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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

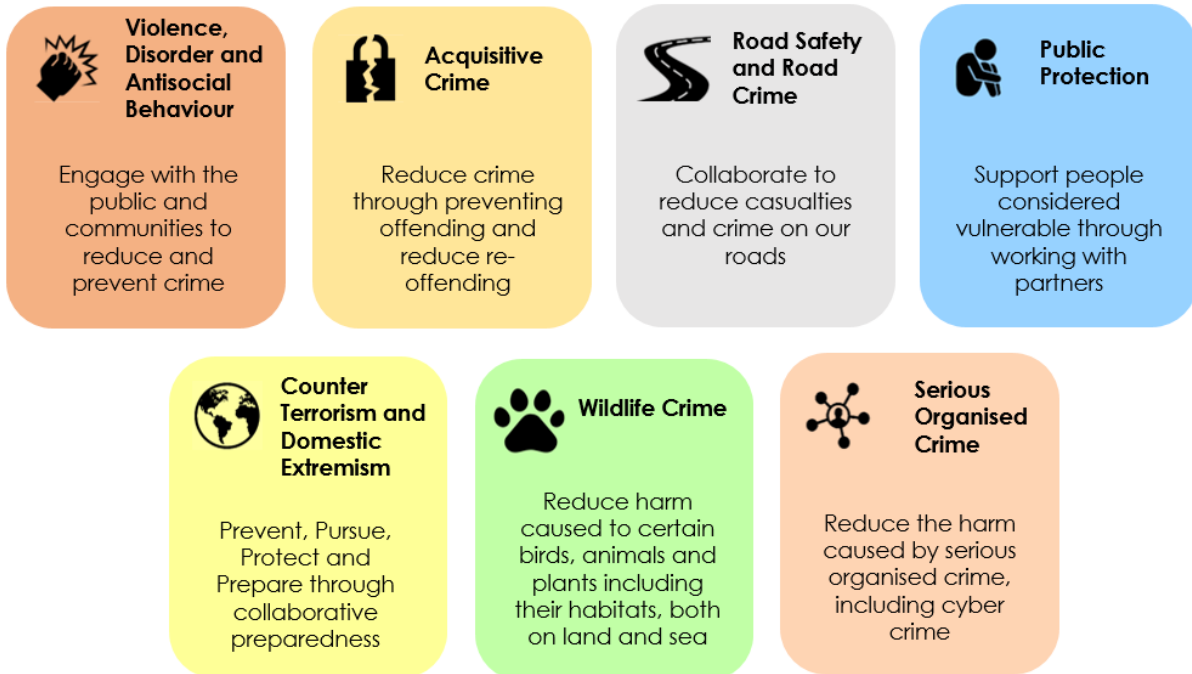
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus Council and will report to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

Performance in relation to the identified policing objectives and outcomes is monitored and reviewed at the monthly Tasking and Delivery Meeting. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020 and 1 April 2021 to 31 December 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.





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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 2021 to 31st December 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 33 84.8	20/21 19 73.7	20/21 743 75.6
21/22 38 78.9	21/22 32 68.8	21/22 869 69.9
% +/- ↑15.2% ↓-5.9%	% +/- ↑68.4% ↓-4.9%	% +/- ↑17% ↓-5.8%
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 50 100	20/21 40 22.5	20/21 104 51
21/22 83 100	21/22 60 23.3	21/22 173 39.3
% +/- ↑66% -	% +/- ↑50% ↑0.8%	% +/- ↑66.3% ↓-11.7%
Acquisitive Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes Detect %	Off. Detect %	Off. Detect %
20/21 129 14	20/21 588 100	20/21 114 94.7
21/22 206 15	21/22 1019 100	21/22 104 85.6
% +/- ↑59.7% ↑1.1%	% +/- ↑73.3% -	% +/- ↓-8.8% ↓-9.2%
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 3 N/A	20/21 35 N/A	20/21 29 65.5
21/22 3 N/A	21/22 40 N/A	21/22 38 44.7
% +/- - /	% +/- ↑14.3% /	% +/- ↑31% ↓-20.8%
Public Protection	Serious Organised Crime	Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 218 60.6	20/21 22 90.9	20/21 177 94.4
21/22 257 56.4	21/22 36 88.9	21/22 178 80.3
% +/- ↑17.9% ↓-4.1%	% +/- ↑63.6% ↓-2.0%	% +/- ↑0.6% ↓-14%

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Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime

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

- *Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities*

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

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

This has been a challenging period for policing, our partners and our communities.

At the end of November 2021 we witnessed Storm Arwen which brought significant issues due to power cuts, damage to properties etc. We worked together with our partners to assist the most vulnerable people in our communities and to assist with providing messaging and support to those who needed it through the excellent resilience partnership in Angus.

During this period some restrictions were re-introduced due to the concerns regarding the Omicron Covid-19 variant. Although the impact for policing was minimal, there was an increase in staff absence as a result of isolation and illness.

Despite the new variant, we saw a more "normal" festive period than last year with our local night-time economy and with people being able to socialise. Unfortunately some of our local festive events were cancelled due to Storm Arwen and Omicron.

This continues to be a very different reporting period to the same time last year, making the comparison with numbers from last year very difficult. As such we continue to consider the 5 year average as a useful and informative comparison tool.

Although the number of Serious Assaults and Assaults have risen, both remain below the 5 year average.

The number of Robberies in Angus has increased however the increase has reduced this quarter in comparison to the increase seen in Quarters 1 and 2.

Violent crime continues to be a priority in Angus with a clear focus on ensuring that those responsible are identified and brought to justice.

Through sharing information and ongoing liaison with the Local Authority ASB Team, Police and partners maintain their focus on taking robust and appropriate action in relation to tenants involved in anti-social behaviour.

Monthly multi-agency meetings remain in place to discuss repeat locations, problematic addresses and persons involved in ASB ensuring a collaborative and consistent approach is maintained in addressing these issues.

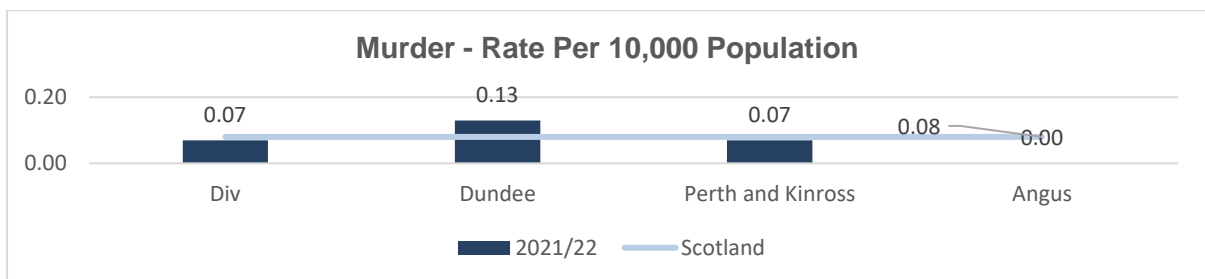
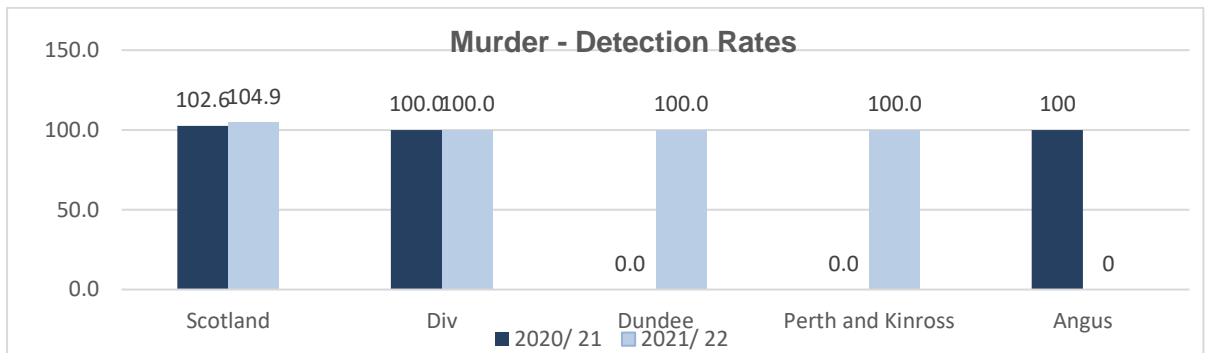
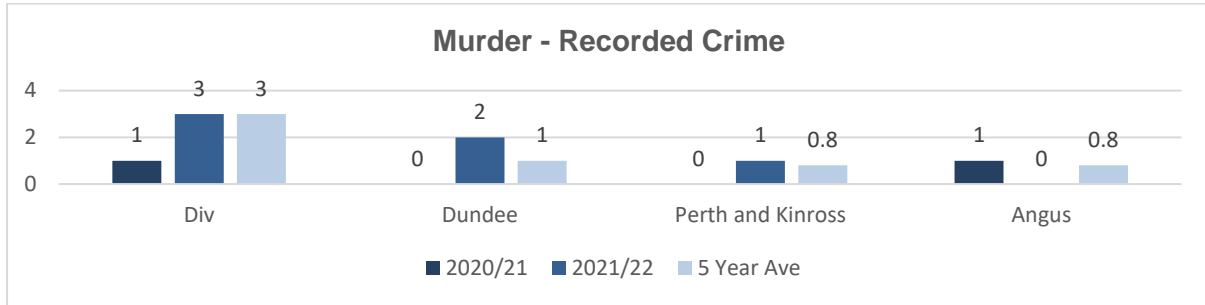
Through this, a problem tenant was recently identified, their behaviour involving ASB and criminality was causing continuous nuisance and fear to their neighbours.

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Robust action was taken by Police and several partner agencies identifying all areas of concern. Appropriate intervention is now in place with tenant temporarily moved to another address and now engaging for support with partner agencies.

Murder

There have been no murders during this reporting period.



Attempted Murder

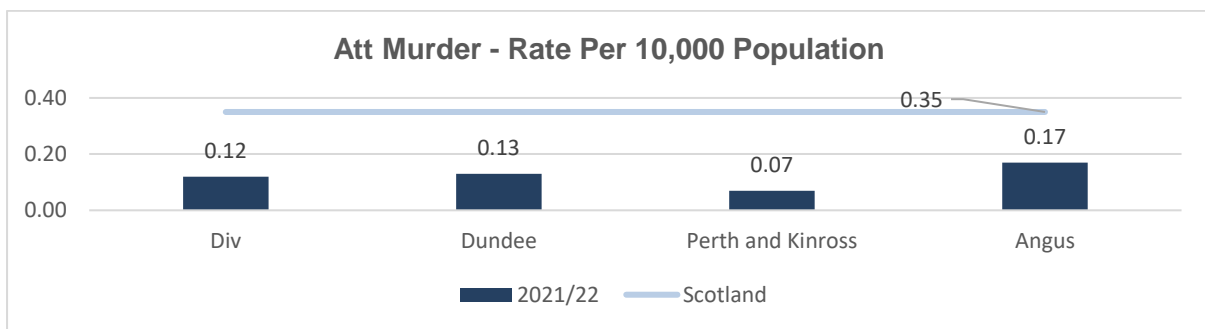
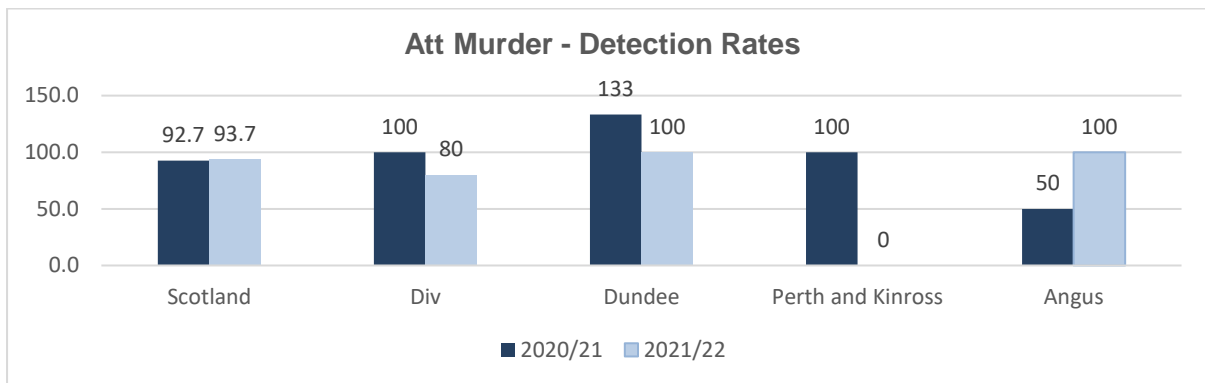
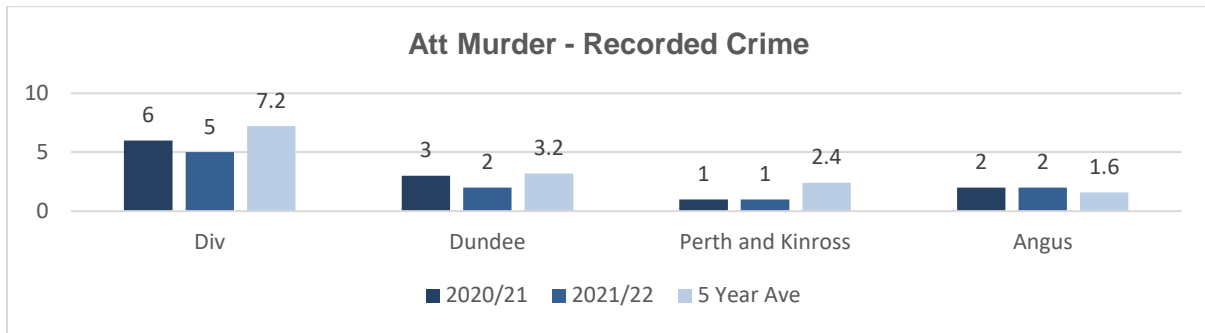
There has been one Attempted Murder during this reporting period.

This incident involved a 37 year old male victim who was attacked in his house following an argument. The victim sustained a serious injury however he is expected to make a full recovery.

A 20 year old male was subsequently arrested and charged in connection with the incident. This was both an isolated and rare incident.

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

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Serious Assault

There have been 10 Serious Assaults recorded during the last reporting period. Of these, 2 crimes remain undetected although enquiry is still being made into these incidents.

There has been an unwelcome increase in the number of Serious Assaults compared to last year, which is in keeping with the pattern across Tayside. Despite the increase of 5 crimes compared to last year, the figure remains below the 5 year average and it remains the lowest across the Division.

One of these crimes involved a police officer who sustained a significant break to his leg during the apprehension of a male whilst on duty. The officer is still recovering and is absent from work. He continues to receive support from his line management, colleagues and the Scottish Police Federation.

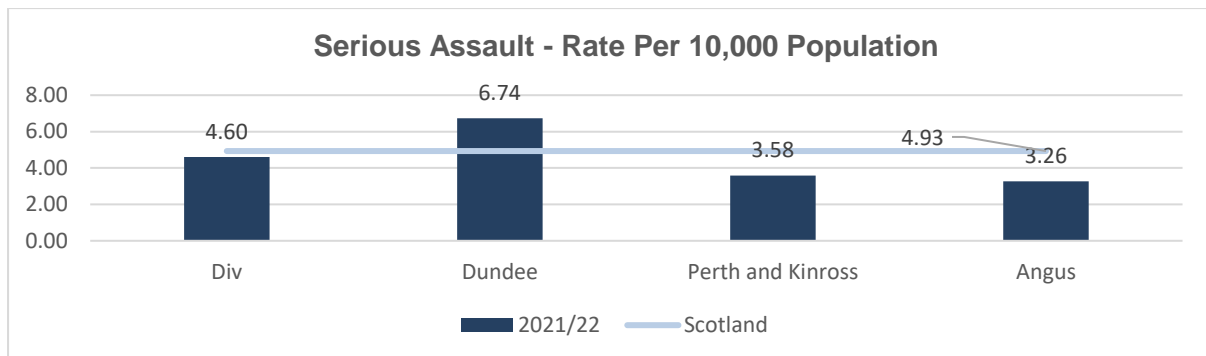
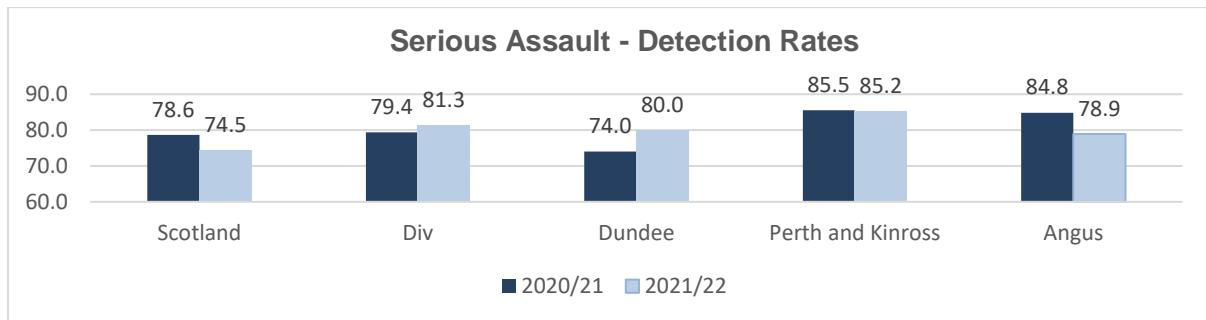
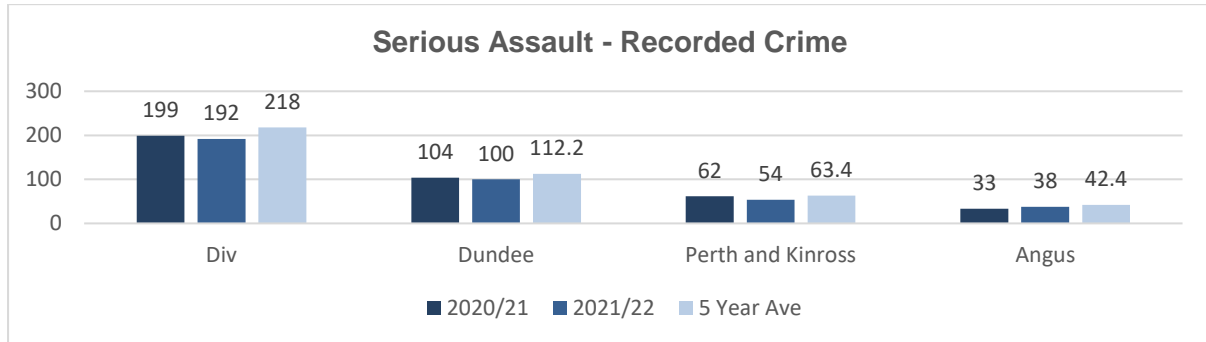
As with previous reporting periods, the majority of the serious assaults involve victims and perpetrators who are known to each other and have involved persons under the influence of both alcohol and drugs.

Some of these incidents have proven very challenging to investigate as a result of a lack of engagement from some of the people involved.

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CID continue to carry out review and investigation into every reported crime of serious assault.

In Angus we continue to focus on opportunities to prevent violent crime. This includes prioritising investigations into violent crime and the subsequent apprehension of violent perpetrators.



Common Assault

Although the number of Common Assaults reported is higher than last year, it remains below the 5 year average.

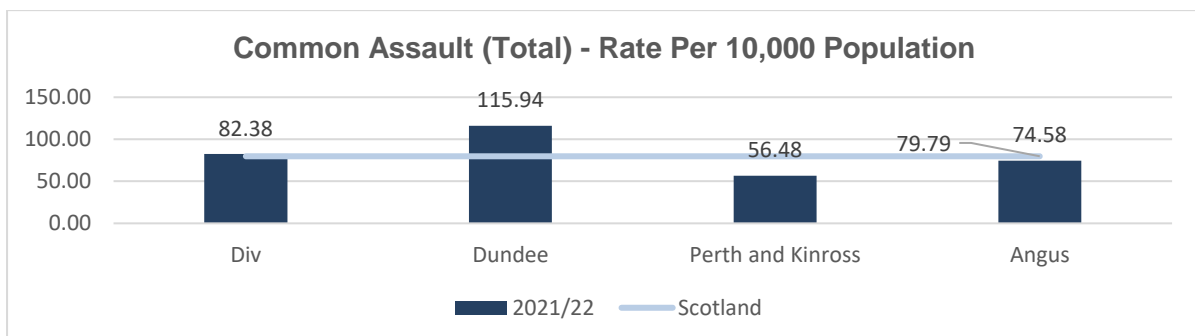
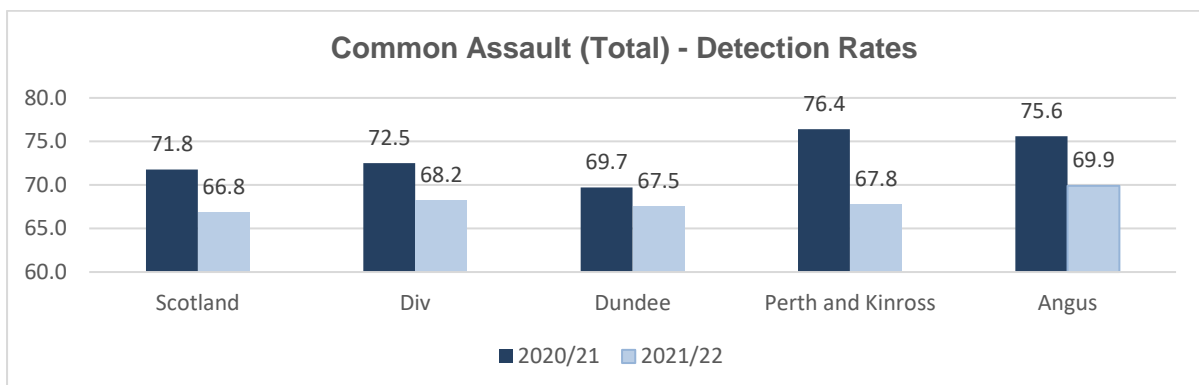
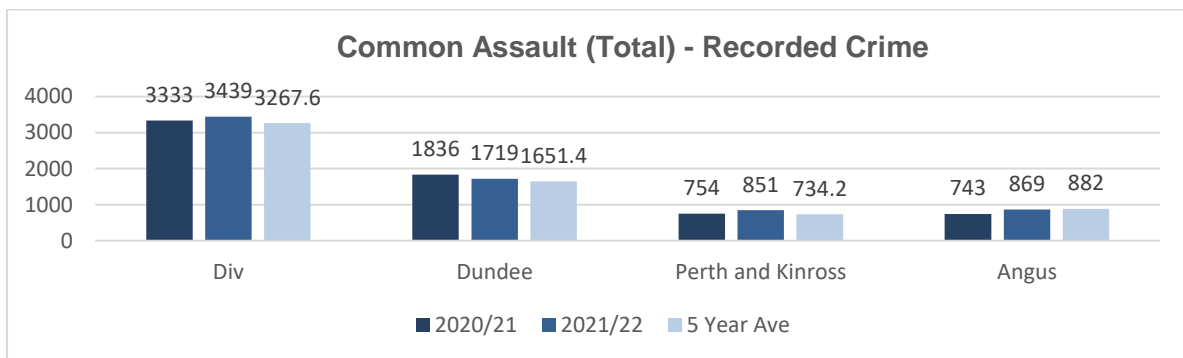
Although the number of number of assaults against Emergency Workers is highlighted separately, the Common Assault (Total) number includes the 83 assaults against Emergency Workers, as well as all Domestic assaults.

It is concerning to note that there continues to be a rise in the number of assaults against Emergency Workers in Angus, which is reflected across the Division, and indeed Nationally across the country.

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Nationally, Chief Constable Iain Livingstone QPM has outlined his commitment to reduce the impact of violence and to improve the safety of officers and staff in his Your Safety Matters Assault Pledge. The Your Safety Matters group, which includes staff associations, unions, experts from across the Service and supported by the Lord Advocate and the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, is undertaking an end-to-end strategic review of all violence and abuse towards officers and staff.

Within Tayside, there is analytical work being carried out regarding this to look at ways to ensure and improved understanding and to continue to increase the safety of our officers and staff.



Robbery

There have been 32 crimes relating to Robbery recorded during this reporting year, which is a significant increase compared to last year, and indeed the 5 year average.

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The increase is accounted for by a spike in the number of incidents at the start of the year, however this has now reduced in this quarter and appears to have returned to more "normal" levels.

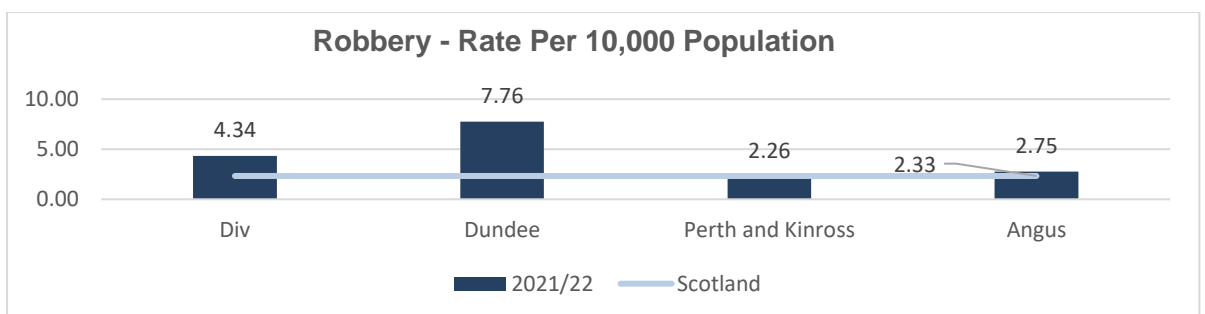
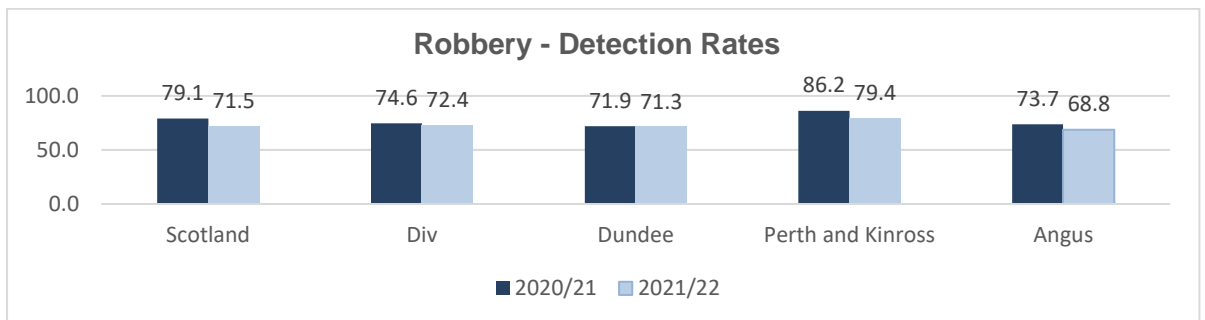
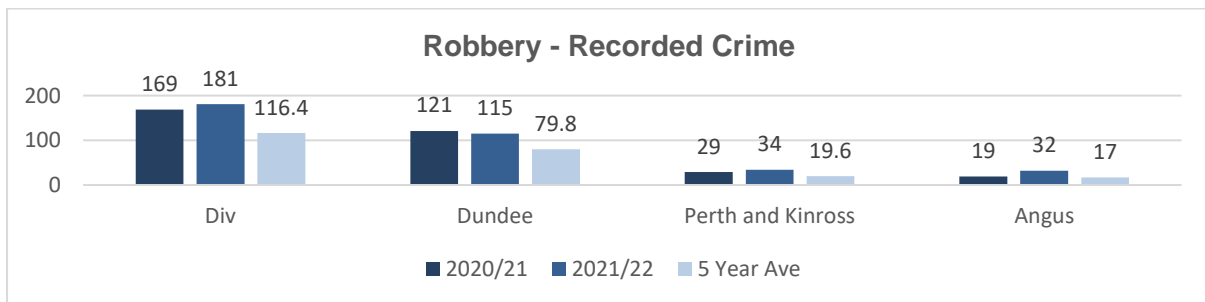
As with some of the other crimes, in a vast majority of these cases, the victim and perpetrator are known to each other.

As with other crime types, on occasions whereby either the victim or perpetrator, or both, have additional vulnerabilities, a priority is ensuring that safety plans are discussed with the victims, and that the information is shared appropriately with our partners so that support opportunities can be explored.

The robberies reported in Angus have been committed across commercial, public and residential settings and there is no apparent trend or link to these crimes.

In Angus we continue to utilise the Divisional Robbery Action Plan to work towards reducing the instances of Robberies in Angus, The focus is to ensure all opportunities to prevent, disrupt and deter offenders is maximised whilst working with partners to ensure a victim centred approach to victims.

CID continue to have oversight of all Robberies and conduct regular reviews of those currently undetected.

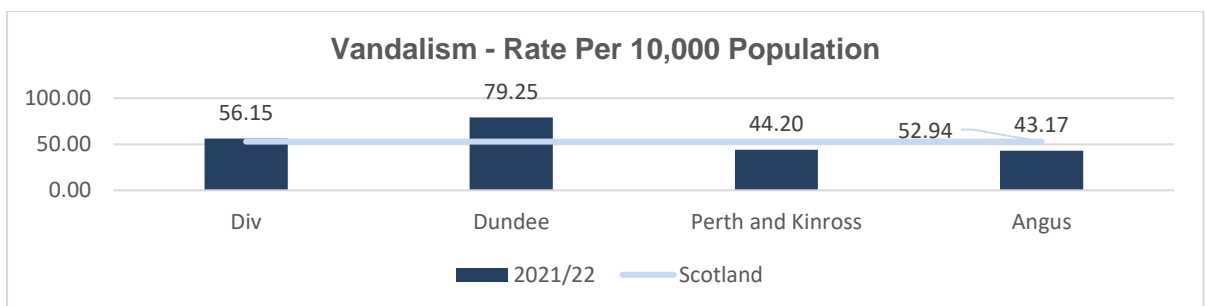
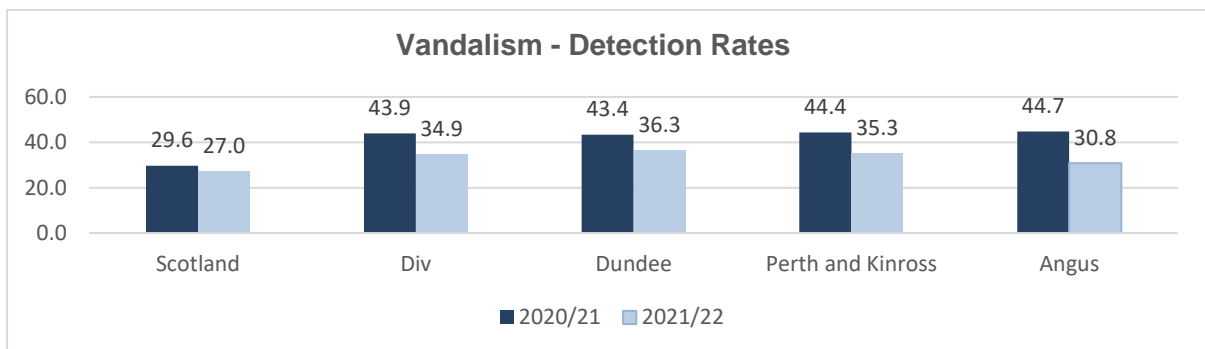
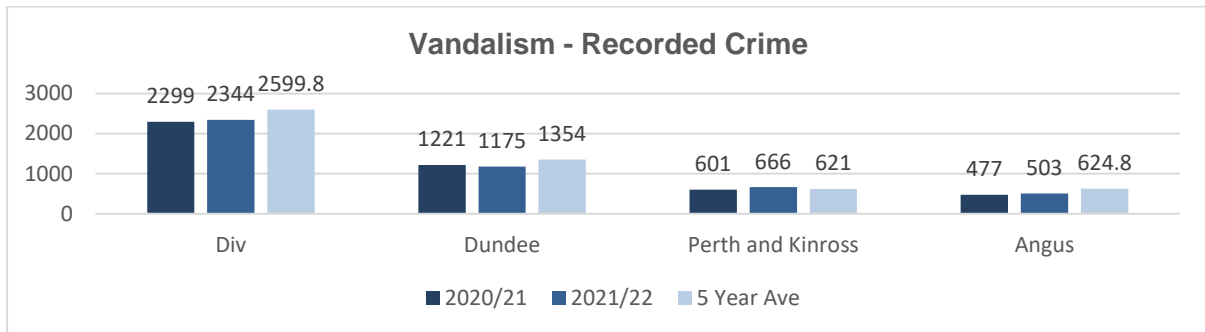


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Vandalism

There has been a slight increase in the number of vandalism reported in comparison to last year however this is below the 5 year average and remains the lowest in Tayside.

There is no particular trend or pattern identified in relation to the crimes reported and they continue to be sporadic in nature and location.



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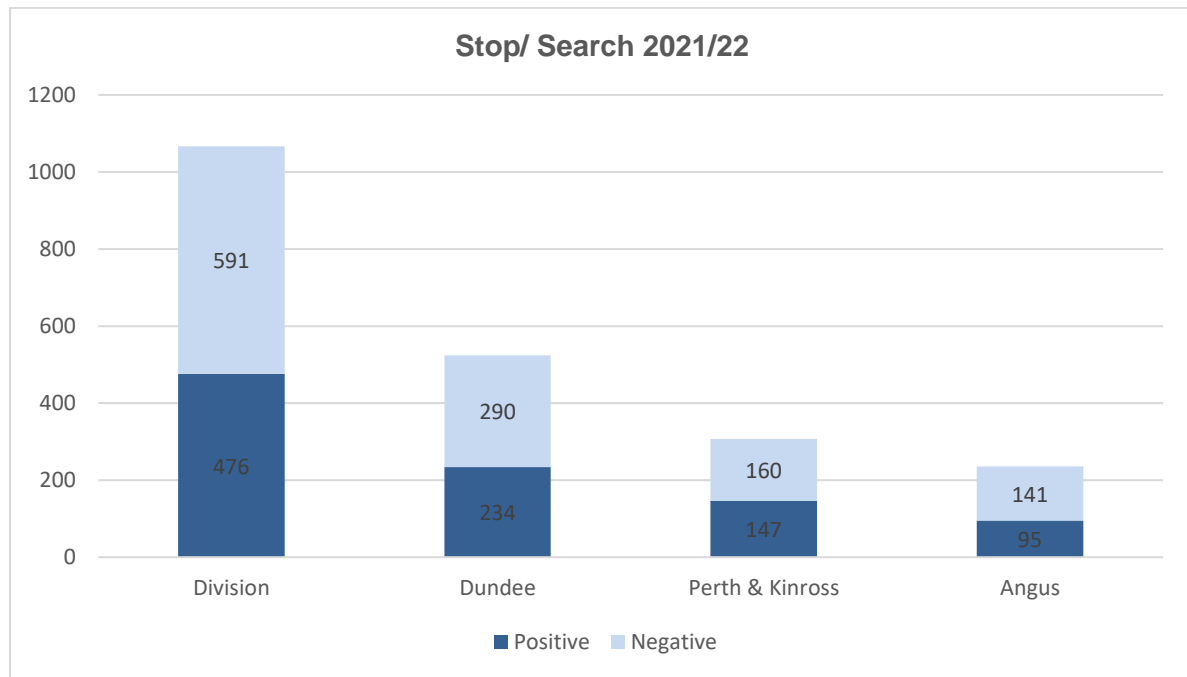
Measure – Stop Search

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.

In the reporting period 236 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 95 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 40.3%.

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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Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending

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Overall Acquisitive Crime within Angus has increased in comparison to last year, in keeping with the pattern across the Division.

There are significant increases in relation to Housebreakings, Motor Vehicle Crime and Acquisitive Crime.

A large proportion of these crimes are linked to crime series, which see a small number of perpetrators commit a large number of these offences, whilst travelling across areas, often crossing local authority boundaries.

When such crime series are identified the local Community Investigation Team in Angus take ownership of these enquiries, ensuring the link is made and is built into evidence, working closely with their counterparts in other areas and with the CID.

There are often forensic opportunities from Housebreakings and Vehicle Crime which, although is extremely beneficial for detecting those responsible and bringing them to justice, there is a time delay in these results being examined and analysed. A number of our undetected acquisitive crimes are in this category, therefore it is anticipated that the detection rate will continue to rise.

The impact on victims of acquisitive crime can be significant and it is important that we continue to work with our partners to ensure that appropriate advice and support is offered.

Our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions (PIP) department in Angus continue to focus on preventative messaging in our communities.

Domestic Housebreaking

There has been an increase in the number of Housebreakings recorded in comparison to last year and the 5 year average.

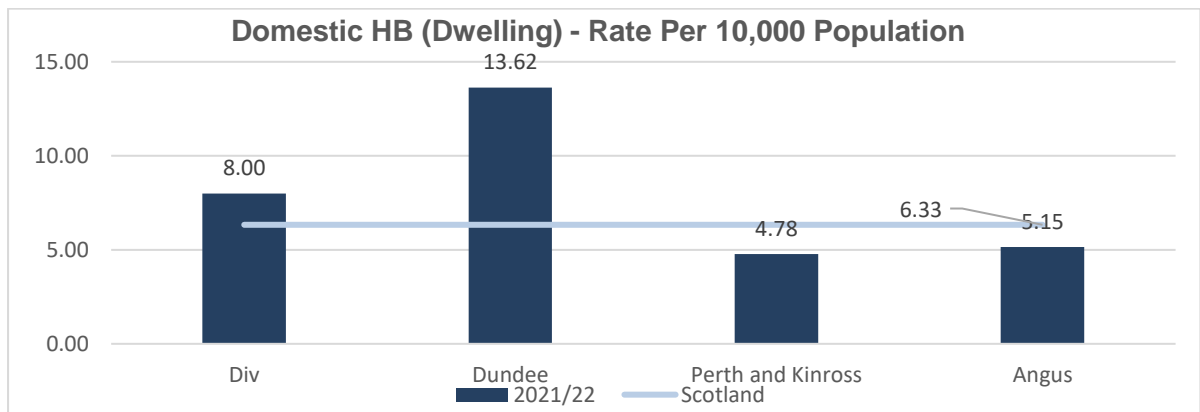
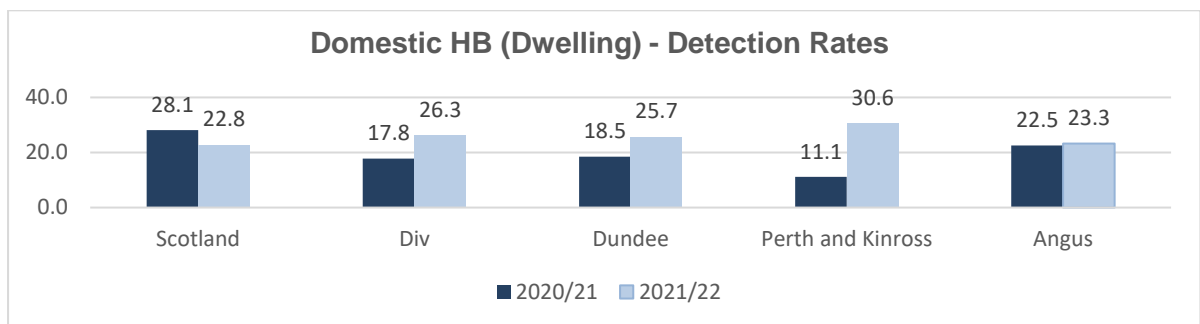
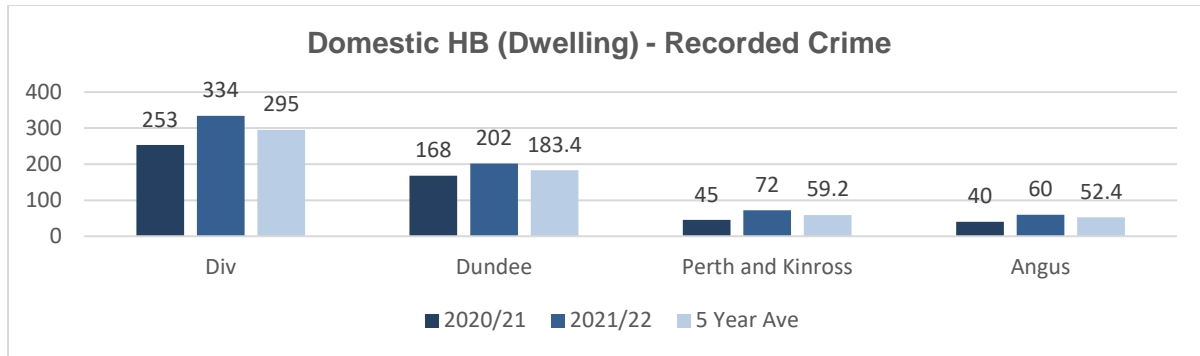
Investigations into these types of crime remain a priority for Angus.

Throughout this reporting year a number of repeat offenders have been identified, arrested and have appeared at court for a large number of offences across Angus, Tayside and outwith.

All investigative opportunities continues to be considered in order to maximise detection opportunities.

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We continue to ensure that all opportunities to prevent such criminality occurring are taken. This includes increasing patrols in areas which are known to be targeted and ensuring that crime prevention messaging is shared with our communities.



Fraud

The number of Frauds reported 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. Unfortunately, these trends continue although there is only a marginal increase on the last reporting Quarter.

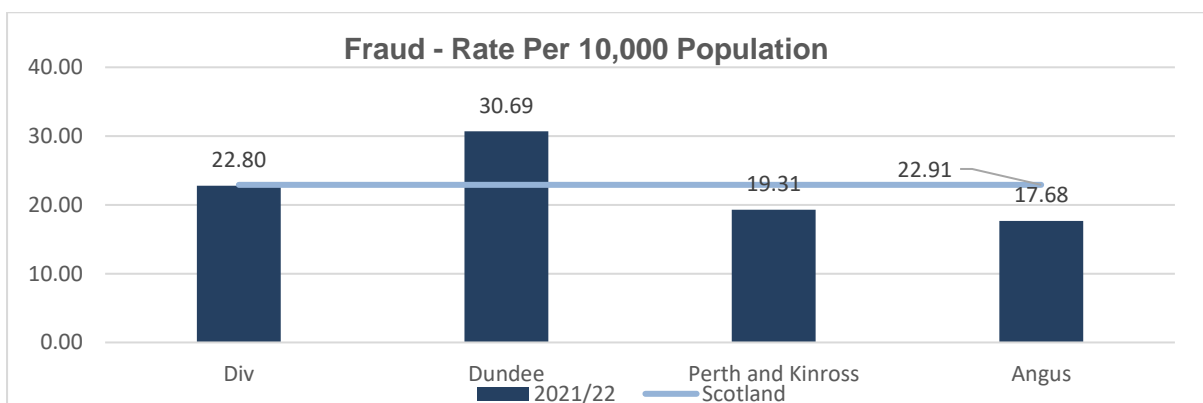
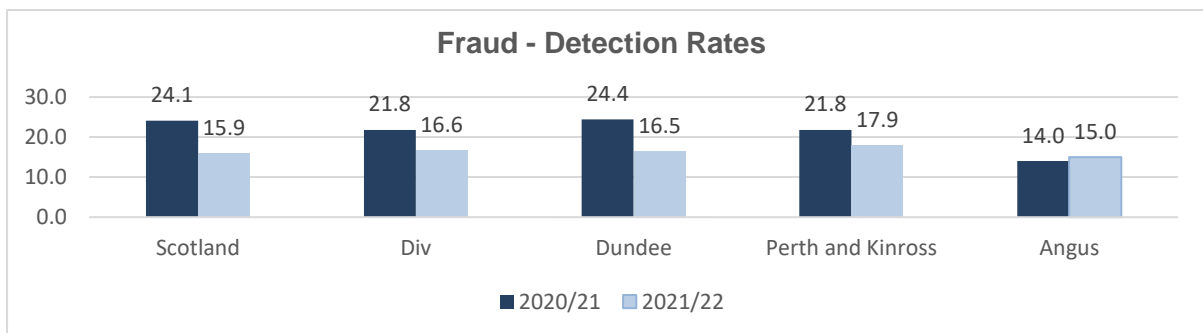
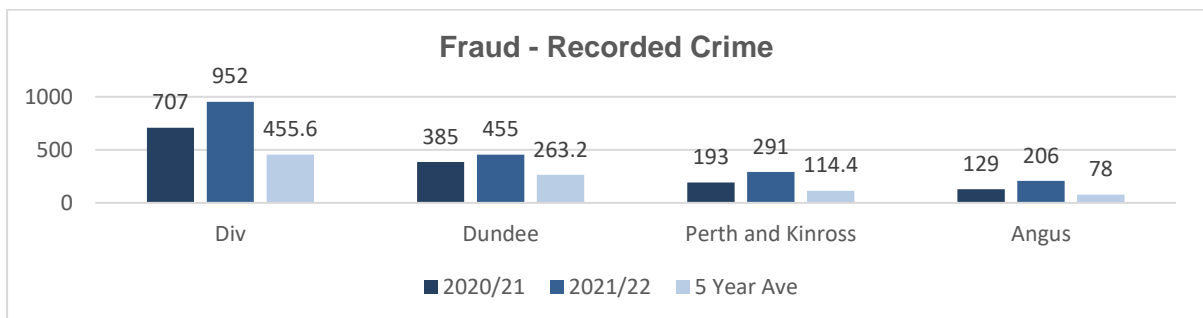
Unfortunately, although higher than last year, the detection rates remain low. This is a reflection of the challenges faced when investigating such crimes. In many circumstances, it is apparent that online banking applications, often located out with the UK, are being utilised to facilitate fraudulent 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.

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There is no significant change in the way fraud is being committed online however those responsible continue to become more creative in their attempts to deceive people in our communities.

In Tayside we have implemented a Fraud Working Group which continues to raise awareness of fraud, offering advice to the public in how to keep safe whilst online, highlighting recent/current scams. 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, including financial establishments, to identify, prevent and support vulnerable potential victims.



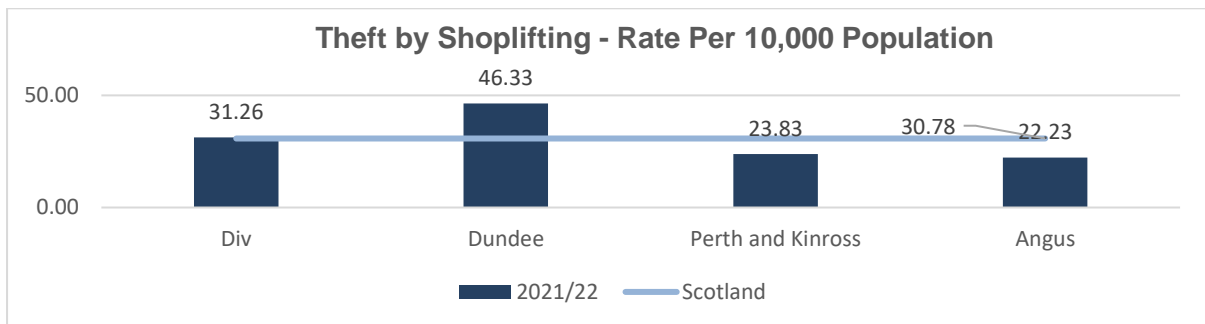
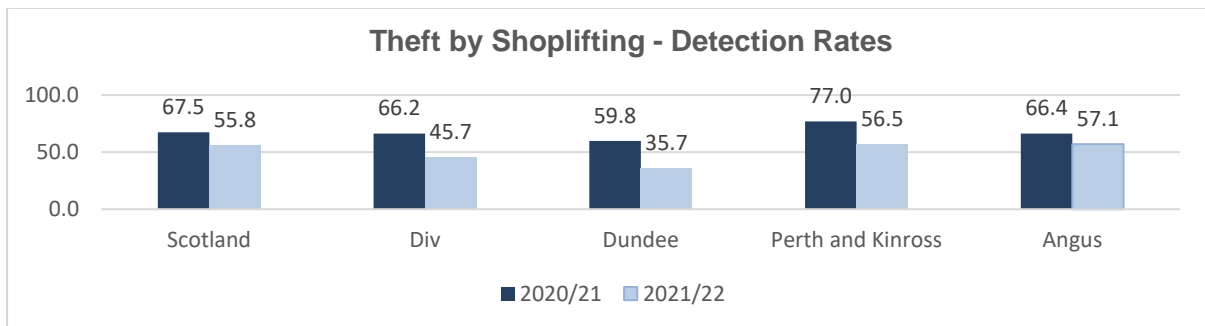
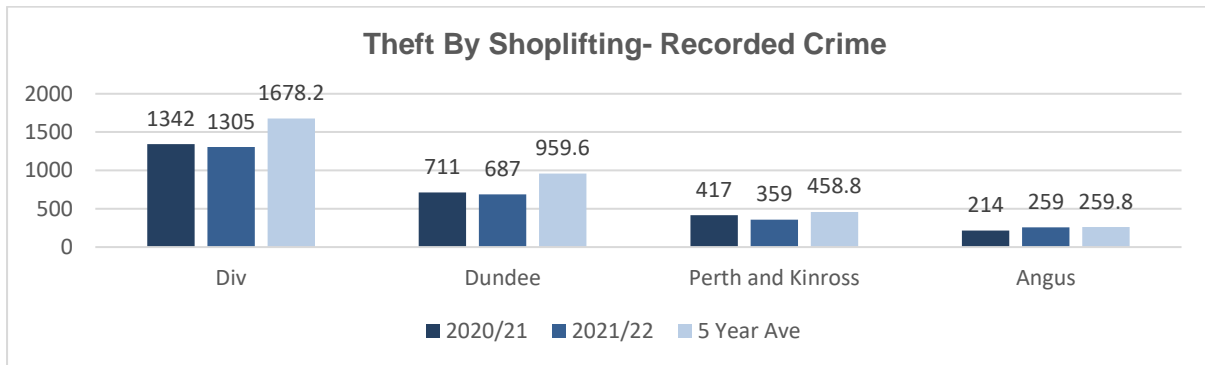
Theft by Shoplifting

Theft by Shoplifting crimes have increased since last year however are in line with the 5 year average.

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These crimes tend to be carried out by repeat offenders, who are often known to those working in the premises. On occasion, travelling criminals target stores for high value shoplifting thefts. On these occasions information is shared between Police Divisions in order to prevent and identify those responsible.

As CCTV is important for preventing and detecting a large number of these offences, community officers in Angus continue to remind shopkeepers of the importance of such equipment being in good working order, as part of their preventative advice.



Motor Vehicle Crime

There has been a significant increase in the number of motor vehicle crime recorded in Angus. This includes theft of motor vehicles, thefts from motor vehicles and thefts from insecure vehicles.

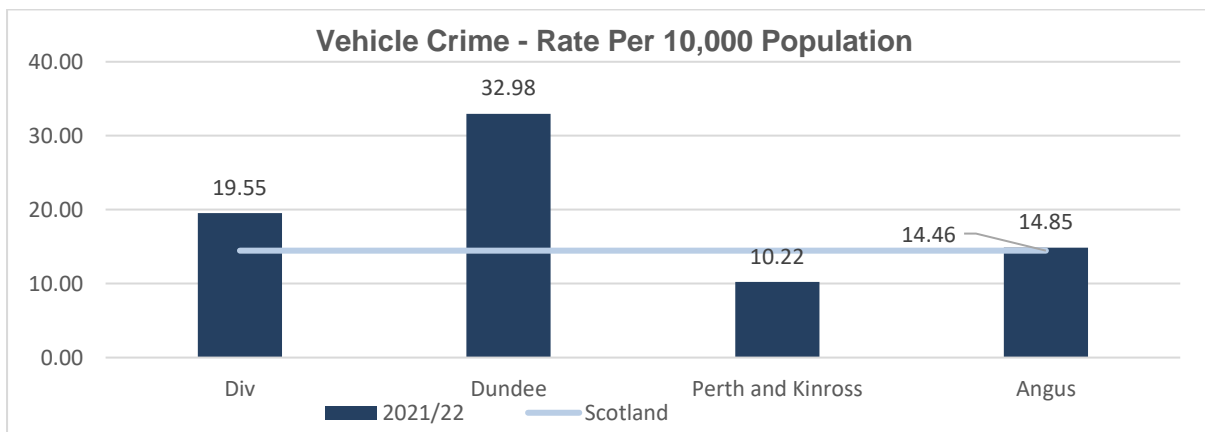
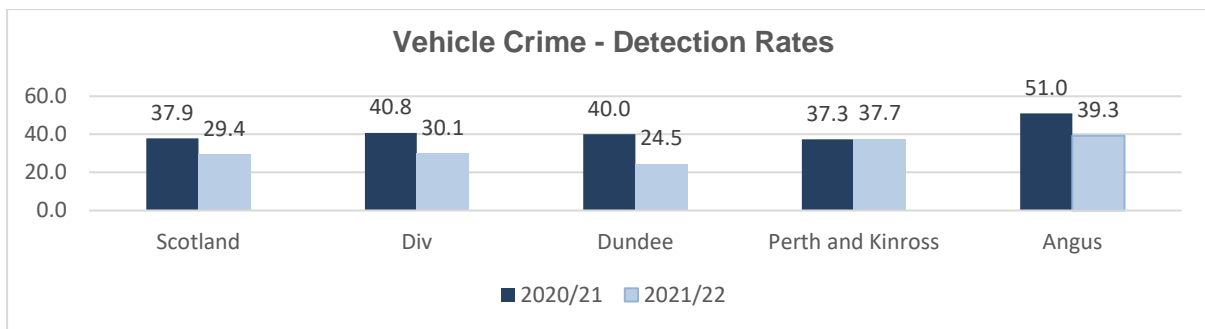
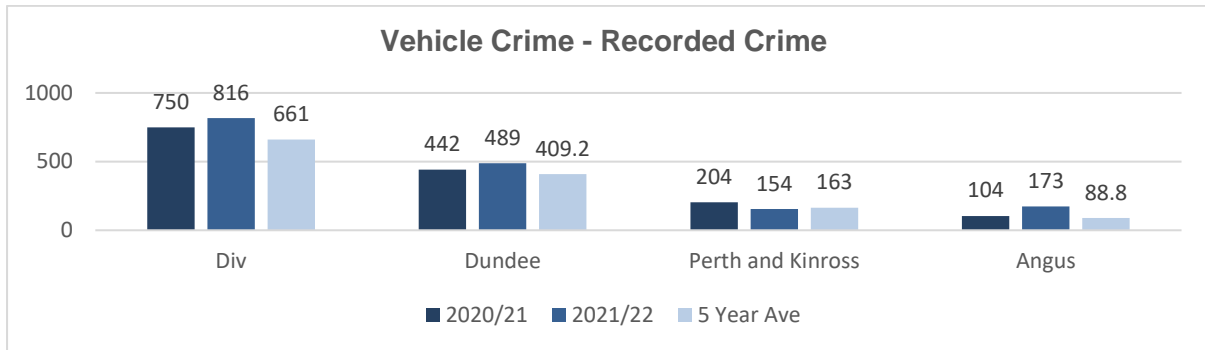
It is common for stolen vehicles to be involved in further criminality across Angus, and Tayside. In these instances the primary concern is public safety and in Angus colleagues from the Road Policing Unit have assisted local officers with extra patrols in attempts to identify or deter those responsible.

There has been a significant increase in the number of thefts from vehicles. In a large number of these crimes, the vehicles were insecure, and at times with valuables on show within. There is a 104% increase in the number of recorded thefts from insecure

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vehicles in comparison to the 5 year average. Crimes of this type are challenging to investigate, often with limited forensic opportunities to pursue.

We continue to re-inforce crime prevention messaging within our communities in attempt to prevent this type of crime. There has been an increase in patrols by local officers and officers from our Road Policing Unit in attempt to prevent and detect those people who are responsible.



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Road Safety and Road Crime

Collaborate to
reduce casualties
and crime on our
roads

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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 in Angus there has been 1 fatality in this reporting quarter. On 11th December 2021, a 61 year old female pedestrian was killed when she was struck by a vehicle in the Montrose area.

The circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration.

Angus have suffered three road traffic fatalities year to date which is the same as the previous year.

There have been 40 serious collisions in Angus during this reporting year, which is a 14% increase comparable with the same period last year. It is reasonable to assume that the reduction in Covid-19 restrictions and a return to increased vehicles on the road will again be a correlating factor

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There have been 60 slight injury collisions in Angus during this reporting year, which is a welcome 37% reduction compared to last year.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Angus. Focused patrol work will be complimented by the use of available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from local Tasking & Coordinating processes to tackle criminality.

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

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

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

October 25th – 31st getting ready for winter campaign

November 1st – 7th Commercial vehicle campaign

November 15th – 21st BRAKE road safety week

December 1st – 30th Festive Drink/Drug drive campaign

In Angus LPA the notable speeds recorded for the period under review were;

102 mph exceed 70mph limit

100 mph exceed 70mph limit

63mph exceed 30 mph limit

54mph exceed 30 mph limit

Road Policing officers continue to provide high visibility and support to divisional officers throughout the Angus area. It is recognised that positive engagement with road users is vital in order to improve driver and road user behaviour.

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.

Looking in to the coming month's lighter days, active travel, increased motorcycles and staycations have all been identified as emerging threats and risks.

Safe Drive Stay Alive remains under review, a number of different options are being explored to ensure we successfully target the correct audience with suitable content.

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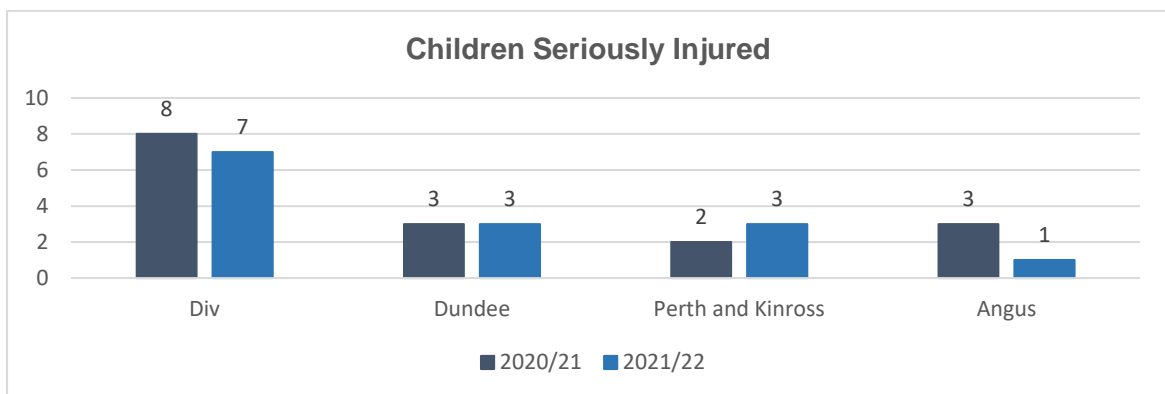
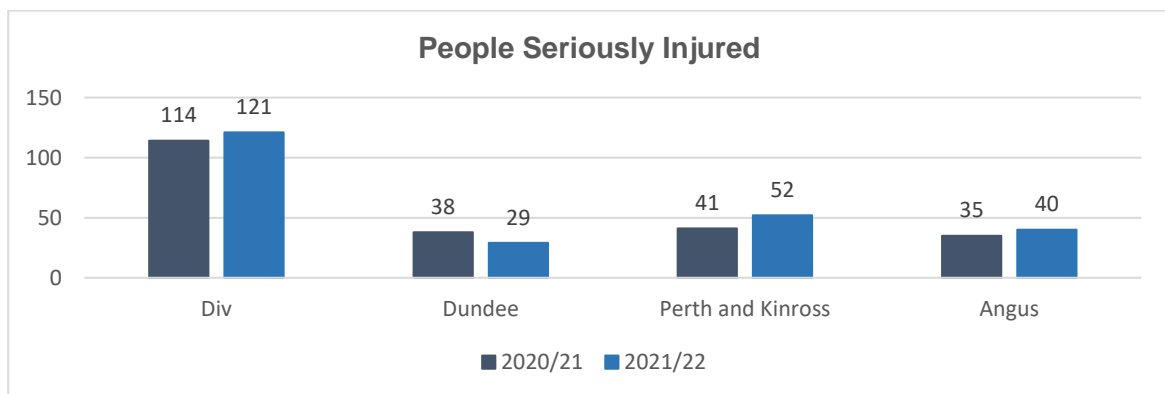
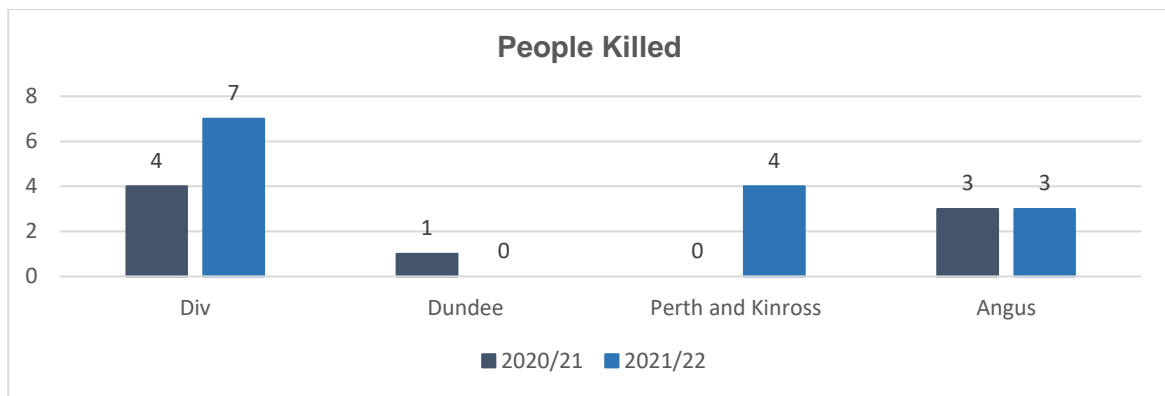
It is essential to influence driver behaviour pre driving not only short term but also long term.

The New Driver Scheme (NDS) will be implemented within Tayside Division in 2022. The NDS is a hard-hitting presentations to raise awareness of road safety issues.

The joint presentations, delivered by Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue service, will provide a solid reminder of the individual responsibilities that the driver has, both for themselves and for other road users.

Officer training is currently in the planning phase.

Rider Refinement North (RRN) similarly to SDSA, RNN has been postponed throughout Covid19. RRN is currently being refreshed and will be rolled out at the commencement of the motorcycle season 2022.



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Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Angus LPA have significantly increased by 73.3%. 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.

The Safety Camera Unit (SCU) have utilised a number of flexible deployment sites following localised complaints.

Divisionally Tayside have experienced a significant increase with a total of 3517 offenders detected, this equates to a 23.1% 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 increased vehicles on the road will again be a correlating factor for the significant increase.

Activity

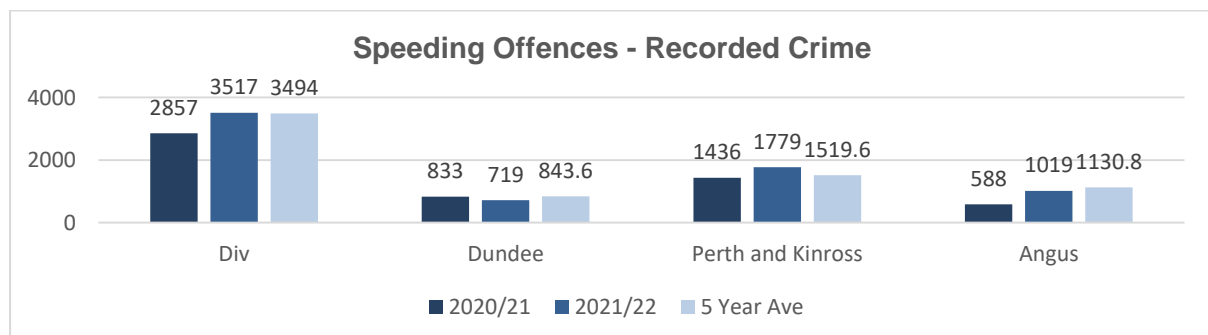
The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing Officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

Close working relationships continue with bordering police divisions have demonstrated excellent cross border understanding with a number of high profile detections being made.

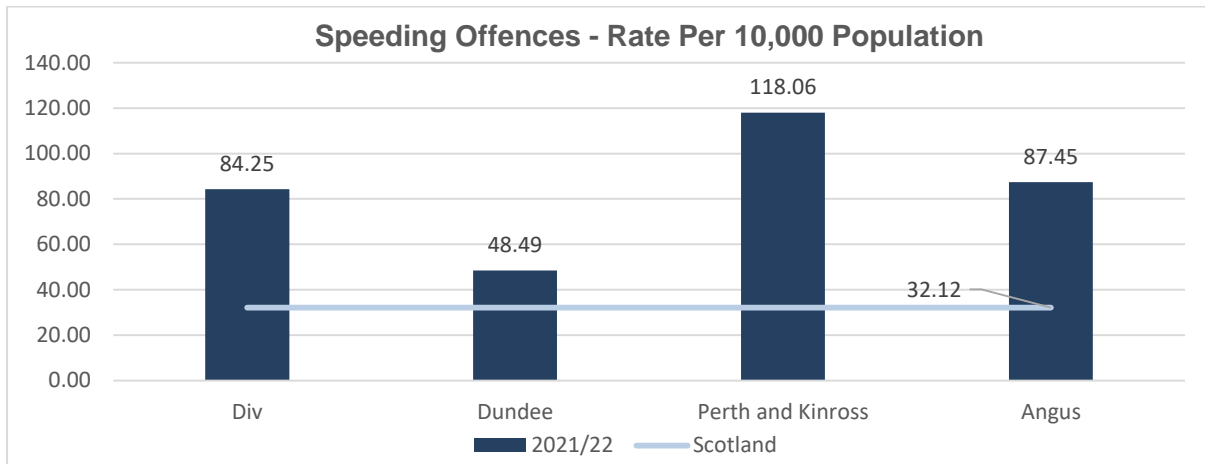
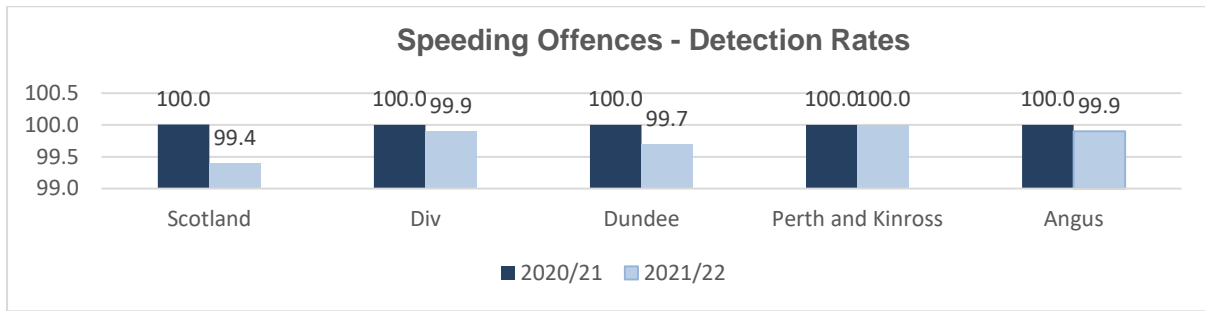
Partnership working with the SCU continues with a number of priority routes being targeted, increasing visibility is essential to improve driver and road user behaviour.

Results

During the period under review 1019 speeding offences were detected in Angus LPA, which albeit is a significant increase compared to the year previous, however this figure remains below the 5 year average.



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Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Angus LPA have experienced an 8.8% decrease compared to the same period of last year, this is extremely positive, particularly as this has covered the Festive period.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 1866 breath tests year to date and conducted 234 drug wipes, 117 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.

Activity

Between 1st December and 30 December 2021, Police Scotland held the Festive Drink & Drug Drive Campaign which saw dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit and divisional officers specifically target road users who drive whilst under the influence.

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

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

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

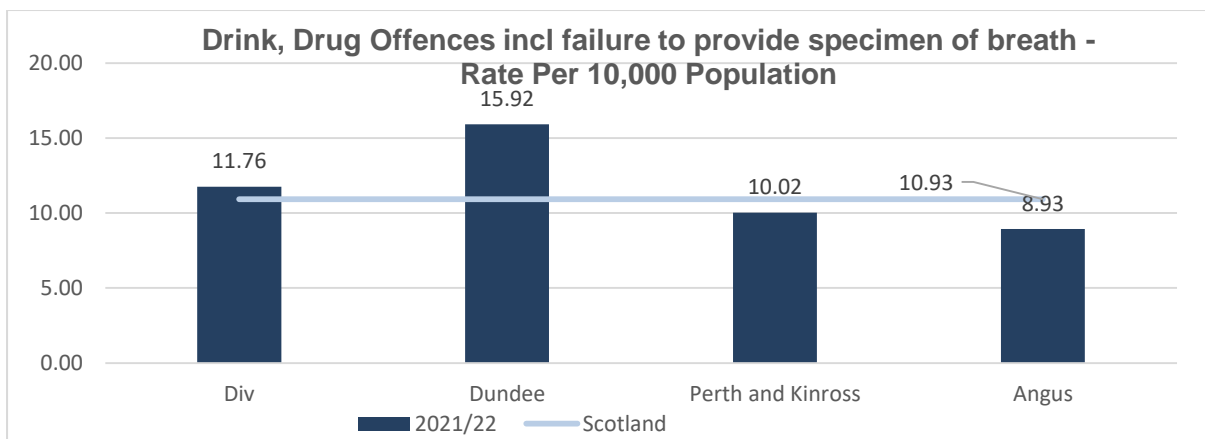
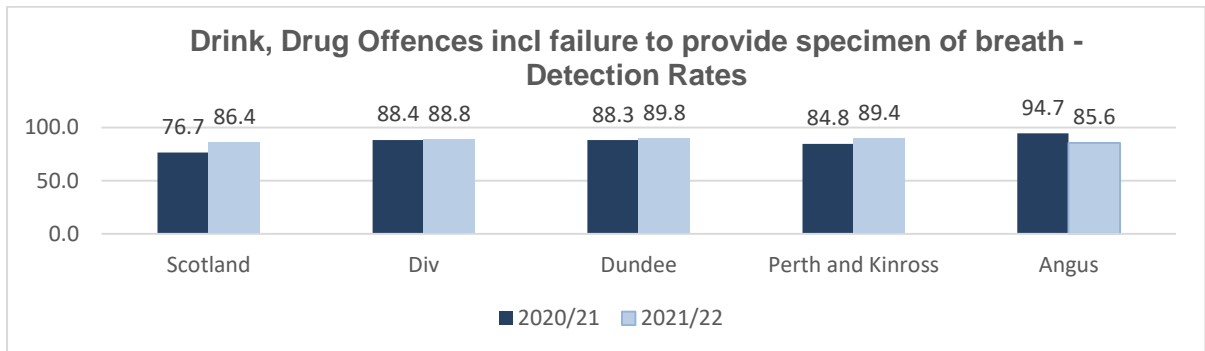
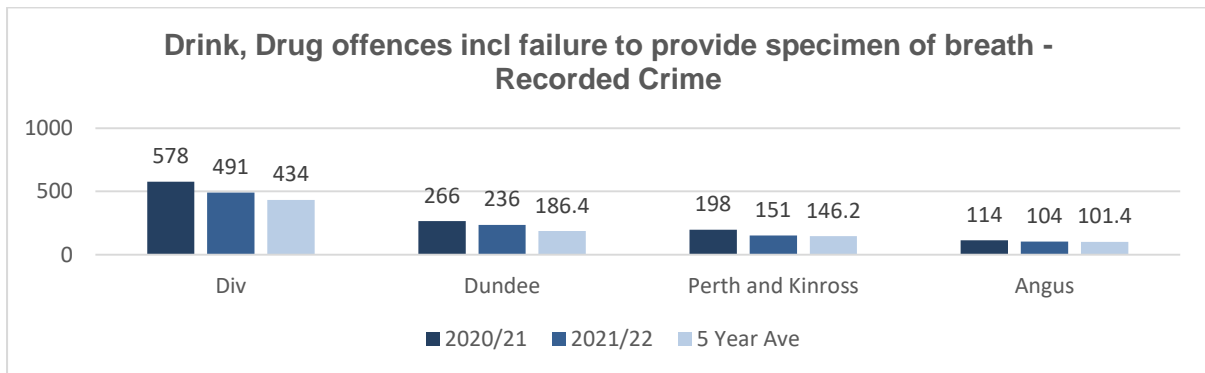
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Results

During the period under review 104 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Angus area. This is a significant decrease of 8.8% compared to the previous year.

Challenges

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



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Careless Driving

Angus LPA saw a 19.2% increase in relation to Careless driving compared to the same period last year.

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

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

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

Activity

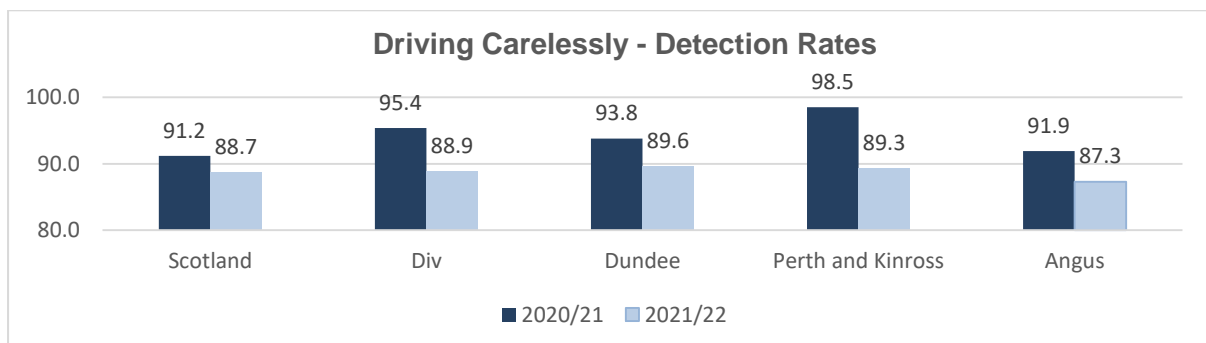
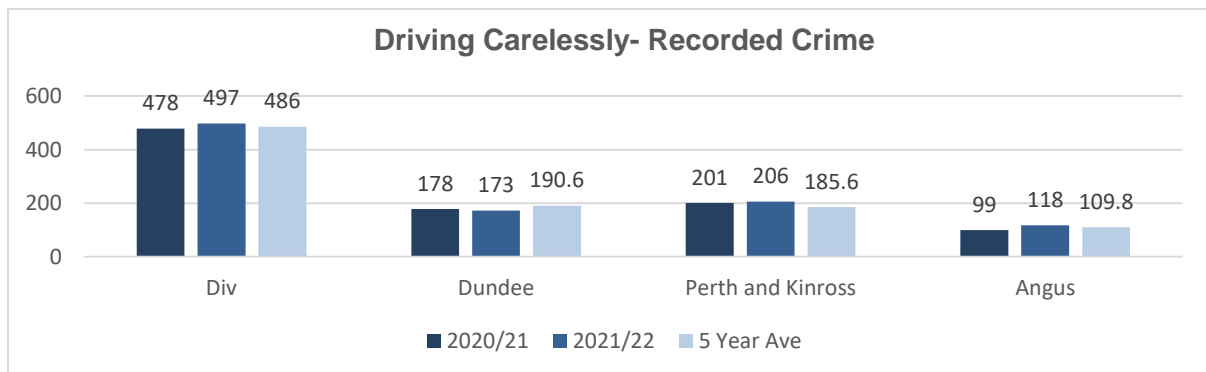
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

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

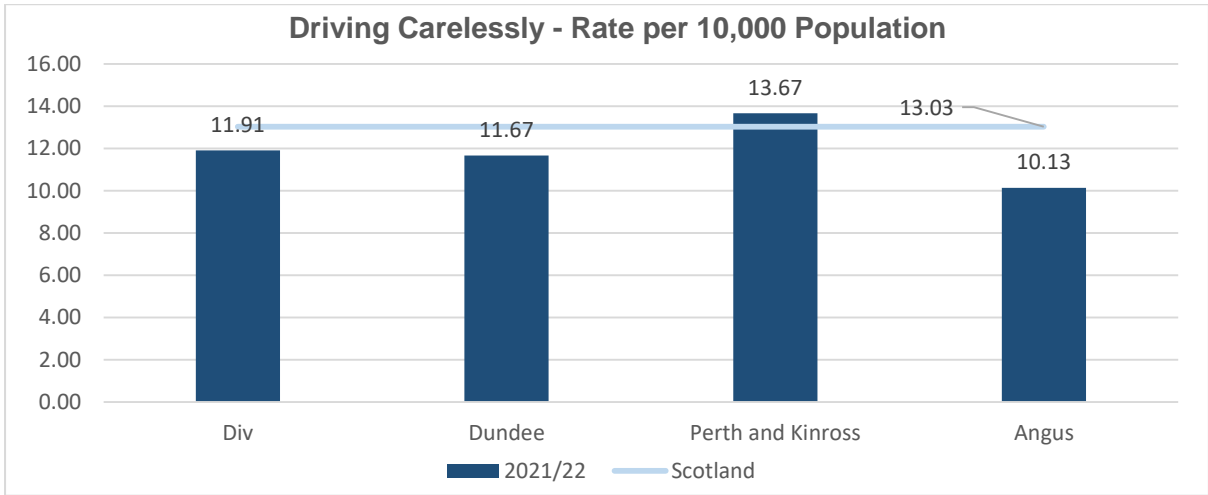
Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Angus.

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

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



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Public Protection

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

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

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

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

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

Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse remains a priority for the Division and all domestic incidents in Angus are subject of review, both by local 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 level of DASA crimes recorded in Angus has increased when compared to 2020/2021 (10 additional crimes).

This increase may be attributable to improvements made in relation to our response to Domestic Abuse, including an uplift of specialist Domestic Abuse Officers and a return to them being based within Angus.

This increase in specialist resource has allowed us to enhance our response to Domestic Abuse with additional guidance being provided to response officers in relation to the identification DASA offences. It has also enabled the introduction of a revised quality assurance process for all Domestic crimes and incidents to ensure that the service we deliver to victims is in accordance with national standards.

While the detection rate for DASA offences remains lower than 2020/21 it has continued to improve throughout the year and is now higher than the national average.

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.

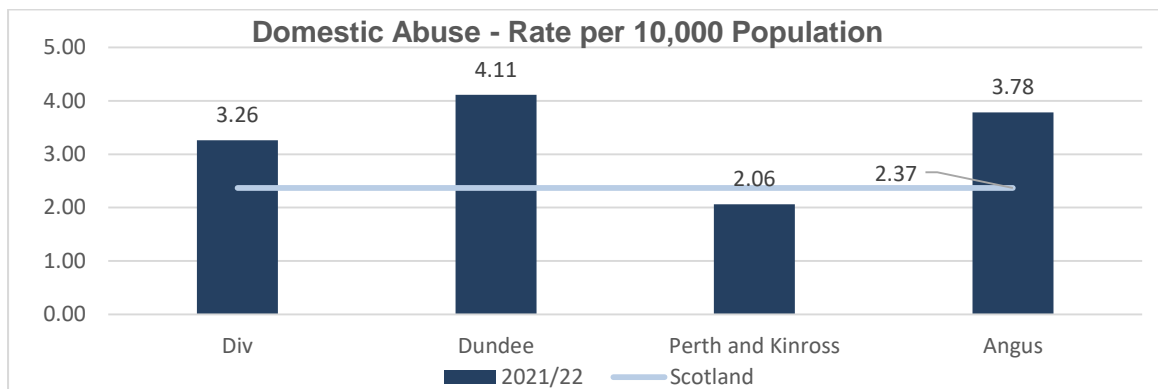
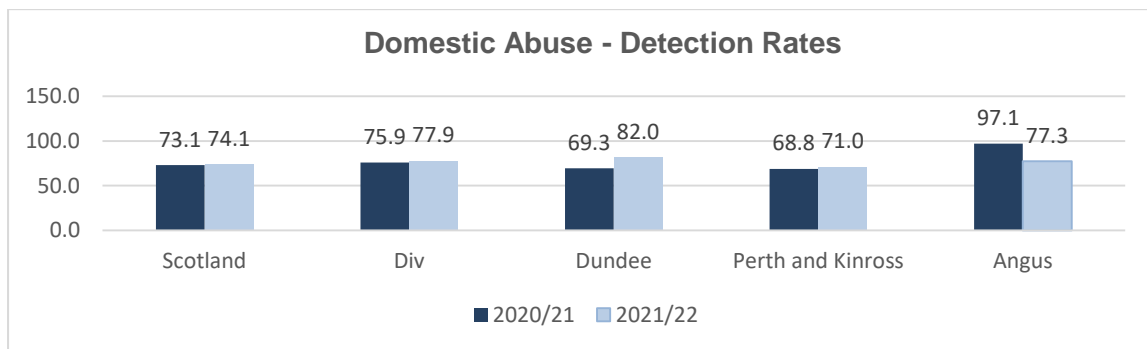
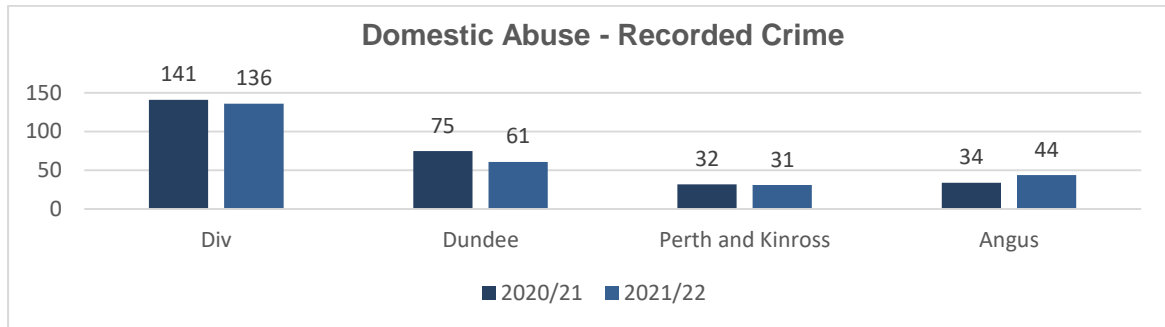
Angus continues to experience high levels of reported Domestic Abuse incidents with the rate per 10,000 of population remaining above the national average.

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

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partner agencies to ensure safeguarding of victims and pursue every opportunity to target perpetrators and prevent further harm.

During the reporting period 2 males from the Angus area were subject of active investigation by the Domestic Abuse Task Force, having been referred via the MATAC process with a number of other perpetrators subject of ongoing investigations by the Divisional DAU.



Hate Crime

Processes remain in place in Tayside to monitor and review all Hate crimes and incidents to ensure that they are 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

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(TPRCs) continues as does identifying new premises and maintaining current Keep Safe premises within Tayside.

A PIP 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 legacy 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 November and December a number of Hate Crime Awareness Sessions were carried out at Dundee and Angus College at various campuses within the two Local Authority Areas. This was well-received by students and lecturers alike.

National Hate Crime awareness continues to be driven 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.

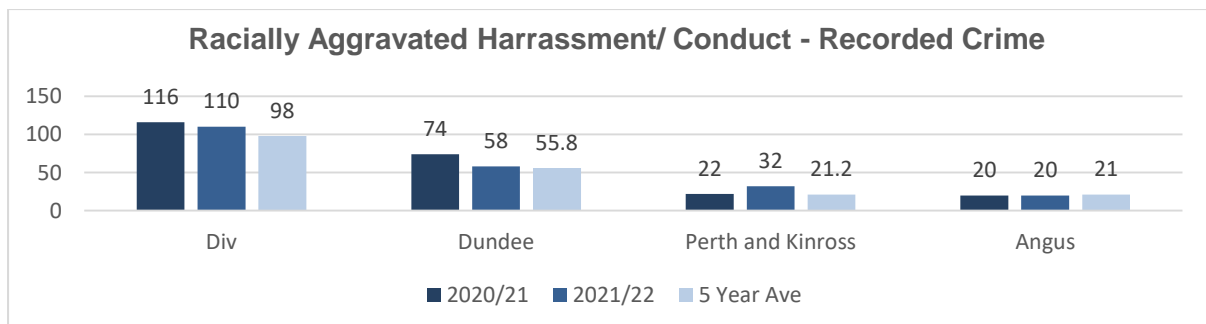
The local groups who had met previously prior to the COVID-19 pandemic have still not been meeting as often. However, we continue to share material online as a substitute to those important face to face meetings. This will continue with the rise of infections with the new variant Omicron.

The next Hate Crime Awareness Week will be in March 2022.

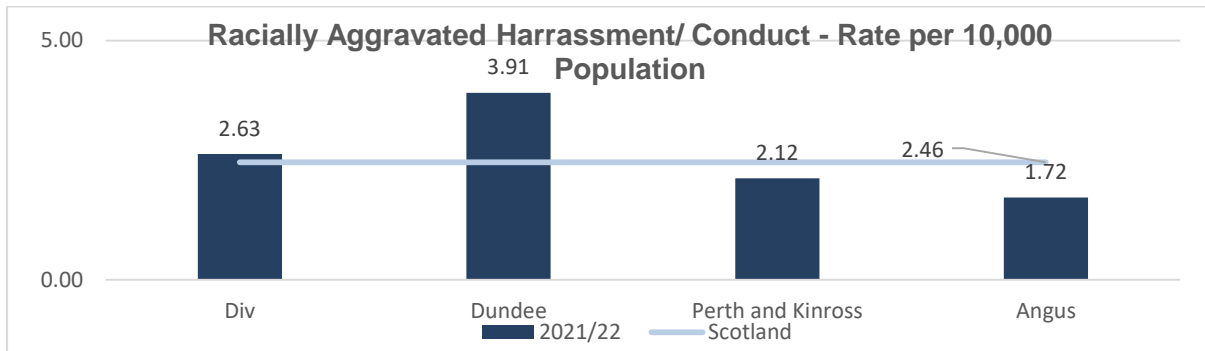
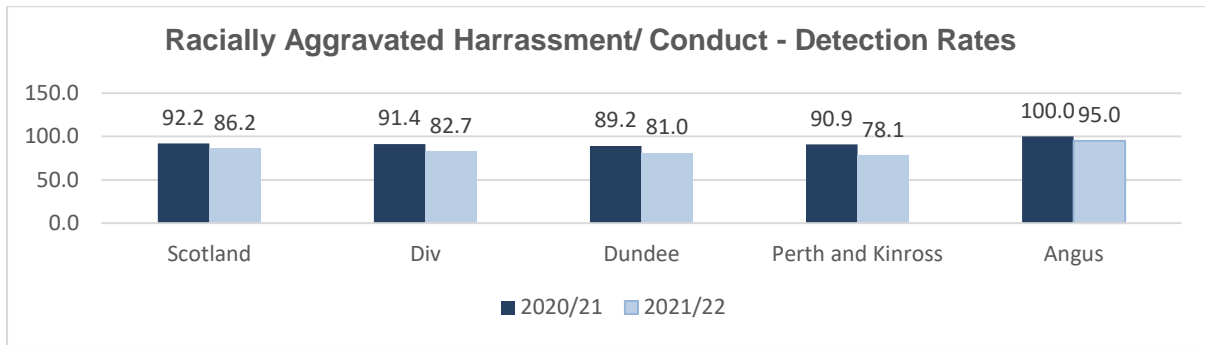
The number of hate crime and hate incidents in Angus continue to remain relatively stable. The number of recorded Racially Aggravated incidents are below the 5 year average.

A number of these incidents include police officers who are subject to such criminality whilst carrying out their duty.

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



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Sexual Crime

The level of recorded crime for sexual offences in Angus is higher than 2020/2021 (39 additional crimes) and is higher than the 5 year average. The level of recorded crime for rape and attempted rape has also increased when compared with 2020/2021 (9 additional crimes), however remains below the 5 year average. This increase in the level of recorded crime is replicated nationally and within other areas of the Division and continues the upward trend that we have seen in previous years.

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).

Recent analysis shows that, within Tayside, 28% of all Group 2 crimes and 53% 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 2009 to 2019.

In a number of cases multiple crime reports have been raised in respect of one victim. In one case a total of 20 crime reports have been recorded following a report from one victim. This includes 5 reports of rape with offences having occurred over a 20 year period.

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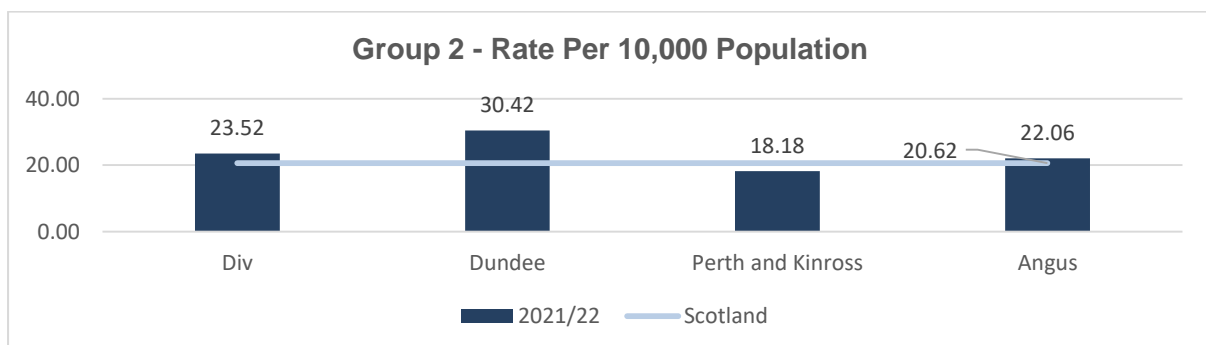
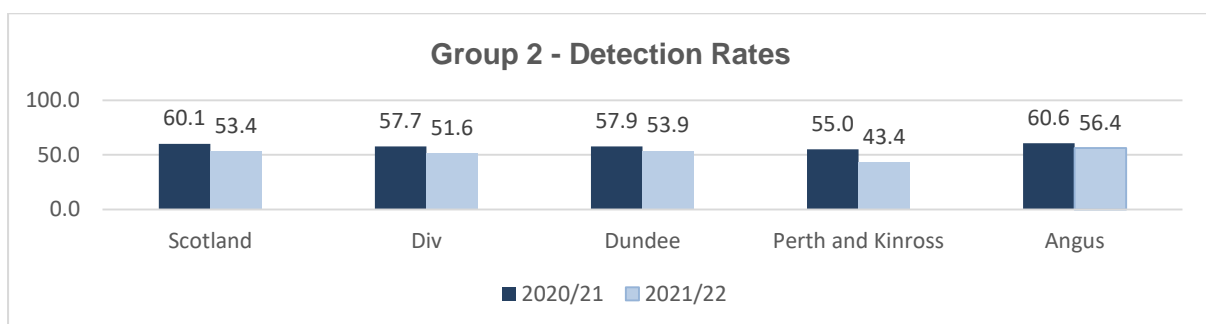
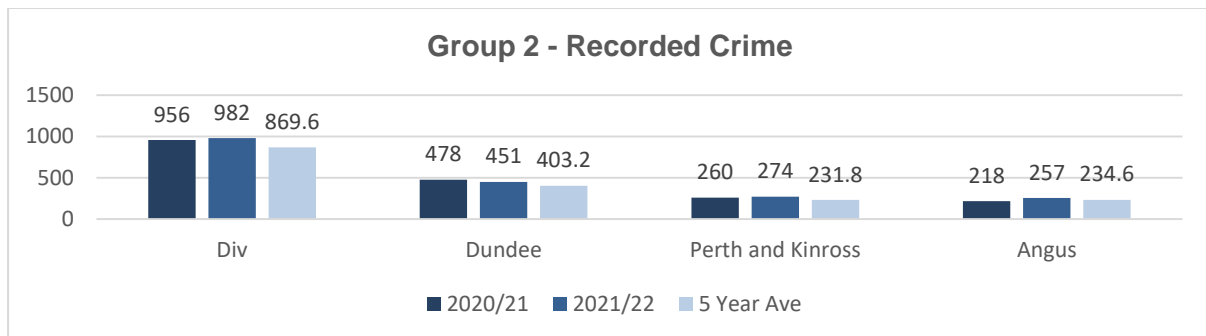
In all of the cases the victim and perpetrator were known to each other prior to the offence taking place.

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

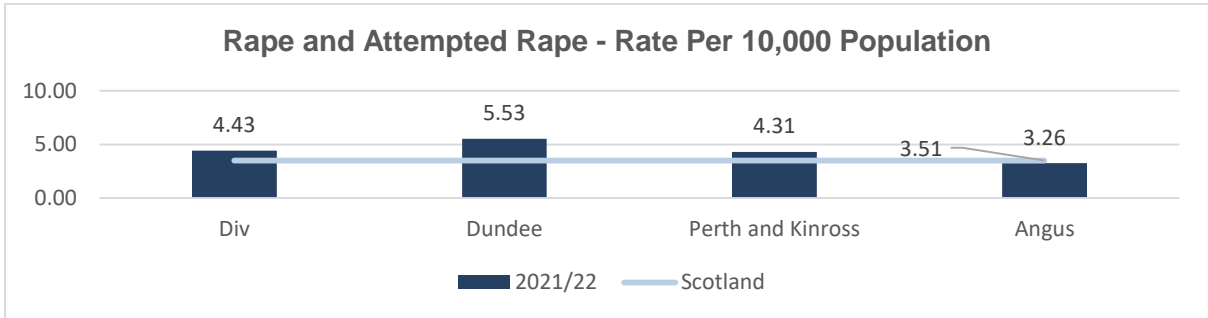
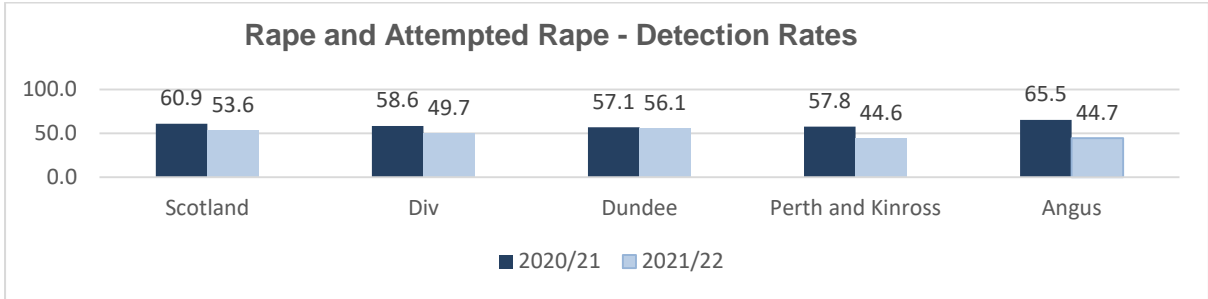
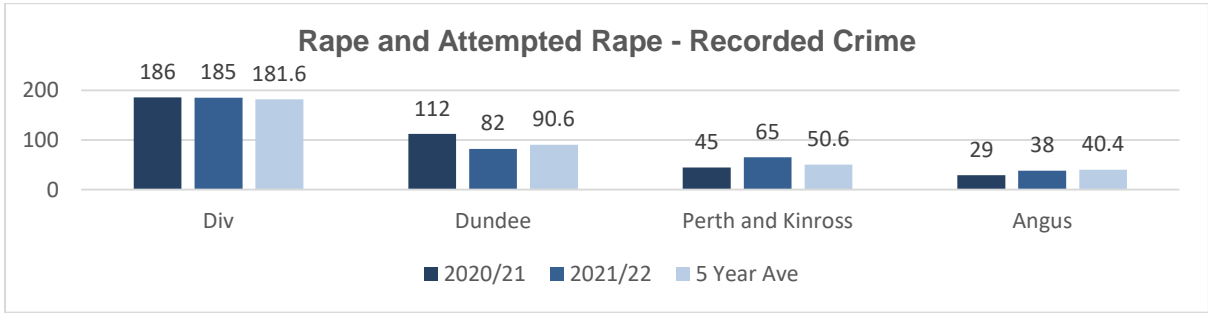
The detection rate for rape is lower than 2020/21 and is currently below Divisional and National averages, however a number of the undetected crimes remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

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.

As outlined above, almost a third of all sexual crime and over half of all rapes are 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.



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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*

The pursuit of individuals involved in drug related serious and organised crime across Angus remains a priority. We continue to keep abreast of national issues associated with County Lines and Cuckooing and take all available steps to reduce the harm this presents to the most vulnerable in our communities in Angus.

Our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions team augment the good work carried out by local officers and continue to work with key partners to support victims who are being targeted and exploited. We take every possible opportunity to identify and arrest those individuals involved in County Lines and Cuckooing behaviour. We continue to apply our resilient response to any such report of these activities seeking to drive these offenders out of our communities.

The availability of controlled drugs within Angus continues as a driver for both crimes of violence and acquisitive crime. Many of these victims are individuals living chaotic lifestyles associated with substance addiction, often compounded with other vulnerabilities. This requires early recognition of this by police officers who are speaking to these members of our community and early intervention to share these concerns with our partner agencies for sustained supports.

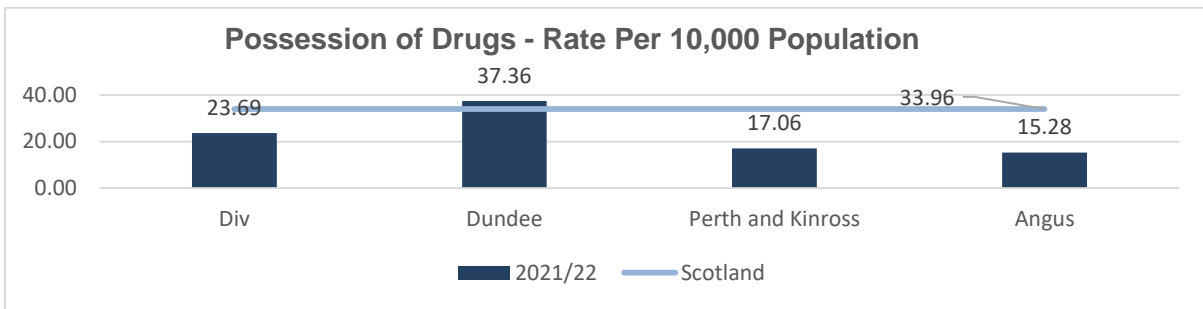
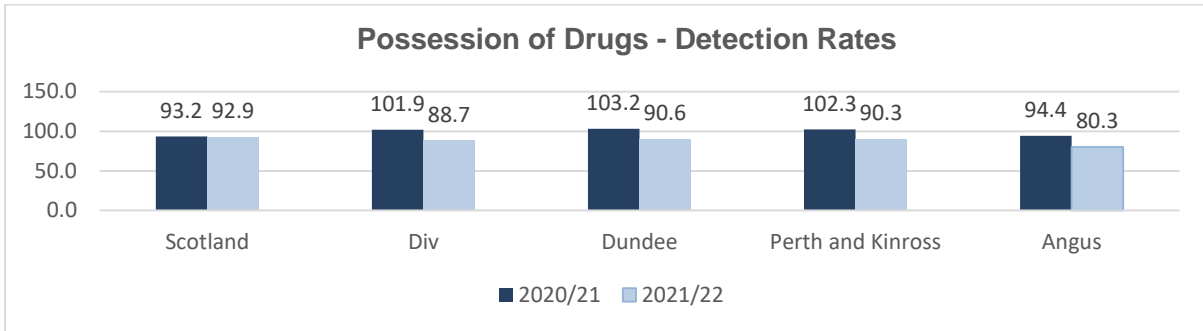
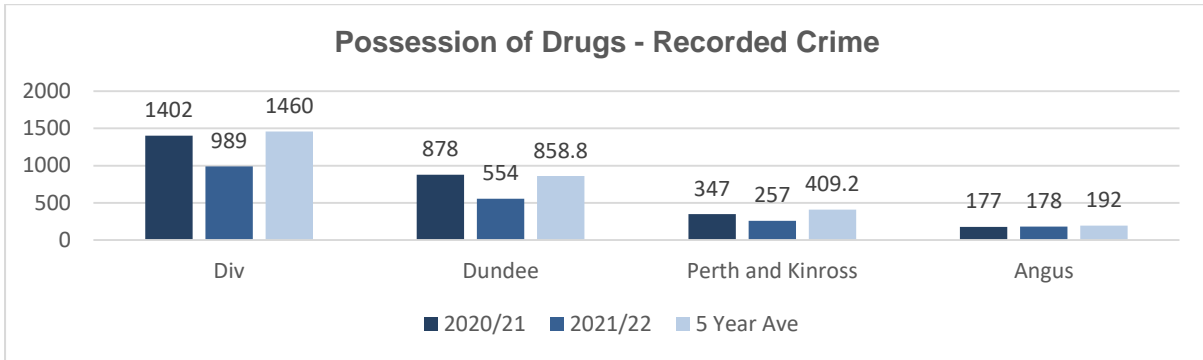
Possession of Drugs

Possession of drugs figures are consistent to levels recorded last year and remain well below the five year average. In this reporting quarter, 36 crimes of this nature were recorded with a 92% detection rate.

As a result of national delays in relation to the examination of substances, it is anticipated that these detection will rise further once the results are confirmed.

Cannabis, Heroin, Cocaine and "Street Valium" continue to be the main substances that are recovered from individuals in the Angus area.

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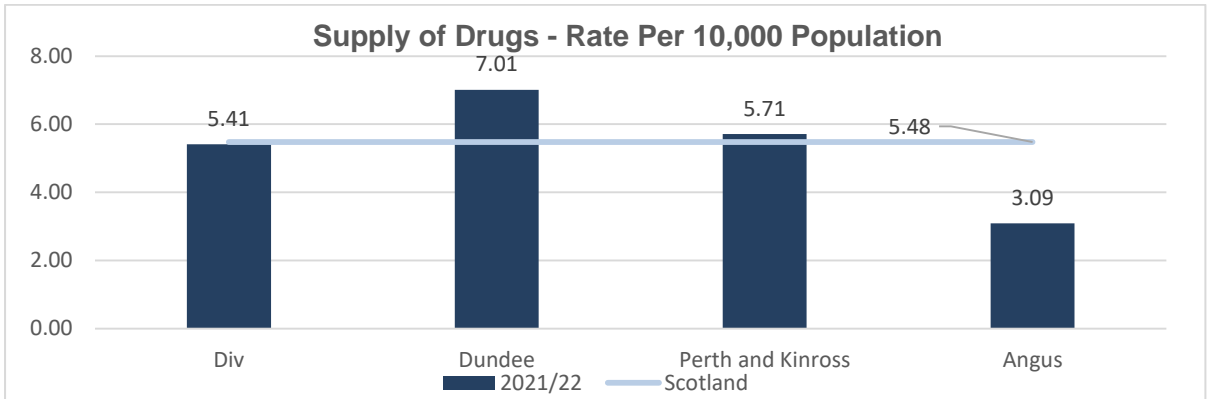
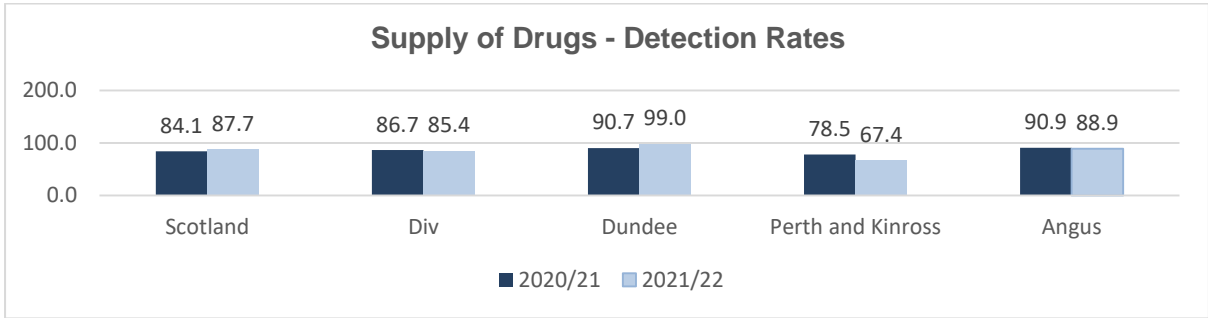
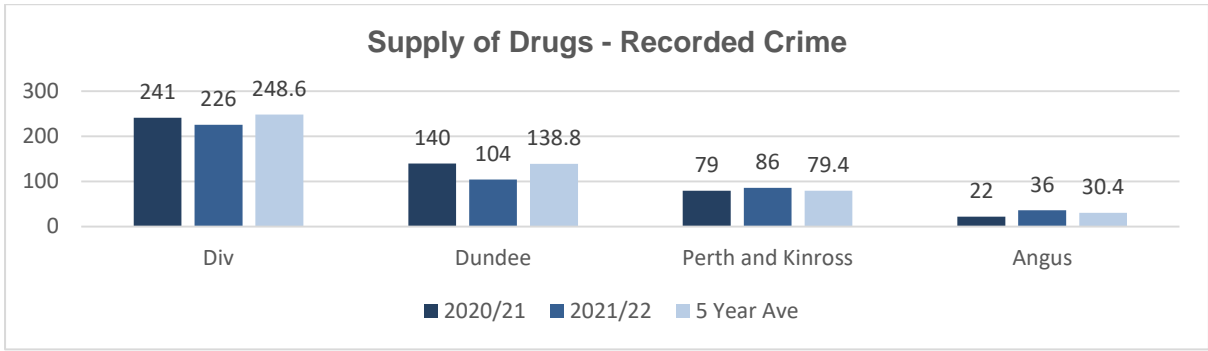
Supply of Drugs

Our response to tackling the supply of drugs in Angus remains centred around the development of high quality intelligence, accurate and careful analysis and robust enforcement action.

This enforcement action is under-pinned by an approach which supports those who are vulnerable to exploitation, or are the victims of criminality as a result of the actions of those determined to deal drugs within our local communities. This support is provided via multiple work-streams driven by our Partnerships and Interventions Teams, supported by local and specialist officers, and in conjunction with a broad range of statutory and third sector partners.

Two cases of drugs supply were recorded in this quarter whereby police enforcement was carried out following intelligence being received. A quantity of Heroin was recovered with a potential illicit street value of several hundred pounds from a residential address in Arbroath.

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Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
preparedness

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

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

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

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

CONTEST is the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It was first developed by the Home Office in early 2003. The aim of the strategy is "to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence." CONTEST is split into four work streams that are known within the counter terrorism community as the 'four P's': *Prevent, Pursue, Protect, and Prepare*.

- **Pursue:** the investigation and disruption of terrorist attacks.
- **Prevent:** work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism or extremism.
- **Protect:** improving our protective security to stop a terrorist attack.
- **Prepare:** working to minimise the impact of an attack and to recover from it as quickly as possible.

At present the national threat level is currently at SEVERE this means that an attack is highly likely.

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

In Tayside 7 new Local Contest Liaison Officers (LCLO's) attended a training day and were provided inputs in relation to CONTEST and Pursue, Prevent, Protect and Prepare. This allows for delivery of the CONTEST strategy throughout the community as part of daily business. This brings the LCLO cadre to 24 spread over the 3 areas of D Division.

Planning meetings are ongoing for a Multi-Agency Table top Counter Terrorism Exercise to be delivered in March 2022. This will involve CONTEST members and other partners in Angus, Dundee and Perth and Kinross and will test their response to a terrorist incident based in Dundee. This will provide learning in relation to Police responses (Pursue) and also test partners' preparedness for a CT incident and subsequent consequence management.

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Wildlife Crime

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

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

- *An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment*

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

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

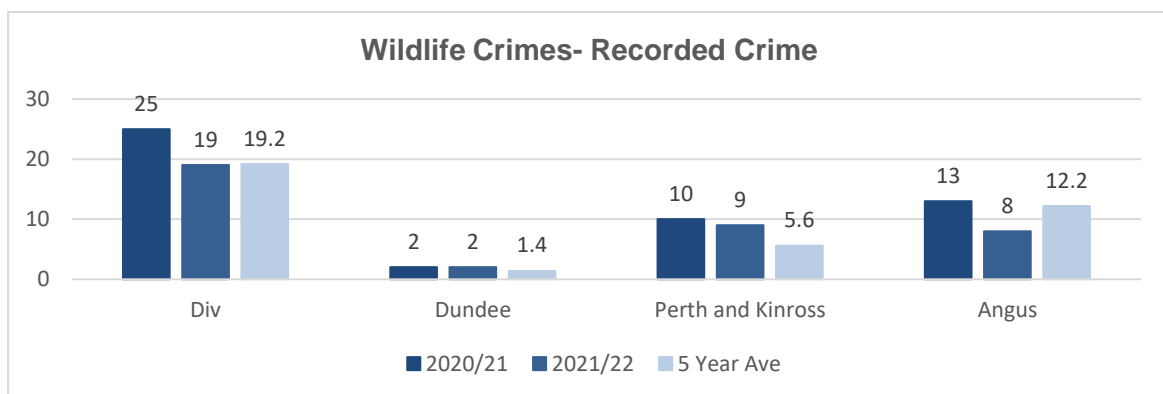
Wildlife Crime is any act that is made illegal in Scotland under legislation with regard to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea.

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

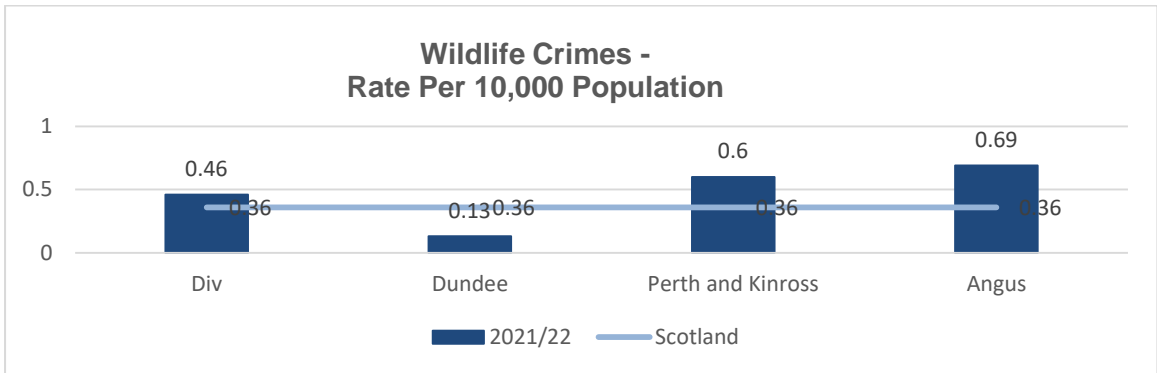
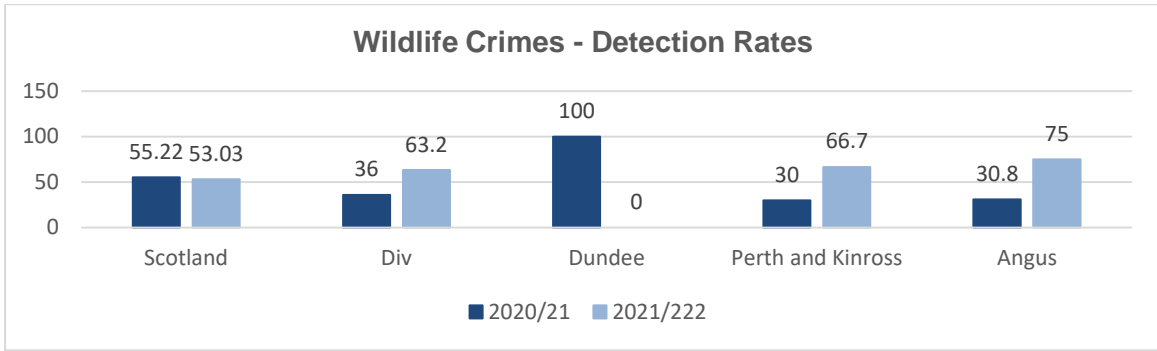
During this reporting period there was one recorded incident which involved a heron being shot. The person responsible was identified has been cautioned and charged with a report being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 15th October 2021 there was a Day of Action in relation to Hare coursing as part of Operation Wingspan. The local wildlife officer and an officer from Road Policing Unit visited numerous sites across Angus, some of which have been linked to hare coursing incidents, in order to raise awareness with posters and leaflets.

Of note, Operation Wingspan recently won a UK Wildlife Award – UK Wildlife Crime Enforcers Award – “Policing Operation of the Year.”



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Other Key Activity

Missing Person, Concern and Assistance Incidents

During the last reporting Quarter, there were 6,947 incidents in Angus. Of this, 1535 incidents were relating to Missing Persons, Concerns calls and Assistance Incidents, accounting for 22.1% of all incidents.

During this period, officers in Angus submitted 1,910 Vulnerable Persons reports. These reports include Child Concerns, Adult Concerns, Domestic Concerns, Youth Offending and Hate Crime.

These reports are then screened by the Risk and Concern Hub for Tayside Division who share information with partner agencies, as appropriate, to ensure risk is identified and mitigated and that supports are put in place for people in our community.

This is a significant and important part of policing which at times can go un-noticed.

Non-Fatal Overdose Group - Angus

As part of the development around the existing Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway in Angus the NFOD Group was launched on the 15th November 2021 mirroring the formalised multi-agency response in place across Tayside comprising of expertise from health, social work, third sector and police, with an over-arching aim to deliver person centred interventions to persons at risk of future drug-related harm.

The process consists of a twice weekly multi-agency meeting to identify and discuss any individual who has experienced an unintentional overdose with an overall objectives of;

- reducing and preventing drug related deaths caused by fatal overdose,
- development of the existing response to non-fatal overdoses providing a rapid response to harm reduction interventions and advice,
- development of a person centred approach to persons at risk providing unique and holistic support, considering all aspects of health and social care provision.

So far, a total of 17 incidents have been discussed at the group with early indications showing success around engagement and harm reduction.

Licensing

The Divisional Licensing Team have processed a total of 312 applications within this quarter.

Between 1st October and 31st December 2021, the team have processed 114 occasional licence applications for licensed premises within the Angus LPA.

In general, licensed premises across Angus have positively observed the COVID restrictions placed on them and have worked closely with the LSO from the local authority and the licensing team.

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During this quarter there were 55 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises within the Angus LPA. Although there has been 55 recorded incidents, there is no evidence to suggest that there risk associated to one particular premises and the vast majority of incidents have been assessed as having been dealt with appropriately by the licence holders and staff.

The Divisional Licensing Team along with the local Policing teams across Angus have carried out 80 inspections at licensed premises.

On 17th November 2021, the Divisional Licensing Team delivered by-standard training to members of the Angus Licensing Forum, Violence Against Women Forum and the Licensing Standards Officer from the Angus Licensing Board. This training was well received and it is hoped the training can be delivered to more members of the trade and stakeholders when the easing of Coronavirus allows.

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-Dec) ¹

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	417	412	-1.2%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	673	632	-6.1%
Off Duty Allegations	4	1	-75.0%
On Duty Allegations	578	422	-27.0%
Quality of Service Allegations	91	209	129.7%

¹ Data is correct as at 31/12/2021.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 1.2% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by increases in Angus of 36.9% and Perth & Kinross of 1.8%. However, a decrease was identified within Dundee City of 17.0%

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased by 6.1%. This is determined by an increase in Angus of 39.2%. However, a decrease was identified within Perth & Kinross of 13.6% and within Dundee City of 13.6%

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.