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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

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

Performance in relation to the identified policing objectives and outcomes is monitored and reviewed at the monthly Tasking and Delivery Meeting. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

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.

The infographic consists of seven colored boxes, each representing a local policing priority. Each box contains an icon, a title, and a brief description of the objective.

- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour** (Orange box): Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime. (Icon: hand with lightning bolt)
- Acquisitive Crime** (Yellow box): Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending. (Icon: padlock)
- Road Safety and Road Crime** (Grey box): Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads. (Icon: road winding through hills)
- Public Protection** (Blue box): Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners. (Icon: person sitting)
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism** (Yellow box): Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness. (Icon: globe)
- Wildlife Crime** (Green box): Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and sea. (Icon: paw print)
- Serious Organised Crime** (Orange box): Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime, including cyber crime. (Icon: network diagram)

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 March 2022

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 43 86	20/21 25 72	20/21 983 74.9
21/22 52 84.6	21/22 34 70.6	21/22 1131 70.4
% +/- ↑20.9% ↓-1.4%	% +/- ↑36% ↓-1.4%	% +/- ↑15.1% ↓-4.5%
 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 85 100	20/21 57 15.8	20/21 144 50.7
21/22 90 100	21/22 67 23.9	21/22 207 37.2
% +/- ↑5.9% -	% +/- ↑17.5% ↑8.1%	% +/- ↑43.8% ↓-13.5%
 Acquisitive Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes Detect %	Off. Detect %	Off. Detect %
20/21 191 13.1	20/21 892 100	20/21 143 89.5
21/22 256 15.2	21/22 1243 100	21/22 127 92.9
% +/- ↑34.0% ↑2.1%	% +/- ↑39.3% -	% +/- ↓-11.2% ↑3.4%
 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 44 N/A	20/21 44 56.8
21/22 3 N/A	21/22 48 N/A	21/22 54 57.4
% +/- - /	% +/- ↑9.1% /	% +/- ↑22.7% ↑0.6%
 Public Protection	 Serious Organised Crime	 Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 324 53.7	20/21 33 87.9	20/21 236 90.7
21/22 352 53.7	21/22 43 95.3	21/22 226 88.1
% +/- ↑8.6% 0.0%	% +/- ↑30.3% ↑7.5%	% +/- ↓-4.2% ↓-2.6%



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:

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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

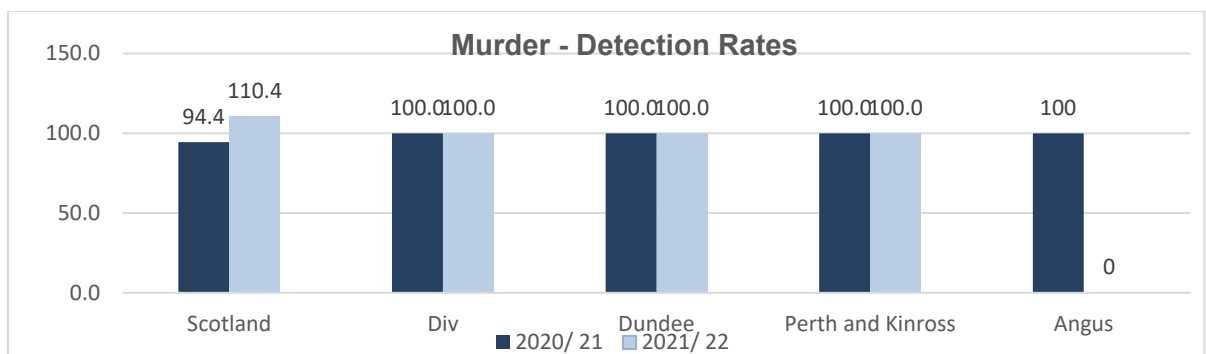
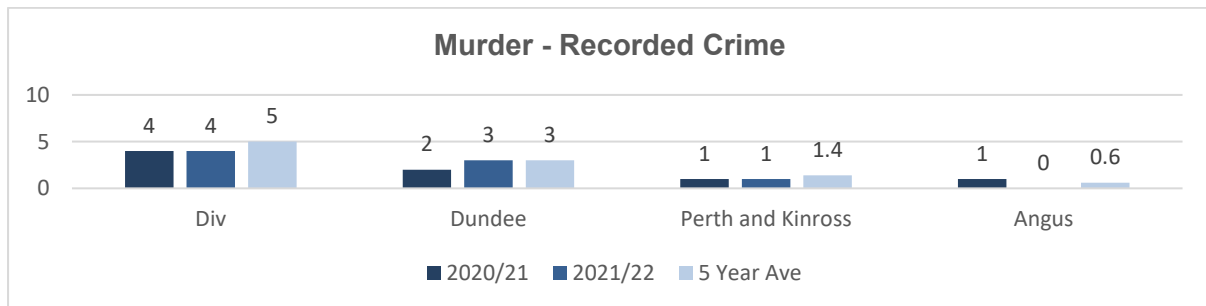
In this reporting period we continue to deal with the longer term effects of the pandemic. It remains very challenging to make a year on year comparison in relation to recorded crime, given the significantly different times as a result of last year's lockdown and restrictions. As such we continue to consider the 5 year average as a more accurate comparison tool.

Violent crime continues to be a priority for us in Angus, ensuring that investigative opportunities are maximised, and that supports are in place for victims of such crime.

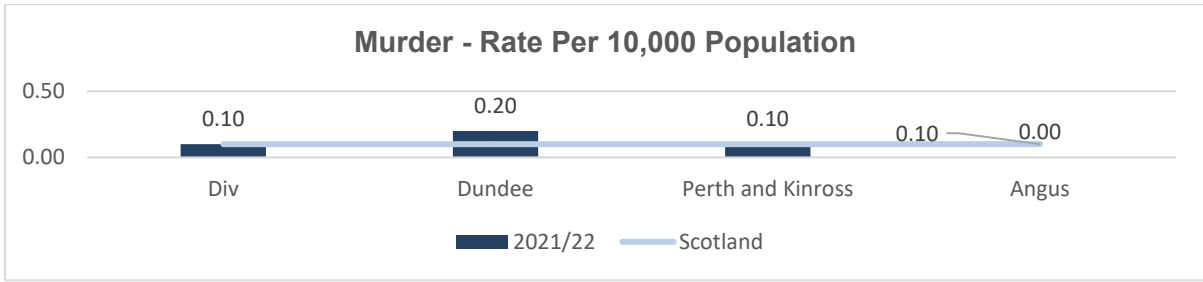
Throughout this reporting period in Angus there have been several initiatives to deal with concerns re anti-social behaviour. We continue to work with our partners, including community wardens, to ensure that we share information and maximise resources to jointly address such issues in our communities.

Murder

There have been no murders during this reporting period.

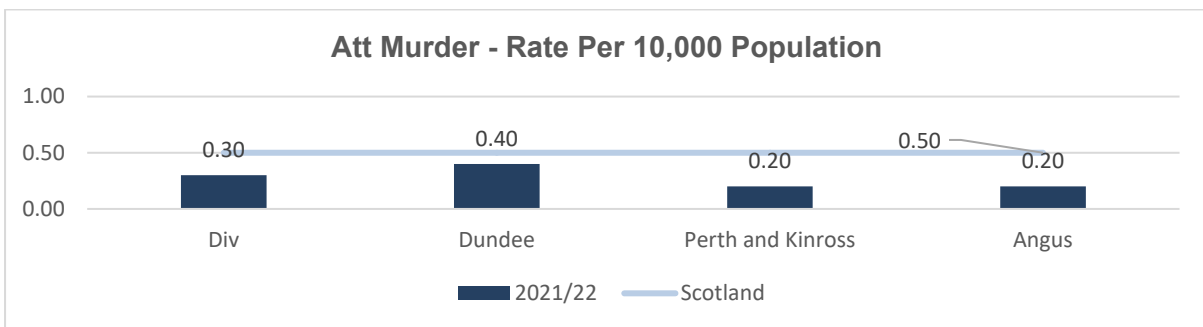
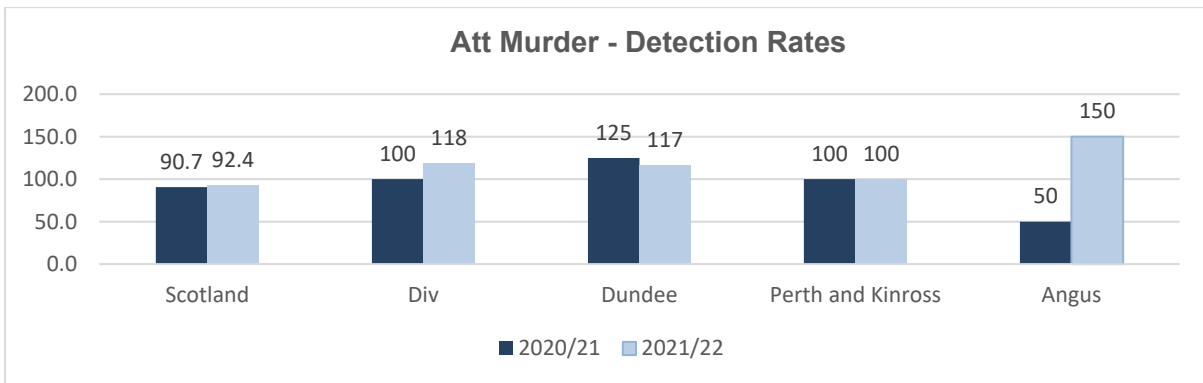
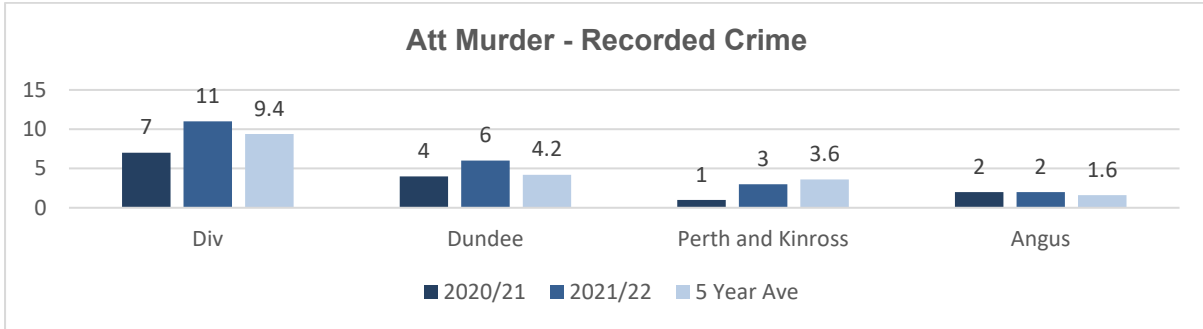


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Attempted Murder

There have been no attempted murders during this period.



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Serious Assault

A total of 12 serious assaults were recorded within Angus during this reporting period. Of these crimes, 11 have been detected, with positive lines of enquiry remaining in relation to the outstanding crime.

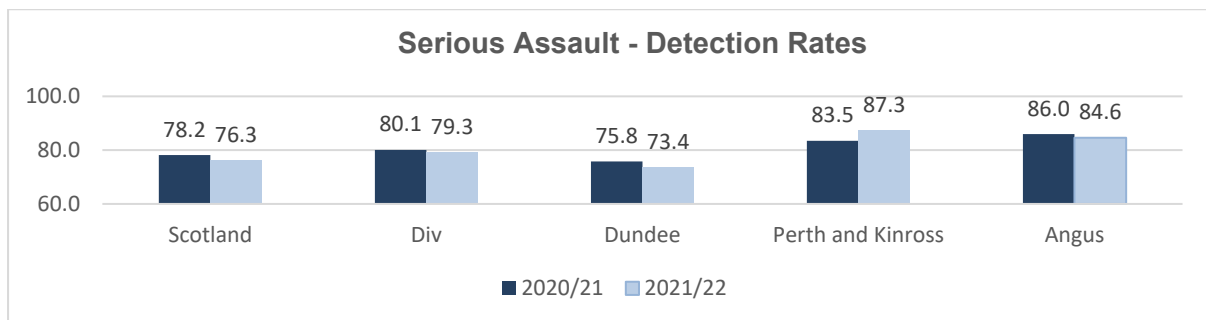
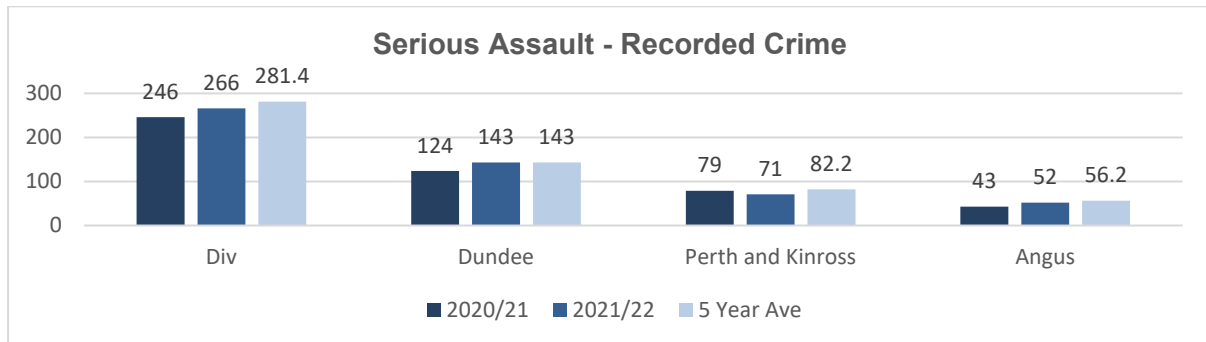
Although there has been a 20% increase (9 crimes) in the number of recorded Serious Assaults in comparison to last year, this remains below the 5 year average.

Of these incidents, over 50% involved victims and perpetrators who were known to each other and 50 % were committed within private dwellings. Of these incidents two occurred within licensed premises and one occurred within a care establishment.

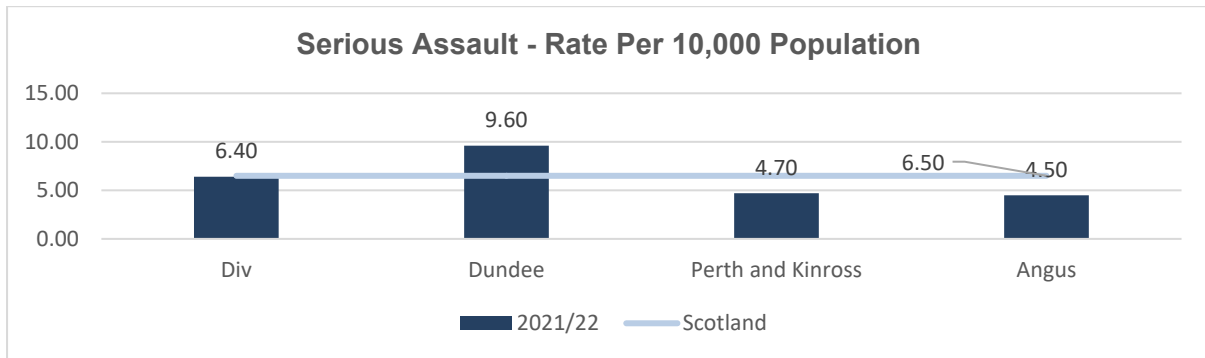
It is noted that in 75% of these crimes, either the perpetrator or victim were under the influence of drink and/or drugs at the time. It is therefore vital that we continue to share information with partners to ensure that appropriate supports are offered to perpetrators and victims in relation to any other vulnerabilities.

All Serious Assaults continue to be reviewed by Criminal Investigation Department supervisors ensuring all investigative opportunities are considered and victims are safeguarded.

Where violent offenders are subject to bail curfews or special bail conditions in respect of their offences, bail compliance checks are carried out and any breaches reported. We proactively seek appropriate bail conditions for offenders who have committed violent crime.



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Common Assault

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

The number of assaults against Emergency Workers are recorded separately, however are included in the Common Assault total. There has been a 5.7% increase in Common Assaults perpetrated against Emergency Service workers in the reporting period. Violence, abusive behaviour and assaults against police officers is a focus nationally as part of the Chief Constable's Assault Pledge. As a Division we are committed to ensuring that we do all we can to reduce assaults on officers and staff and provide support as and when required, from the incident itself, until its conclusion at the end of the criminal justice process. A North of Scotland region Your Safety Matters group has been formed to oversee this work. These groups continue to look at repeat perpetrators, repeat locations and assault category data to inform intervention and preventative measures as well as also focusing on Officer support and wellbeing.

Almost half of the common assaults recorded are domestic in nature. We continue to prioritise domestic offending in Angus, working with partners to ensure that domestic perpetrators are dealt with promptly and robustly. We regularly carry out compliance visits to domestic perpetrators who have been released with conditions and also carry out welfare checks to victims.

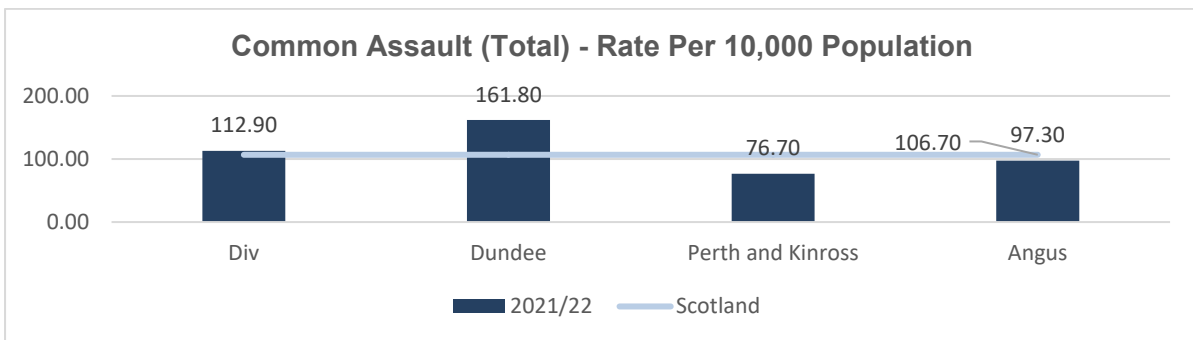
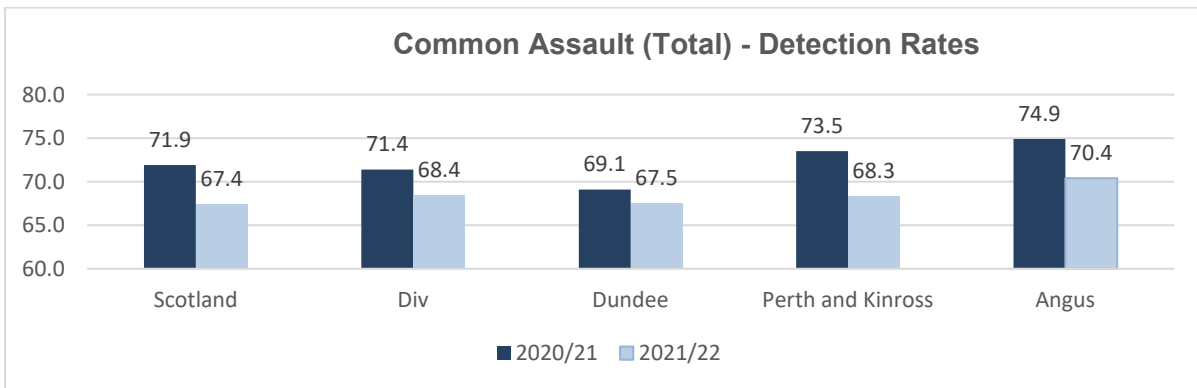
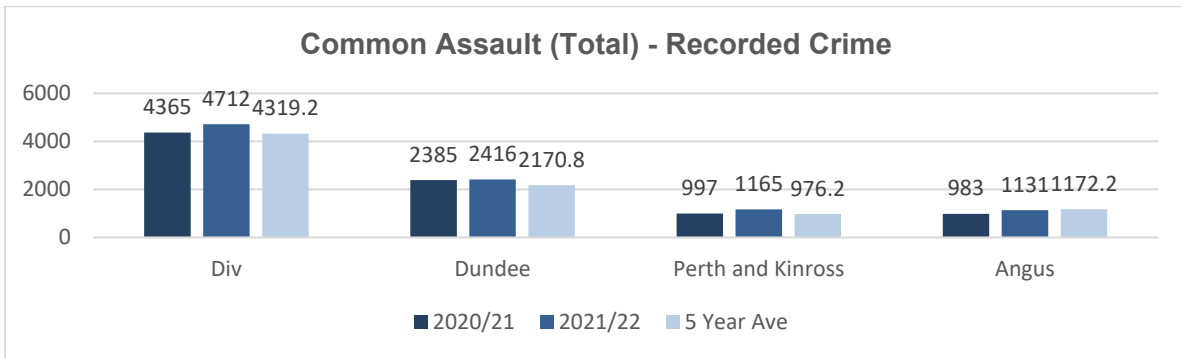
There is no pattern or series identified in relation to the assaults during this reporting period.

A number of the assaults reported involve juvenile perpetrators and juvenile victims. We continue to work with our partners to address any issues involving our young people.

It is recognised that the detection rate for common assault has reduced slightly, however this remains above the Divisional and National average and a number of investigations remain ongoing with positive lines of enquiry being pursued.

In order to prevent any offending, including violence, linked to our night time economy, we are regularly engaging with licenced premises and have resources dedicated to this, particularly during the weekend, to ensure visibility, provide reassurance and to deter offending.

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Robbery

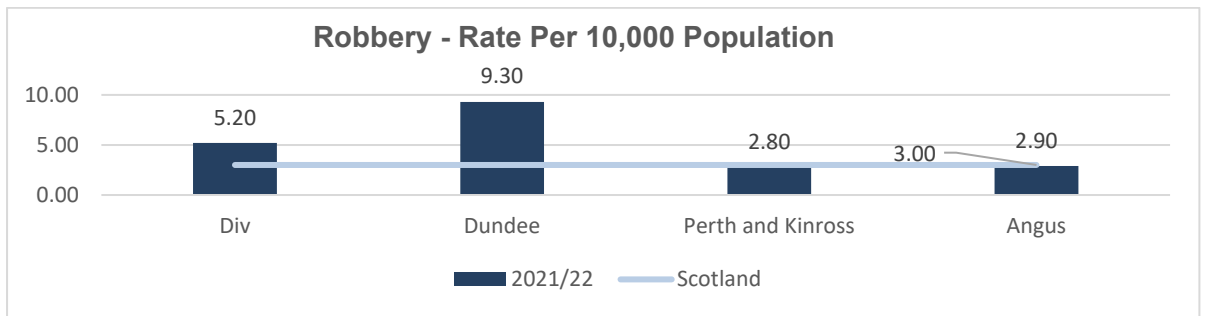
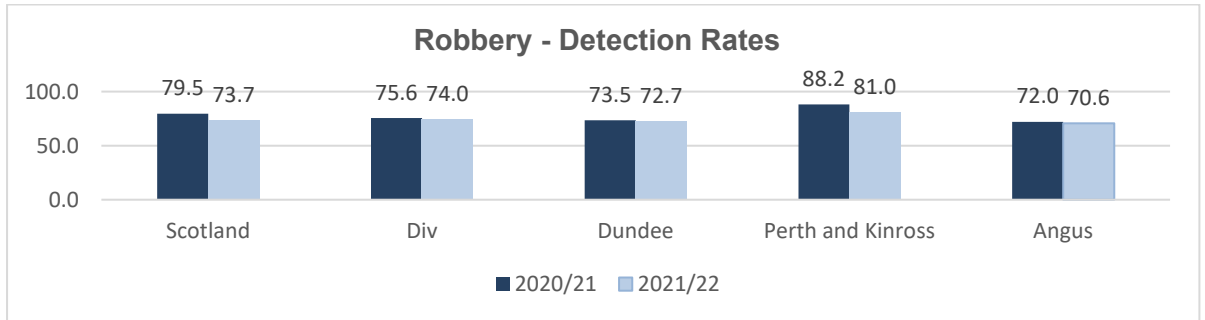
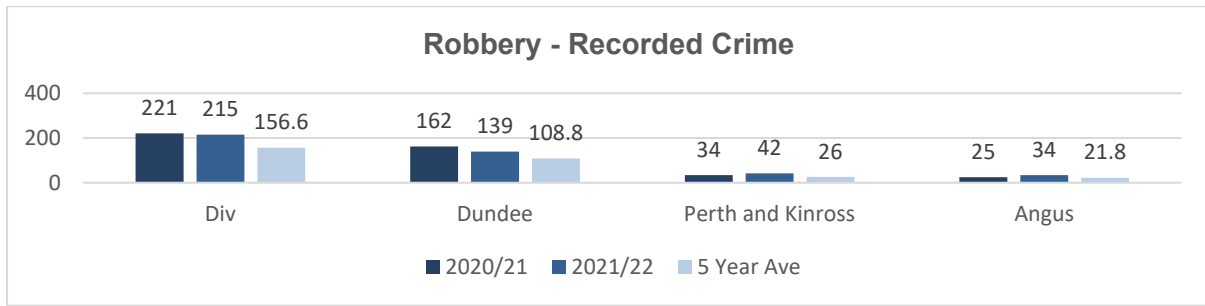
There were 2 Robberies recorded in this reporting period under review which is reduction from the previous reporting period. One of these crimes saw an early detection and arrest. The outstanding crime continues to be investigated by the Criminal Investigation Department with positive lines of enquiry being followed. Both of these crimes occurred within private dwellings in separate towns.

Analysis of the victim and perpetrator profiles of the robberies reported this year, confirm that the majority of these crimes are committed by individuals who are known to their victims. Although some repeat offenders have been identified, they are a relatively small number.

Again a large number of these crimes involve either the perpetrator or victim being under the influence of drink and/or drugs, therefore support options for these people is crucial. We continue to follow the Divisional Robbery Action Plan in an effort to prevent these crimes occurring. A Robbery Toolkit has been developed to ensure consistency of investigative practice and provision of support to victims.

CID officers continue to have oversight of all Robberies.

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Vandalism

There has been a slight increase in the number of vandalisms reported in comparison to last year, however this remains 17% below the 5 year average.

In this reporting period a male was identified and arrested for a series of vandalisms to vehicles in the Forfar area.

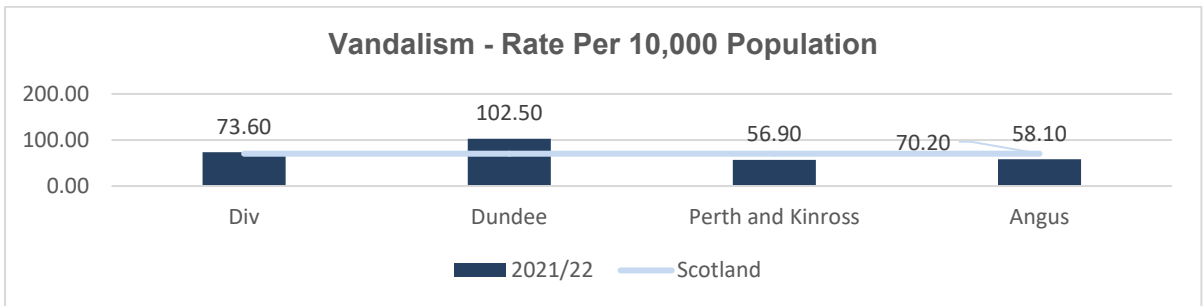
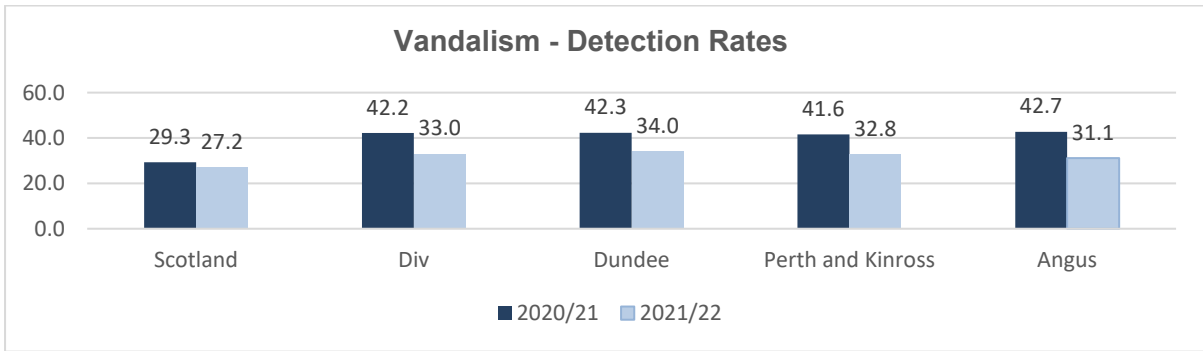
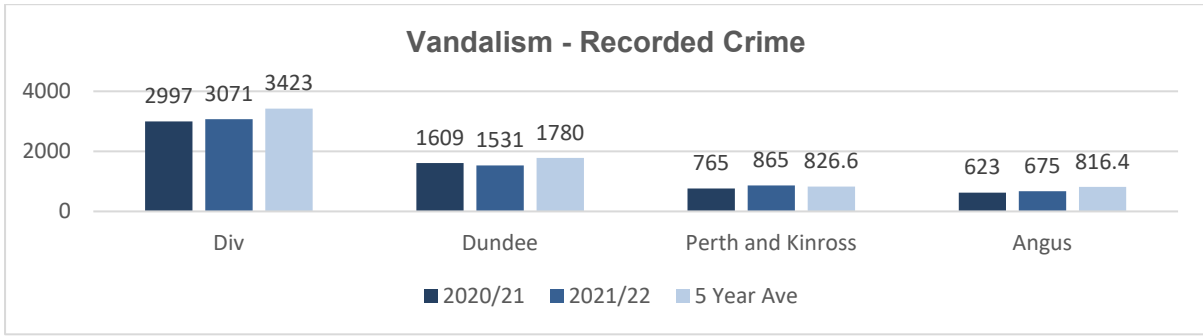
There have been a number of initiatives in Angus, for example in Kirriemuir and Arbroath, due to anti-social behaviour concerns that have been reported and this will continue to be a focus for our community teams.

In order to address any "hot spot" areas we will look to carry out high profile patrols and engage with the community to identify those who are linked to such behaviour.

We will consider all tactical options, and have regularly deployed the Mobile CCTV van as well as additional Divisional and National resources.

There is ongoing liaison with our community wardens and we will continue to work with our partners to address these issues together and at the earliest possible opportunity to mitigate any concern in our communities.

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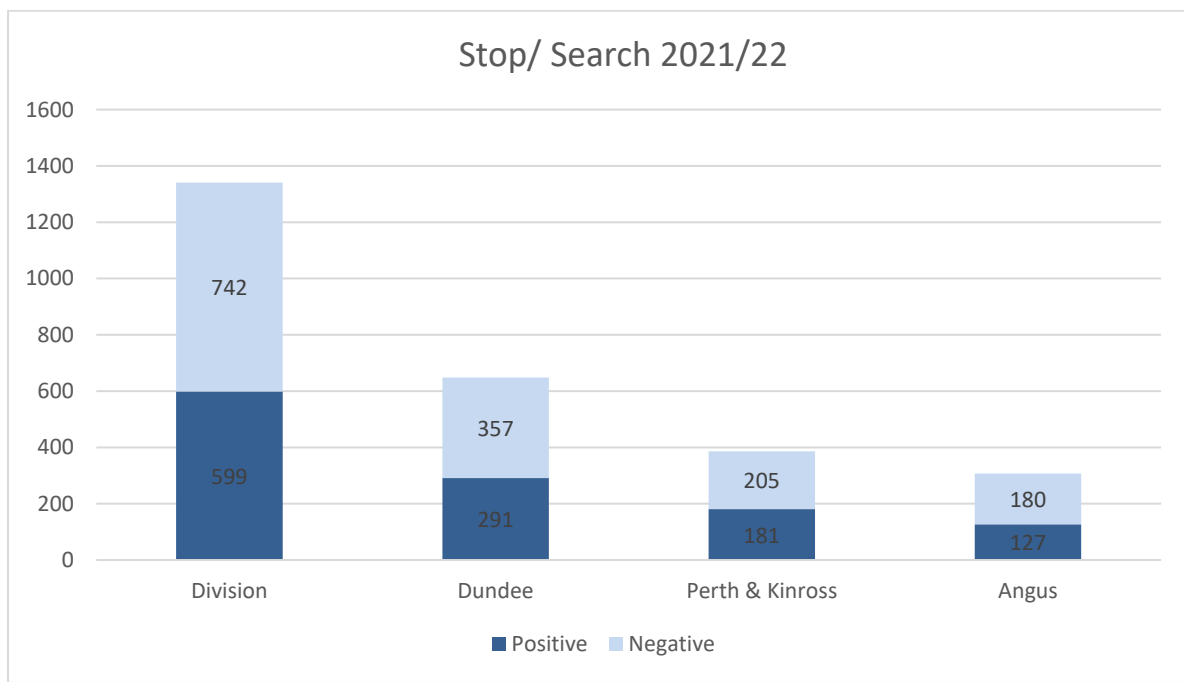
Measure – Stop Search

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 307 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 127 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 41.4%.

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





Acquisitive Crime

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- *An inclusive and sustainable economy*

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Acquisitive Crime

Acquisitive Crime has increased in Angus which mirrors similar increases across the Division and nationally.

A large number of all of these acquisitive crime types (Housebreakings, Motor Vehicle Crime and Shopliftings) are committed by repeat offenders who are known to the police.

A large number of these crimes are committed as part of a series of crimes, often which see offending take place across the borders both within and outside of Tayside.

Domestic Housebreaking

A total of 26 Housebreakings (including attempts) were recorded during the reporting period of which 42% have been detected.

Across the reporting year, there has been an increase of 10 crimes against the previous year although detection rates have risen by 8% in comparison.

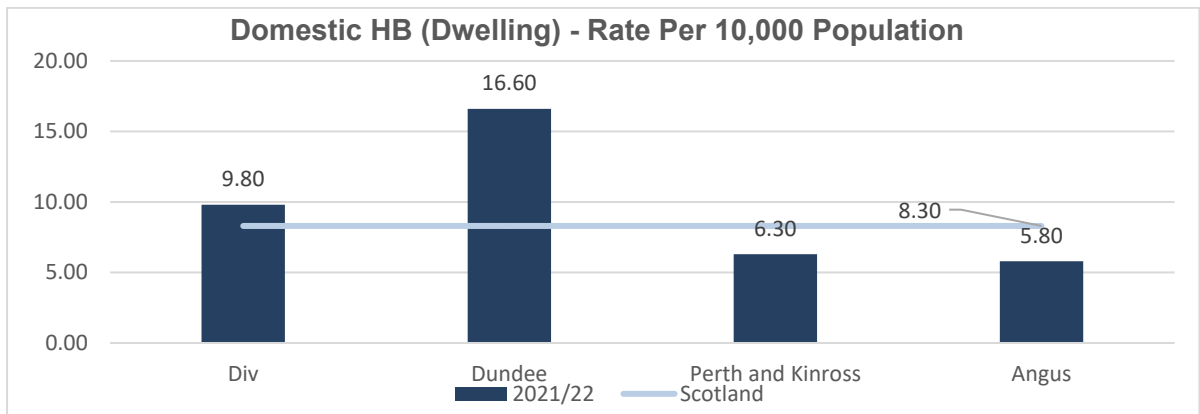
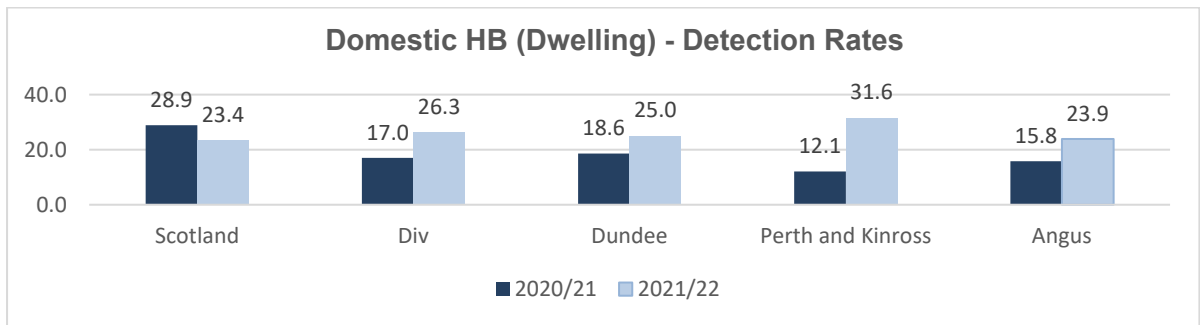
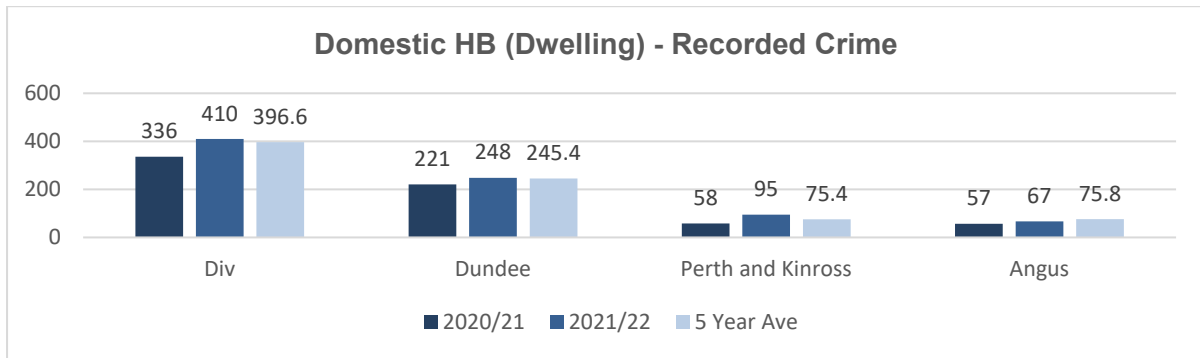
In March 2022 a male was arrested and cautioned and charged with a number of housebreakings into garages and sheds, as well as for breaching bail conditions.

The Community Investigation Unit (CIU) continues to lead our response to Housebreakings, with the team completing a review of every reported Housebreaking or Attempt. A Housebreaking Toolkit has been developed and delivered to all officers, seeking to ensure that the standard of each investigation is of the same high standard and those important forensic and CCTV opportunities are not missed at the outset of any investigation.

The CIU have developed a clear investigative strategy to be deployed consistently across the next reporting year, specifically designed to impact upon Housebreaking detection rates. In addition to this, the deployment model of CID resources is currently being re-developed to enhance the investigative capability under the direction of a locality based Detective Inspector.

A high percentage of acquisitive crime has been committed by a small number of known offender's resident out-with Angus. Where preventative bail has been implemented, officers in Angus and across the Division have sought to proactively enforce the bail and carry out preventative patrols to deter offenders.

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Fraud

There has been 50 Frauds recorded during this reporting period. In total this year, there has been a 34% increase in comparison to last year. The current detection rate is 15% which is a slight increase to last year.

This continued increase is in line with both the Divisional and National picture. This has been a continued trend since initial lockdown conditions were instigated during 2020. This saw a rapid increase in cyber-related criminality, as organised crime groups exploited the increase in internet usage.

Unfortunately detection rates remain low and are a clear reflection of the many 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.

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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.

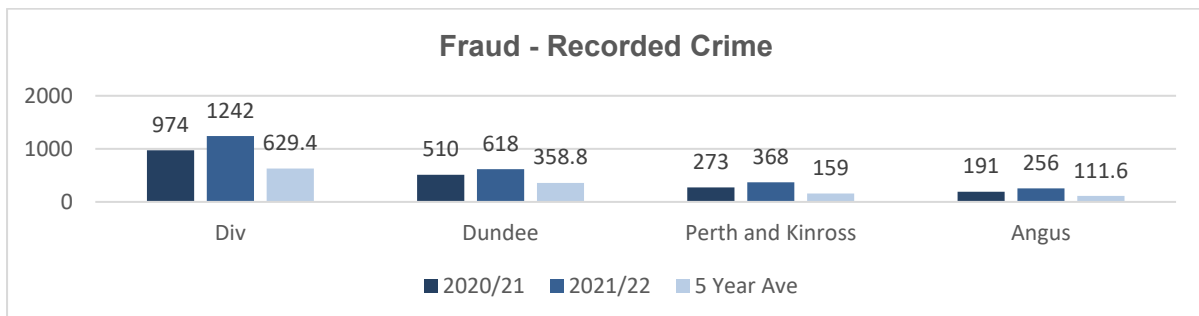
The Division's Fraud Working Group continues its efforts to raise awareness of fraud, offering advice to the public in how to keep safe whilst online highlighting recent scams which are ongoing and how to avoid becoming a victim. These messages are conveyed through partners in Neighbourhood Watch, social media as well as Covid vaccination centres in an attempt to reach a wider audience.

In terms of prevention work, all victims of Fraud are contacted by a Preventions Officer and offered advice by email or Fraud pack. Several victims have been referred to both Trading Standards and VSS for further support.

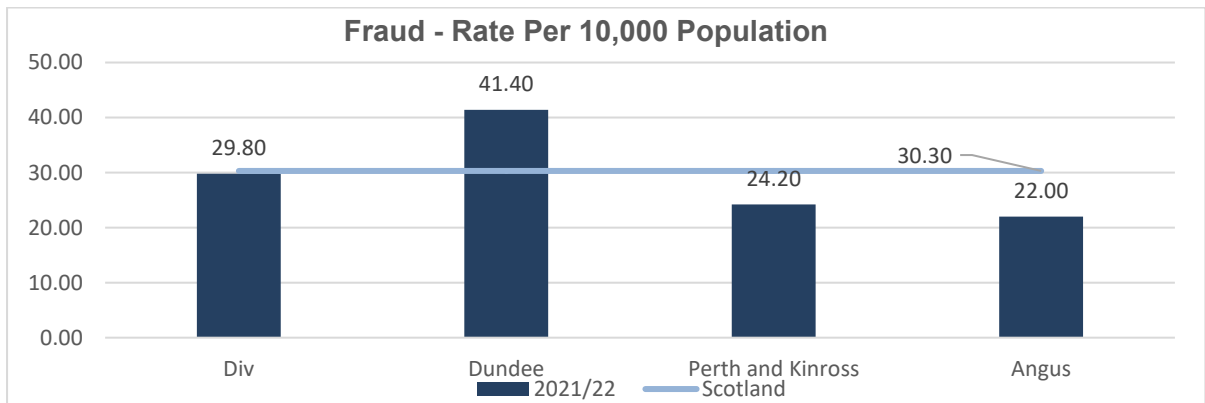
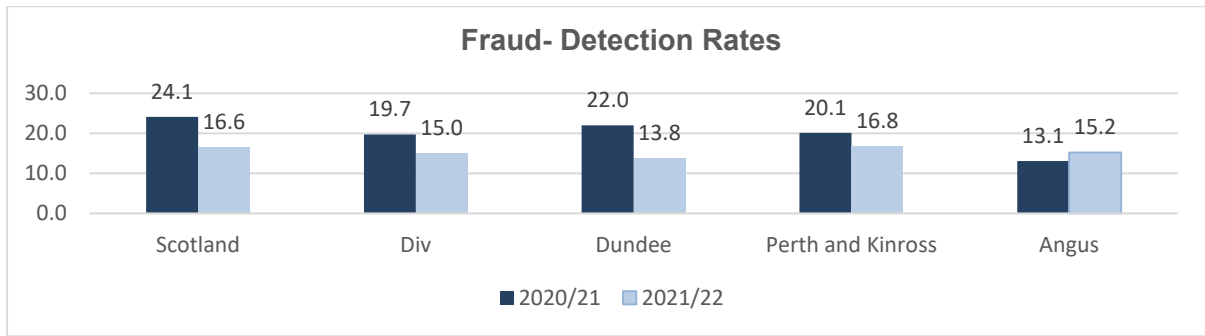
We continue to work with our partners, including financial establishments, to identify and support vulnerable victims and to prevent money being transferred from victims' accounts.

Operation Hatpin - D Division led the national response to high value frauds evidently committed by an Organised Crime Group based in the West of Scotland. Nine high value frauds involving elderly victims have been reported across three local police areas in Tayside whereby the perpetrators have contacted the victims by telephone advising them that there has been fraudulent activity on their bank accounts and suggesting that bank and retail staff are involved in the suspicious activity.

Suspects then coerce the complainers to remove large amounts of cash from their bank accounts and provide them with a cover story should bank tellers question the reason for the removal of money. Police enquires identified two males within the crime group who have now been arrested and charged with the numerous offences committed within Tayside and nationally. Appropriate safeguarding was undertaken in respect of the victim affected.



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Theft by Shoplifting

The number of theft by shoplifting crimes have increased since last year and are 2% higher than the 5 year average.

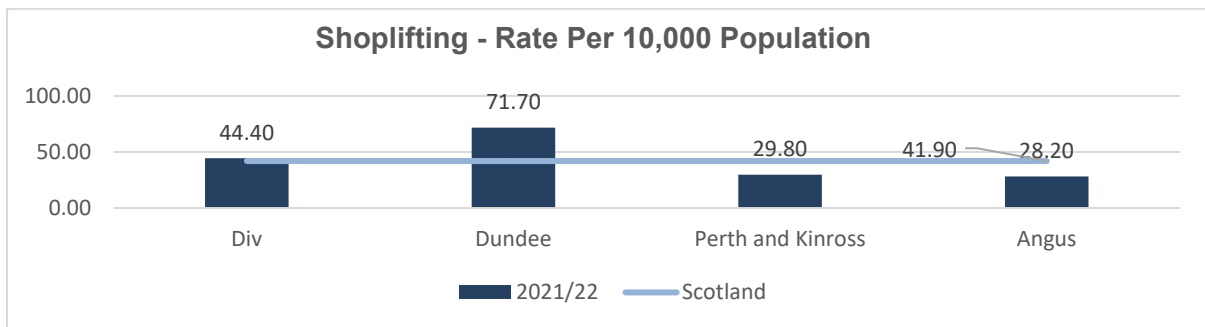
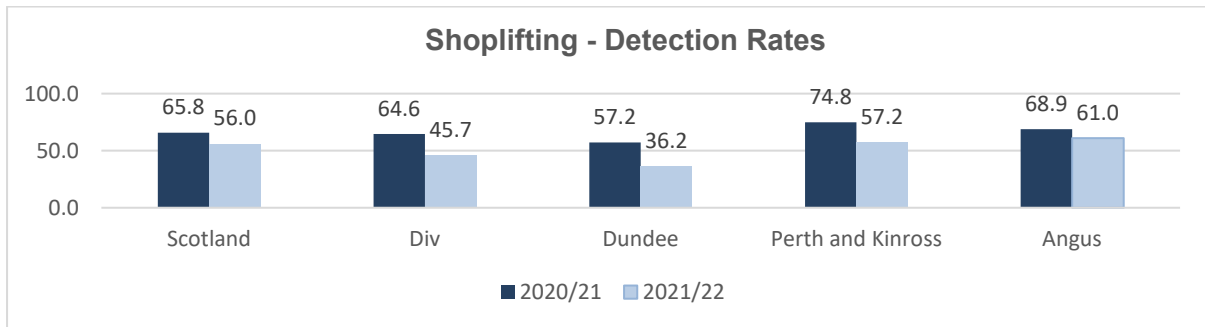
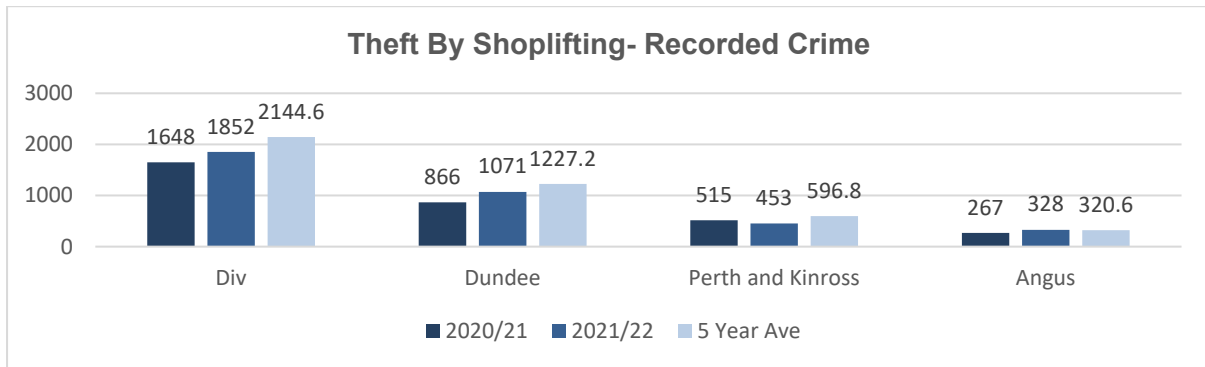
We continue to provide prevention advice to retail premises to ensure that opportunities are mitigated.

In this reporting period a small number of repeat offenders have been responsible for a significant number of these crimes. These have been detected, with the offenders having been arrested and brought before the court.

The main challenges are reflective in other areas of acquisitive crime, where the increasing pressures on local people due to the cost of living will likely see an increase in occurrence rates. During Q4 the wearing of face masks was still prevalent within stores, reducing the effectiveness of traditional crime prevention and evidential tools, such as CCTV.

Again we continue to share information with partners, if appropriate, in instances where there perpetrators have additional vulnerabilities which may have a link to their offending in the hope that support would assist them and also reduce further offending.

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Motor Vehicle Crime

There have been 29 crimes recorded involving Theft of / Theft from a Motor Vehicle across Angus during this reporting period.

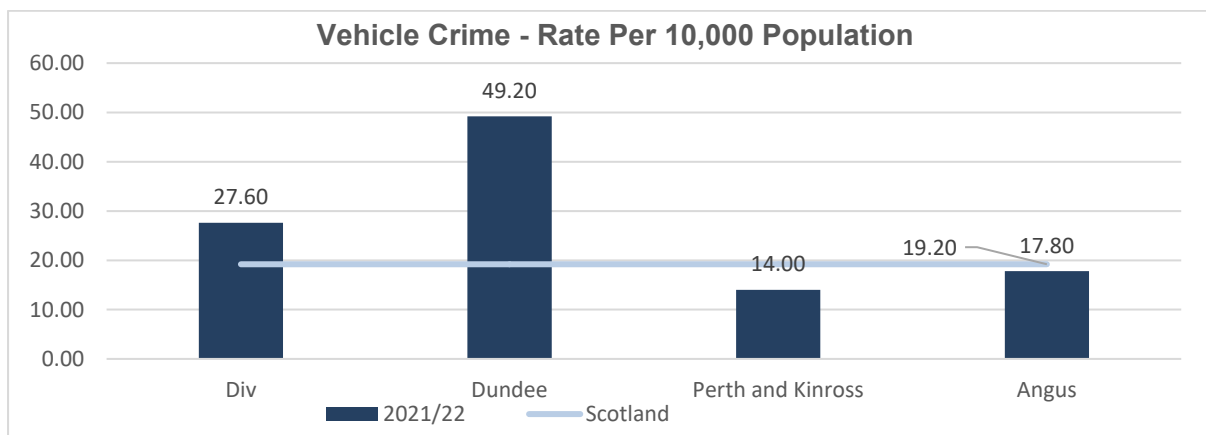
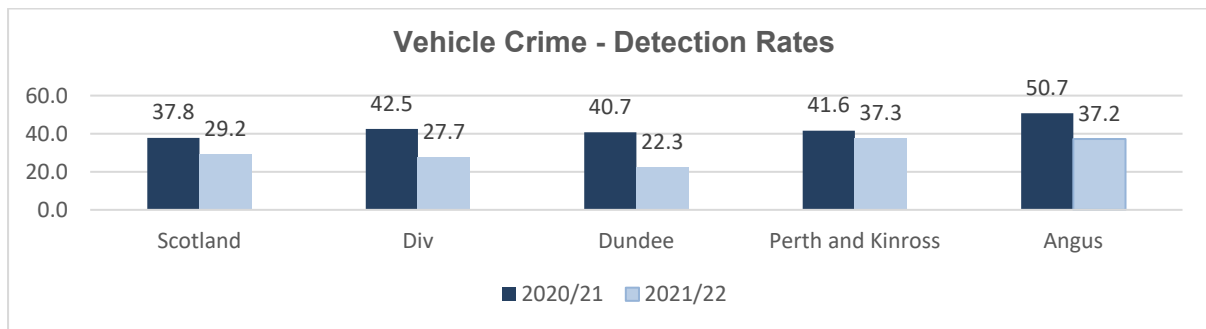
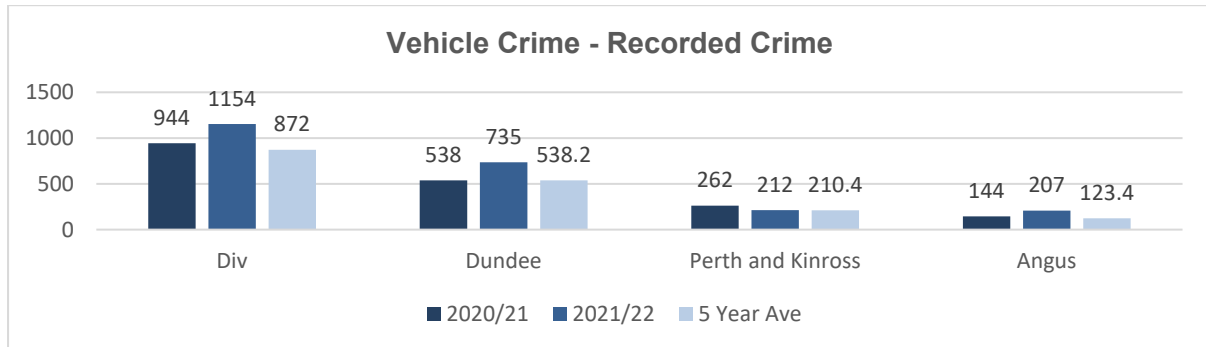
The number of motor vehicle crimes recorded this year is significantly higher than last year and, unfortunately, the 5 year average. Monifieth ward has the highest number of these crimes followed by Forfar ward.

A high number of these crimes result in the stolen vehicle being used in further criminality across the Division. Over this period, it is apparent that some of the reported criminality has been committed by known criminals' resident out-with the Angus and Tayside areas. This has been a pattern for this full reporting period. A number of these offenders have been arrested and charged for various offences and put before the court.

It is sometimes the case that vehicles are left insecure with valuables on display making them attractive to opportunistic thieves. As in previous reports, in a large number of these crimes, it was apparent that the owner of the vehicles had not properly secured it leaving valuables on show within. Crimes of this type are challenging to investigate, often with limited forensic opportunities to pursue. Our

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Preventions and Interventions Teams continue to provide a focus on prevention, through targeted leaflet drops and regular crime prevention messaging via our local social media channels.



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Road Safety and Road Crime

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Road Safety

A number of our community officers have been focussing on local parking issues, particularly in the areas of schools, in order to educate road users and carry out enforcement when necessary.

There has been positive feedback received from partners and our communities regarding this.

All Persons Killed, Seriously Injured and Children Killed, 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.

There have not been any fatalities in Angus for the period under review.

Sadly there have been 48 persons seriously injured as a result of collisions in Angus during this reporting year, which is a 9.1% increase comparable with the same period last year whereby we saw 44 seriously injured.

There have been 87 slight injury collisions in this reporting year which is a 29% reduction in comparison to last year, whereby we saw 123 slight injury collisions.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit (RPU) in Angus. Focused patrol work will be complemented 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 the Fatal 5 which are Dangerous/careless driving, Drink/drug driving, Speeding, Seatbelts and mobile phones.

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

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Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads;

M90/A90 (Angus)
A9
A923 (Angus)
A93
A85
A92 (Angus)

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

January 24th – 30th National speeding campaign

February 21st – 27th National mobile phone campaign

March 14th – 20th Commercial vehicle week

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

55 mph exceed 30mph limit
82 mph exceed 60mph limit
90 mph exceed 60 mph limit
51mph exceed 30 mph limit

Road Policing officers continue to provide high visibility and support to local 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.

Emerging threats and risks

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

Updates

Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) remains under review, a number of different options are being explored to ensure we successfully target the correct audience with suitable content. It is essential to influence driver behaviour pre-driving not only short term but also long term.

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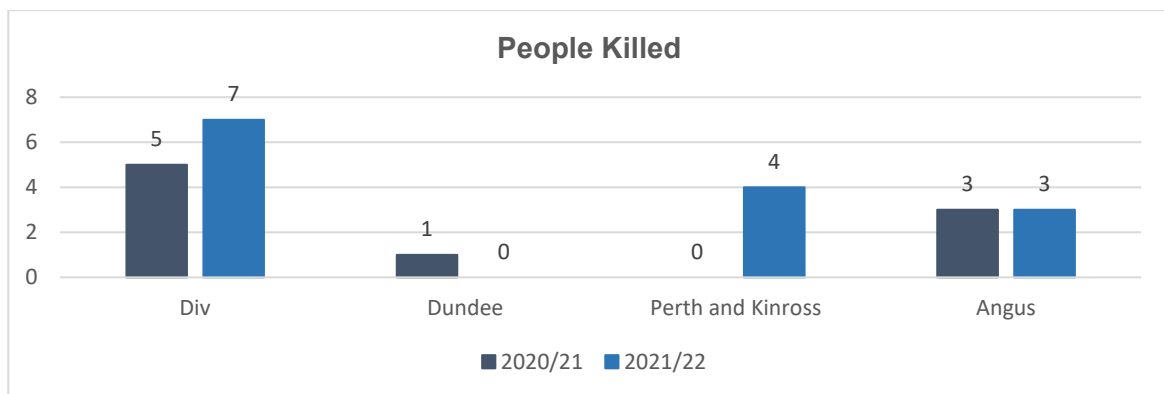
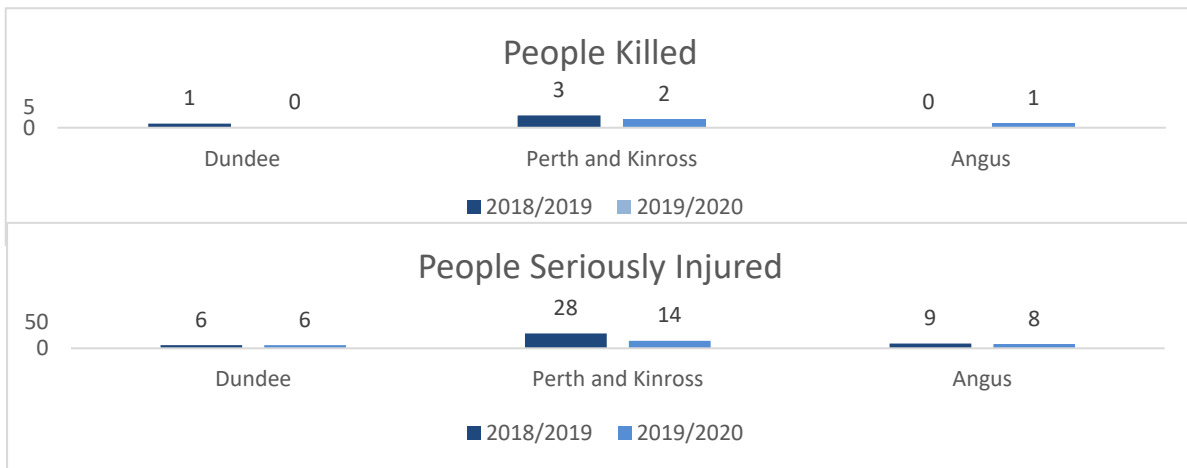
The New Driver Scheme (NDS) will be implemented within Tayside Division in 2022. The NDS is a hard-hitting presentation which raises awareness of road safety issues.

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.

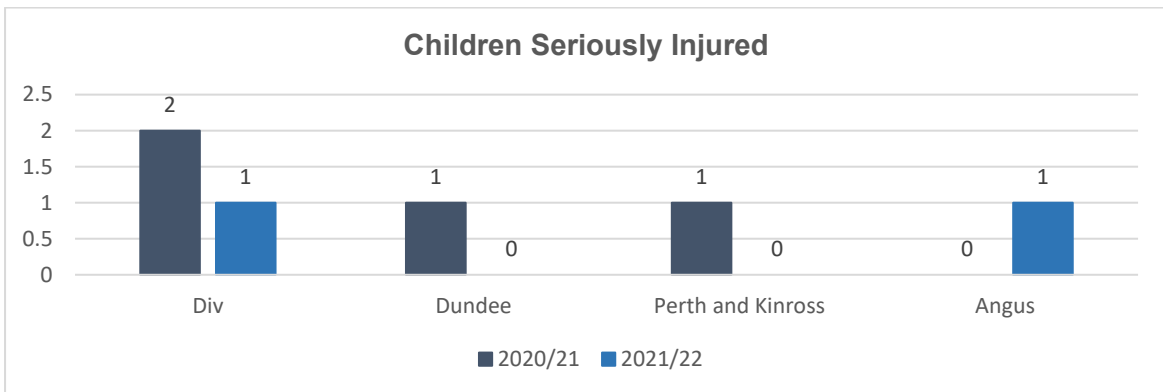
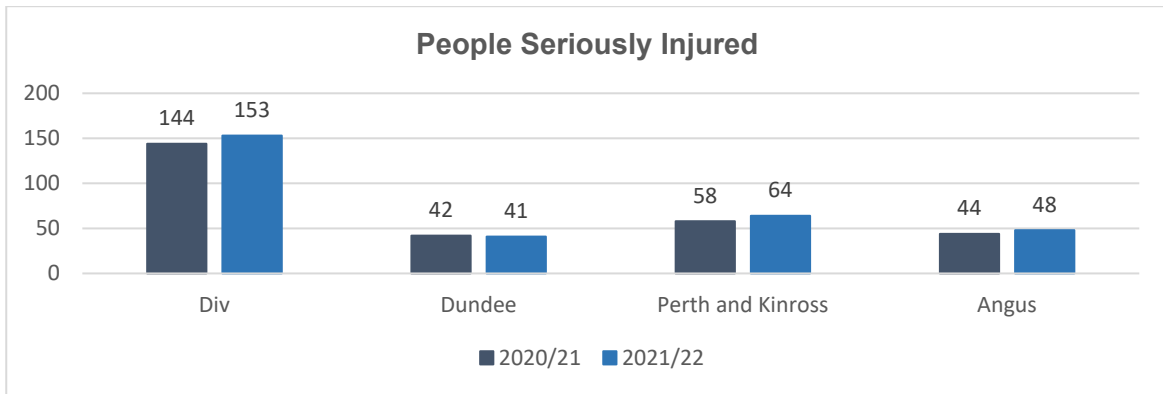
Officer training has been completed and we are in consultation with Skills Development Scotland in relation to a delivery plan.

Rider Refinement North (RRN)

Similarly to SDSA, RNN has been postponed throughout Covid19. RNN has been refreshed and will be delivered in Perth on the 21st May, a number of future dates have also been planned throughout the motorcycle season 2022.



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Speeding

During the period under review, the number of recorded speeding offences in Angus have increased by 39.3%. 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.

Additionally, 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.

The Safety Camera Unit (SCU) have utilised a number of flexible deployment sites following localised complaints which has had a significant impact of influencing driver behaviour.

Divisionally Tayside have experienced a slight decrease with a total of 4067 offenders detected, this equates to a 0.75% reduction compared to the same period the previous year.

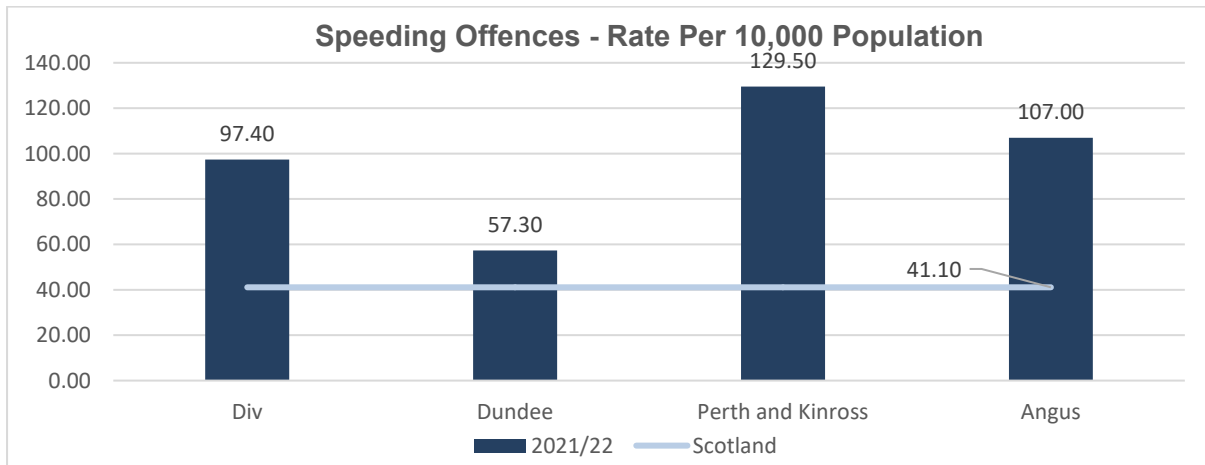
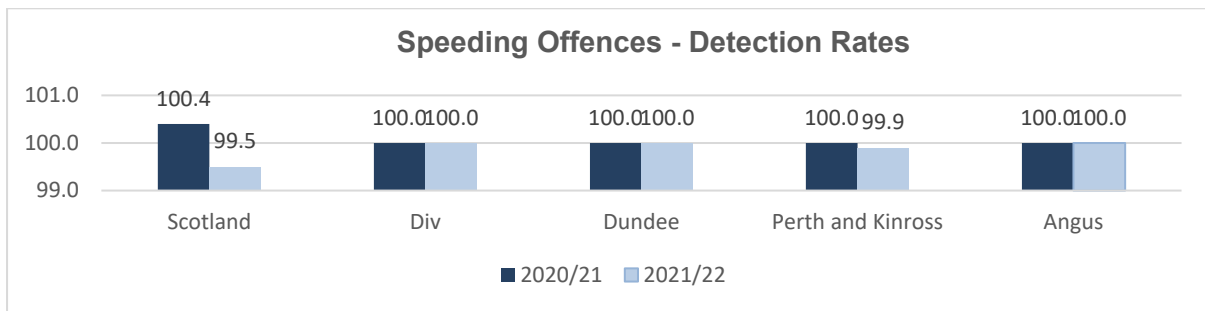
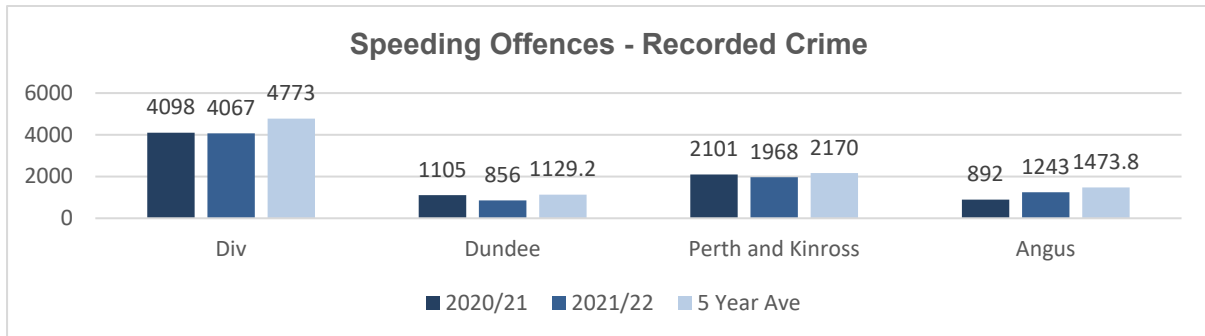
The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

Close working relationships continue with Northern, North East, Fife and Central Divisions has 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.

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During this period 1243 speeding offences were detected in Angus, which is a significant increase compared to the year previous, however this figure remains below the 5 year average.



Drink/Drug Driving

During this reporting year there were 127 recorded Drink/Drug offences in Angus. This is an 11.2% decrease in comparison to the same period of last year which is extremely positive.

This decrease is in keeping with the picture across Tayside.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 2440 breath tests year to date and conducted 294 drug wipes, 137 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration of prosecution.

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

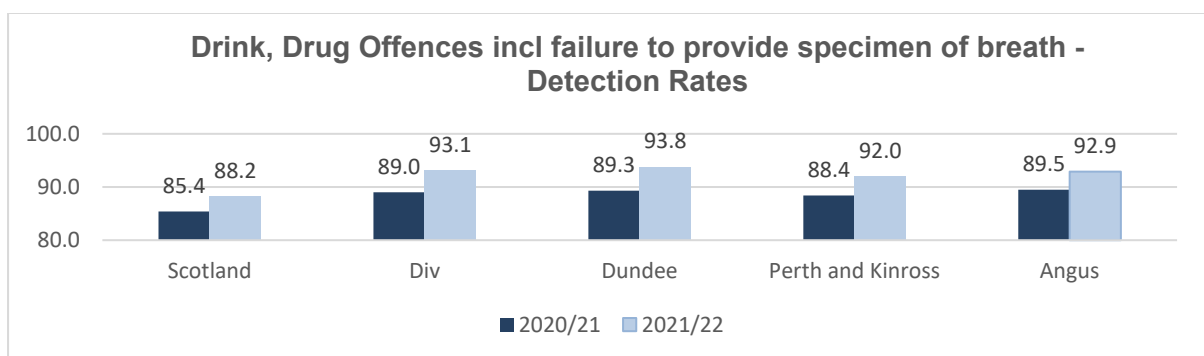
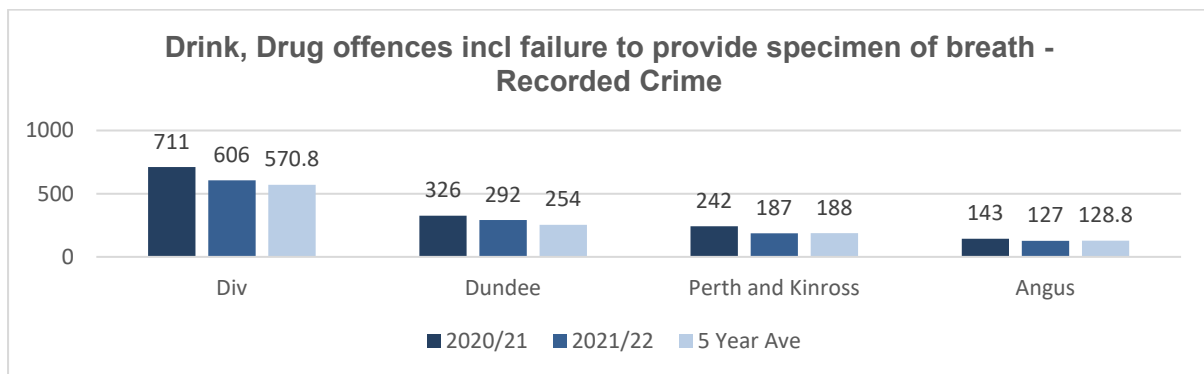
January saw the conclusion of the Winter Drink/Drug Drive campaign with a number of offenders detected over the festive period.

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

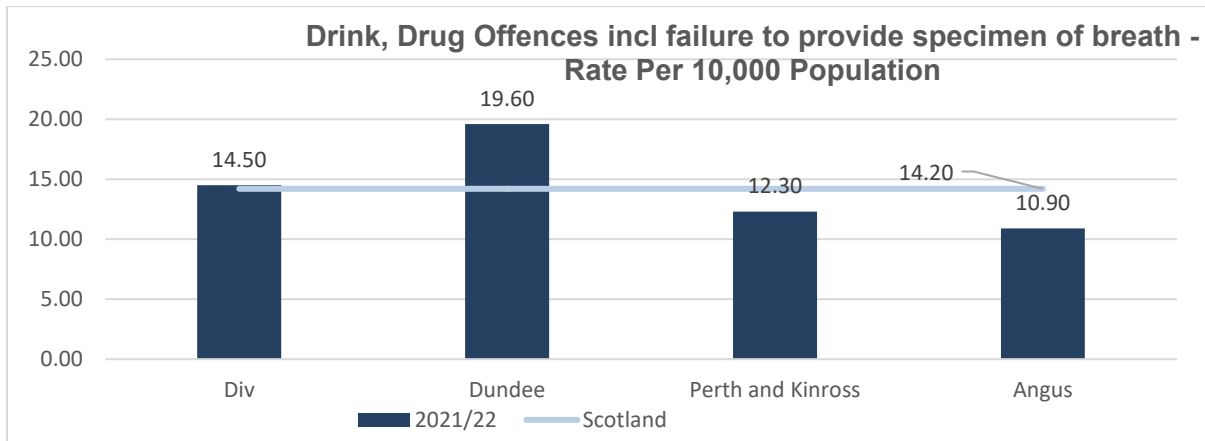
The focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offender's driving the morning after being under the influence.

As we can see from the breakdown above, the drug wipe testing kit will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving with a considerable number of positive wipes throughout Tayside Division.

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



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Careless Driving

Angus saw a 20.6% increase in recorded Careless driving incidents 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.

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

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' (Dangerous Driving, Careless Driving, the use of Mobile Phones whilst driving, Failure to use Seatbelts and Drink and Drug Driving) and working with partners, Tayside Division Road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education activities 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.

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.

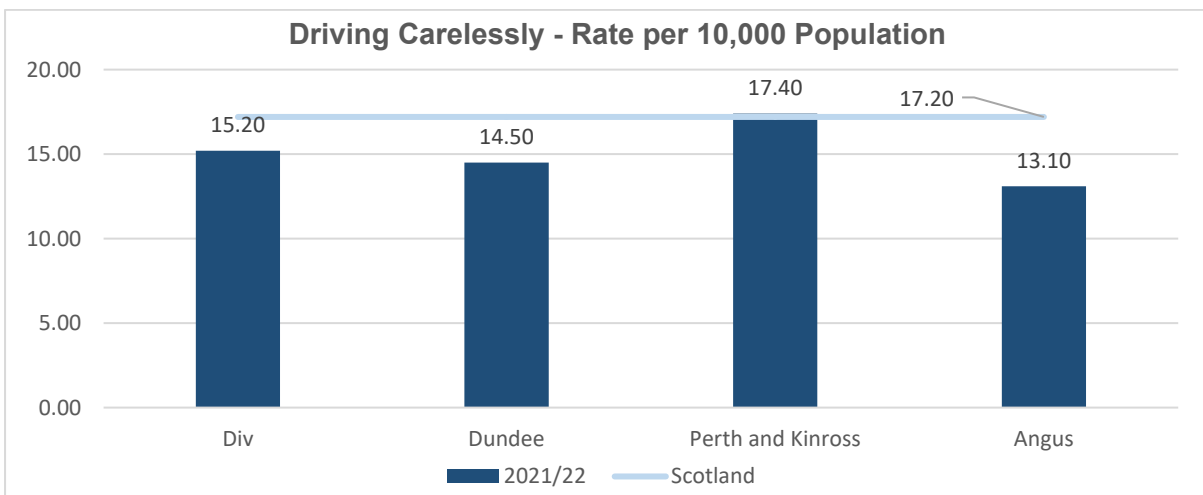
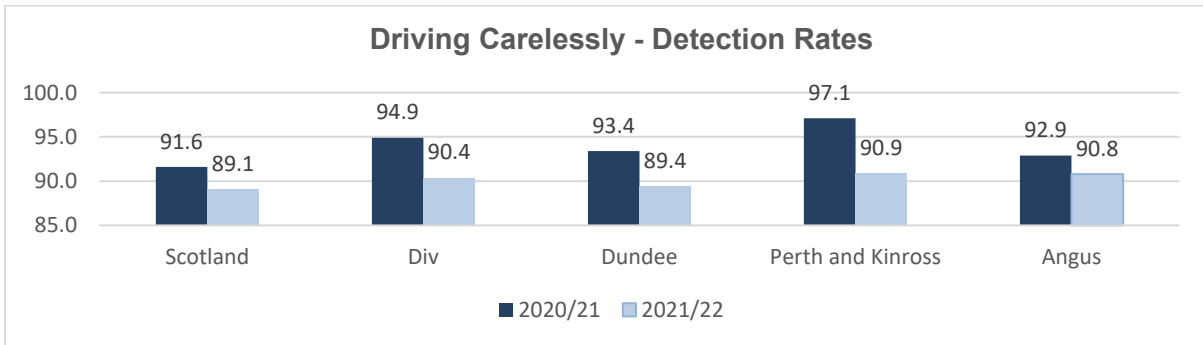
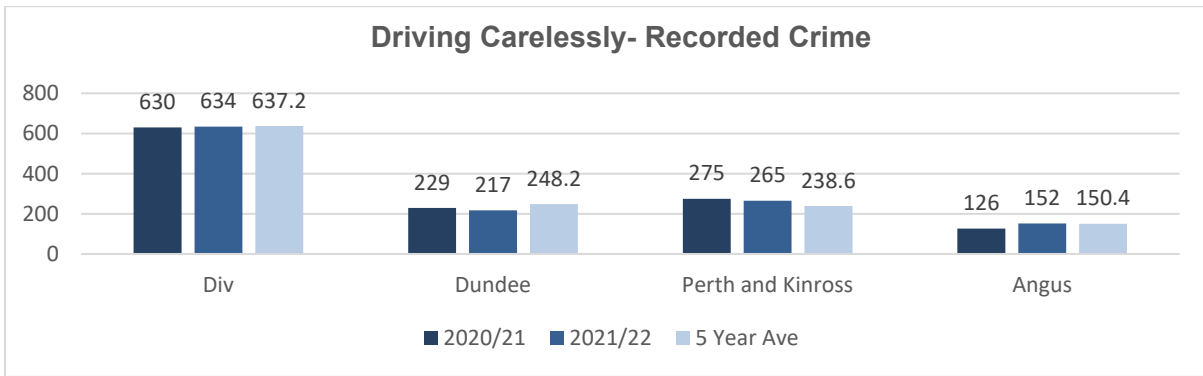
These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

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 we seek to trace and arrest as a priority following the report a crime. 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 (17 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 of the often hidden coercive and controlling behaviour involved in 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, they are now in line with 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. A number of these offences are linked by the same complainer reporting a number of incidents against the same perpetrator, however these are all recorded as individual crimes.

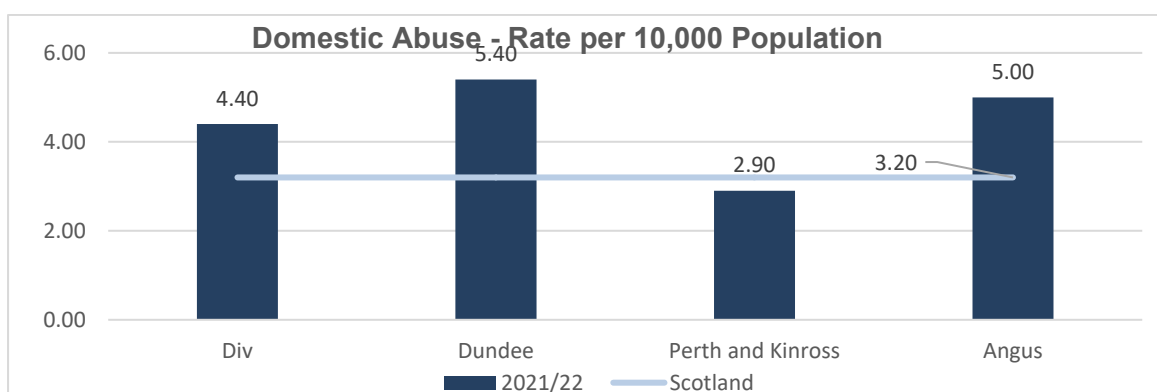
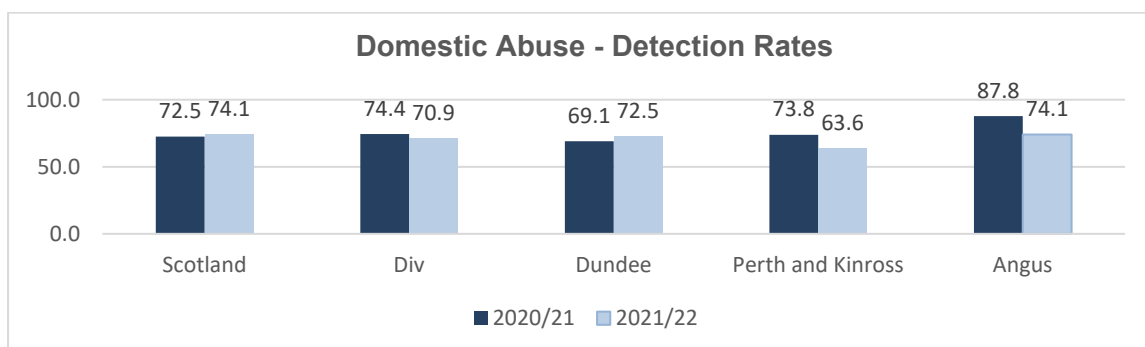
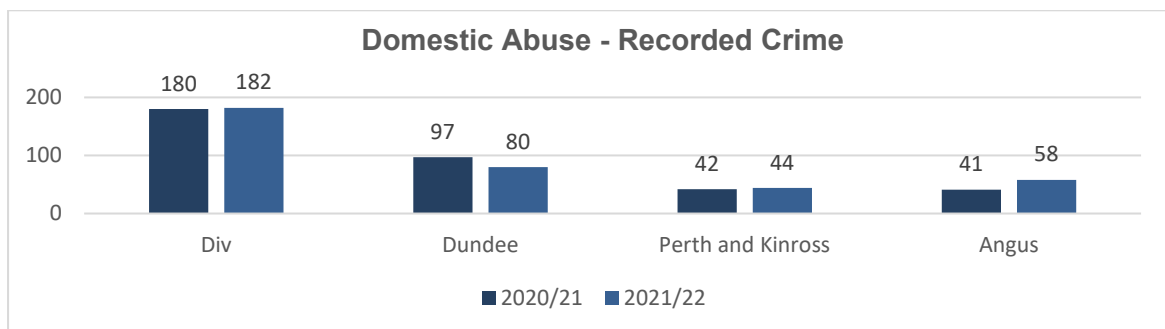
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Along with specialist departments, including the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and National Domestic Abuse Task Force, we continue to work with partner agencies to ensure safeguarding of victims and pursue every opportunity to target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

During the reporting period two males from the Angus area were subject of active investigation by the Domestic Abuse Task Force, having been referred via the MATAAC (Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating) process with a number of other perpetrators subject of ongoing investigations by the Divisional DAIU.

One male was arrested and charged with 10 offences committed against 5 previous partners between 2010 and 2021. This perpetrator was reported for various crimes, including sexual offences, assaults, animal cruelty and a Section 1 DASA offence. This perpetrator is currently remanded in custody awaiting trial.

A second male appeared at court and entered a guilty plea to offences against two previous partners. Crimes included Section 1 DASA, assault and Section 38 breach of the peace. This perpetrator is also remanded in custody awaiting sentencing.



Hate Crime

There have been 4 recorded incidents of hate crime in this reporting period which is significantly lower than elsewhere in Tayside. Of these incidents, 3 have been detected.

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.

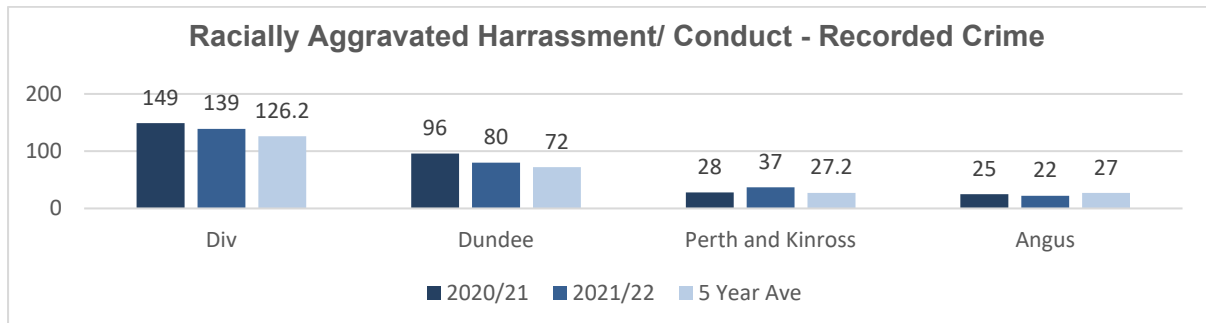
A daily review is carried out of Hate crimes/incidents to assist with identifying emerging trends and to allow appropriate interventions to take place. Relevant partnership working allows for victims and communities to be signposted to support agencies and for reassurance messages and hate material to 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.

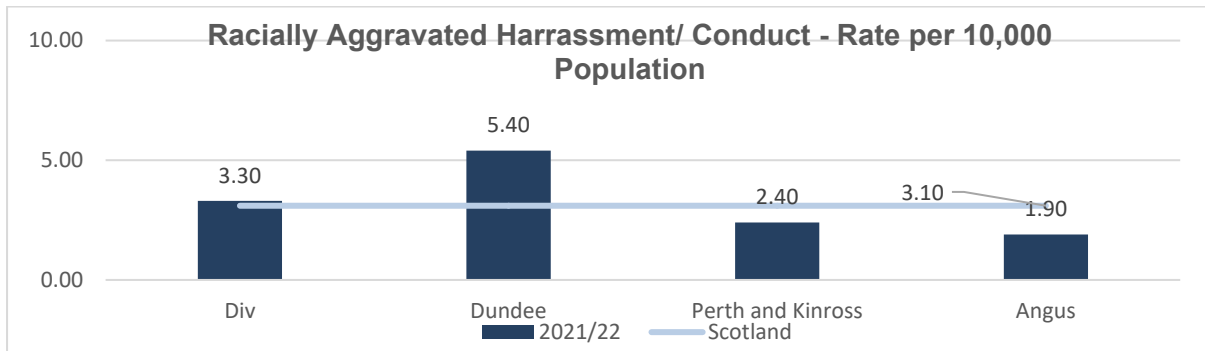
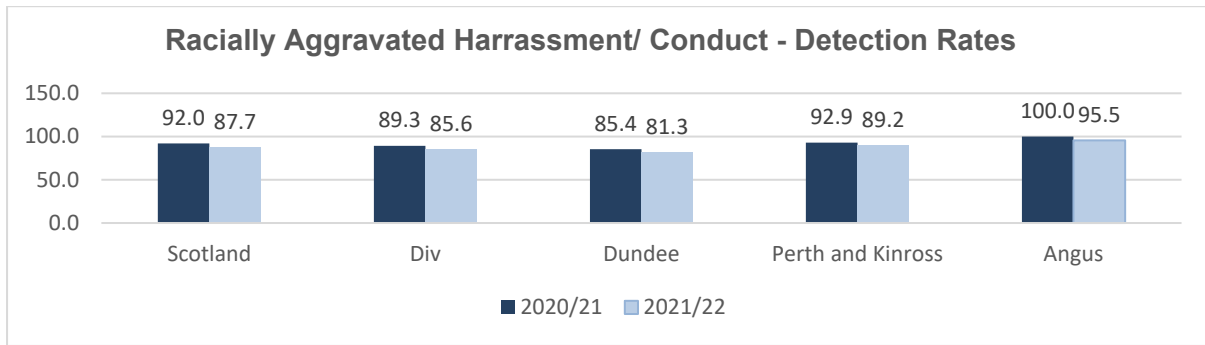
An officer from Partnerships, Interventions and Prevention (PIP) continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting online. This meeting was started as a result of the HMICS Hate Crime Review which commenced in 2020 and in 2021 HMICS provided a list of 15 recommendations 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 late March there was the initial roll out of the National Hate Crime Awareness Campaign with materials and posters being distributed across the division. This campaign ran for 6 weeks.

Police in Angus continue to liaise with our partners in relation to the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, providing support where appropriate and sharing relevant documentation including victim of war crimes information.



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Sexual Crime

The level of recorded crime for sexual offences in Angus is higher than 2020/2021 (28 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 (10 additional crimes), however remains below the 5 year average. This increase in the level of recorded crime continues the upward trend that we have seen in previous years.

As per previous reports, 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 Police). In a number of these cases, multiple crime reports are raised in respect of one report from one victim, detailing multiple incidents over a period of time in cases where the victim and perpetrator are known to one another.

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.

The detection rate for overall sexual crime is in line with 2020/21 and remains above both divisional and national averages.

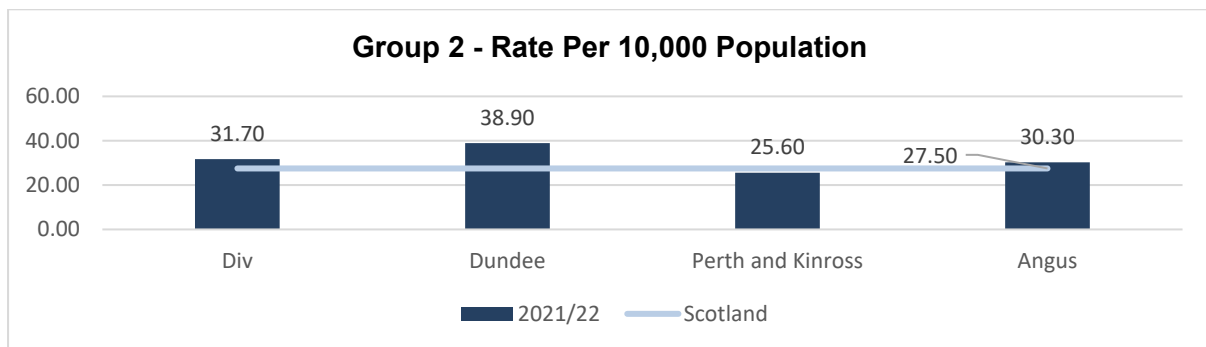
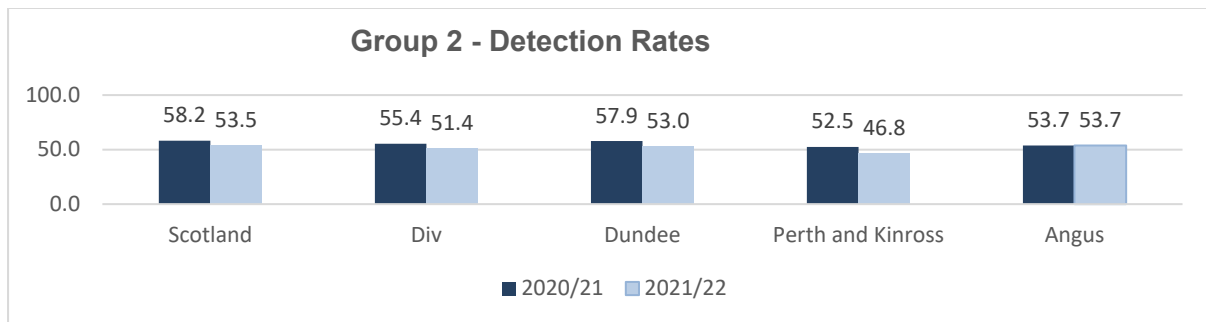
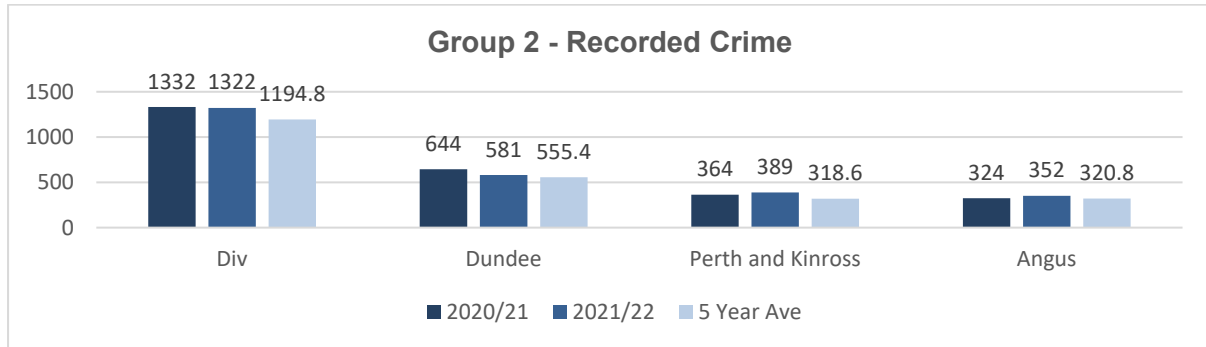
The detection rate for rape and attempted rape has improved on last year's level and now also sits above both divisional and national levels.

Increasing levels of non-recent reports mean investigations are more protracted and can take longer to bring to a conclusion. A number of these more complex enquiries

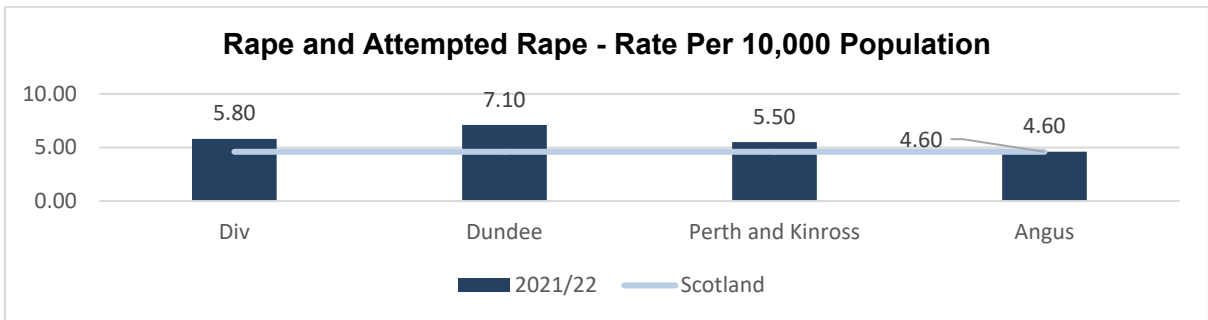
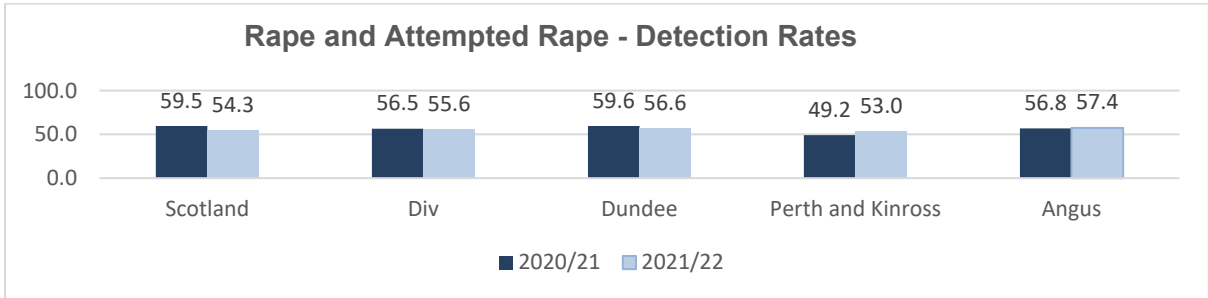
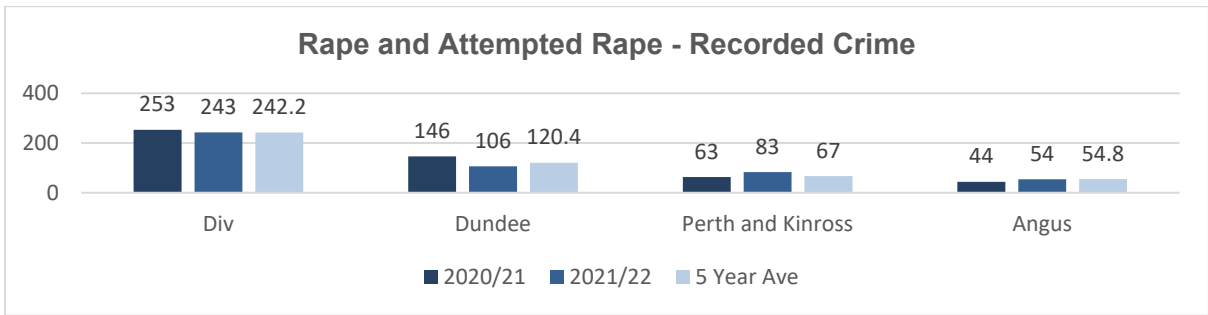
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remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

It is positive that there is increased confidence in reporting non-recent sexual crime, however 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 are aware of the 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. This type of practice is closely monitored through the Divisions Cuckooing Operations Group.

Our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions team (PIP) 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 to be linked to both crimes of violence and acquisitive crime. Many of these victims are vulnerable as a result and this results in the need for sustained support of local authority and third sector services.

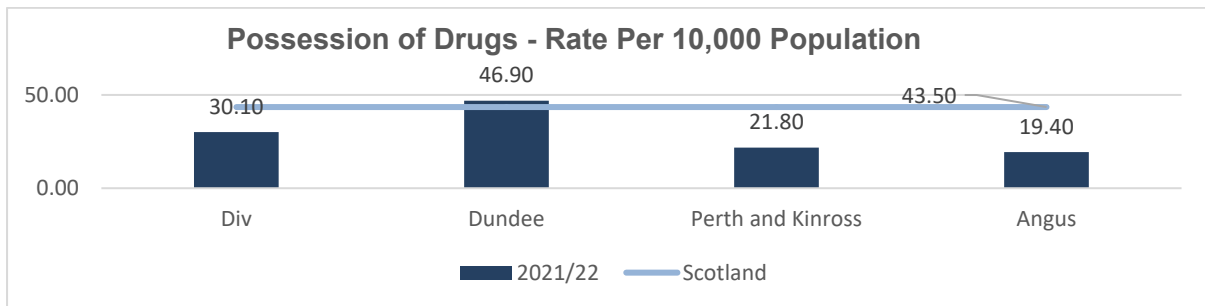
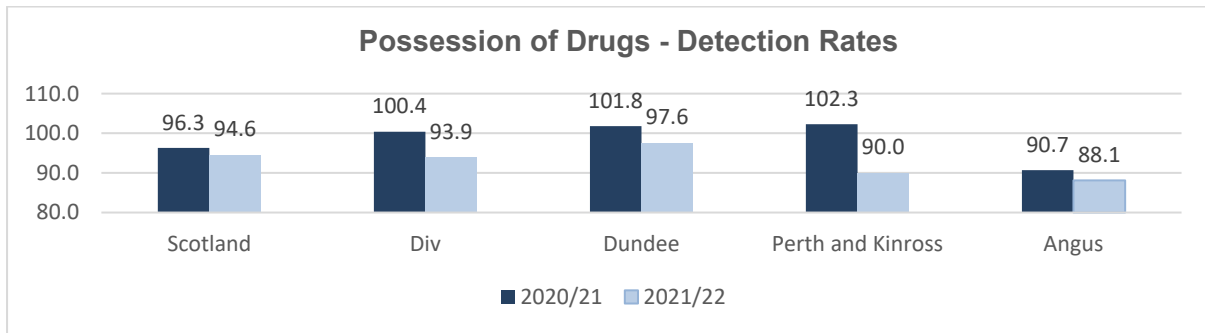
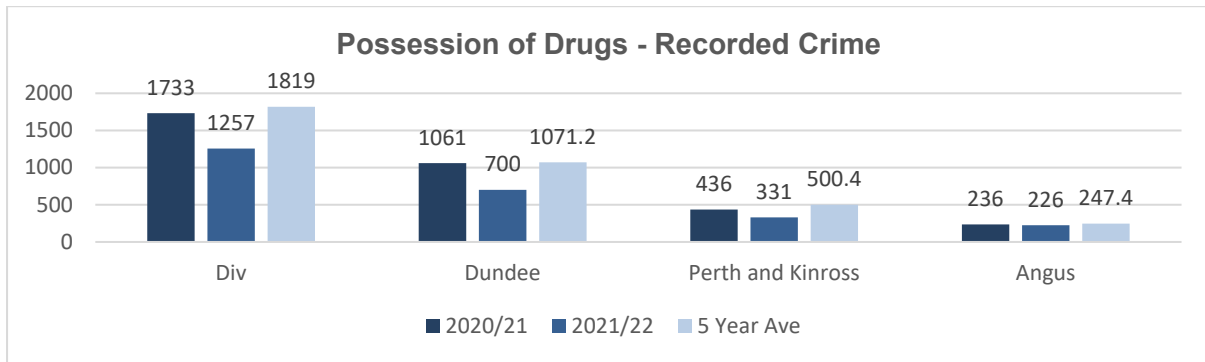
There has been a focus on Human Trafficking and exploitation in Angus and specialist officers carried out an operation in the Arbroath area, gathering intelligence in order to address any vulnerabilities and criminality.

Possession of Drugs

Possession of drugs figures have fallen below the levels recorded last year and remain below the five year average. In this reporting quarter, 48 crimes of this nature were recorded with an overall detection rate of 88%.

Detection rates are predicted to increase once forensic results are concluded.

Cannabis, Heroin, Cocaine and "Street Valium" have been recovered from individuals in the Angus area in this reporting period.



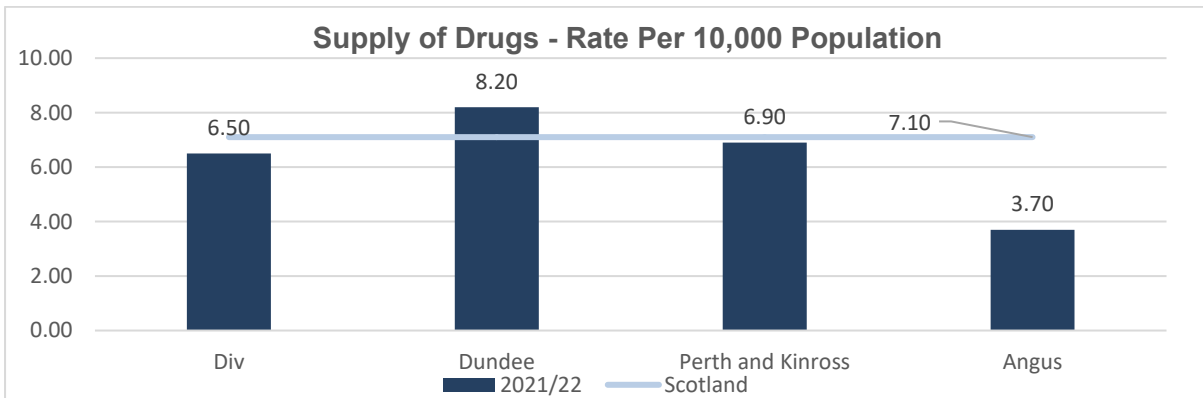
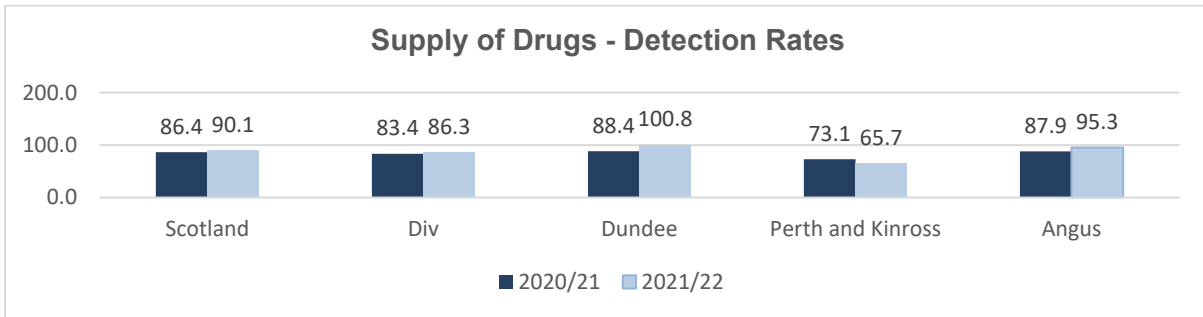
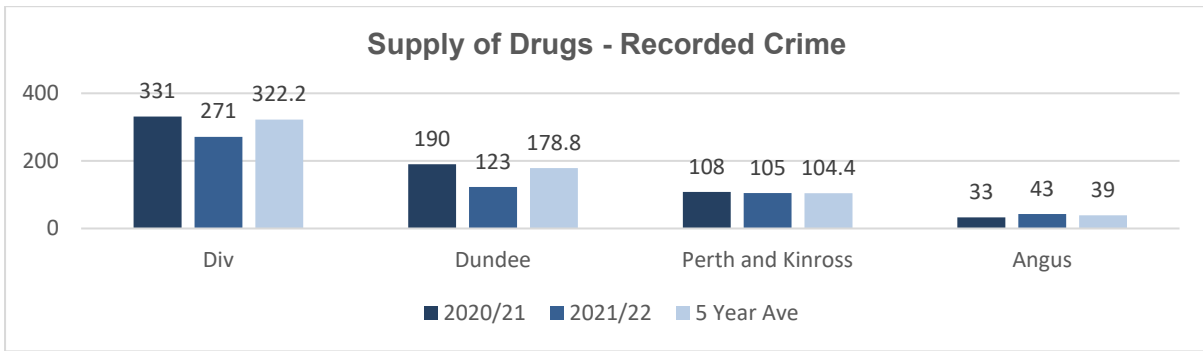
Supply of Drugs

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, including the Non-Fatal Overdose Group.

There remains a cultural problem in respect of substance misuse within parts of Angus, which drives demand and provides a market for those criminals who would seek to exploit vulnerable people. Enforcement activity is one part of the solution, however the sustained focus of the Police and partners remains critical in tackling the broader social impact of drugs within the area.

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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 SUBSTANTIAL this means it is deemed an attack is likely.

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

On 9th March 2022 a multi-agency table top exercise was held (Operation Safe Steeple). This was attended by 94 representatives from Angus Council, P&K Council, DCC, Fife Council, Police Scotland, SFRS, NHS Tayside, Bear Scotland, Abertay University, University of Dundee, Coastguard, Visit Scotland, Forth Ports, Angus Tourism, RAF Liaison, Perth College UHI, Scotrail, North of Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership, Scottish Government, Tay Road Bridge, V&A, Dundee Women's Aid and The British Red Cross. The event was well received by attendees and Safe Steeple 2 is now being rolled out to Northern and North East Division.



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.

There have been no new reported Wildlife Crimes in this reporting period in Angus, and the number of recorded crimes this year are lower than those recorded last year and also below the 5 year average.

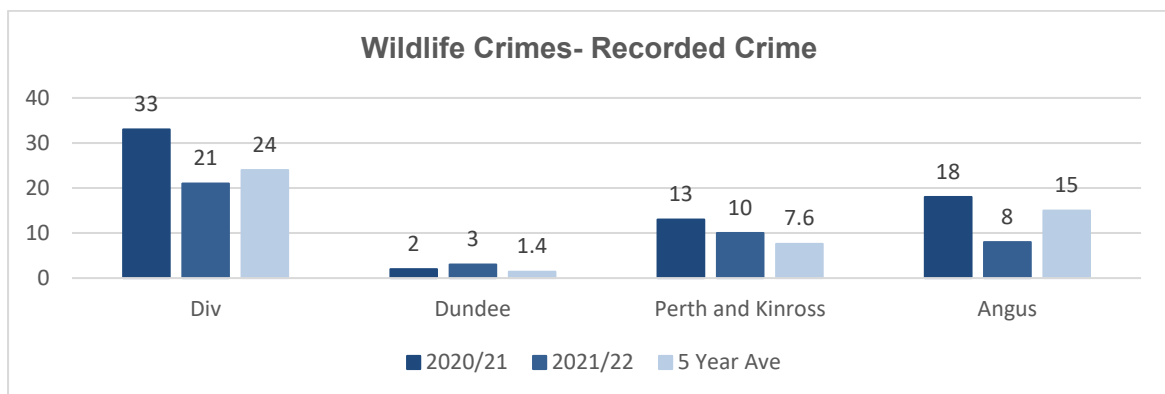
The following operations will run through the next reporting period (April-June);

Operation EASTER

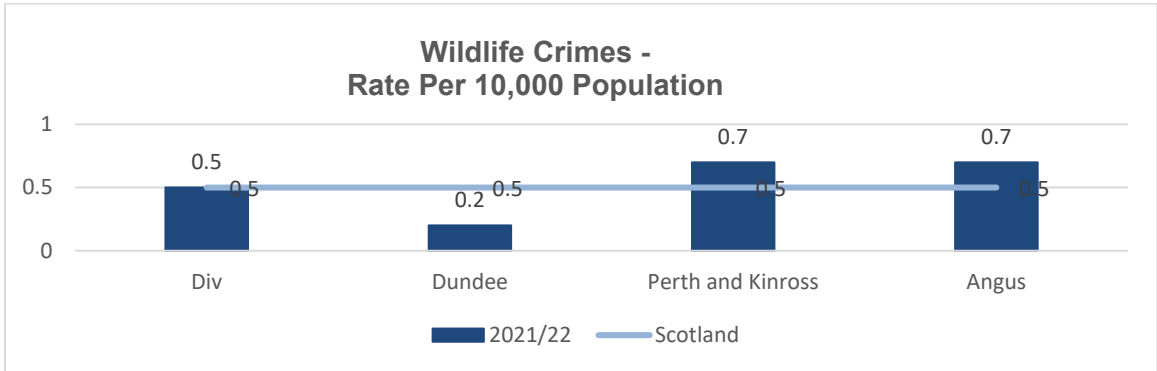
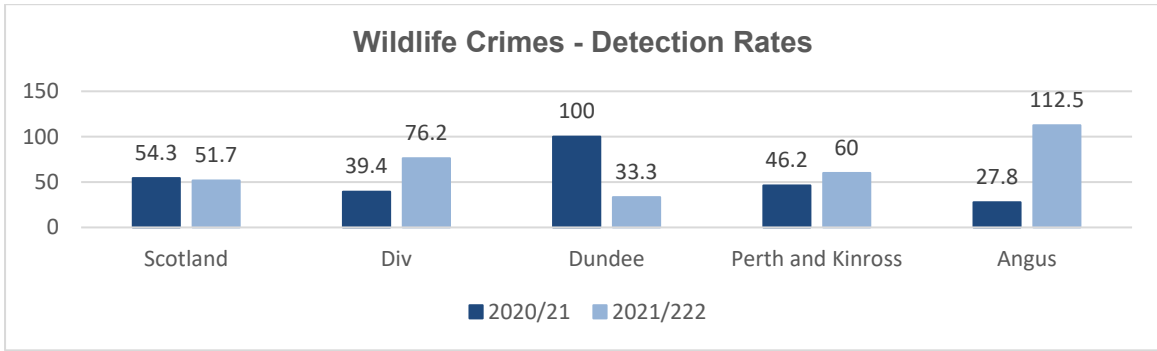
This is an intelligence-led annual Operation which runs through bird nesting season, targeting those who are collecting birds' eggs/ chicks from the wild. Wild bird eggs are often destined for personal collections as well as for the trade in foreign markets

Crime Prevention Operation

Crime prevention measures and interventions in relation to Wildlife Crime are due to take place in June 2022.



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Other Key Activity

Concern Calls /Assistance Calls/ Missing Person Reports

In this reporting period there were 1,433 reported incidents in Angus. The breakdown of these is as follows;

850 – Assistance Calls

495 - Concern Calls

88 - Missing Person calls

In this reporting period officers in Angus submitted 1,974 Vulnerable Person Reports. These reports include Child Concerns, Adult Concerns, Domestic Concerns, Youth Offending and Hate Incidents.

These reports are then screened by the Risk and Concern Hub who then share information, as appropriate, with partner agencies to ensure risk is mitigated and supports are put in place for these people and their families.

Non-Fatal Overdose Group (NFOD)

In this reporting period there have been 14 incidents recorded by the NFOD Group, with interventions applied through supporting services delivering harm reduction with further consideration to the provision of medical and social needs where appropriate.

During this reporting year 32 incidents have been progressed through the group.

Events

There were no noteworthy events during this quarter although officers continued to support a number of football fixtures across Angus. The most significant fixture involved Arbroath FC vs Hibernian FC in a Scottish Cup 5th round game in February that saw over 4,000 fans in attendance. Police worked well with the Club resulting in only 1 ejection and no arrests.

Licensing

Between 1st January 2022 and 31st March 2022, the Licensing Team have processed 242 licence applications for the Angus area. This number included applications for occasional licenses to allow premises to have additional outdoor areas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this quarter there were 48 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises within Angus. There has been no single premises identified as problematic.

Between the Local Policing teams and officers from the Divisional Licensing Team there were 124 inspections carried out throughout Angus.

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In general, licensed premises across the area have positively engaged with the Divisional Licensing Team in respect of any highlighted issues. The team have continued worked closely with the Angus Council Licensing Officer to provide early intervention and prevention.

Incident of note

There was a premise within the Angus area operating without a Premises Licence and following enquiry, one person is to be reported to the PF for offences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. This same premises thereafter operated under occasional licenses without the consent of the building's owners. Extensive enquiry made by the Divisional Licensing Team resulted in the submission of an objection to any future occasional licenses. Police Scotland's objection was upheld by the Licensing Board and the occasional licence was refused.

Complaints about the Police

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

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

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

Complaints Received

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

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	544	523	-3.9%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	904	831	-8.1%
Off Duty Allegations	4	2	-50.0%
On Duty Allegations	776	550	-29.1%
Quality of Service Allegations	124	279	125%

¹ Data is correct as at 31/03/2022.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 3.9% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by increases in Angus of 39.2% and Perth & Kinross of 1.3%. However, a decrease was identified within Dundee City of 21.7%

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased by 8.1%. This is determined by an increase in Angus of 45.8%. However, a decrease was identified within Perth & Kinross of 19.2% and within Dundee City of 19.3%

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.