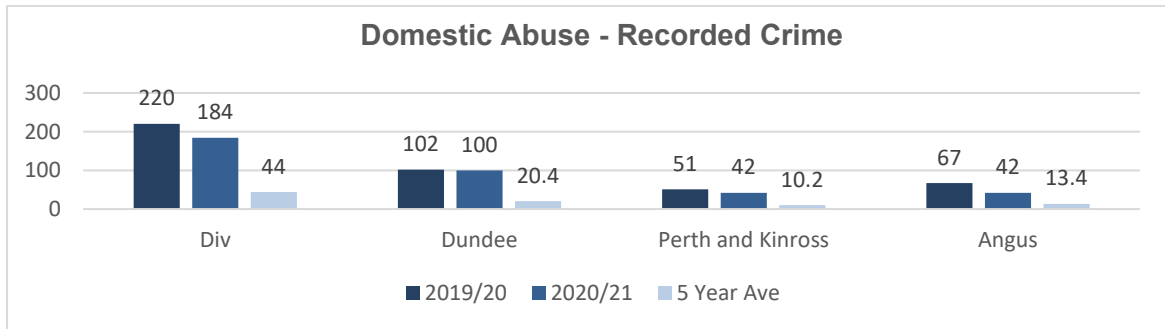
Robust processes are in place to ensure that DASA offences are identified at the earliest opportunity and where offences have been identified perpetrators are charged and reported. This has seen a marked increase in the detection rate for these offences, which is significantly higher than the national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

Challenges

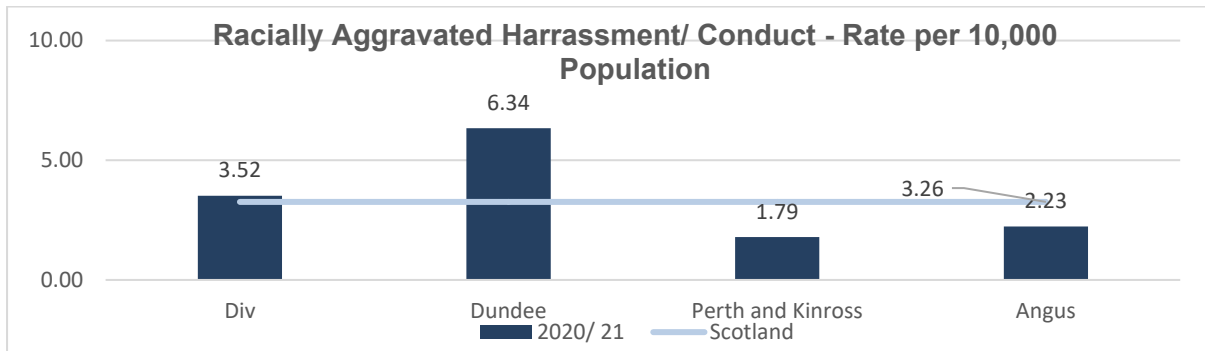
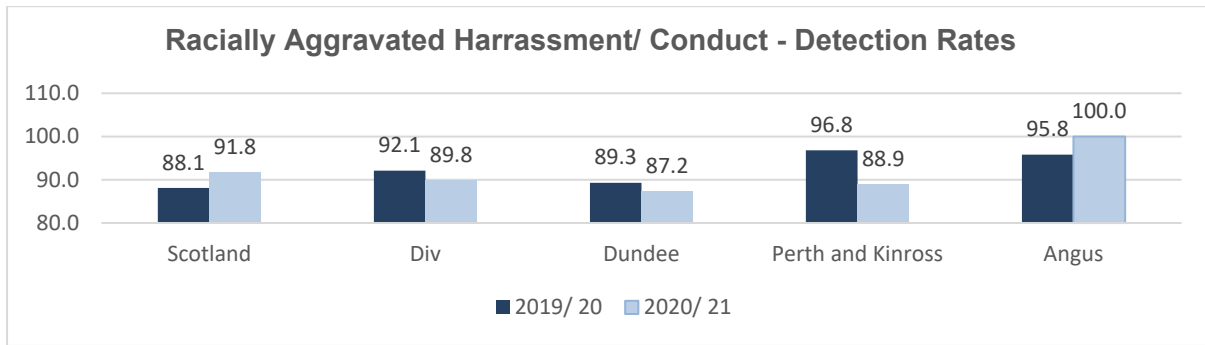
As lockdown continued there was concern that some victims may not be able to access services. Along with specialist departments, including the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and National Domestic Abuse Task Force, we continue to

work with 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.



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Measure – Hate Crime

HATE INCIDENTS/CRIMES BY LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA - ANGUS

Total Hate Incidents/Crimes – 10 (16% of D div total)

Hate Incidents – 1 (10%)

Hate Crimes – 9 (90%)

Detected – 6 (60% detection rate)

BY TYPE

Race - 9 (90% of area total)

Sexual orientation – 1 (10% of area total)

Religion - 0

Disability - 0

Transgender - 0

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.

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The aim of this partnership activity is to increase hate awareness amongst groups and communities. Training is provided regularly through our local third party reporting centres and we continue to maintain our current Keep Safe premises within Tayside, despite the pandemic.

"I am me" Hate crime awareness sessions were carried out by the LCLO to Secondary Schools/Colleges and Universities throughout Tayside. Further sessions were carried out via Facebook Live with Dundee and Angus College student engagement teams, with a great response.

Results

National hate crime awareness continues to be driven locally using electronic material with no face to face promotion for the time being. Material has been shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres.

Another review of Third Party Reporting Centres is to be carried out across Police Scotland and a Training/Re-training package has been sent out to all divisions to ensure consistency.

All Keep Safe premises in Tayside continue to be supported with regular contact provided by the Keep Safe Officer. Excellent feedback was received following a Keep Safe Awareness Day held in March. Two further Keep Safe locations have been identified and are in the process of receiving training.

There has been a slight decrease in reported hate incidents (including crimes) during this quarter with 63 incidents reported in comparison to 82 for the previous quarter.

Crimes of racially aggravated conduct/harassment have also decreased by 10 incidents from 62 to 52, in comparison to the previous quarter.

The Hate Crime Officer for D division met with Malcolm McBain, the new Assistant Procurator Fiscal and Equalities Lead for the Sheriffdom of Tayside, Central and Fife. Together, they discussed ways in which to improve the reporting of Hate Crime within D division. The intention is to work closely to provide awareness inputs to local educational establishments from secondary school to Universities and Colleges. These inputs will also be used as an opportunity to identify further referral options for those one-time offenders in need of re-education.

Challenges

Those local groups who met regularly prior to the pandemic have not been meeting as often. However, we continue to share material on-line as a substitute to those important face to face meetings.

Measure – Sexual Crime

As outlined below occurrence rates for all sexual crimes remains below those of 2019/20 (31 fewer crimes).

This is also the case for offences of Rape and Attempted Rape (3 fewer crimes).

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Results

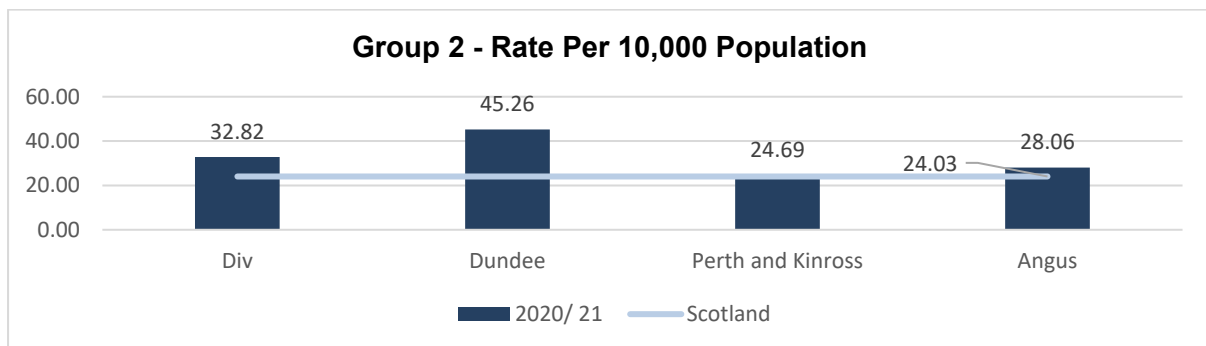
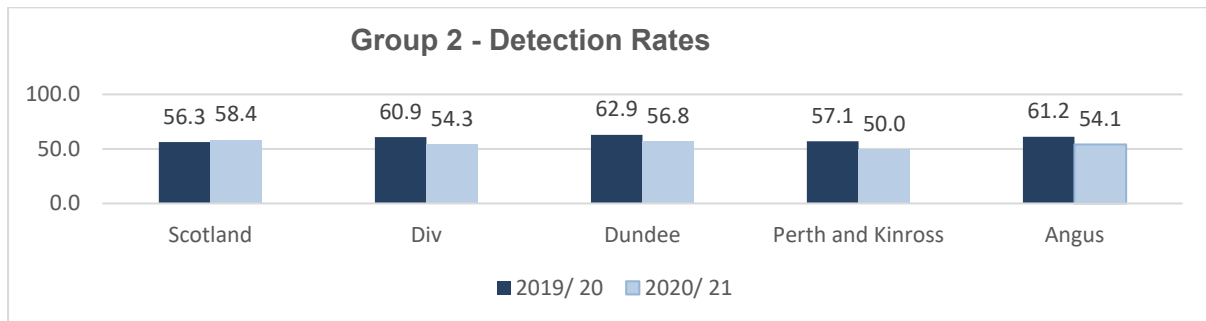
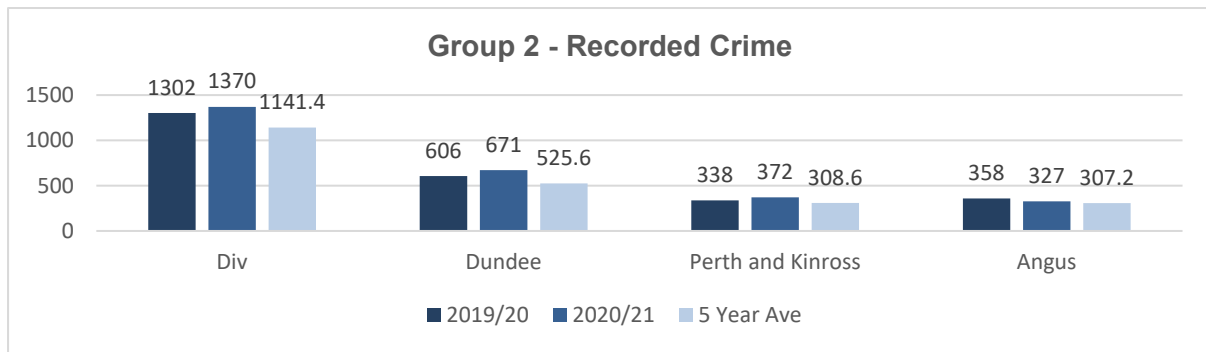
The detection rate for sexual crime is marginally lower than 2019/20, a trend which is reflected across the Division.

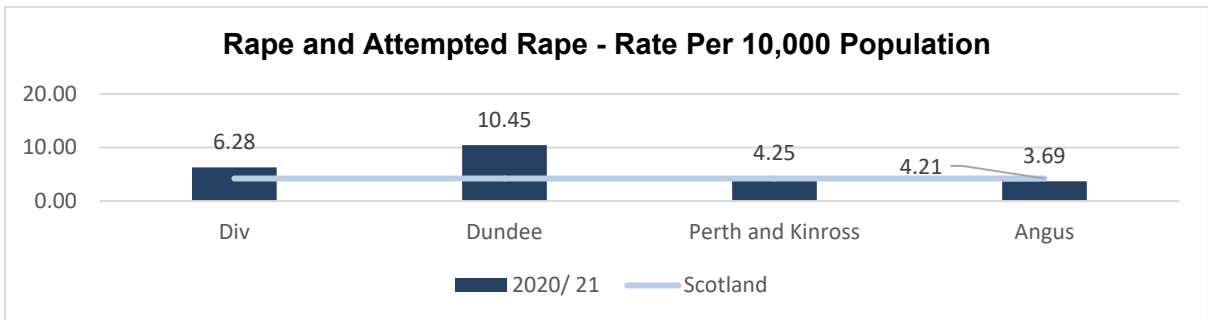
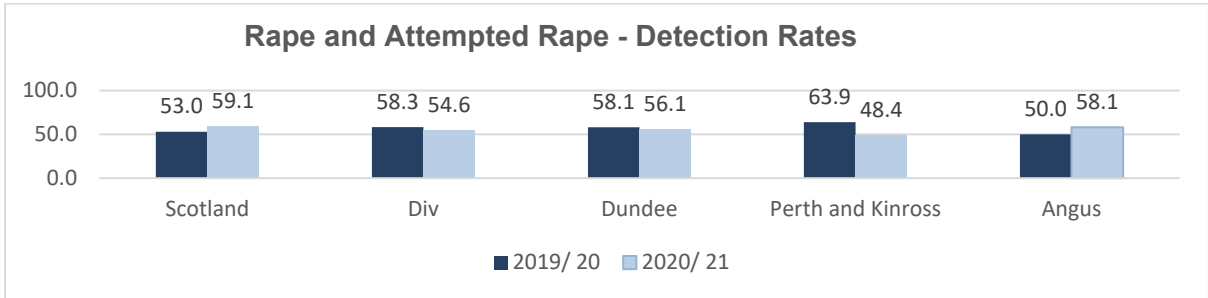
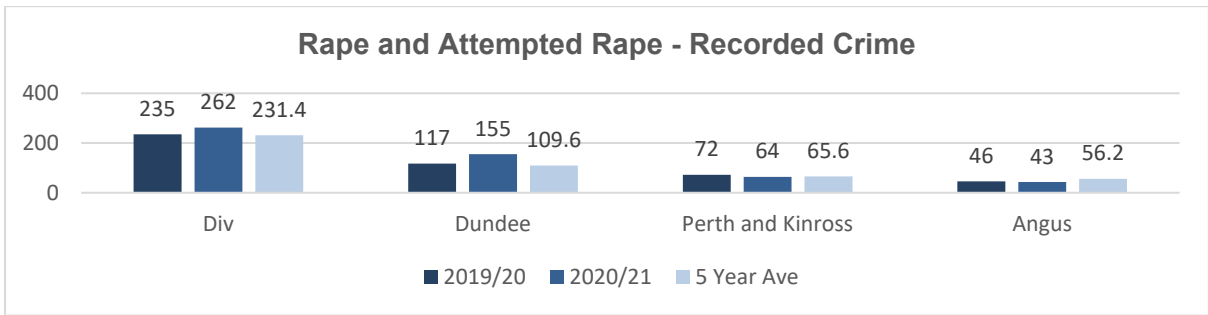
The detection rate for Rape remains higher than 2019/20 and is broadly in keeping with the national average.

Challenges

As per previous reports, 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 provide corroboration may have been lost due to the passage of time.

The Divisional Non Recent Sexual Crime Team, supported by colleagues from the National Child Abuse Investigation Unit continue to investigate non-recent abuse of children which occurred in Angus.







Serious Organised Crime

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

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Operating Context

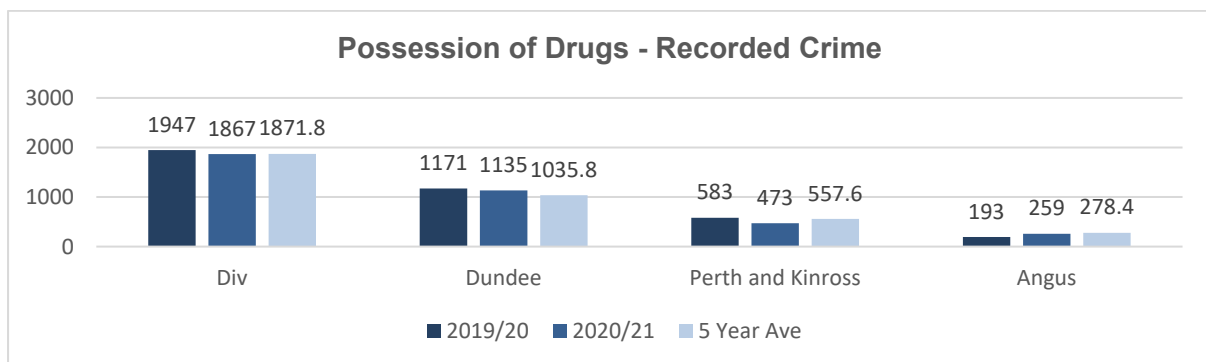
Targeting drug crime remains a priority in order to reduce harm and have a positive effect on linked acquisitive and violent crime.

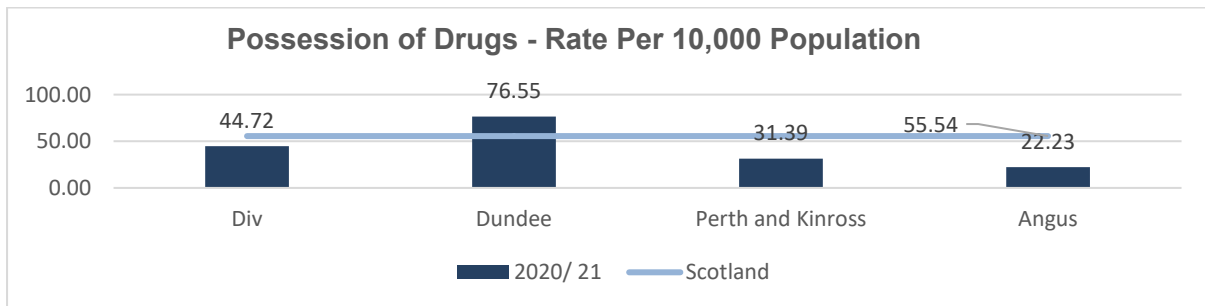
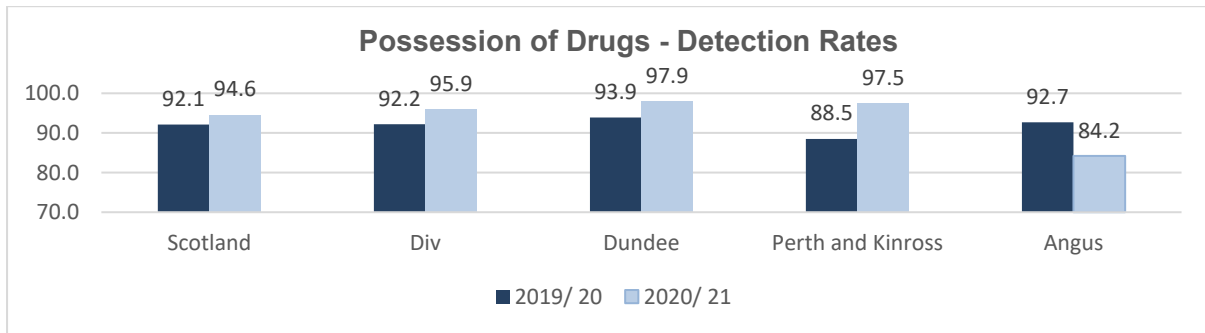
Proactive policing during the coronavirus pandemic has been, and remains, difficult. However, officers have become proficient at assessing the associated risks and use intelligence so that activity can be directed efficiently. As such, proactivity has continued and is reflected in the figures presented.

Measure – Possession of Drugs

Possession of drug crimes recorded are above the previous recording period but in line with 5 year average.

The drugs recovered continue to include opiates and benzodiazepines. The reduction in current detection rate relates primarily to substances awaiting forensic examination to confirm their content, exacerbated by the volume of 'street Valium' recoveries which remain a concern. Following the execution of a drug search warrant at one residential premises approximately 1300 such tablets were recovered. The detection rate will improve retrospectively once forensic examinations are completed.





Measure – Supply of Drugs

The investigation of the supply of controlled drugs is an LPA priority and continues to receive focused attention from the Angus Community Investigation Unit. Search warrants are being enforced at residential premises wherever possible, although much of the recent success has been as a result of frontline officer's proactivity, and reacting to what they are seeing in the community. This has meant that performance has been maintained whilst balancing the challenges to proactivity presented by COVID-19.

Enforcement action is now supplemented with prevention and intervention activities, which take into account the "bigger picture". The aim is to disrupt criminal activity, or the actions of criminals which facilitate drugs supply. However, the detriment of these crimes does not stop with the arrest of a drug dealer. We have learned the need to also focus on prioritising the protection of vulnerable children and adults who feature in the lifestyles of those involved. Through information sharing, we work with our partners to develop better life outcomes for those who may find themselves steeped in drugs criminality through no fault of their own. This has included moving the children of problematic drug dealers into care.

The proactive approach has achieved considerable success, with the following notable incidents:

Disruption of an Arbroath based drug network through the execution of four drug search warrants simultaneously.

£3000 of cocaine recovered from a residential premises in Arbroath.

£2500 of heroin recovered following a vehicle stop from a Dundee based male who is believed to be supplying persons in Angus.

£1700 of cannabis recovered following a proactive vehicle stop in Arbroath.

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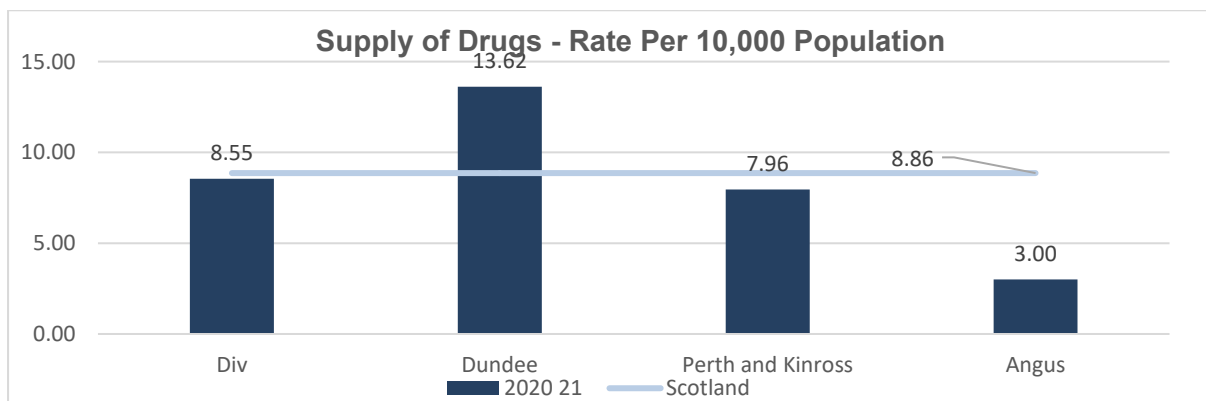
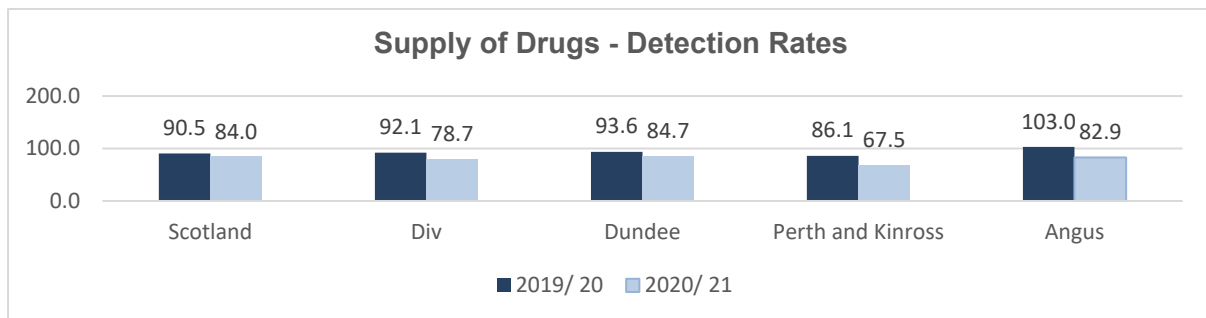
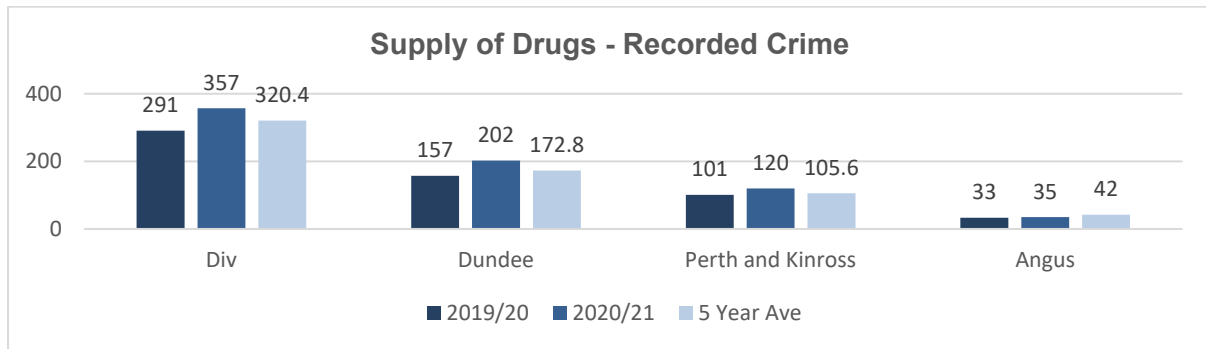
Premises used for cannabis cultivation identified in rural Forfar.

£2000 of cannabis recovered from a premises in Montrose following officer attendance due to breaches of the coronavirus legislation.

£1000 of cocaine recovered in Kirriemuir following a vehicle search operation targeting rural acquisitive crime.

Joint working with the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit resulting in two persons being charged with the production of cannabis in Carnoustie.

The most significant recovery has been as a result of Angus CIU officers conducting enquiry into an Angus acquisitive crime series with links to Dundee resulting in the detection of a large scale drug supply link between Fife and Tayside. Two males were arrested in Dundee following a vehicle search, generating further enquiries in St. Andrews and Kirkcaldy. This resulted in the recovery of a cannabis cultivation with a potential illicit value of £180,000, £16,500 worth of harvested cannabis, £500 worth of cocaine and £17,600 in cash.



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Measure – Proceeds of Crime

The cash recovered during the above significant drug supply case is being used as a production in the criminal case. It is anticipated this will be seized by the courts on conclusion of the case. Those arrested were found to have ownership of expensive designer watches, high value electrical items and one with the lease of a £70,000 car. Their legitimate finances are being investigated in order to explore the potential for asset recovery.

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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.*

Operating Context

- **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.

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL.

On 4th February 2021, the joint terrorism analysis centre (JTAC) lowered the UK national terrorism threat level from severe to substantial. This means that a terrorist attack is likely.

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.

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 community as part of daily business.

Awareness raising literature has been distributed to LCLO's and CONTEST partners with regard to the change PROTECT Duty consultation and also security awareness due to lockdown restrictions lifting.



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

Wildlife Crime remains a priority for Police Scotland and Operation Wingspan continues to raise awareness as part of a year-long campaign.

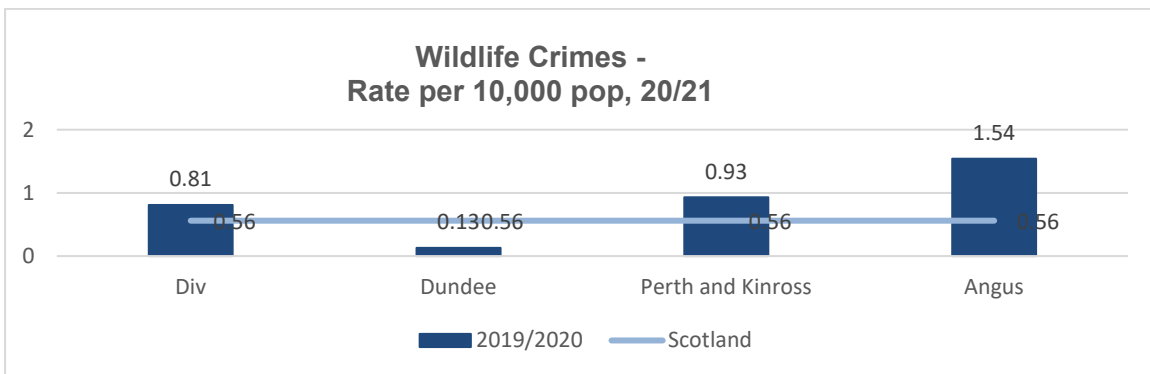
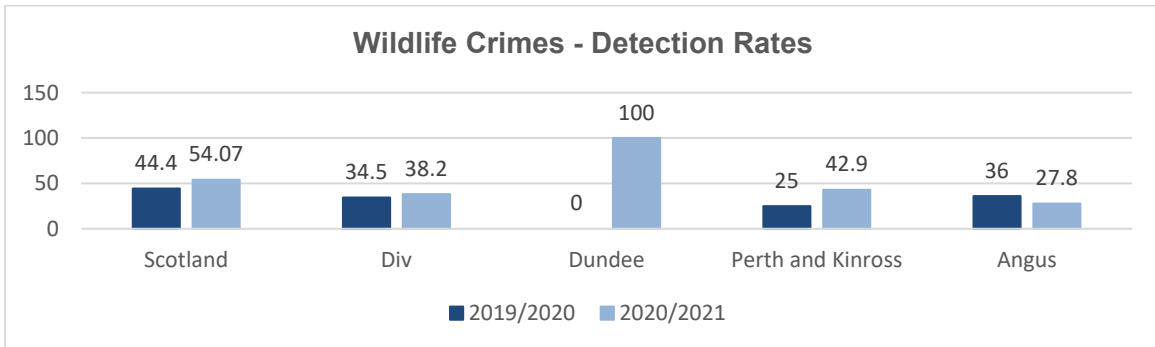
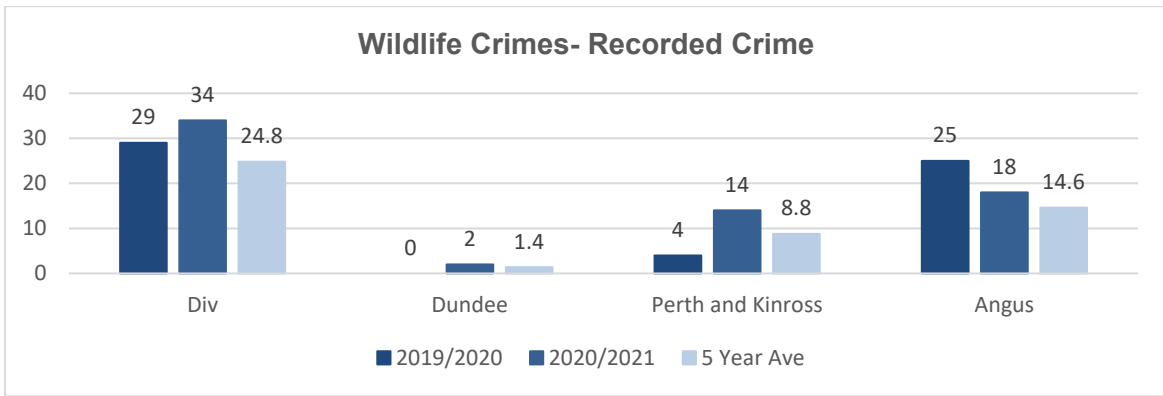
Wildlife Crime in Angus remains above the national average, which comes as no surprise given the rural landscape. Hare Coursing continues to be the most commonly reported crime, with offenders travelling from different parts of Scotland to offend here.

There have been five reported incidents of hunting with dogs (Hare Coursing) in Angus during this period. Specialist Wildlife Crime Officer and local Community Officers are working to link crimes nationally to maximise opportunities to disrupt, deter and detect offences. A vehicle involved in recent incidents in Angus was seized by officers in Fife and forensically examined.

There are many other forms of Wildlife Crime and the legislation can be complicated. However, the dedicated wildlife officer works from Angus and provides guidance and assistance regularly.

Enquiry has been carried out by our Wildlife Crime Officer into a crow cage trap (Larsen) which was seen by a member of the public to be set. The cage was examined and seized as it was found not to have a current registration tag on it.

The operator will be reported for the matter as he had not complied with the general licence conditions set out in Section 18 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 81, (attempt to take a wild bird).



Other Key Activity

COVID-19 restrictions and 'Stay At Home' lockdown has been in place all quarter. Towards the end of the quarter there was a general decrease in the volume of COVID-19 incidents, linked to social gatherings requiring Police attendance.

The Policing approach remained consistent, 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, 133 "COVID-19 offences" were recorded, with the vast majority being 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.

Measure – Licensing

Between 1st January 2021 and 31st March 2021, the Divisional Licensing Team have processed 195 licence applications for Angus.

Since December 2020, the country was in a Stay At Home lockdown. The hospitality sector was effectively shut down, with pubs and restaurants closed. The licensed trade in Angus positively observed the restrictions placed on them and worked closely with the LSOs and local authority licensing team in preparing for the reopening of the hospitality sector on 26th April.

During this quarter, there were 3 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises in Angus. Only one incident was of any note, and was a minor breach of COVID-19 legislation.

Complaints about 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.

Complaints Received

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

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	531	517	-2.6%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	843	797	-5.5%
Off Duty Allegations	3	1	200.0%
On Duty Allegations	740	683	-7.7%
Quality of Service Allegations	102	111	8.8%

¹ Data is correct as at 01/04/2021.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 2.6% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by decreases in Angus (-16.2%) and Perth & Kinross (-10.6%). However, an 8.7% increase was identified within Dundee City.

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased correspondingly by 7.7%.

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.