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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

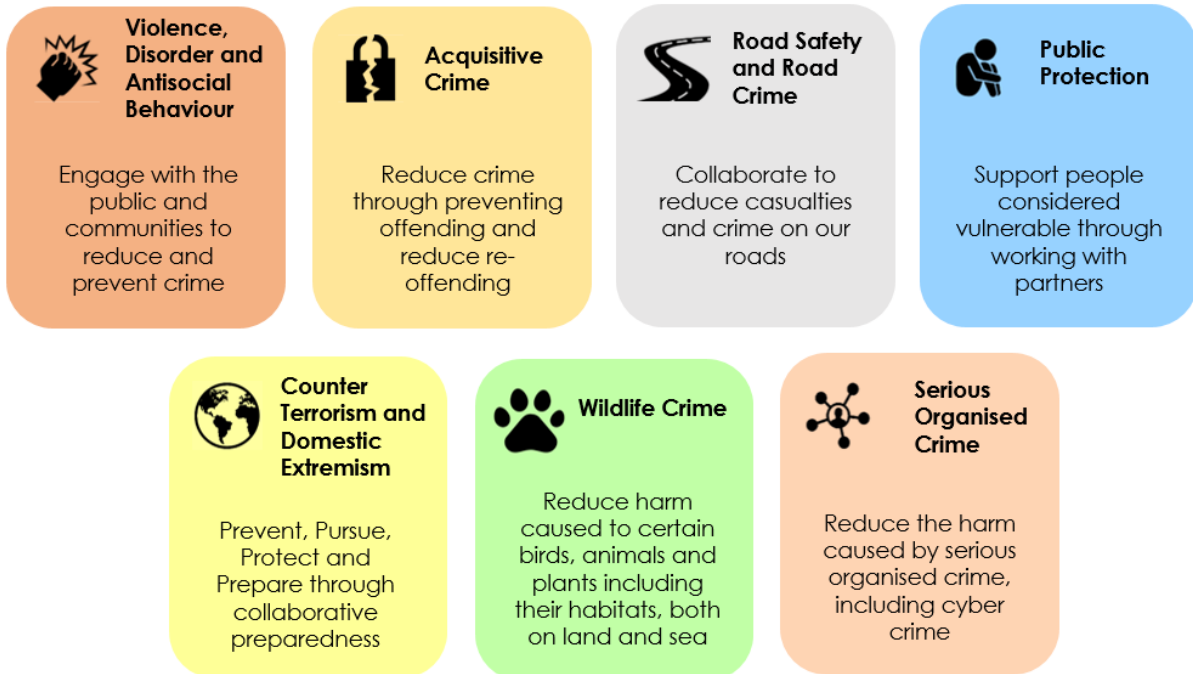
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus Council and will report to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

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 July 2021 to 30 September 2021, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 and 1 April 2021 to 30 September 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 LPP, 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



Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



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



Acquisitive Crime



Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending



The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery



Road Safety And Road Crime



Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



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



Public Protection



Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



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



Serious Organised Crime



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



Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges



Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism



Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness




Wildlife Crime



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





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Summary Report Angus LPA

1st April 2021 to 30th September 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 - Total
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 22 86.4	20/21 12 75.0	20/21 500 77.4
21/22 28 82.1	21/22 25 68.0	21/22 587 72.4
% +/- ↑27.3% ↓-4.2%	% +/- ↑108.3% ↓-7.0%	% +/- ↑17.4% ↓-5.0%
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Acquisitive Crime	Acquisitive Crime
Emergency Services Assault	Housebreakings - Dwellings	Motor Vehicle Crime
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 37 97.3	20/21 25 24.0	20/21 70 54.3
21/22 49 98.0	21/22 38 28.9	21/22 123 38.2
% +/- ↑32.4% ↑0.7%	% +/- ↑52% ↑4.9%	% +/- ↑75.7% ↓-16.1%
Acquisitive Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes Detect %	Off. Detect %	Off. Detect %
20/21 82 14.6	20/21 219 100	20/21 79 94.9
21/22 135 14.1	21/22 702 100	21/22 81 81.5
% +/- ↑64.6% ↓-0.6%	% +/- ↑220.5% -	% +/- ↑2.5% ↓-13.5%
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 %
20/21 2 N/A	20/21 24 N/A	20/21 22 54.5
21/22 2 N/A	21/22 28 N/A	21/22 22 40.9
% +/- - /	% +/- ↑16.7% /	% +/- ↔ ↓-13.6%
Public Protection	Serious Organised Crime	Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 151 60.9	20/21 14 92.9	20/21 120 98.3
21/22 156 46.8	21/22 34 82.4	21/22 143 75.5
% +/- ↑3.3% ↓-14.1%	% +/- ↑142.9% ↓-10.5%	% +/- ↑19.2% ↓-22.8%



**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

This has continued to be a challenging period, with an increased return to normality in our communities, in comparison to Lockdown periods and reduced socialising last year.

Overall, the number of serious and common assaults have increased in comparison to last year, however both remain below the 5 year average.

It is recognised that the term “serious assault” may be alarming therefore it is prudent to provide context to this. An assault is recorded as a serious assault when certain criteria are met, for example when an injury may lead to scarring (regardless of size).

It is recognised that the impact on victims of all violent crime extends past the physical injury and all victims are offered to be referred to support services when they are victims of violence.

A number of the assaults recorded involve juvenile victims and perpetrators, and of these, only a small proportion are recorded as “serious assaults”. Accordingly, we continue to work with our young people and our schools to raise impact awareness and to focus on preventing young people becoming involved in violence.

The Mentors in Violence programme (MVP) delivered in schools by our Community officers has been particularly effective in allowing our young people to work with Police officers to unite against violence. This programme has re-gained its momentum recently, following restrictions due to Covid 19, with Arbroath Academy being the latest school to have their staff MVP trained.

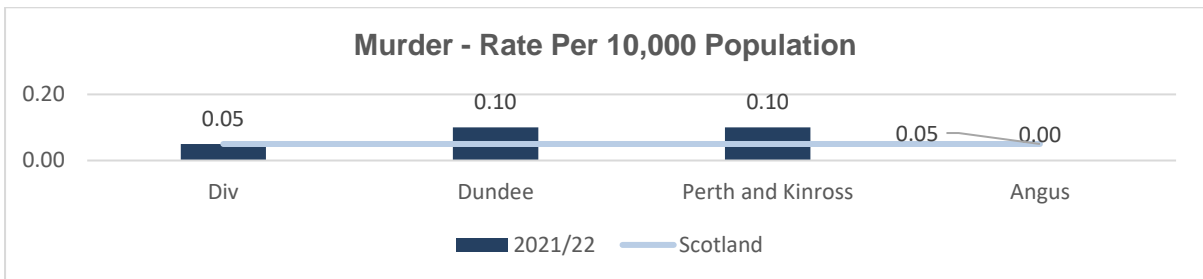
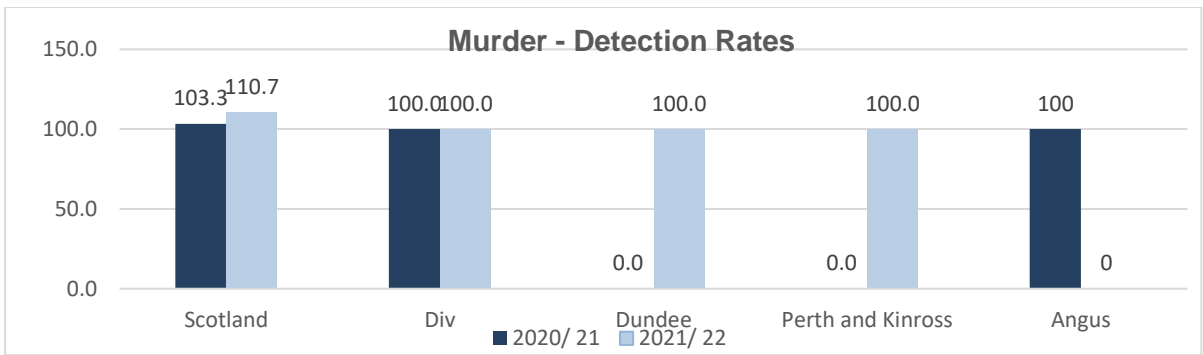
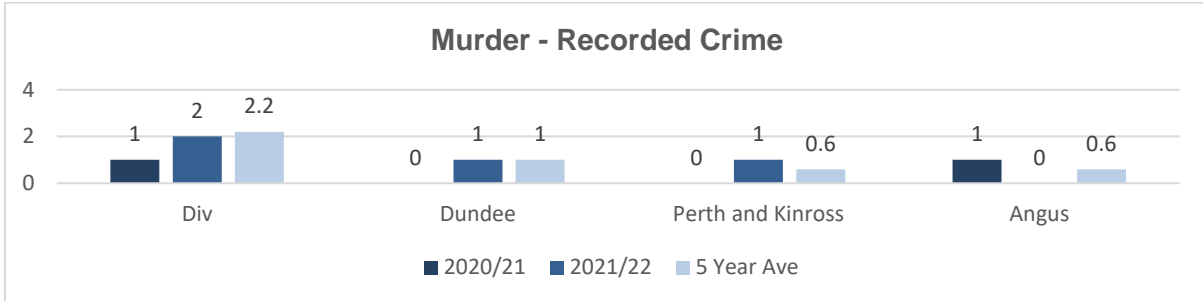
Preventing and tackling disorder and anti-social behaviour (ASB) remains a priority for our Community Policing teams, assisted by our colleagues in the Partnerships and Preventions department who are based in Angus. It is important that we work with our partners to get to the root of the issue and ensure supports are in place to prevent further incidents.

A recent example of a positive result was when community officers in Monifieth acted quickly in response to residents' concerns around youth disorder at Ashludie Park. Police patrols in the area were increased, and officers positively engaged with groups of young people. Associated media coverage also served to raise awareness with parents, and no further calls have been received.

Residential ASB remains a priority, where we work collectively with our colleagues in the local authority and other housing providers to maximise efficiency.

Murder

There have been no murders in Angus during this quarter.

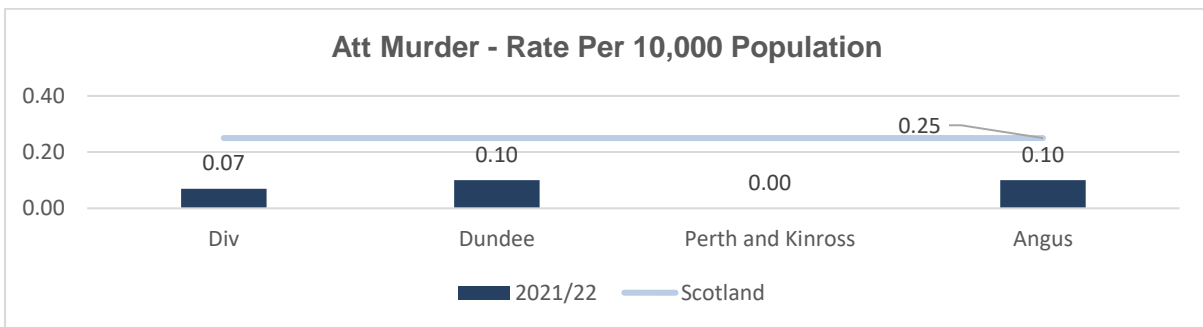
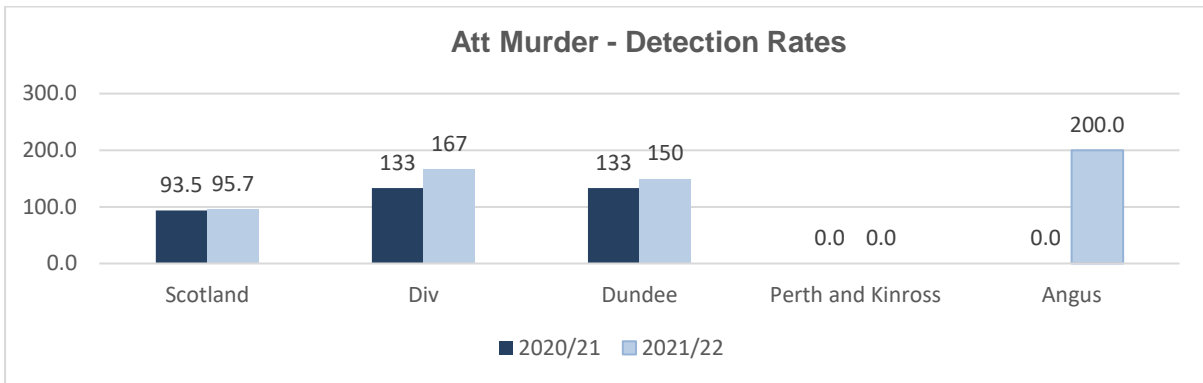
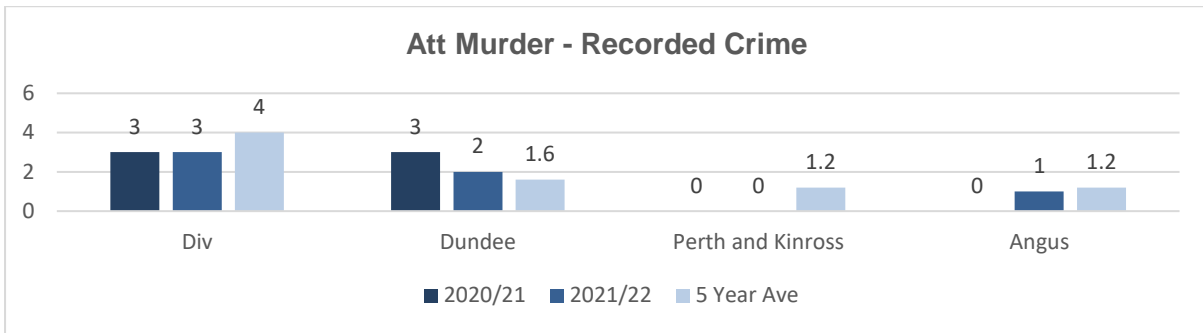


Attempted Murder

There was one incident of Attempted Murder recorded in this reporting period.

This incident involved an elderly female victim who was attacked within her home address. Officers responded along with other emergency services and a 15 year old male was quickly traced and arrested. The male remains in custody pending trial. The victim has received specialist support and is expected to make a full recovery. This was both an isolated and rare incident.

Following the incident police continued to liaise with partners and our community to provide reassurance.



Serious Assault

There have been 28 reports of Serious Assault recorded during the reporting period. This is an increase of 6 crimes compared to this time last year however remains slightly below the 5 year average.

This increase is considered to be linked to the overall easing of national restrictions associated with the Covid 19 pandemic. More licensed premises have returned to regular opening hours and people are now socialising as they did before the pandemic.

In the vast majority of these cases, the victim and perpetrator have been known to each other and the people involved have been under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

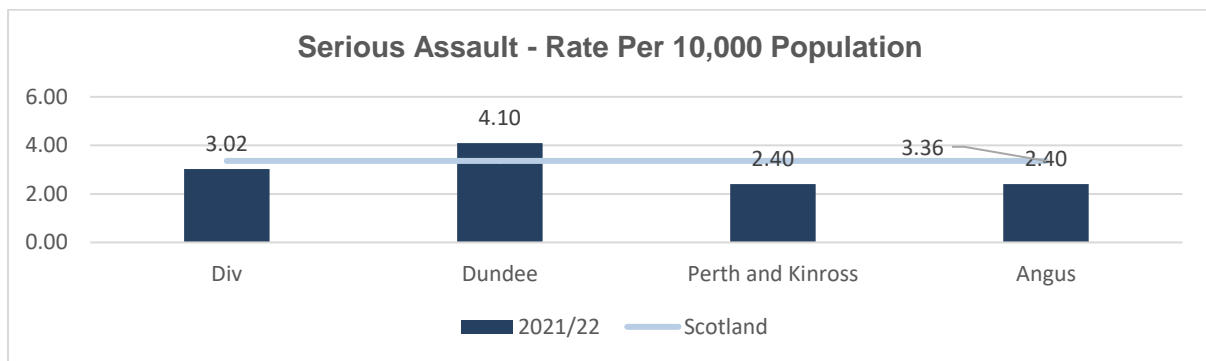
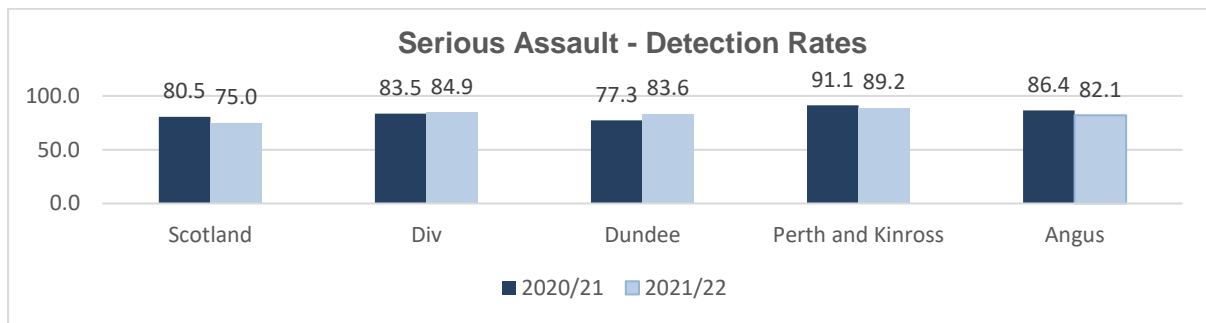
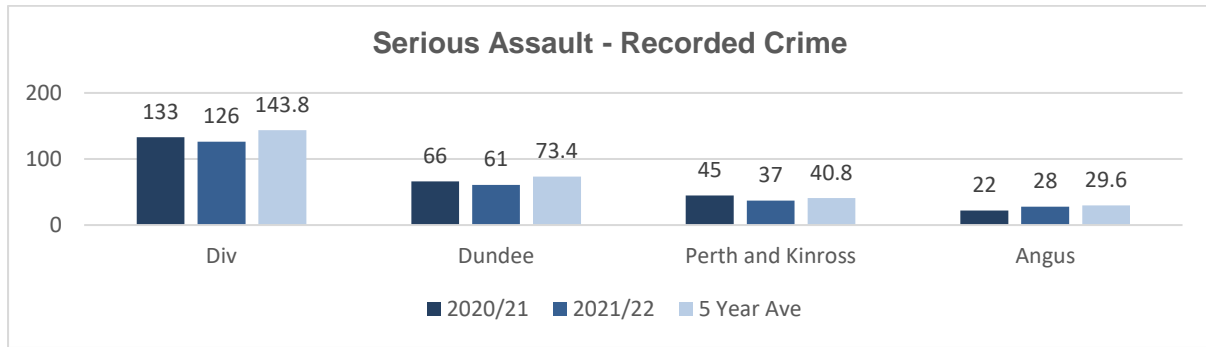
Weapons have been used in a small number of the incidents with some relating to feuds between individuals, linked to alleged debt recovery.

A number of incidents have been as a result of altercations outside licensed premises at the end of the night. We continue to work with our Licensing Department, responding robustly to any concerns about licensed premises. We also continue to

have a policing plan for our night time economy, ensuring early engagement with staff at licensed premises and a visible presence throughout the night.

We continue to work with partners to address any ongoing issues in schools, ensuring safety plans are in place and that supports are offered to children and families when needed.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) continue to investigate and review all reports of Serious Assault within Angus ensuring all investigative opportunities are considered and undertaken.



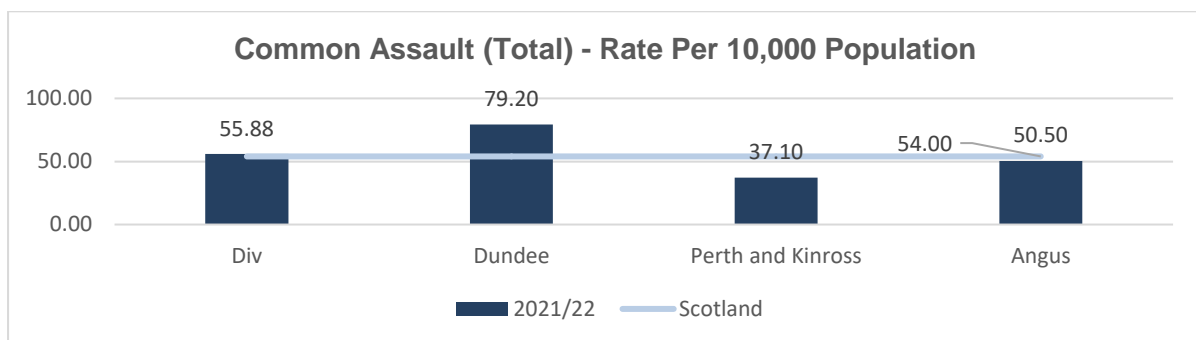
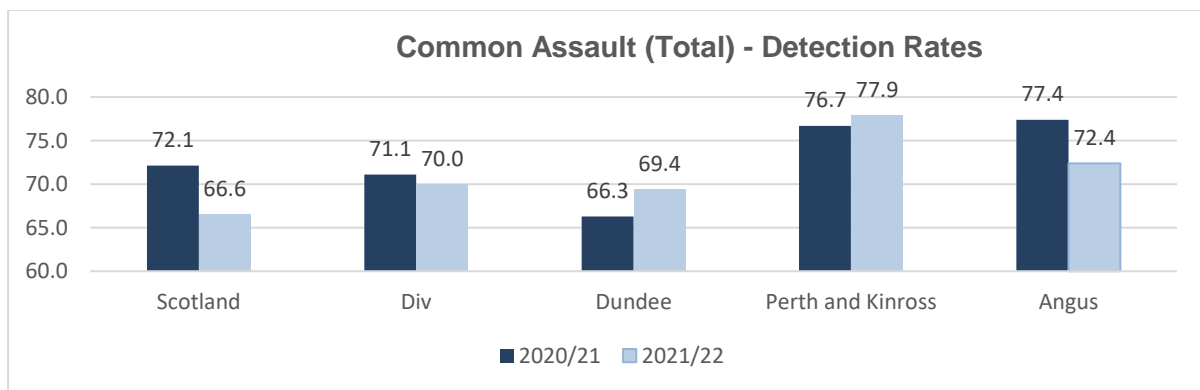
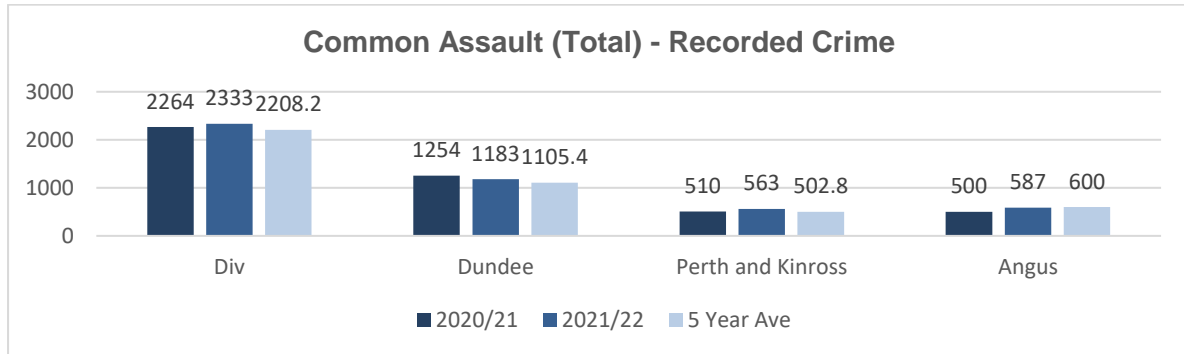
Common Assault

Common assault follows a very similar trend to serious assault, with an increase in the number of reported incidents compared with last year, however this is still below the 5 year average.

Again, alcohol has featured in a significant number of the crimes recorded.

A number of the assaults reported occurred at licensed premises however the majority occurred at residential addresses, and these include domestic assaults. Investigating and detecting crime which occur within people's homes can be challenging as very often only two persons are present – one being the complainer and the other being the suspect.

In such instances there are a variety of investigative tools that can be used to maximise the opportunity to detect these crimes which will assist in ensuring protective and preventative measures can be put in place, for example bail conditions.



Robbery

Since April there have been 25 reports of Robbery and Attempted Robbery recorded in Angus. This is of course a significant increase compared to last year and is significantly higher than the 5 year average.

A high number of these incidents involve both victims and offenders, who are known to each other and many of the victims and offenders have complex issues and vulnerabilities.

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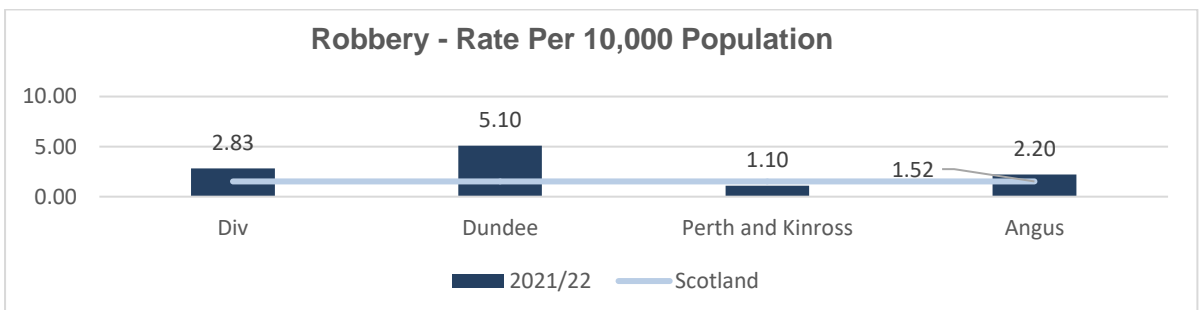
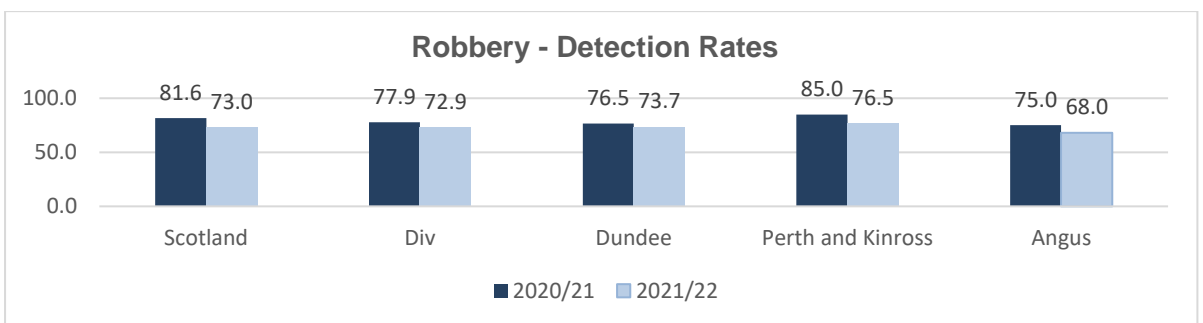
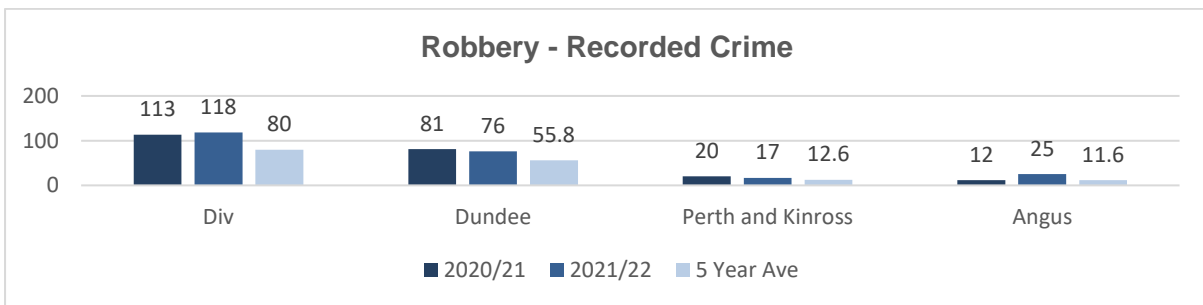
The majority of the robberies reported in this period have been committed within a residential setting, with a number being domestic related.

Although there are 25 recorded Robberies, this figure does not mean there are 25 separate incidents. For example, if an offender assaults and steal items from a number of people who are known to them during the same incident, this would not just be recorded as one incident. There would be a crime recorded for each of the victims. This is necessary to comply with Scottish Crime Recording Standard however it clearly impacts the recorded numbers.

We continue to work with partners to share information regarding vulnerable people (whether victim or perpetrator) in order to access the necessary support, reduce vulnerability and prevent further criminality.

The CID review all reported robberies to ensure all available lines of enquiry are followed to maximise the opportunity for detection, which again allows for preventative and protective measures to be implemented when possible.

There is no apparent trend or link to the Robberies reported in Angus.



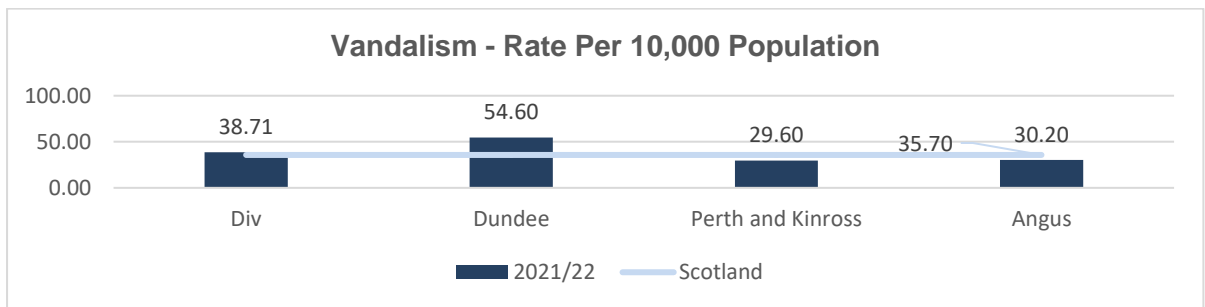
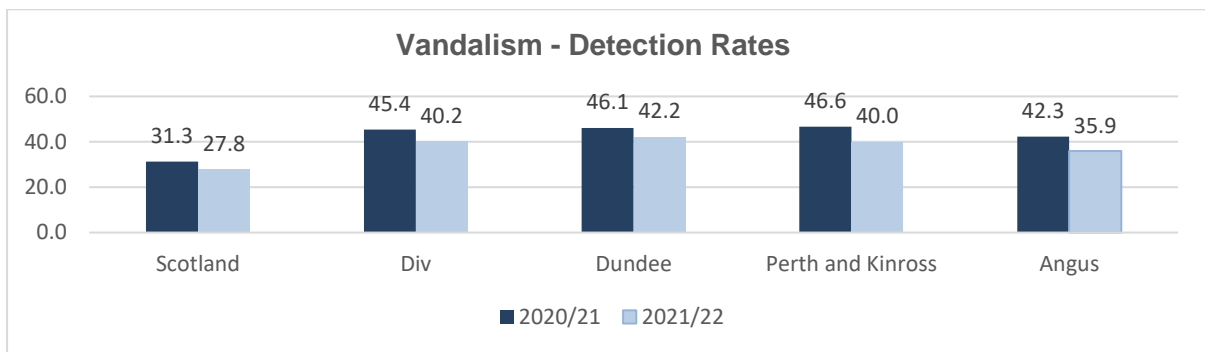
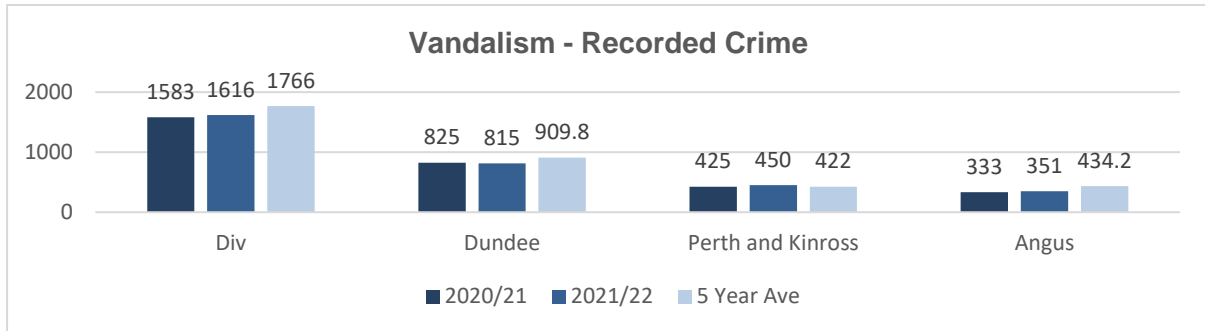
Vandalism

There has been a slight increase in vandalism, both in comparison to last year and the 5 year average.

The vandalism reported are sporadic in nature and location, therefore there is no identified pattern or trend.

A high number of the vandalism were to vehicles and a number reported during the period are domestic related.

Vandalism to vehicles can be challenging to detect as the damage regularly goes un-noticed for a period of time, which makes it difficult to establish when and where it occurred.



Measure – Stop Search

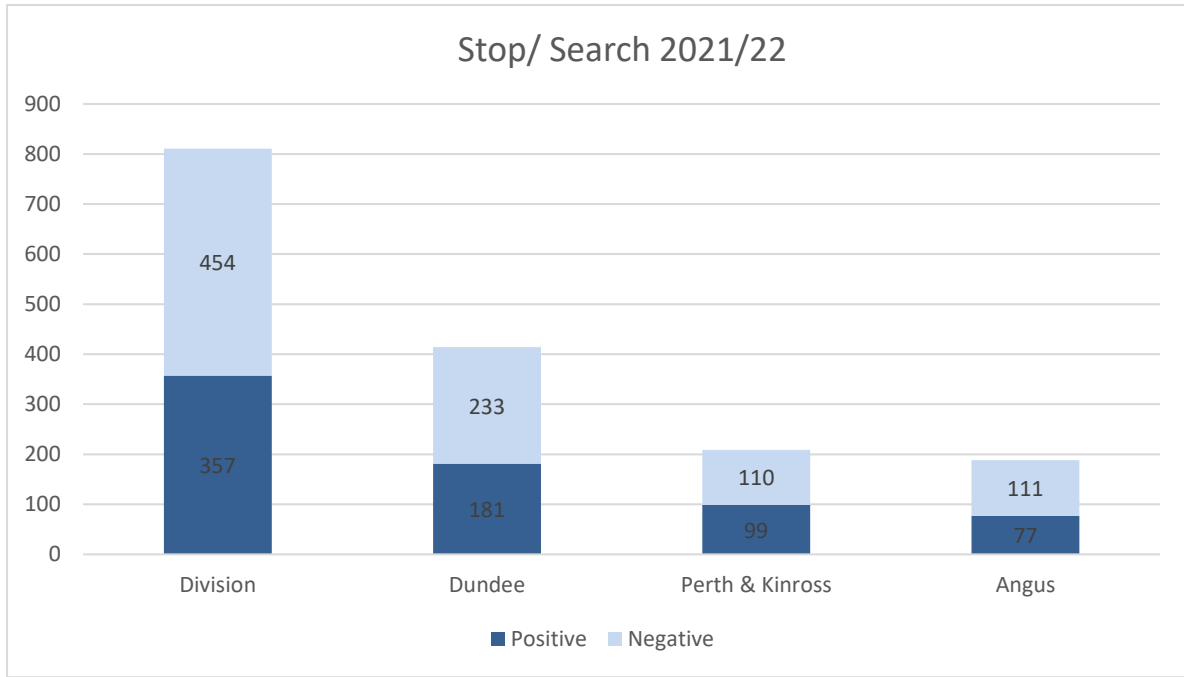
Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic deployed when necessary for the prevention, investigation and detection of crime. The overall objective is to maintain public safety and improve community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion of their personal 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.

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In the reporting period 188 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 77 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 41%.

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.





**Acquisitive
Crime**

Reduce crime
through preventing
offending and
reduce re-
offending

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Community Plan 2017-2030 strategic priorities:*

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- *An inclusive and sustainable economy*

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proactive and responsive police service*

Operating Context

Overall Acquisitive Crime within Angus has increased particularly within the area of Motor Vehicle crime.

Those who perpetrate such crimes invariably continue to carry on their offending behaviour until they are traced and arrested and dealt with by the Court system. In recent months Angus has been targeted by a number of individuals from outwith Angus, who are thought to be operating together.

The Community Investigation Unit in Angus have been dedicated to these enquiries and have been working alongside colleagues in CID, the Community Investigation Unit in Dundee and the Road Policing Unit.

As a result of this, during the last quarter (July-Sept) 9 Housebreakings have been detected as well as 11 vehicle related crimes. There have been three individuals arrested for these offences and two of them remain remanded in custody.

These males had previously appeared in court for similar offences in Angus, in the previous quarter, however they were released from court pending trial at. It is hoped that there will be a reduction in this type of offending in Angus as a result of these individuals now being in custody.

It is also anticipated that further crimes will be detected to this group of individuals once forensic results are confirmed.

Fraud crimes continue to be reported in notable numbers. These crimes are perpetrated in various forms however the vast majority are linked to online or telephone scams.

Domestic Housebreaking

There has been an increase in Housebreakings during this reporting period, compared to this time last year and also against the 5 year average. An increase in offending apparent in rural locations where vehicles and machinery have been targeted.

We continue to share security and preventative advice to the community and work with partners such as Neighbourhood Watch so that people are aware of securing

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their properties, installing CCTV etc. and also so they are aware to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity in their areas.

The first meeting for D Division's Local Partnership Against Rural Crime (TAYPARC) took place during this reporting period and this has been well received by all involved. This will aim to promote and enhance partnership working to effectively tackle rural crime in line with national priorities.

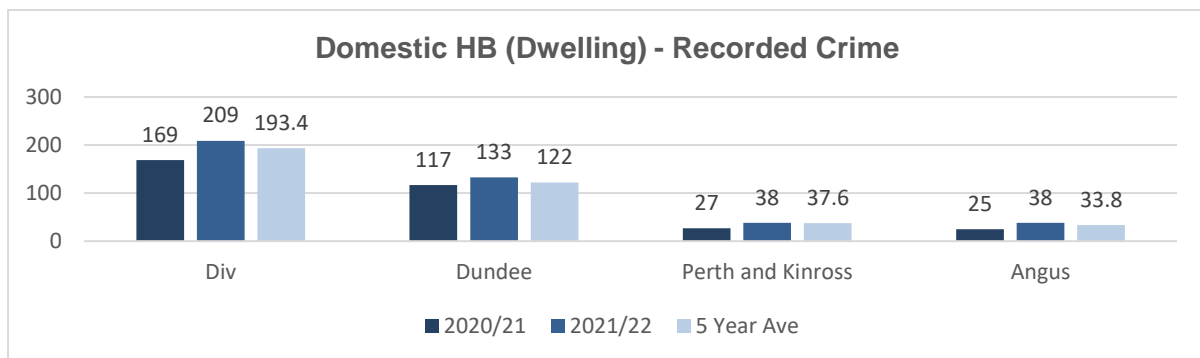
In Angus officers have been tasked with pro-active patrols during the times whereby most of these offences are committed, which tends to be overnight and assistance has been sought for this from Road Policing Unit colleagues to maximise this.

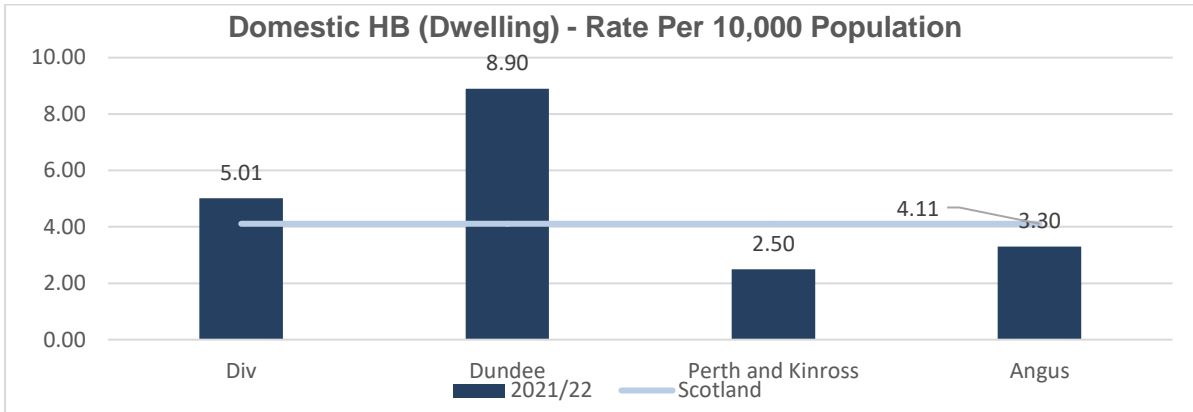
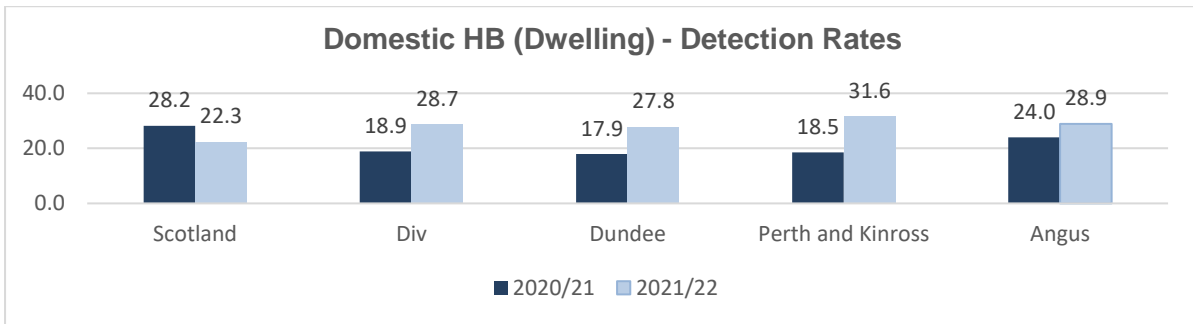
There is extensive work carried out to gather intelligence on those individuals who are suspected to be responsible so that all methods of intervention can be considered.

Following a protracted enquiry, two repeat offenders were identified for a series of housebreakings and vehicle thefts in the Forfar, Tealing and Wellbank areas. The offenders were duly arrested and have since been remanded in court. These males had previously been arrested for similar crimes, as reported in quarter one, however had continued this offending after being released on bail. It is hoped that there will be a noticeable impact on the number of crimes committed following as a result of this detection and court outcome.

In August 2021 a report was received regarding a property in a rural area being broken into and two dogs, along with other items, had been stolen. After a thorough and detailed enquiry three males were identified, arrested and reported for this crime. The dogs were, safe and well and were reunited with their owner.

All housebreaking crimes are reviewed by Proactive CID to ensure all appropriate lines of enquiry, including forensic opportunities are considered.





Fraud

Reports of fraud have continued to increase in line with both the Divisional and National picture. The commencement of lockdown conditions in 2020 saw a rapid increase in cyber-related criminality, as organised crime groups exploited the increase in internet usage.

Detection rates remain low and are a reflection of the challenges faced when investigating such crimes. In many circumstances, it is apparent that online banking applications, often located out with the UK, are being utilised to facilitate fraudulent transactions. The jurisdictional challenges remain and add an additional layer of complexity and time delays, resulting in many of these offences being under investigation for a prolonged period of time. This is frustrating for victims and officers alike.

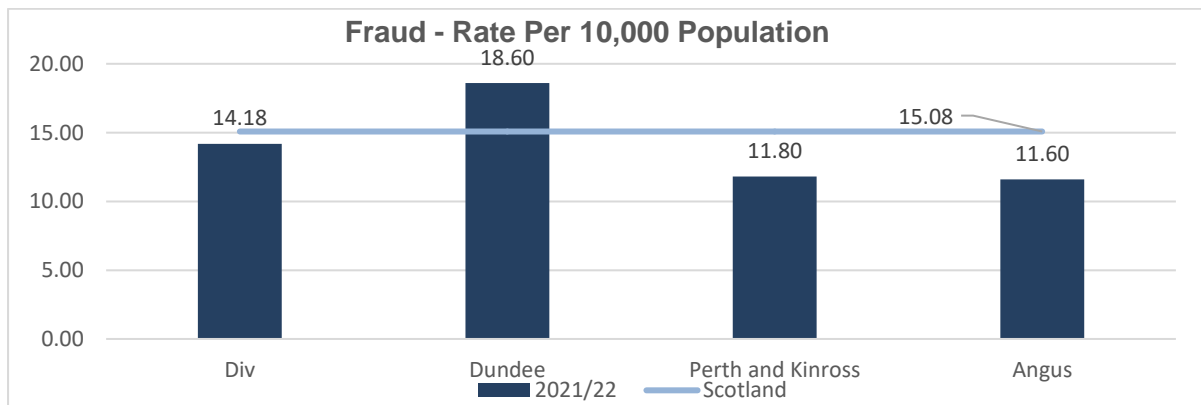
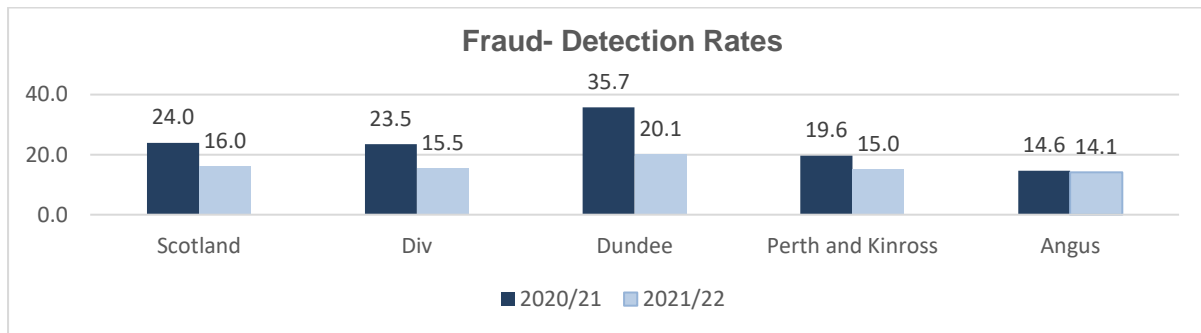
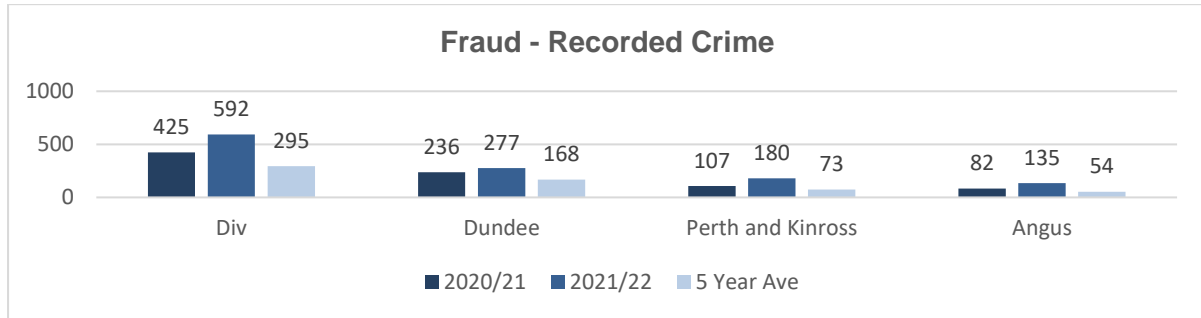
There is no apparent change in the way fraud is being committed and predictions suggest cyber-related criminality will continue in a similar manner to that experienced since last year.

It is anticipated that the information gathered will result in many of the crimes being transferred to other jurisdictions for continued investigation and perpetrator enforcement.

The Division has implemented a Fraud Working Group and continues its efforts to raise awareness of fraud, offering advice to the public in how to keep safe whilst online highlighting recent scams which are ongoing and how to avoid becoming a victim. These messages have recently been conveyed through partners in Neighbourhood

Watch, social media as well as mass vaccination centres in an attempt to reach a wider audience.

We continue to work with our partners to identify and support vulnerable victims, including financial establishments and in Angus have an officer dedicated to overseeing all of these crimes.



Theft by Shoplifting

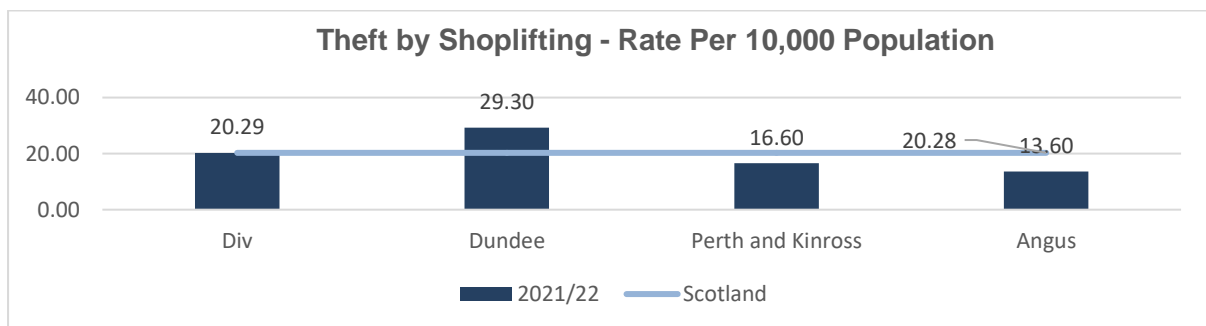
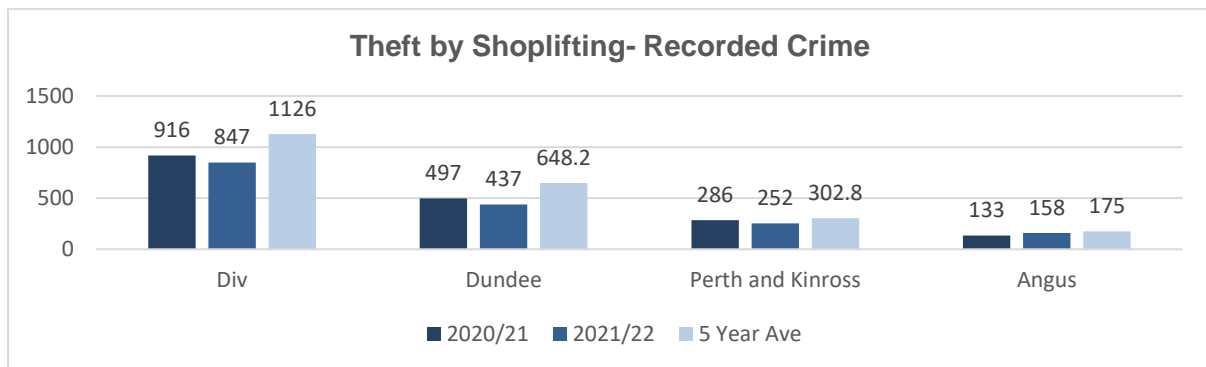
Theft by Shoplifting crimes have increased since last year however are below the 5 year average. These crime tend to be carried out by repeat offenders who will target repeat locations. In general alcohol, high value foodstuffs and beauty products tend to be the items and products that are targeted.

Use of CCTV is key in the detection of these crimes. Across the Policing area the use of bail or undertaking conditions are regularly sought and utilised to support the business community and to deter and prevent offending by preventing offenders approaching or entering repeat targeted locations.

During September a repeat offender was identified for committing eight separate instances of theft by shoplifting along with a disorder offence within various retail premises in Arbroath. The offender is currently on Remand in prison.

During August 2021 three theft shopliftings were reported in quick succession within Montrose. Officers carried out enquiry and a male was arrested and reported for the Offences. The male concerned was not from the local area and would appear to have travelled to commit criminality.

When information is learned about travelling criminals such as this the information is shared with other policing areas.



Motor Vehicle Crime

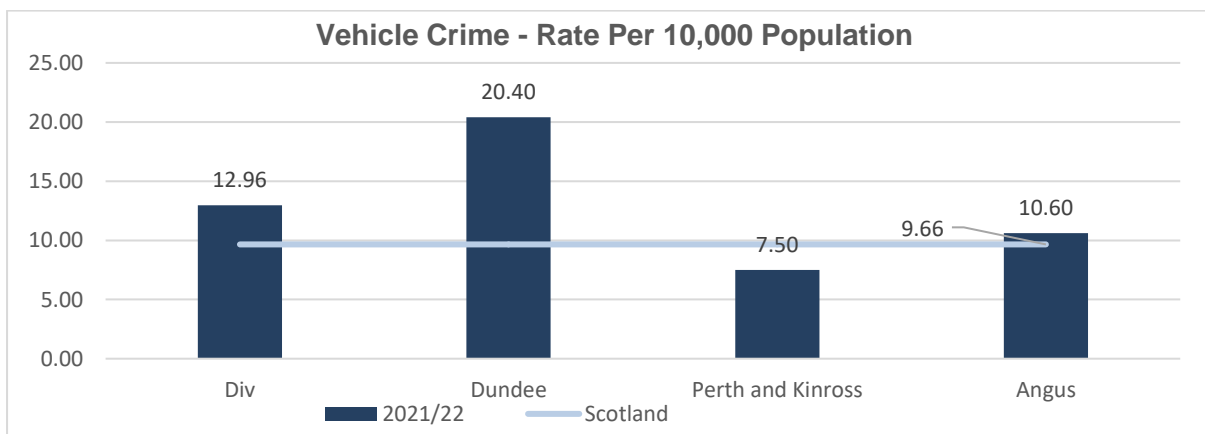
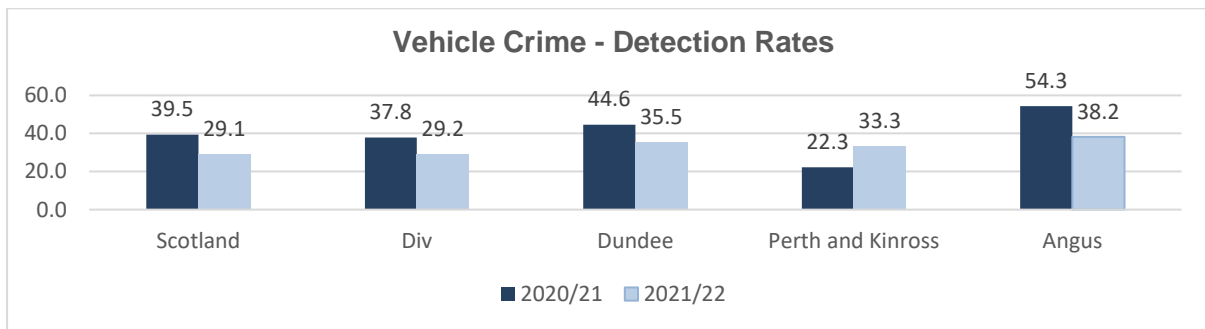
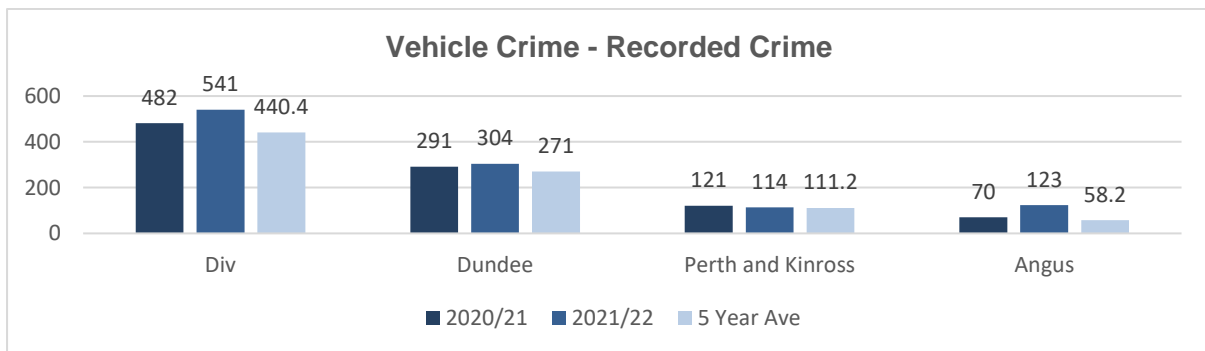
Motor vehicle crime has seen a notable increase in this reporting period and is well above the 5 year average. Crimes in this category tend to be a mix of quad bike and off road motorcycle thefts and thefts of vehicles that are then often used to other acquisitive crime such as Housebreaking.

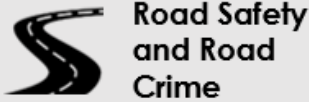
There is significant enquiry ongoing by the Community Investigation Unit in Angus to detect those responsible for these thefts. The enquiry can be time consuming and includes forensic examination which can delay detections.

A small number of repeat offenders, from outwith Angus, are strongly suspected of operating together and being responsible for a large proportion of these offences. There are two individuals on remand in custody for a number of these offences, 11 having been detected for this last quarter. It is anticipated this detection rate will increase once forensic examinations are complete.

In September 2021 a male was arrested and charged for the theft of three motor vehicles along with further thefts from insecure vehicles, having committed all the offences over one night. The male appeared from custody and is was remanded in custody.

Similar to other acquisitive crime, officers have been carrying out proactive patrols in areas whereby such crimes may be committed, including rural areas. There has also been prevention advice issued to our communities regarding security and vigilance.





Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads

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Operating Context

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

Operation CEDAR

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

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

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

Tragically Angus has had one fatality for the period under review. On the 28th July 2021, a 56 year old female, rear seat passenger in a motor vehicle was killed when the vehicle she was travelling in was involved in a collision with an agricultural vehicle. The circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration.

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This takes the total fatalities in Angus, since April, to two, which is the same as the previous year.

In this reporting period there have been 28 serious collisions in Angus which is a 17% increase comparable with the same period last year. It is considered reasonable to assume that the reduction in Covid-19 restrictions and a return to an increased number of vehicles on the road will be a correlating factor.

There have been 39 slight injury collisions in this reporting period, which is a 38% reduction compared to the same period last year.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Angus. Focused patrol work is complimented by the use of available technology and databases and intelligence target packages.

Local Policing and Road Policing Unit Officers have targeted driving behaviour which is believed to have the greatest impact on casualty reduction whilst addressing community concerns.

Road policing officers have conducted a number of speed enforcement days in a number of villages in the Angus area.

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

Operation SNAITH - 26 July to 8 August 2021

Summer Drink & Drug Driving Campaign 5 July to 11 July

National Speeding Campaign 19 July – 8 August 2021.

Vulnerable Road Users - 6 - 19 September 2021

Project EDWARD 13 – 17 September 2021.

National Motorcycle Campaign 5 April – 30 September

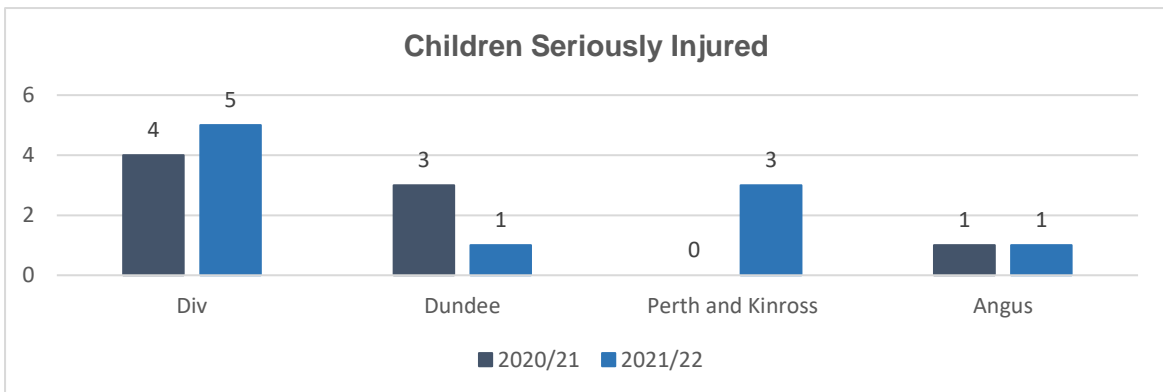
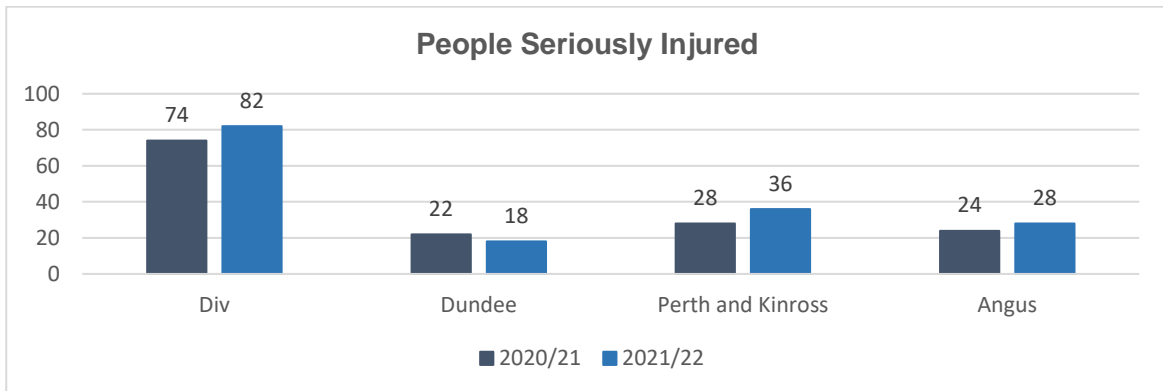
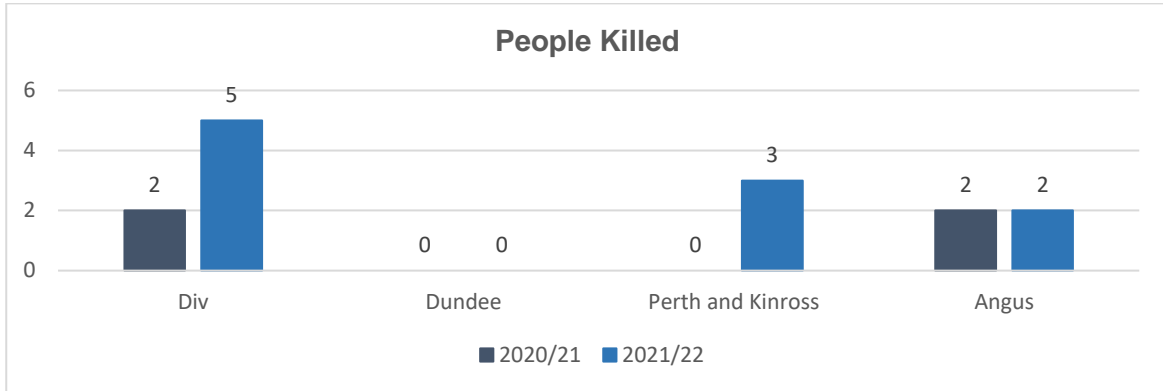
We are committed to working effectively with partners locally to address road safety issues through education, enforcement, engineering, encouragement and evaluation all of which are delivered successfully through a number of mediums and campaigns.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, as is with many events, Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) was postponed. This in turn has resulted in a number of 5th and 6th year school pupils missing the valuable input in to road safety.

SDSA is currently under review, with a number of different options are being explored to ensure we successfully target the right audience with suitable content.

Rider Refinement North (RRN)

Similarly to SDSA, RNN has been postponed throughout Covid 19. RNN is currently being refreshed and will be rolled out at the commencement of the motorcycle season 2022.



Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Angus LPA overall has significantly increased by 220.5% (702 speeding offences reported in this period) compared to last year, however is below the 5 year average.

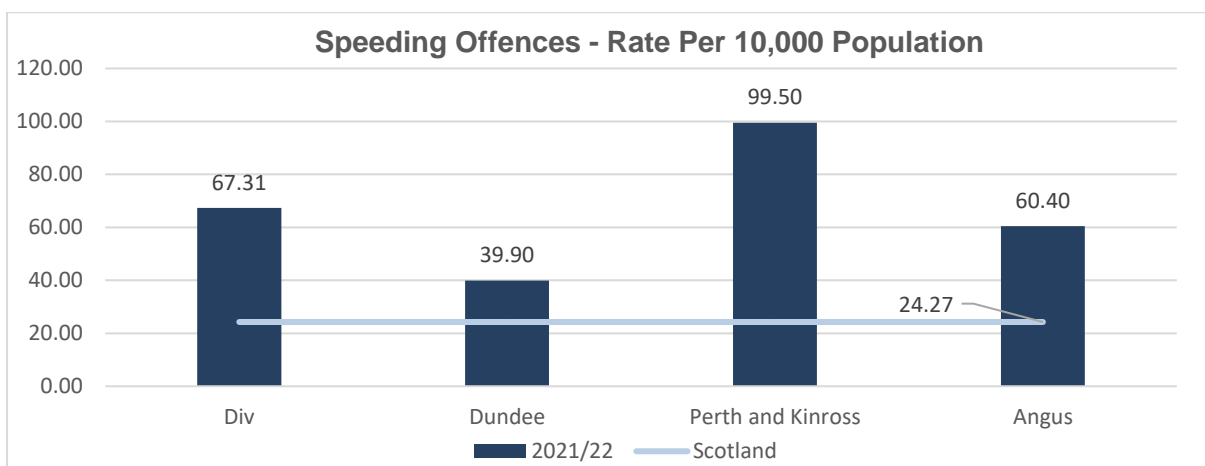
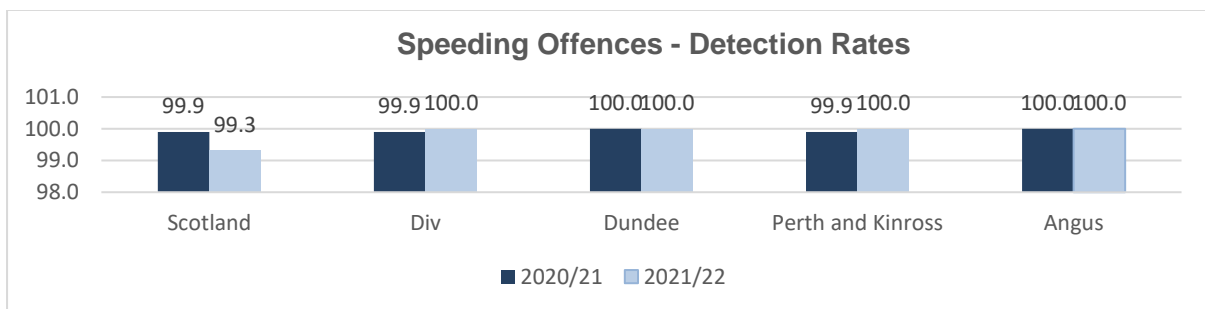
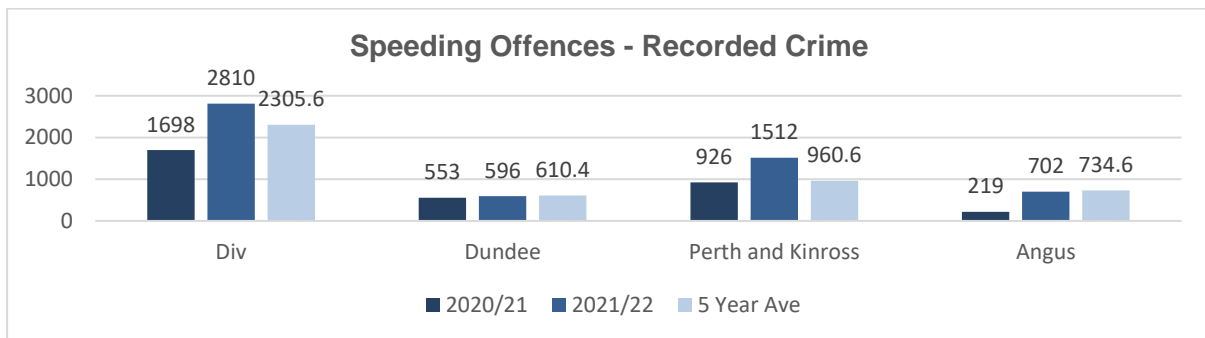
This is attributable to the focused operational activity, on not only the priority routes, but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

Divisionally Tayside has also experienced a significant increase with a total of 2810 offenders detected, this equates to a 65.5% increase compared to the same period the previous year.

It is considered reasonable to assume that the reduction in Covid-19 restrictions and a return to an increased number of vehicles on the road will again be a correlating factor for the significant increase.

Between the 19th July and 8th of August 2021, the national Speeding Campaign was held. This involved dedicated officers from the Road Policing Unit, Safety Camera Unit along with Divisional officers targeting areas throughout out Tayside Division. A number of offenders were detected with a variety of disposals utilised.

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



Drink/Drug Driving

Drink, Drug offences including failure to provide specimen of breath

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Angus LPA has experienced a 2.5% increase compared to the same period of last year.

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Across Tayside Division 366 Drink/drug driver detected for the period under review, this is a significant decrease of 10.3% comparable to the data from the previous year, which is extremely positive.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 657 breath tests year to date and conducted 143 drug wipes, 72 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.

Between 19 July & 8th August 2021, Police Scotland held the Summer Drink & Drug Drive Campaign which saw dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit and divisional officers specifically target road users who drive whilst under the influence.

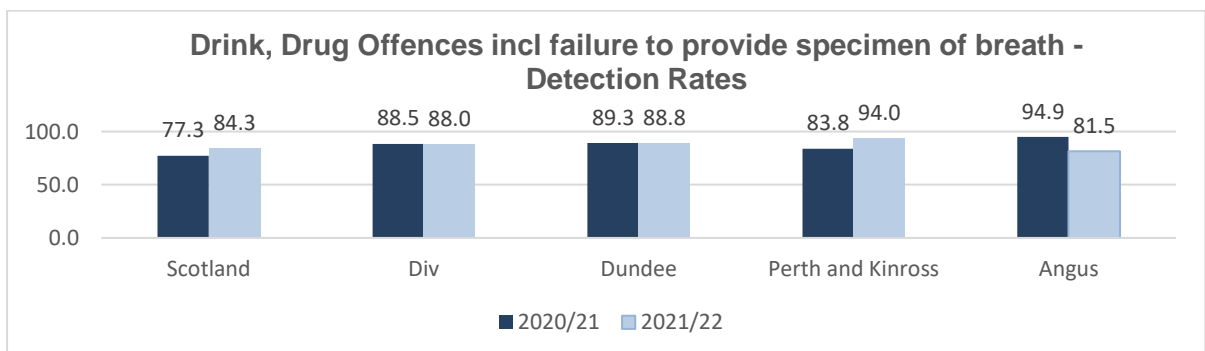
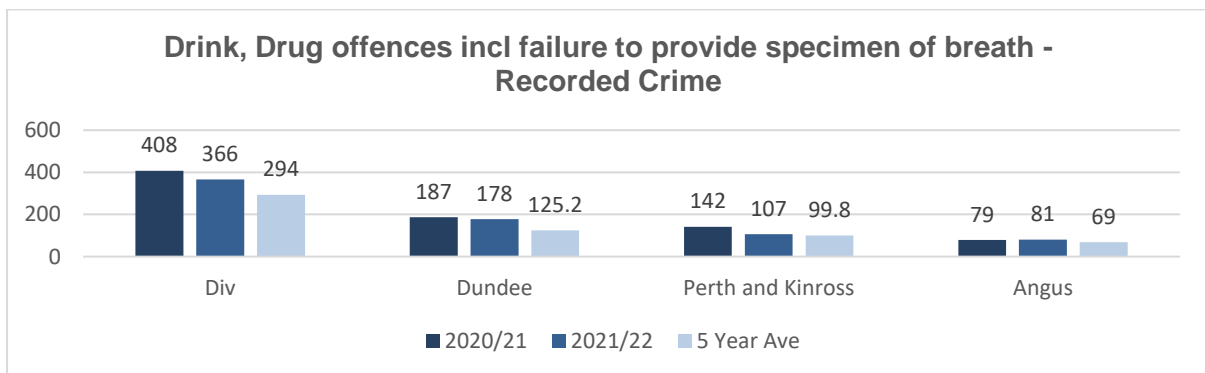
Focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offender's driving the morning after being under the influence.

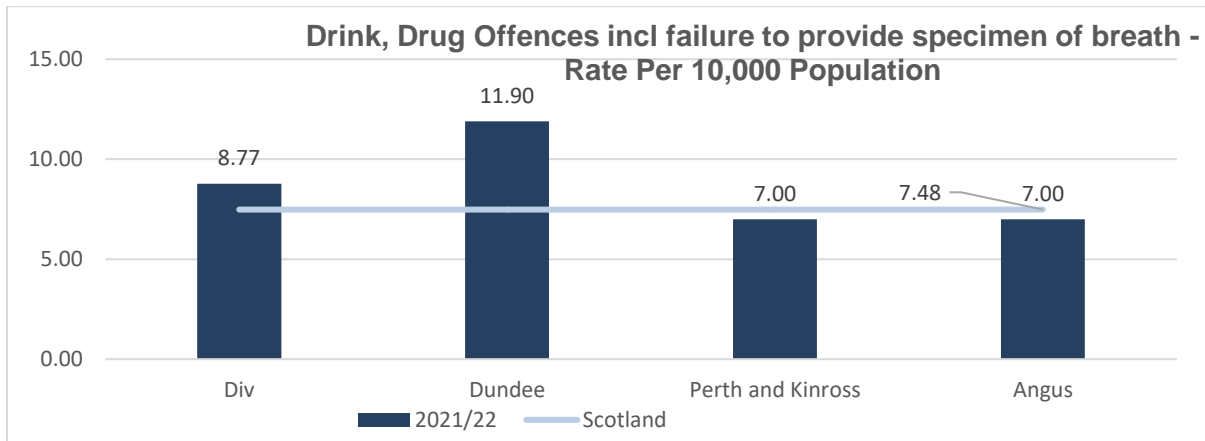
A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

During the period under review 81 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Angus area. This is a very slight increase compared to the previous year with a 2.5% increase.

Looking forward the winter drink/drug driving campaign commences on the 1 December 2021 and will be in place until January 2022.

Irrespective of Police campaigns and reinforcement through varying mediums, evidence suggests there are still a number of road users are continuing to drive whilst under the influence, which is completely unacceptable.





Careless Driving

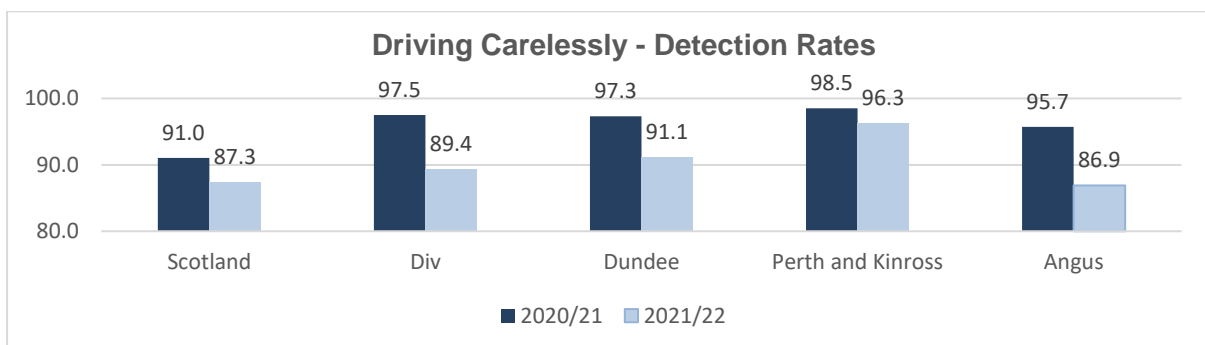
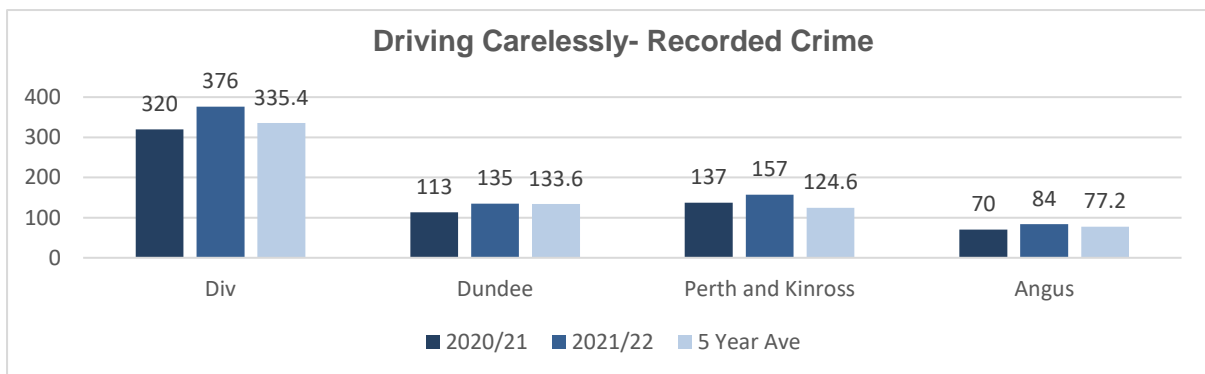
Angus LPA saw a 20% increase in relation to Careless driving compared to the same period last year.

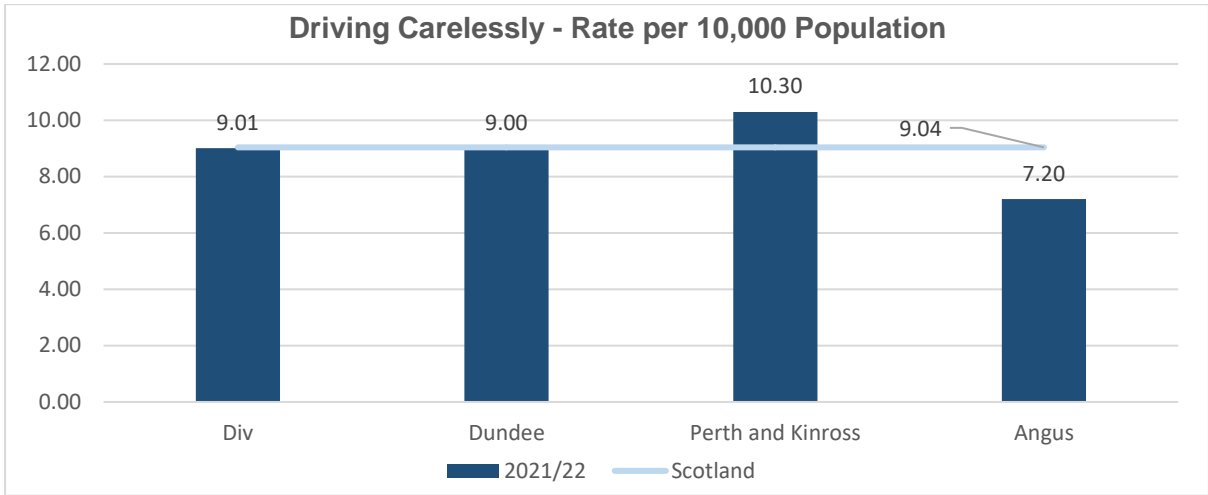
Part of the key to reducing Careless driving figures is to focus on Influencing driver and road user behaviour.

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

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

Many of the aforementioned priority routes run through Angus and these will continue to be a focus in Angus.







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

Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse remains a priority for the Division and all domestic incidents in Angus are subject of review, both by management and the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU). Priority is given to the arrest of any outstanding perpetrators, who are routinely traced and arrested within 24/48 hours of a crime being reported and we continue to work closely with partner agencies to ensure appropriate safeguarding measures are in place for victims.

The figures in the table below represent crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act (DASA) 2018.

The Division had seen an overall reduction in the number of DASA offences recorded with a marked reduction in Angus during the quarter 1 of 2021. However, the level of recorded DASA offences in Angus has now increased and has returned to a similar level to that of 2020/2021 (an increase of 2 crimes).

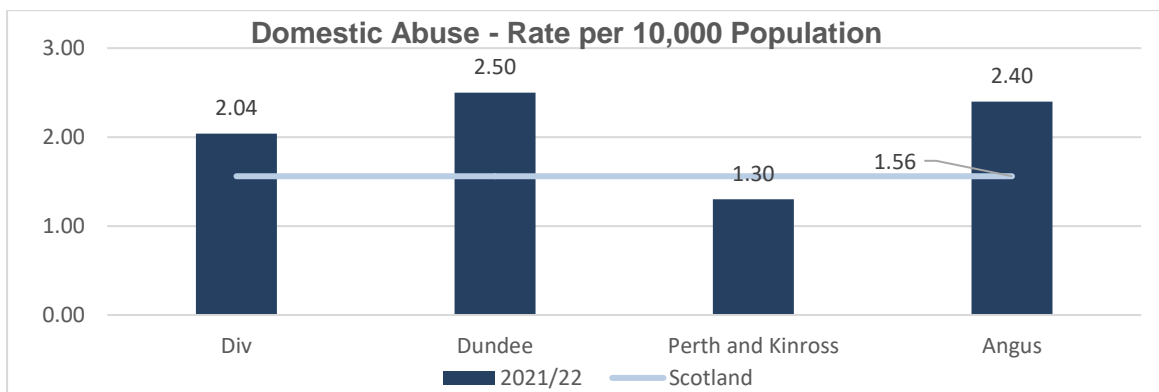
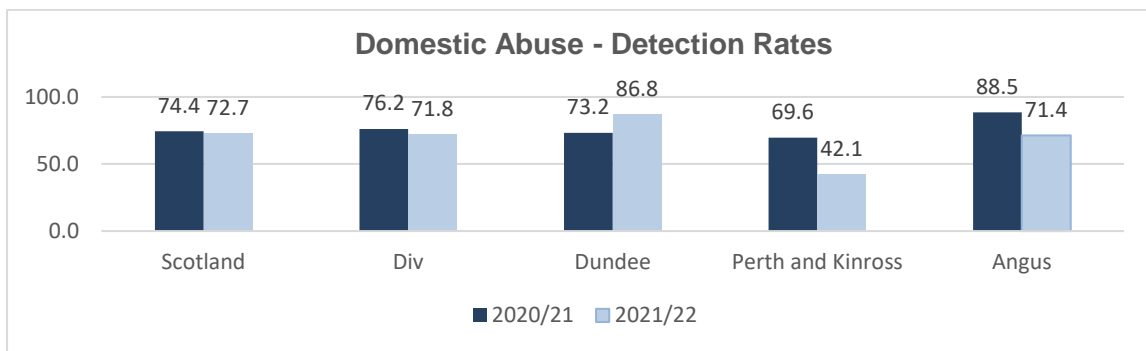
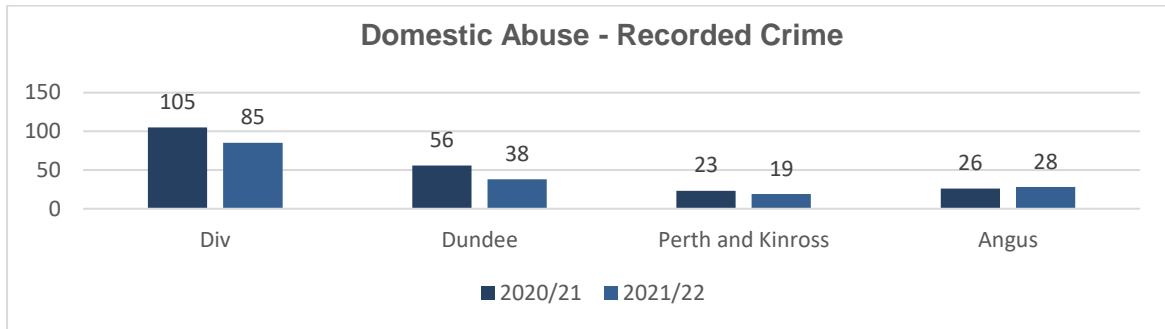
All Domestic crimes and incidents are subject to quality assurance checks by specially trained officers within the DAIU to ensure that DASA offences are correctly identified and robustly investigated in accordance with national guidance.

Detection rates for DASA offences continue to improve when compared to quarter 1 and are now broadly in line with both the Divisional and National averages.

A small number of DASA offences, which are undetected, remain under active investigation by Local Angus officers and colleagues from Specialist units, including the DAIU and the Domestic Abuse Task Force. A number of these outstanding enquiries form part of more complex investigations which can be protracted in nature.

Along with Dundee, Angus continues to experience high levels of Domestic Abuse incidents with the rate per 10,000 of population remaining above the national average.

Along with specialist departments, including the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and National Domestic Abuse Task Force, we continue to work with partner agencies to ensure safeguarding of victims and pursue every opportunity to target perpetrators and prevent further harm.



Hate Crime

Processes remain in place across the Division to monitor and review all Hate crimes and incidents to ensure these are being identified and recorded appropriately.

A daily review is carried out of Hate crimes/incidents to assist with identifying emerging trends and to allow 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.

The primary aims of this partnership activity is to increase hate awareness amongst groups and communities, the re-training of existing local Third Party Reporting Centres (TPRCs) continues as does identifying new premises and maintaining current Keep Safe premises within Tayside.

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A Partnership sergeant continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting online. This meeting was started as a result of the HMICS Hate Crime Review which commenced in 2020 and in 2021 HMICS provided a list of 15 recommendations for improvement. Inputs from attendees from all divisions on how each area deals with Hate Crime have been fed back into the Strategic Group. Further recommendations from the Strategic Group will be published in due course.

In September Preventions Officers attended a number of Fresher's events at Dundee & Angus College providing information about Hate Crimes / Incidents and Bystander awareness.

National Hate Crime awareness continues to be delivered locally using electronic material with little face to face promotion. Material has been shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres.

All Keep Safe premises in Tayside continue to be supported with regular contact provided by the SPOC.

Challenges

The local groups who had met previously prior to the COVID-19 pandemic have still not been meeting as often. However, we continue to share material online as a substitute to those important face to face meetings.

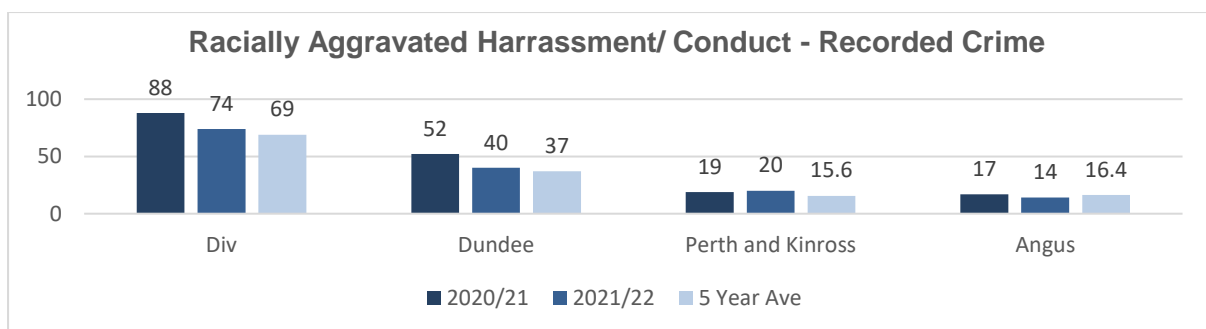
Hate Crime Awareness Week runs between 9th and 16th October 2021. The theme of this campaign highlights under reporting and encourages reporting of hate crime. This will be a social media led campaign.

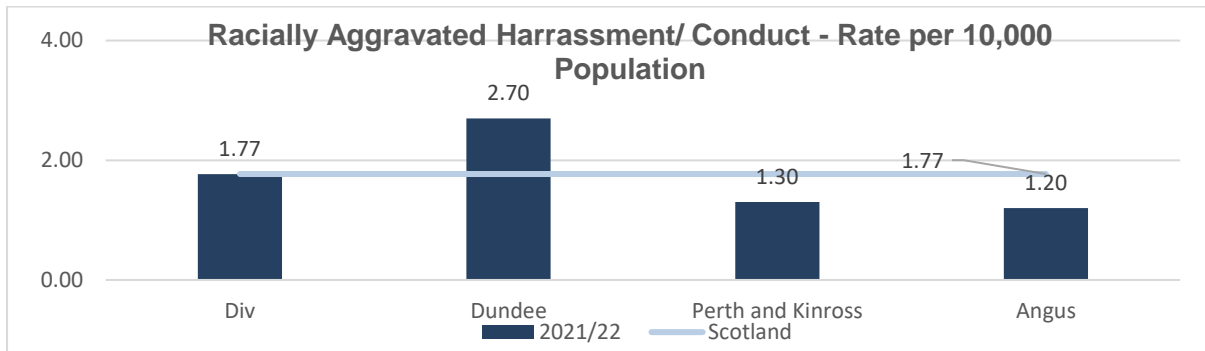
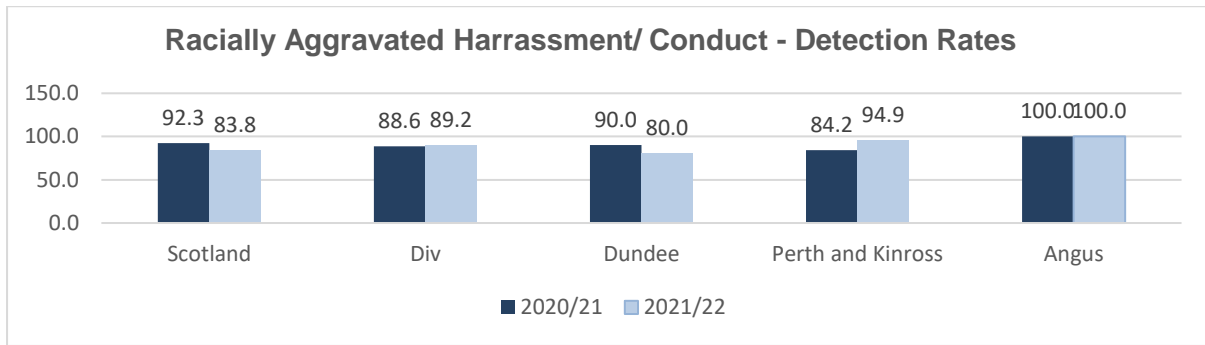
Angus

The number of hate crime and hate incidents in Angus has remained relatively stable, with a detection rate of 79.4%. The number of crimes and incidents reported in Angus remain the lowest in Tayside.

71% of crimes reported are racially aggravated. 23.2% relate to the Sexual Orientation characteristic.

We will continue to work with partners to raise awareness and to tackle hate crime in our communities.





Sexual Crime

The level of recorded crime for sexual offences in Angus is marginally higher than 2020/2021 (4 additional crimes).

The level of recorded crime for rape and attempted rape has plateaued this quarter following an upward trend during quarter 1 with recording rates now in line with 2020/2021.

Recording rates for all sexual offences, including rape and attempted rape remain below the 5 year averages.

As per previous reports, while we continue to record an increasing number of Group 2 crimes, including rape and attempted rape, many of these offences have occurred significantly out with the reporting period and are classed as non-recent (i.e. the offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to the police).

Analysis from September 2021 shows that, within the Division, 28% of all Group 2 crimes and 45% of all Rapes are non-recent in nature.

These statistics are borne out by a review of the rape/attempted rape crimes recorded during this reporting period with a significant number of the crimes recorded being non recent nature, with occurrence dates ranging from 1986 to 2019.

In a number of cases multiple crime reports have been raised in respect of one victim and in all of the cases the victim and perpetrator were known to each other prior to the offence taking place.

Results

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The detection rate for sexual crime is lower than 2020/21 and is marginally lower than both the Divisional and National averages.

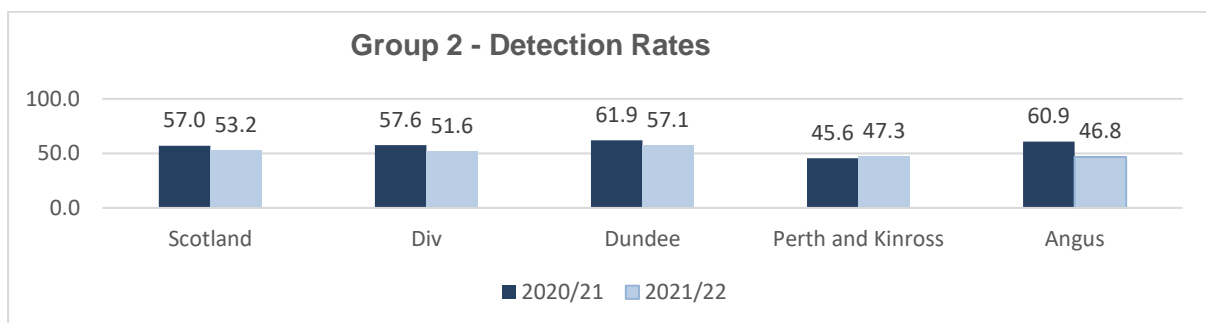
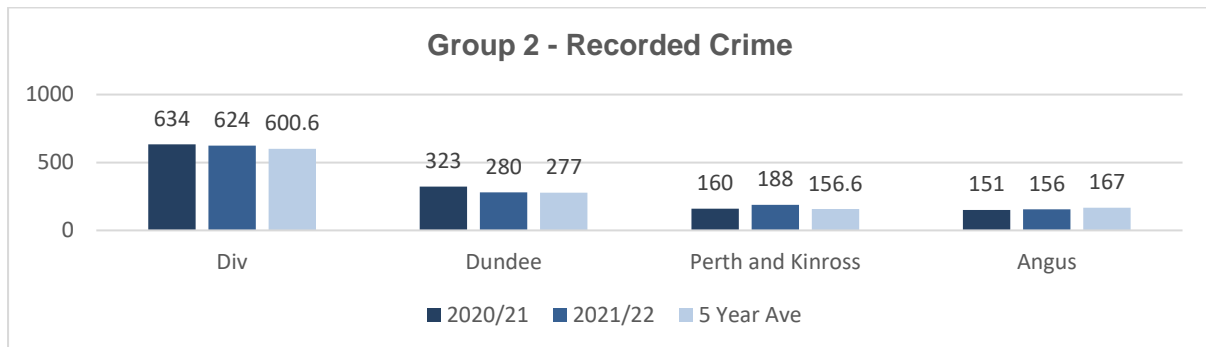
This reduction can be partly explained by the increasing levels of non-recent reports of sexual crime which tend to be more protracted in nature and take longer to bring to a conclusion.

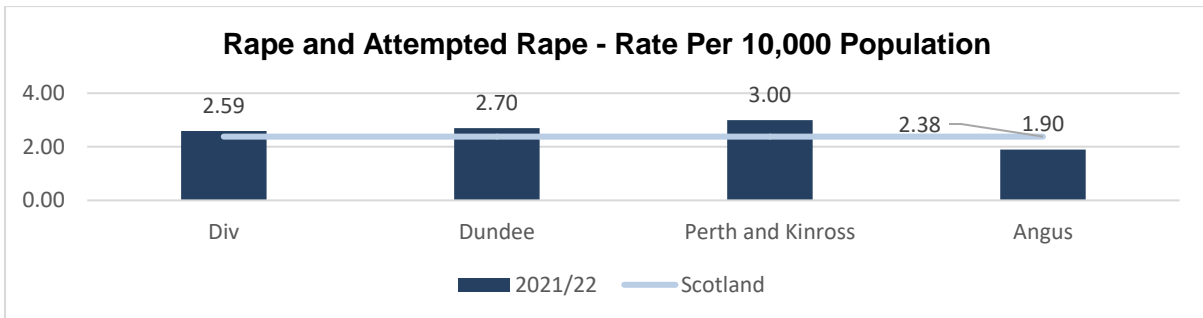
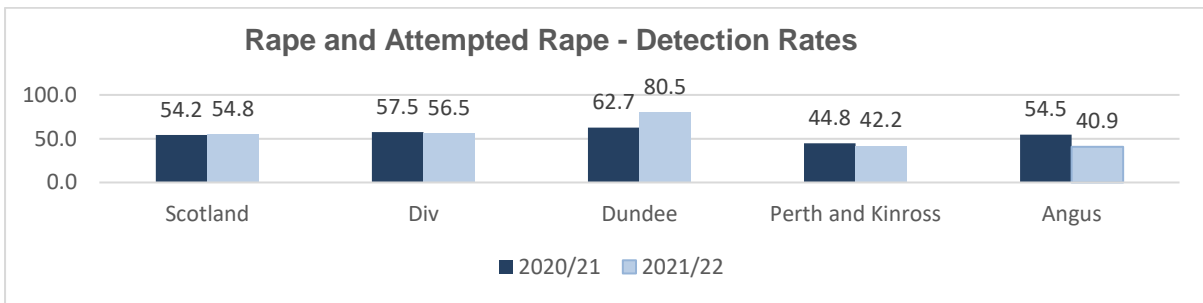
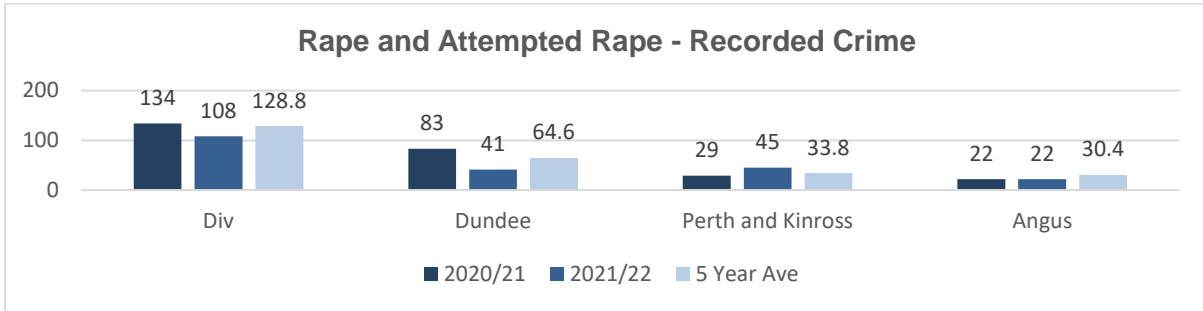
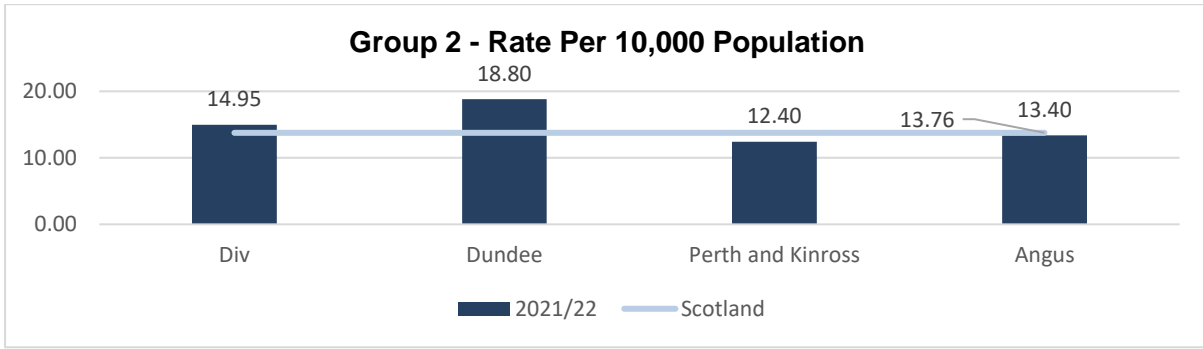
A number of the undetected crimes remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

All rape investigations are conducted by specially trained officers and are overseen by an experienced Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) and are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed. It is anticipated that the detection rate for rape will return to previous levels as these protracted investigations are brought to a conclusion and that this will be reflected in future reports.

Challenges

As outlined above, almost a third of all sexual crime is non-recent in nature. This presents challenges as investigations are more protracted and evidence which may provide corroboration may have been lost due to the passage of time. As previously reported, Tayside Division created a dedicated team to deal with non-recent sexual offences and we continue to ensure that victims are offered the support of partner agencies throughout and after the enquiry.







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

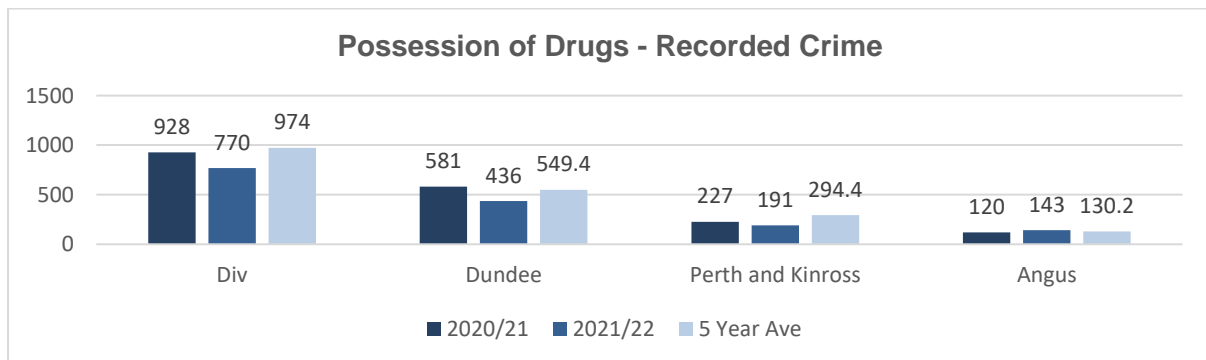
Targeting drug crime remains a priority in Angus. It is important that we understand the link between drug crime and drug use with other types of criminality and vulnerability in our communities.

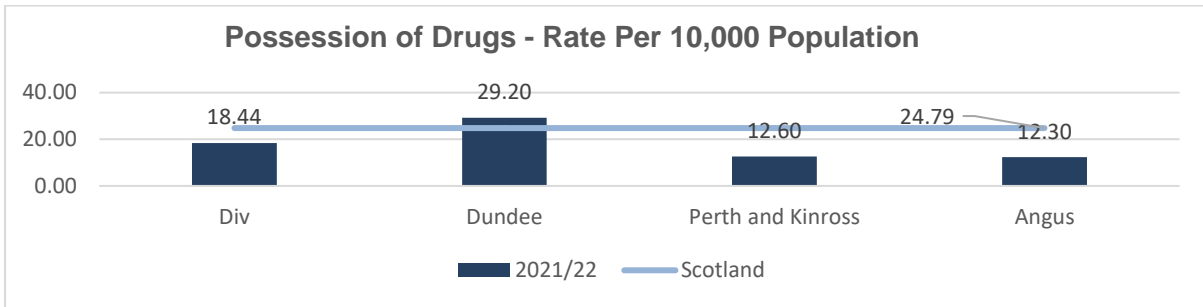
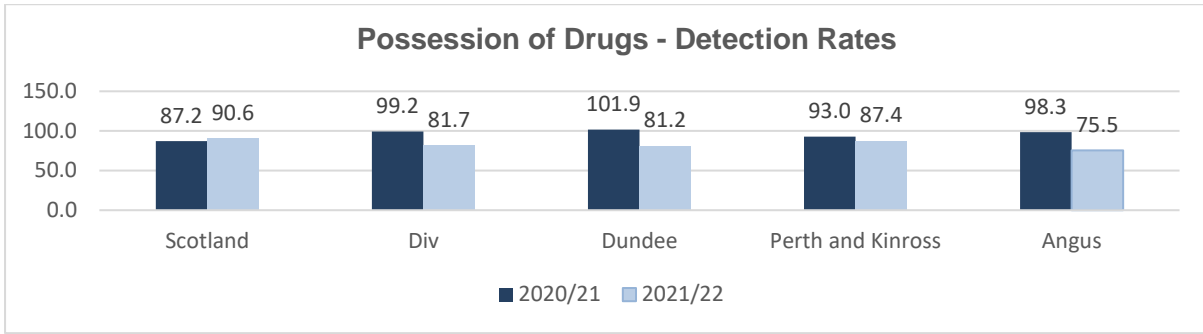
We continue to work with partners to identify those people who would benefit from supports, with the hope that this will reduce vulnerability and prevent criminality in Angus.

Possession of Drugs

There has been a slight rise in the number of crimes recorded for Possession of Drugs in comparison to this time last year, and the 5 year average, however Angus still remains below the numbers recorded in other areas of Tayside.

The higher drug possession figures are considered to be a positive reflection of the effective use of drug-related intelligence.



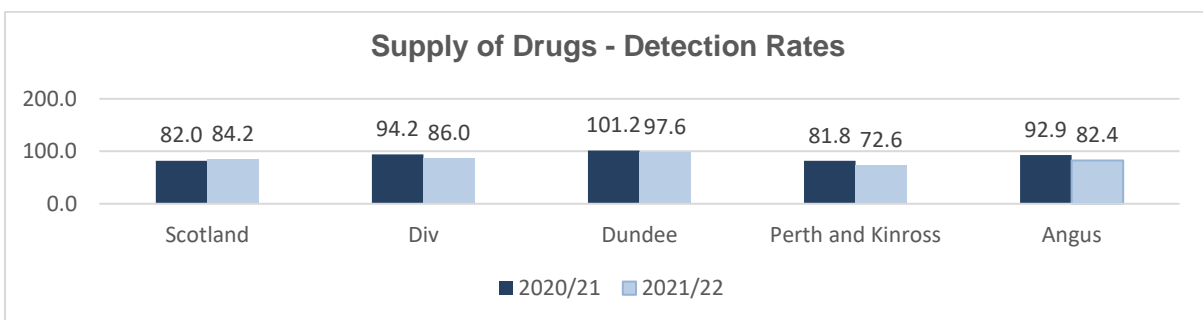
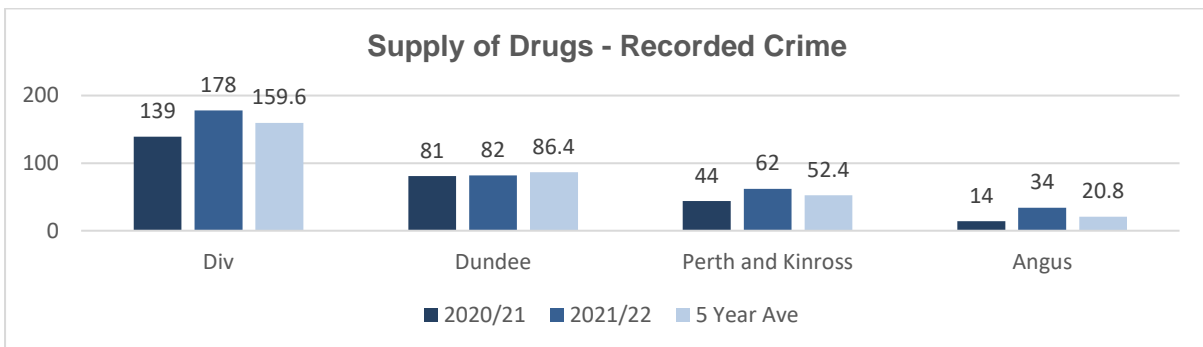


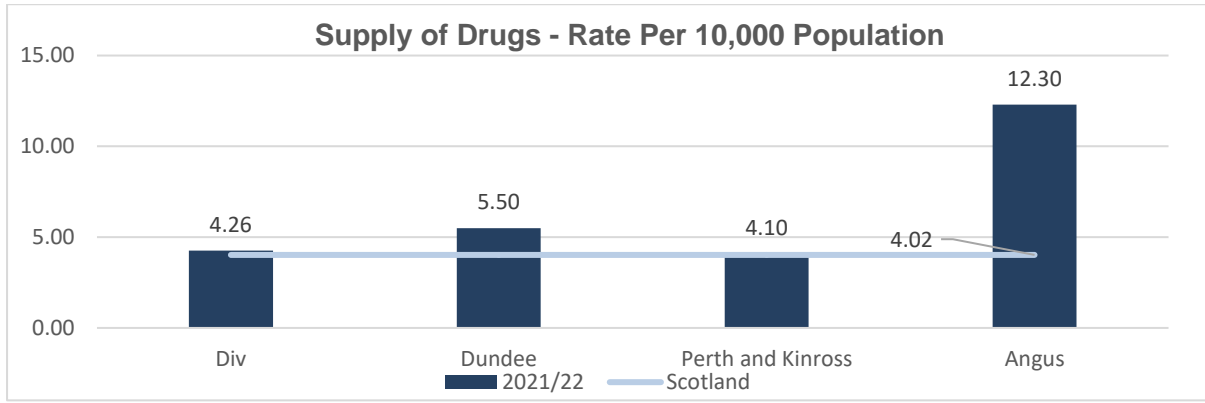
Supply of Drugs

Similar to possession of drugs, a slight rise in the number of crimes recorded for Supply of drugs in comparison to this time last year, and the 5 year average. Again, Angus still remains below the numbers recorded in other areas of Tayside.

We will continue to prioritise intelligence received regarding those persons who are responsible for exploiting vulnerable people in our communities by supplying controlled drugs.

During this period there have been two cannabis cultivations detected, with two people being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for each cultivation. These cultivations have been valued at £43,200 and £27,000.







**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.

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL this means that a terrorist attack is likely.

Due to restrictions over the previous quarter, contact has been maintained predominately with businesses and partners by electronic briefings and telephone contact.

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. D Division has recruited 7 new LCLO's which now brings its cadre of LCLO's to 24. A training day has been arranged for the new recruits in December 2021.

CONTEST members are currently reviewing in house training to allow CTLO/PDU and CTLO/CTSA to review future training needs and to compile a WRAP network.

Awareness raising literature has been distributed to LCLO's and CONTEST partners with regard to the Netmums/Counter Terrorism Policing campaign and also PROTECT

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bulletin regarding post lockdown security. Briefing to LCLO's with regard to Border Policing Command updates and intelligence requirements.

In July a Multi-Agency CONTEST Board meeting was held with representation from Police, Local Authorities, SFRS, Scottish Government, SPS, Forth Port, SAS and education. This multi-agency meeting is an opportunity for partners to discuss CONTEST related issues and the local CONTEST delivery plan. Scottish Government provided the Annual Overview Product to the group which provided information on the Scottish threat overview, Scottish threat and risk – north regional assessment, Scottish CT control strategy and priority thematics, strategic prevent/prepare/protect priorities in Scotland, Prevent referral details and local implementation and reporting for Local Contest Groups. The AOP was shared with all members as this document supports the delivery of the Contest Strategy in Scotland in line with the Scottish Contest Delivery Framework.

CTLO completed a Safer Communities Course which allows her to now carry out security surveys at residential and commercial properties.

CTLO/CTSA carried out an additional security survey at a MSP's home address due to ongoing incident whereby he was receiving threats and recommendations were provided.

CTLO has made contact with all MSP's (OP SANDBED) and MP's (OP BRIDGER) to clarify details and continue engagement. CTLO has completed one constituency office visit to a MSP and one teams meeting with a MSP to meet the MSP and their staff. This allowed for an opportunity to discuss the role of the CTLO, any issues the MSP's were having and also a review of security. CTLO has further meetings arranged with other MSP's/MP's over the next few months.

Briefing to D Division Inspectors with regard to a D Division Prevent nominal and the PMAP process.

CTLO has assisted CT intelligence and CT investigations with regard to two incidents.

OP LIGHTING briefing disseminated to Divisional Inspectors and Sergeants and added to the bulletin in order to make officers aware of the importance of investigating suspicious actions or sightings at or near to any prominent or vulnerable structure of building.

Ongoing review and update by CTLO of OP SOUND – move to critical plan.

CONTEST Multi Agency Exercise planning group has been created and is now planning an exercise in January 2022.

CT Governance group meeting held via TEAMS with representatives from all D Division Police Scotland strands of CONTEST and CT Intelligence/Investigations, CTSA's, PDU and CT Planning.

CTLO has completed ACT Awareness Input and can now deliver ACT training.



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:

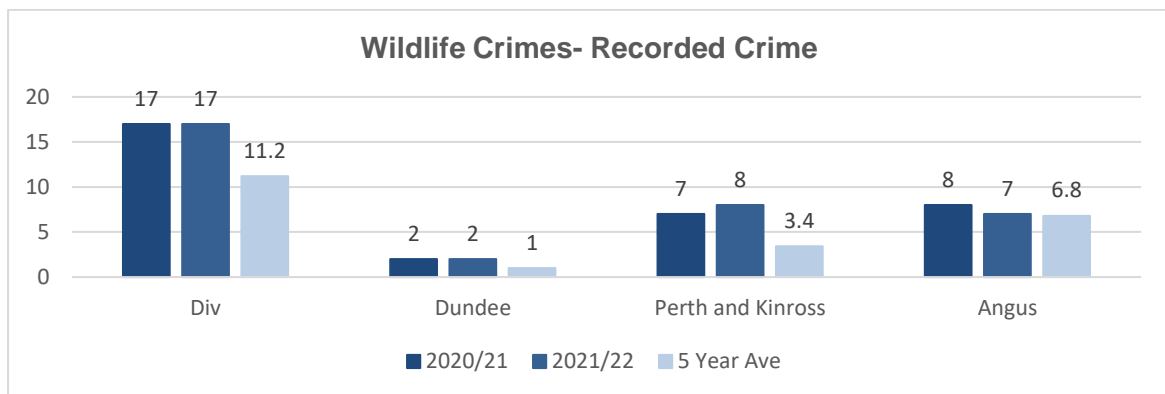
- *The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery*

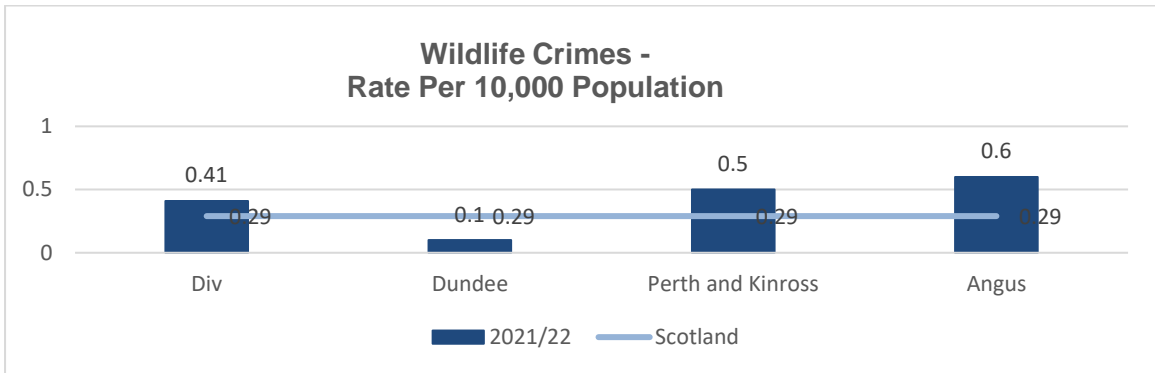
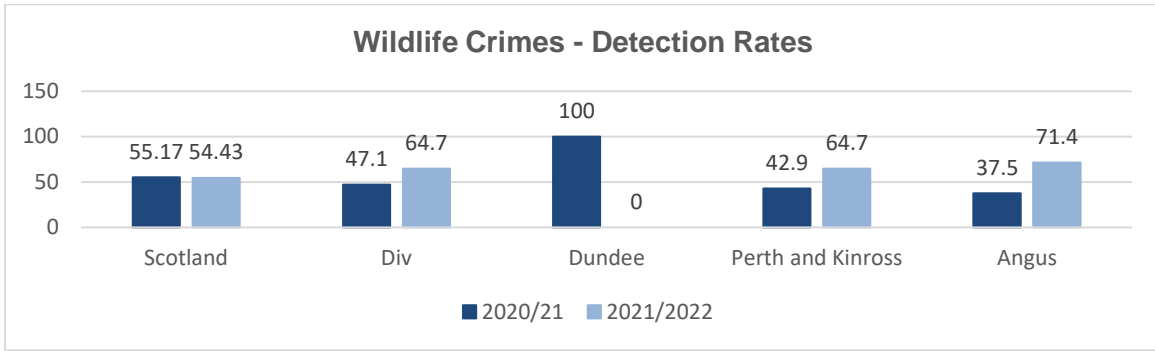
Wildlife Crime is any act that is made illegal in Scotland under legislation with regard to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea.

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.

The community policing team in Forfar have been working with response officers during this reporting period, to develop intelligence surrounding persons and locations routinely involved in hare coursing. This information was used to identify suitable locations for a Hare coursing Day of Action, to be held jointly between our Wildlife Crime Officer and our Roads Policing Unit.

Other such investigations during this period include a complex case involving potential badger baiting and traps set. Fortunately, investigations revealed that there was no criminality, however this was a good opportunity to develop local officers' awareness and knowledge of investigating such crimes.





Other Key Activity

Licensing

Between 1st July 2021 and 30th September 2021, the Angus Licensing Team have processed 290 licence applications for the Angus LPA.

This number of applications included applications for occasional licenses to allow premises to have additional outdoor areas in response to the COVID-19 restrictions.

During this quarter there were 47 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises within the Angus LPA.

Between the local Policing teams and officers from the divisional licensing team there were 72 inspections carried out.

In general, licensed premises across the local policing area have positively observed the restrictions placed on them and have worked closely with Police Scotland Licensing Officers.

There has been no single premises identified as problematic however this continues to be monitored.

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-Sept) ¹

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	284	263	-7.4%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	424	402	-5.2%
Off Duty Allegations	3	1	-66.7%
On Duty Allegations	362	272	-24.9%
Quality of Service Allegations	59	129	118.6%

¹ Data is correct as at 30/09/2021.

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 Period³

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons)²					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FORCE / SCOTLAND	5 347 600	5 373 000	5 404 700	5 424 800	5 438 100	5 463 300
Tayside	413 800	415 040	415 470	416 090	416 080	417 470
Angus	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 280	116 040	116 200
Dundee City	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 710	148 750	149 320
Perth & Kinross	148 930	149 930	150 680	151 100	151 290	151 950

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.