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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

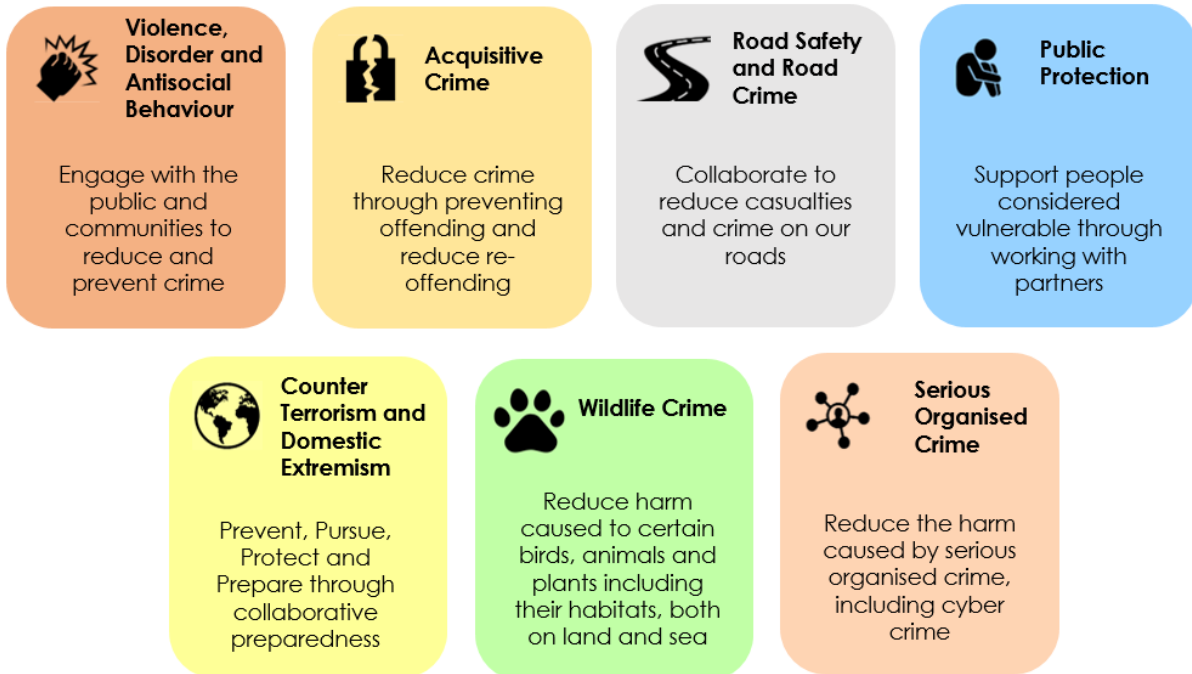
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus Council and will report to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

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 April 2022 to 30 June 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 and 1 April 2022 to 30 June 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.





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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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



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Summary Report Angus LPA

1st April 2022 to 30th June 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	Crimes	Crimes
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
21/22	21/22	21/22
22/23	22/23	22/23
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
16	16	290
100	56.3	69
16	2	307
81.3	150.0	71
-	-87.5%	+5.9%
-18.8%	+93.8%	-2.0%
 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	 Acquisitive Crime	 Acquisitive Crime
Emergency Services Assault	Housebreakings - Dwellings	Motor Vehicle Crime
Crimes	Crimes	Crimes
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
21/22	21/22	21/22
22/23	22/23	22/23
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
22	18	42
100	32.9	45.2
22	17	63
100	33.5	30.2
-	-5.6%	+50%
-	+0.5%	-15.1%
 Acquisitive Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes	Off.	Off.
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
21/22	21/22	21/22
22/23	22/23	22/23
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
55	290	46
16.4	100	82.6
80	130	26
17.5	99.2	115.4
+45.5%	-55.2%	-43.5%
+1.1%	-0.8%	+32.8%
 Road Safety and Road Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime	 Public Protection
Road Deaths - All	Serious Injury - All	Rape Inc Assault With Intent
Deaths	Injury	Crimes
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
21/22	21/22	21/22
22/23	22/23	22/23
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
1	15	11
N/A	N/A	45.5
0	10	23
N/A	N/A	34.8
-	-33.3%	+109.1%
/	/	-10.7%
 Public Protection	 Serious Organised Crime	 Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes	Crimes	Crimes
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
21/22	21/22	21/22
22/23	22/23	22/23
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
75	15	86
62.7	66.7	65.1
113	6	48
55.8	133.3	106.3
+50.7%	-60%	-44.2%
-6.9%	+66.7%	+41.1%

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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

In Angus we continue to focus on Violent Crime as a Priority. This includes all violent crime, ranging from domestic violence to violence in public spaces and licensed premises.

The number of Common assaults has increased slightly, by 17 crimes in comparison to last year, and is 10 crimes higher than the 5 year average. The Common Assault total figure includes Domestic Assaults and Emergency Services Assault.

In this Quarter we have seen a significant decrease in the number of robberies that have been reported. This can be partly attributed to the success of the Divisional Robbery Action Plan, which focuses on targeting and disrupting violent offenders, and ensuring that vulnerable victims, and perpetrators, are offered supports by relevant partner agencies.

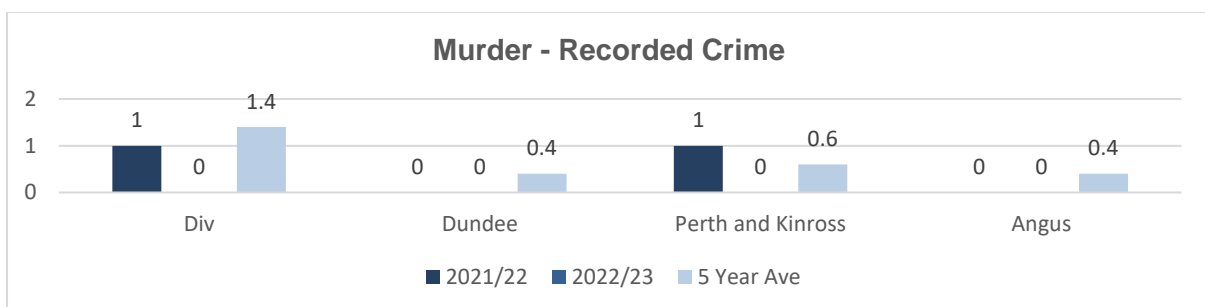
We continue to work with our young people and our schools to raise impact awareness and to focus on preventing young people becoming involved in violence.

The Mentors In Violence programme (MIV) is delivered in schools by our preventions officer and this has been effective in allowing our young people to teach one another about the impact of violent behaviour. Our preventions officer continues to carry out inputs regarding "Bystander" and men's violence at Dundee and Angus College.

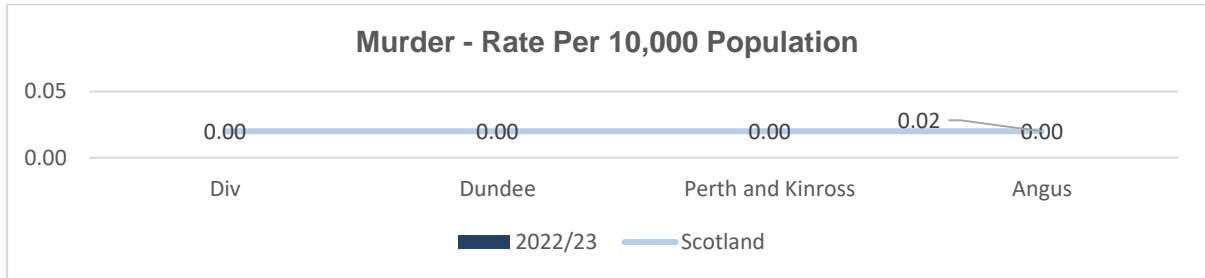
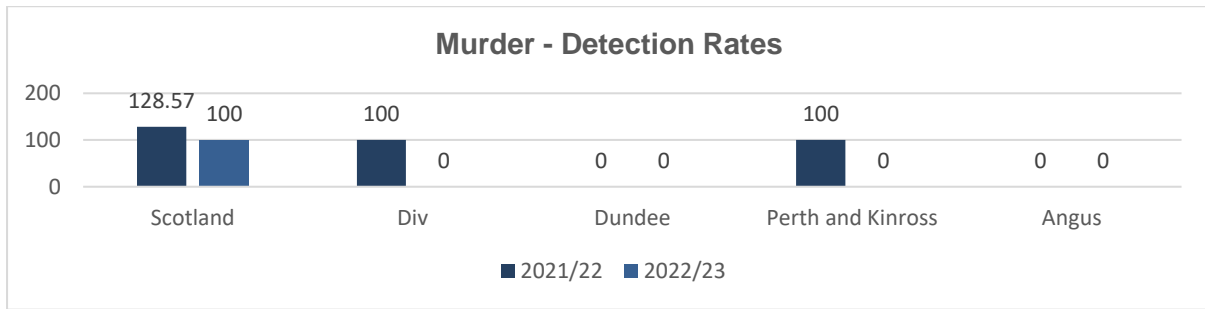
Preventing and tackling anti-social behaviour remains a priority for our Community Policing Teams and we continue to work with our partners to ensure that we commit resource and focus to any hotspot areas, to mitigate issues and prevent further incidents.

Murder

There have been no murders during the reporting period.



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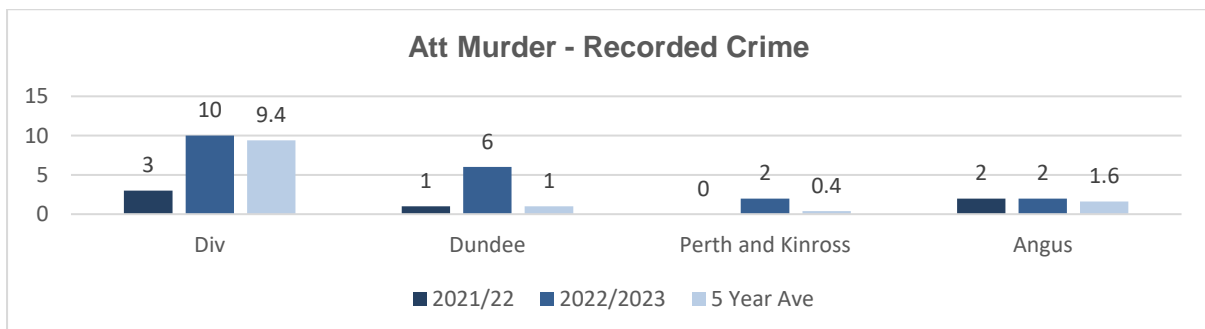
Attempted Murder

There have been two recorded Attempted Murders in Angus over the reporting period. These have taken place in both Arbroath (April 22) and Montrose (June 22).

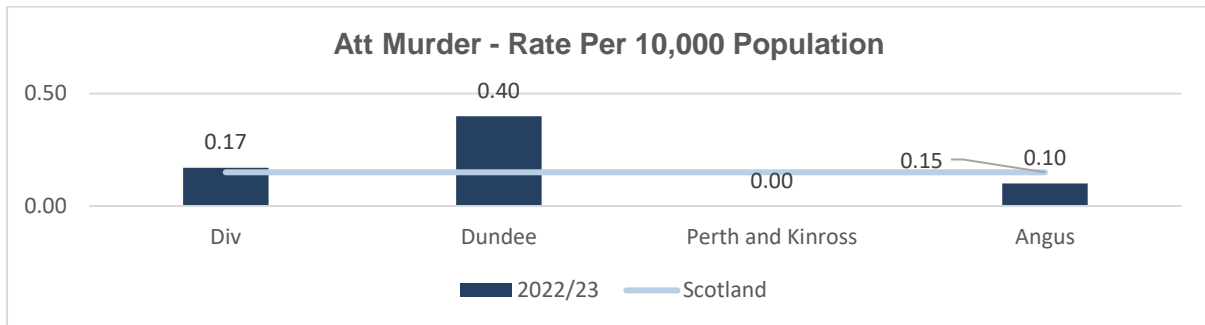
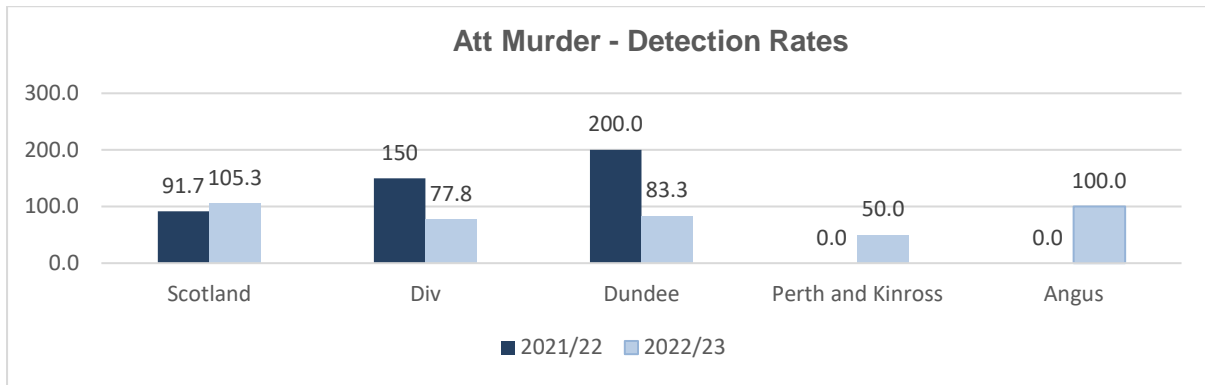
One of these crimes related to a domestic incident between two previous partners and occurred within a private address. No weapons were involved and the male perpetrator was apprehended by police a short time after the incident. Despite the crime classification, the female victim did not sustain serious injury.

The second incident in Montrose occurred within a residential address and private garden, and involved three males who were known to each other. All had been under the influence of alcohol and became involved in a heated disagreement. The male victim was struck over the head with a weapon and received hospital treatment for the injuries sustained. The male offenders were arrested and charged by police. Both have since been released on bail. The victim made a full recovery from the injuries.

Both incidents remain subject of pending court trials.



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Serious Assault

A total of 14 serious assaults were recorded within Angus during the period under review, an increase of 2 from Quarter 4 of last year. So far 12 of these crimes have been detected (86%), with positive lines of enquiry being pursued in connection with the other 2.

43% of these crimes were perpetrated with the use of weapon with almost 80% of the incidents taking place between victims and offenders who were known to each in some capacity. No change is seen in the motive for these crimes with unpaid drug debt again featuring as a motive.

36% of the crimes were recorded as taking place in a public places with 43% carried out in a private dwelling. 21% were recorded in or near to licensed premises.

Around half of these incidents were recorded as either the victim or offender being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

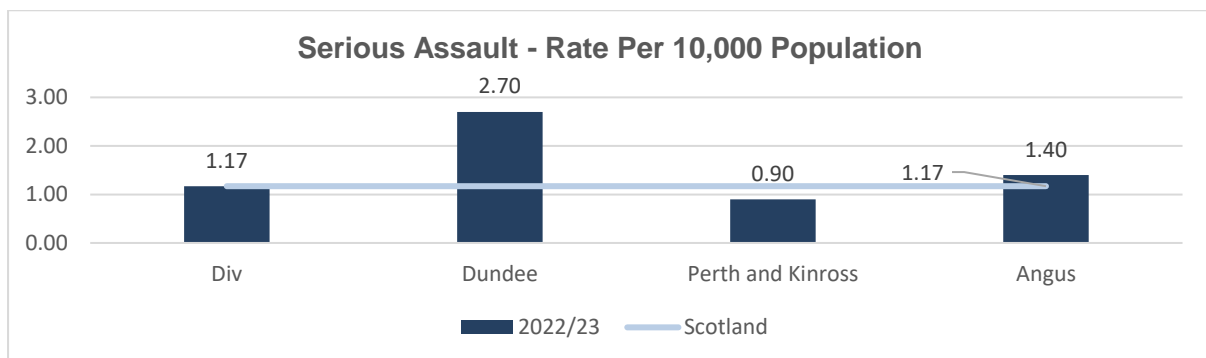
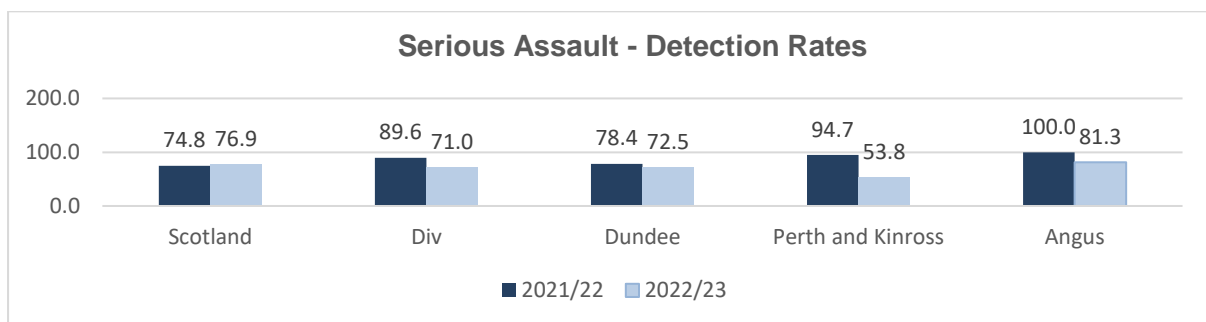
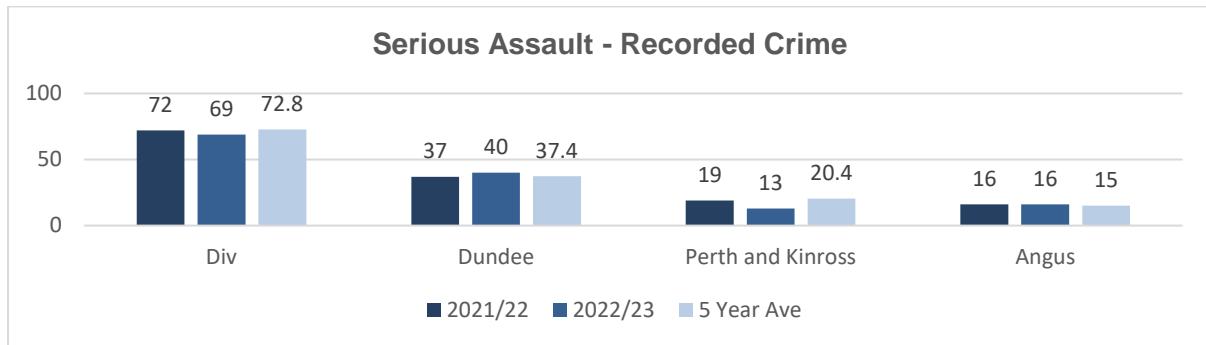
There is no change in comparison with Q1 from last year, in terms of the number of crimes recorded, and this number is 1 above the 5 year average. Although there is a slight decrease in current detection rates, it is anticipated that the positive lines of enquiry on the outstanding cases will lead to further detections. There are often challenges in the form of some victims being unwilling to cooperate with police enquiries, sometimes through fear of retribution, which can raise difficulties in obtaining accurate accounts from those involved.

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

In a move to return to a Locality CID Model, a full time Detective Inspector and Detective Sergeant are now operating from Forfar covering Angus. All serious and

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complex criminal enquiries are investigated with oversight from these supervisory Detective Officers.



Common Assault

The number of Common assaults has increased by 17 crimes in comparison to last year, and is 10 crimes higher than the 5 year average. The Common Assault total figure includes Domestic Assaults and Emergency Services Assaults.

Almost half of the common assaults recorded took place in public spaces with half taking place in private spaces.

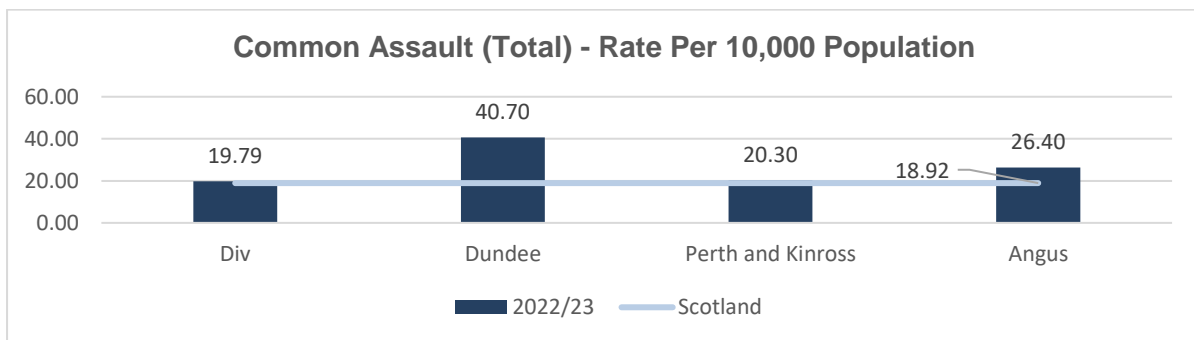
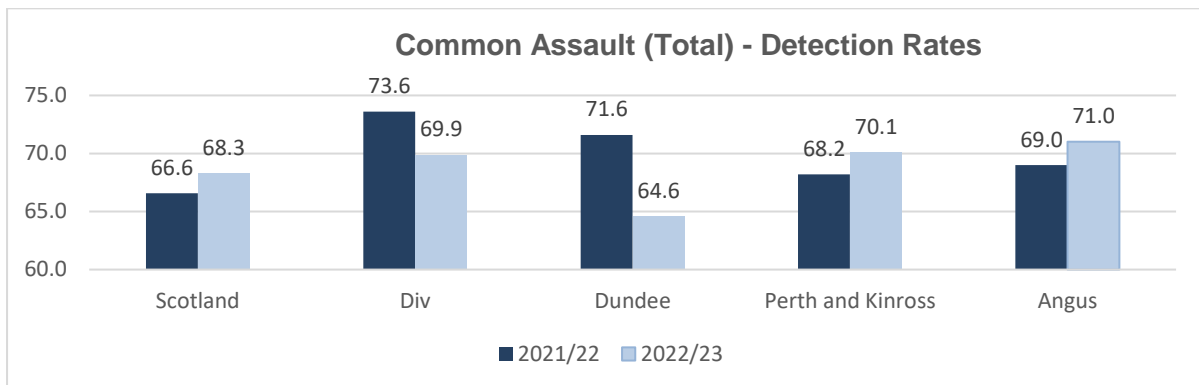
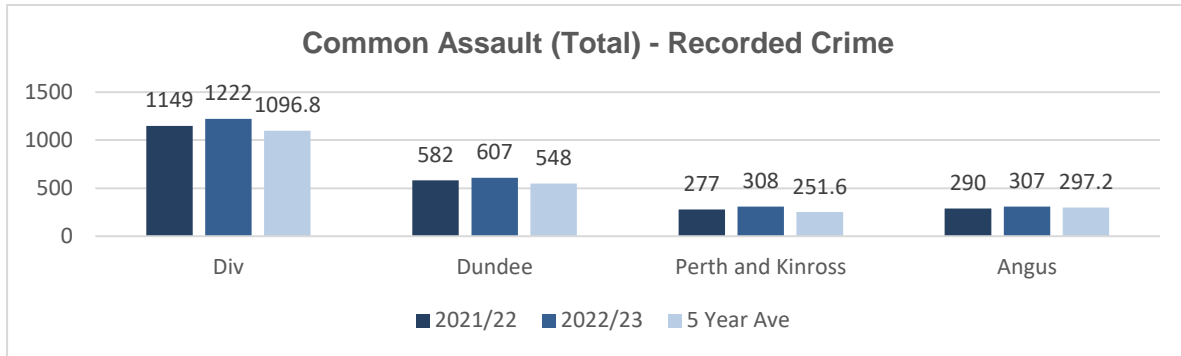
Of these crimes recorded in Quarter one, 25% were domestic assaults and alcohol or drugs were present in 15% of the incidents.

The majority of offenders for the Common Assaults in Quarter 1 are male (70%), the most common age group being young males ages 9-15 years and 25-44 years. In relation to female offenders, young females aged 13-15 years were the most frequent offenders for common assault.

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We are committed to working with our young people, and our schools and colleges, to raise impact awareness and to focus on preventing young people becoming involved in violence.

We continue to prioritise any persons who are outstanding for any violent crime, to ensure they are traced and brought to justice so that appropriate conditions can be applied, ensuring additional safeguarding measures.



Robbery

There were two Robberies were recorded in the period under review, both of which are detected. This is a significant, and very welcome, reduction in comparison with Quarter 1 last year. This reduction is in line with the Quarter 4 reporting period in terms of overall reduction of crimes of Robbery.

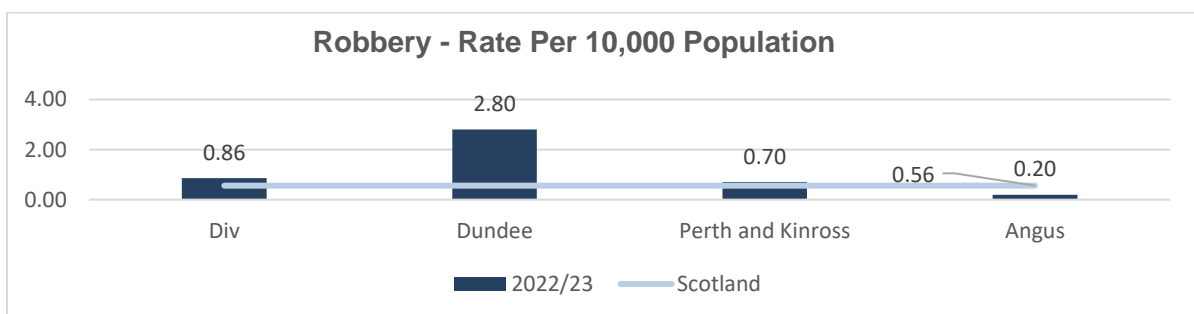
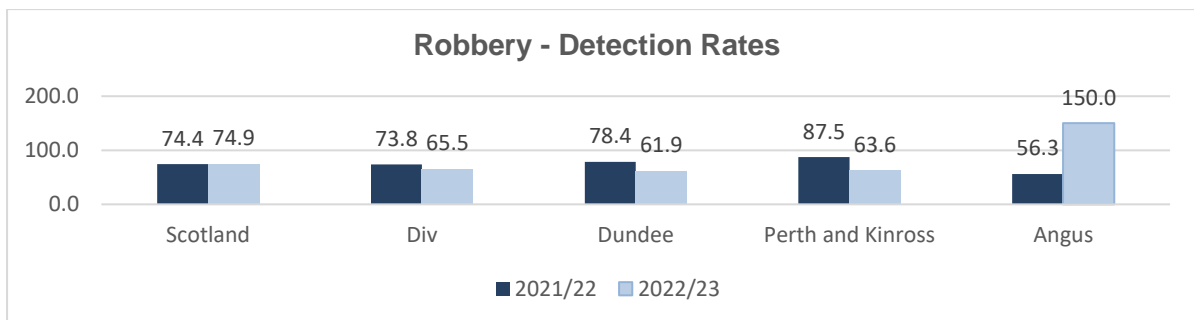
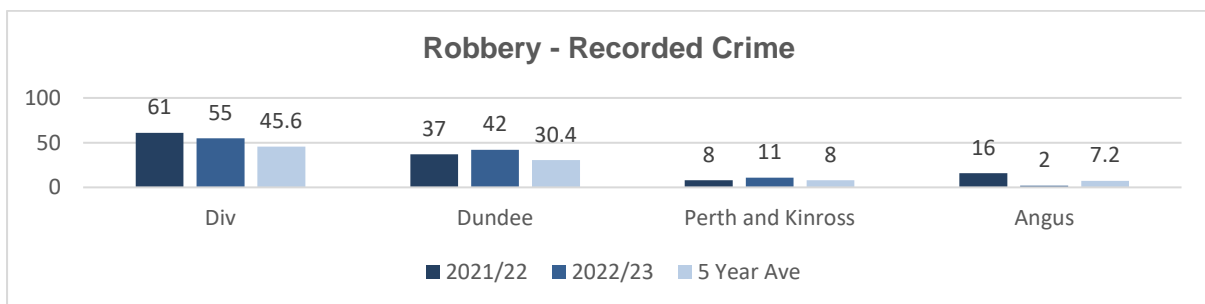
The two reported crimes took place in Kirriemuir and Monifieth respectively. The perpetrator and victim were known to each in other in both incidents. No weapons

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were recorded as being used in the crimes and one was committed in a public street with the other within a private dwelling.

An increasing focus has been placed on preventative work and a pilot custody referral scheme is operating which brings together partners including Positive Steps, Police Scotland and NHS Tayside. It is hoped that this collaborative approach will contribute to reduced occurrence rates, as the criteria for the scheme fits the profile of Robbery offenders.

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

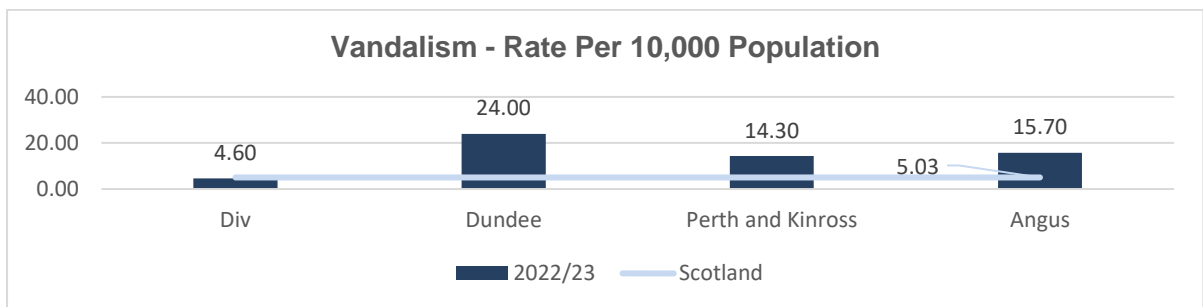
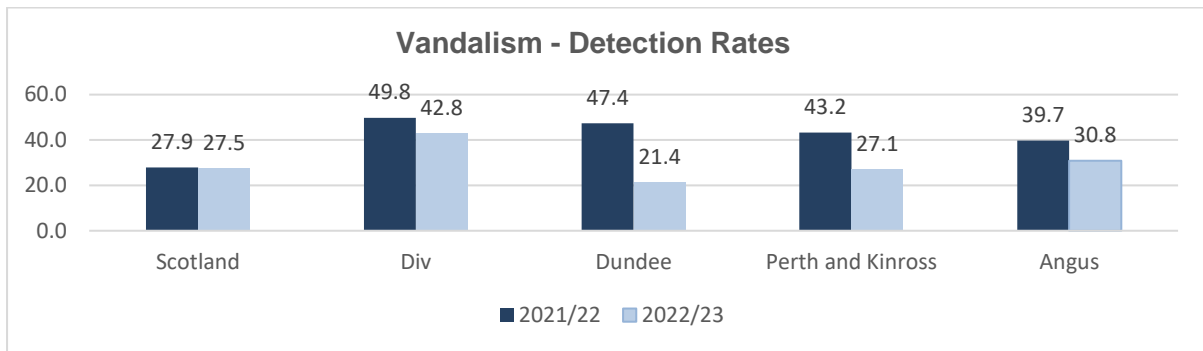
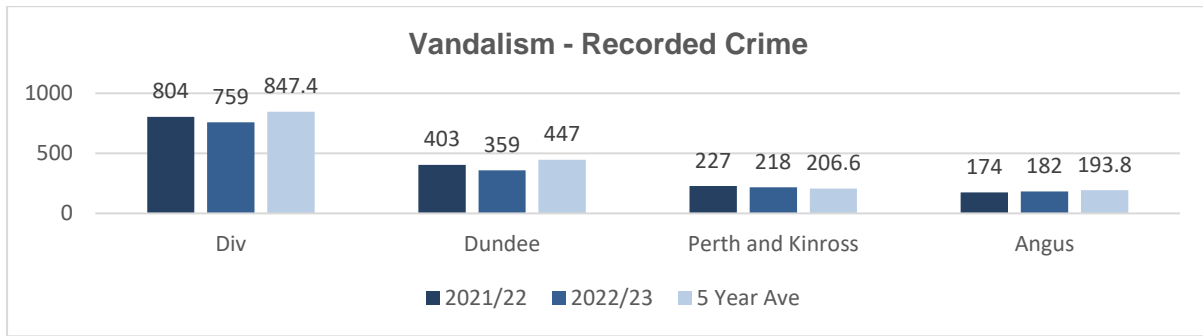


Vandalism

Although there has been a slight increase in the number of vandalisms reported in comparison to last year, this remains below the 5 year average and is the lowest in Tayside Division.

We continue to meet and work with our partners, including Community Wardens, to ensure that any issues arising or areas of concern are given appropriate attention in order to identify those responsible and prevent further problems.

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Measure – Stop Search

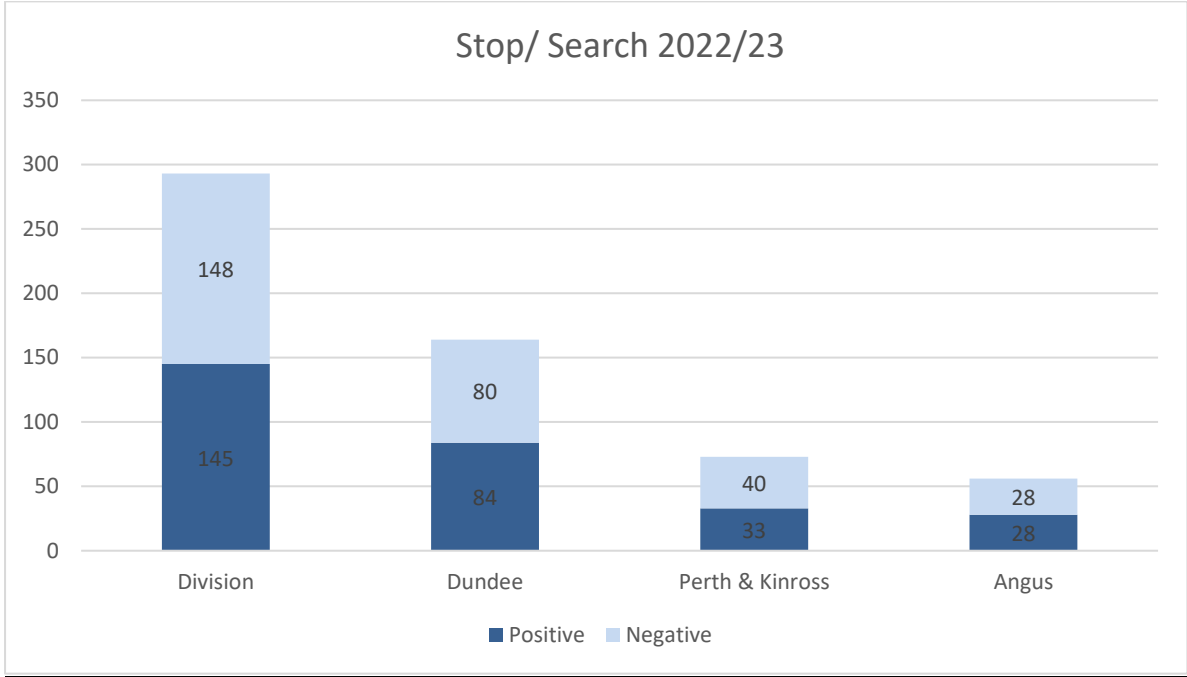
Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic deployed when necessary for the prevention, investigation and detection of crime. The overall objective is to maintain public safety and improve community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion of their personal 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 56 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 28 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 50%.

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 minority groups.

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Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending

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- *An inclusive and sustainable economy*

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Housebreaking

A total of 60 Housebreakings (including attempts) were recorded during the reporting period, which is an increase in comparison to the 5 year average of 41.

To date 31% of these crimes have been detected however this number will undoubtedly rise once enquiries, including forensic examinations are complete.

These crimes have taken place across all of the Angus areas, the majority being recorded within the Kirriemuir (18%), Arbroath (16%), Carnoustie (16%) and Forfar (15%) areas, with Montrose and Monifieth each recording approximately 10%.

Of the 60 crimes, 17 related to dwellings, which is a reduction by one crime in comparison to same period last year. Detection rates have slightly risen against the same period in respect of dwelling housebreakings.

The increase in Housebreakings in Angus in Quarter one is currently under investigation by a dedicated bespoke enforcement team consisting of both Community Investigation Unit (CIU) and Detective Officers from CID. The increase was experienced throughout each local authority area within Tayside Division and was not unique to Angus.

Enquiries to date have identified a team of approximately 19 known criminals as being responsible for a significant amount of all of the acquisitive crime across Tayside.

The perpetrators have been identified as being responsible for over 160 crimes since the beginning June 2022. The majority of these repeat offenders have been arrested and charged, with 9 of them currently in prison on remand. Others have been released following court appearance and are subject of restrictive bail conditions.

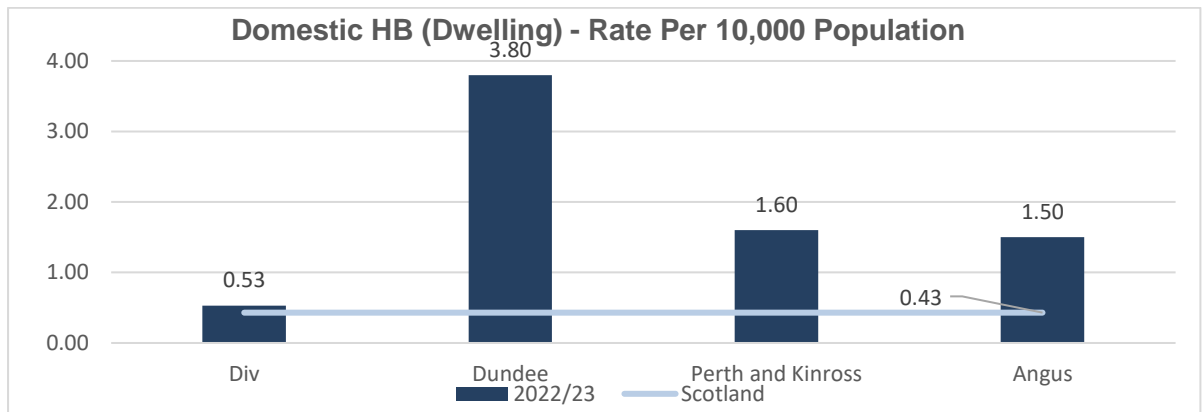
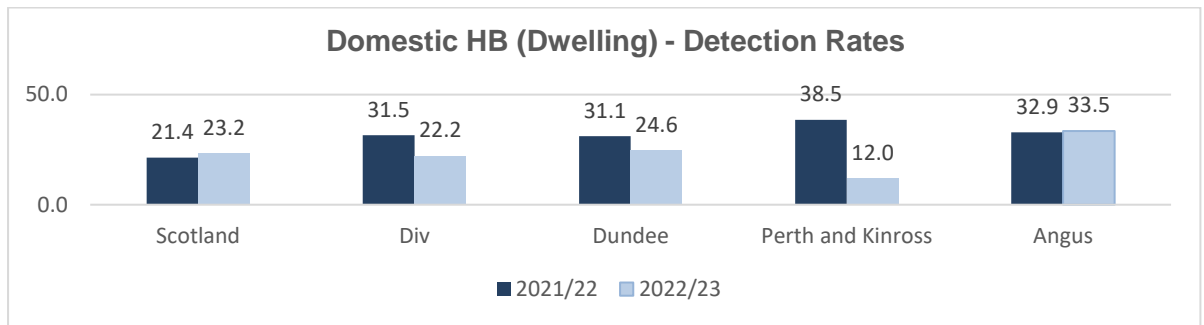
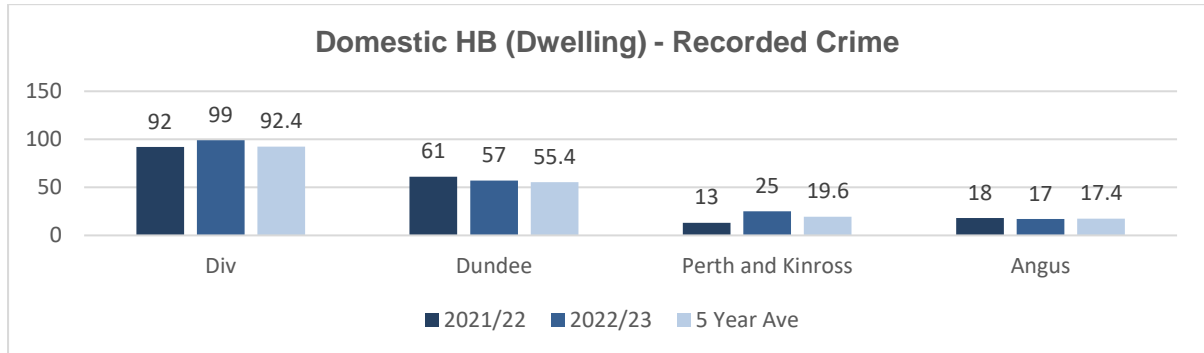
In general, our local Community Investigation Unit (CIU) continues to lead our response to Housebreakings, with the team completing a review of every reported Housebreaking or Attempt. A Housebreaking Toolkit has been developed and delivered to all officers, seeking to ensure that the standard of each 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 is currently being re-

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developed and will see a permanent footprint of Detective Officers working from Angus under the direction of the locality based Detective Inspector.

Through crime analysis, we continue to identify "hotspots" within the area and task resource and ensure high visibility patrols to prevent this form of crime, as well as ensuring that suitable crime prevention advice is shared.



Fraud

There have been 80 Fraud's reported during Q1, an increase of 25 in comparison to last year. The current detection rate is 17.5% which is a slight increase to last year.

The increase in the number of frauds reported is in line with both the Divisional and National picture. As highlighted in previous reports, this has been a continued trend since initial lockdown conditions were instigated during 2020. The majority of these are cyber-related fraud as organised crime groups continue to exploit the increase in internet usage in line with the general publics increased working from home arrangements.

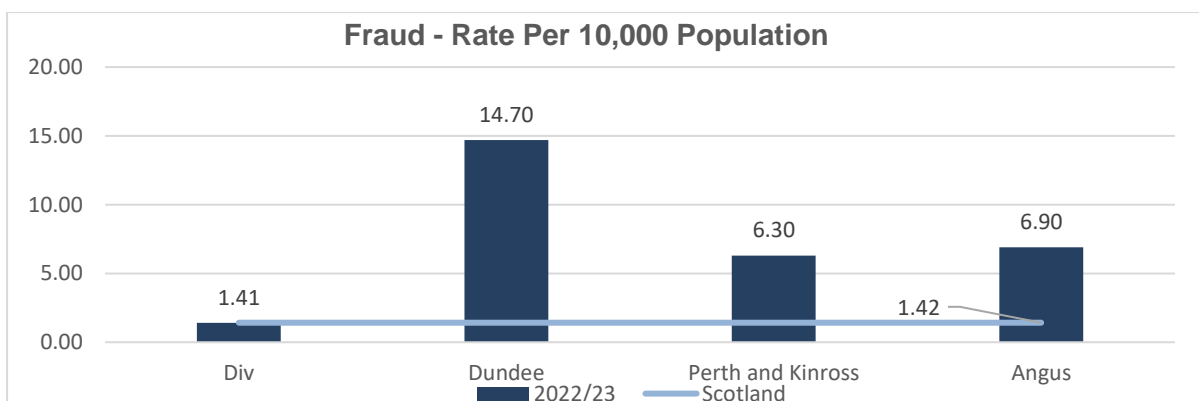
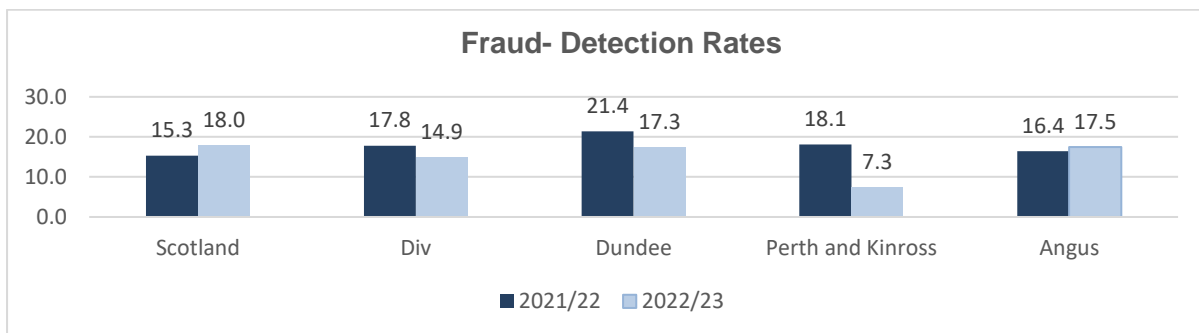
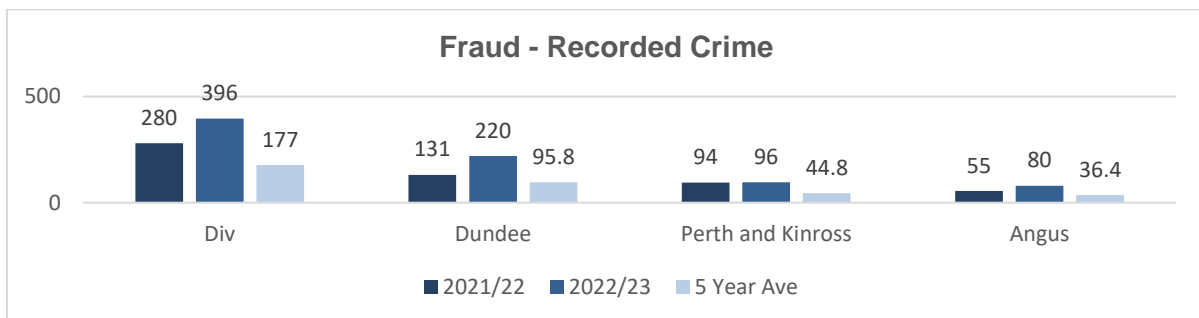
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Unfortunately detection rates remain low and are a clear reflection of the many challenges faced when investigating such crimes. In the majority of circumstances, it is apparent that online banking applications, often located out with the UK, are being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

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 new and recent scams which are ongoing, and advising how to avoid becoming a victim. These messages are conveyed through partners and social media as others means in an effort to reach a larger audience.

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 to identify and support vulnerable victims, including financial establishments. We have seen great cooperation and effective results via the Banking Protocol through financial agencies.



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Theft by Shoplifting

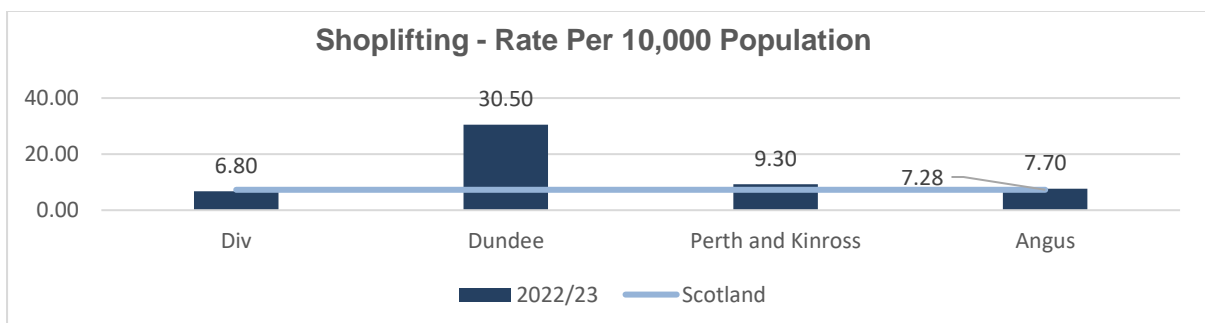
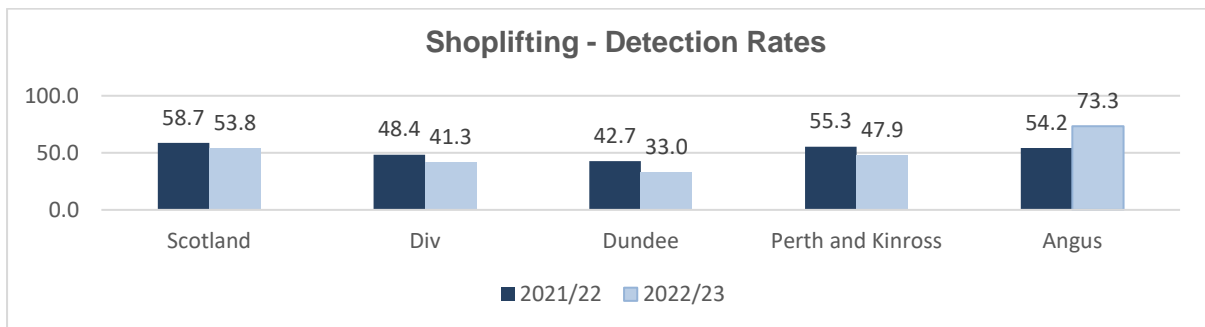
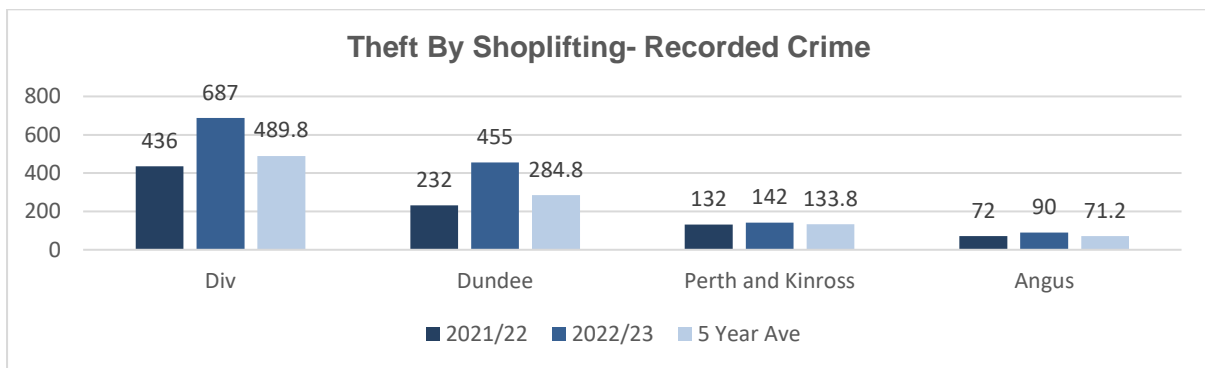
A total of 90 reports of Theft by Shoplifting were recorded in Angus during Quarter 4, which is an increase from last year and the 5 year average.

To date 73% of these crimes have been detected.

The significant majority of these crimes have occurred in Arbroath (40%), with two repeat offenders being linked to approximately 50 % of these crimes.

These offenders have unfortunately continued to commit crime despite bail conditions issued from the court and we are therefore working with our justice partners to consider all available options and measures.

The Divisional Preventions Officers continue to liaise with the retail sector and offer crime prevention advice in respect of stock placement within premises in order to reduce this type of crime being committed.



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Motor Vehicle Crime

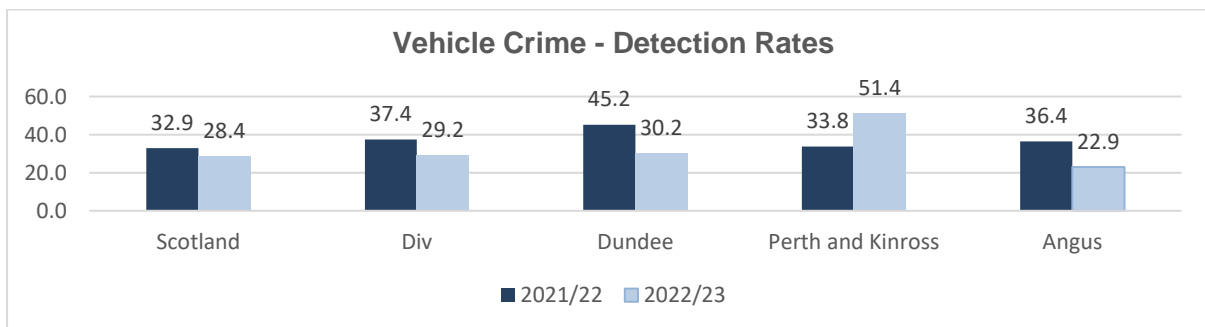
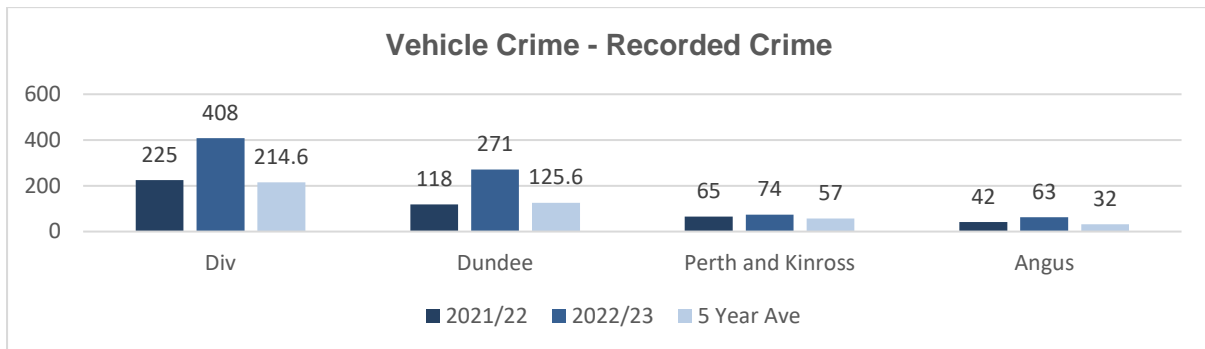
There have been 63 crimes recorded involving Theft of / Theft from a Motor Vehicle and Intended Theft across Angus during the reporting quarter. There has unfortunately been a significant increase in motor vehicle related crime in comparison to last year, and the 5 year average and this is in line with the increase across Tayside Division.

To date, 12 of these crimes have been detected with Arbroath (27%), Carnoustie (17%) and Forfar (12%) being identified as the areas worst affected.

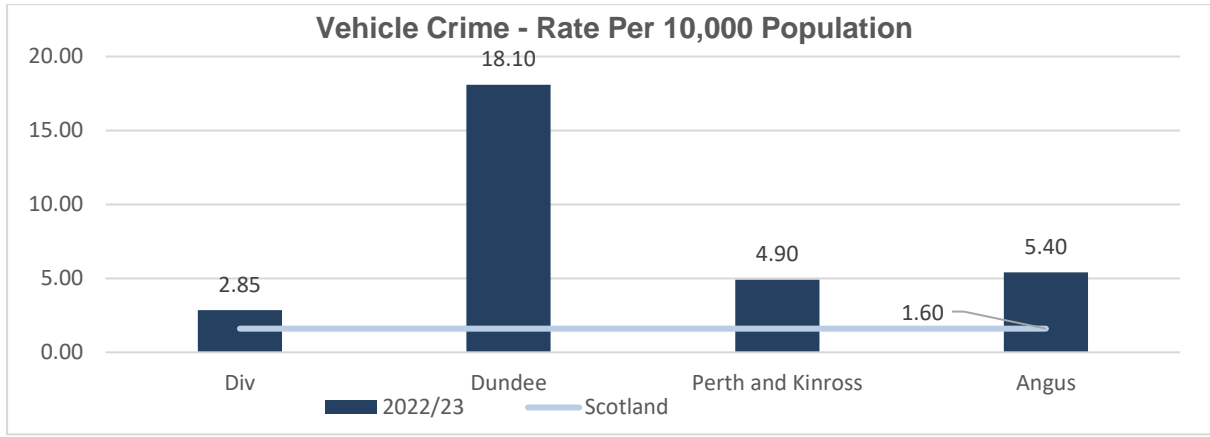
As highlighted in the Housebreaking section, it is common for the stolen vehicle to be involved in further criminality such as Theft by Housebreaking across the Division. Over this period, it is apparent that a significant number of these vehicle crimes are attributable to the above mentioned repeat offenders, of which the majority reside out with the Angus area.

We continue to see a large number of these thefts as opportunistic where owners have not had not properly secured their vehicles whilst leaving valuables on show within. Crimes of this type are challenging to investigate, often with no forensic opportunities to pursue. Continual crime prevention messaging continues to be shared with our communities in an effort to prevent this type of crime.

This form of crime continues to receive a priority investigation which will be enhanced with CID returning to a locality based model in the near future.



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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.

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 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.

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

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads;

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

For the period under review, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 3991 motorists across the Tayside area.

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

April 2022	National 2 wheels campaign Mobile phone Enforcement Motorcycle Safety campaign Launch of Rider Refinement North
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May 2022	Global road safety week
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June 2022	Fatal 5 National Seatbelt campaign Child Safety week (linked in with Road Safety Scotland's Good Egg)
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In Angus notable speeds recorded for the period under review were;

- 116 mph exceed 70mph limit
- 119 mph exceed 70mph limit
- 103 mph exceed 70 mph limit
- 104mph exceed 70 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.

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Emerging threats and risks

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

NDS

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

The NDS delivery plan is currently being worked on and we hope to commence delivery in the very near future.

Rider Refinement North (RRN)

The Launch of Rider Refinement North (RRN) is set to run from the 21st May 2022 through to October 2022 with 8 sessions being scheduled. RRN is an opportunity for members of the public to purchase a day's motorcycle awareness with Road Policing Advanced Riders accompanied by an observer from the IAM.

The course includes a presentation, demo rides and observational rides, the course is designed as a gateway to advanced riding and is run in partnership with Local Authority, Road Safety Scotland, IAM & RoSPA. The course costs attendees £40 which includes a lunch. Unfortunately demand always exceeds supply with only limited places available. Initial delivery of RRN has received extremely positive feedback with some excellent learning and opportunity to influence riding behaviour with candidates travelling from across Tayside to participate.

As RRN has been refreshed, the 2022 season is being evaluated by Caroline Hood from Robert Gordon University, we look forward to the evaluation report.

National Motorcycle Campaign

The National motorcycle campaign continues and will again see RP focussed patrols on priority motorcycle routes throughout the division with joint working with neighbouring divisions and the SCU to detect and deter any motorcycle offences. Forth Valley Division have recently launched an unmarked motorcycle initiative which on first outing was very successful, as such efforts are being made to utilise similar techniques within Tayside Division, this includes a media strategy prior to deployment.

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Operation Closepass

Operation Closepass has again been delivered in Angus by Road Policing Officers, the message is that everyone deserves to be able to use Scotland's roads safely, and it is for all road users to take responsibility, whether they are on two, four or more wheels, powered or on foot.

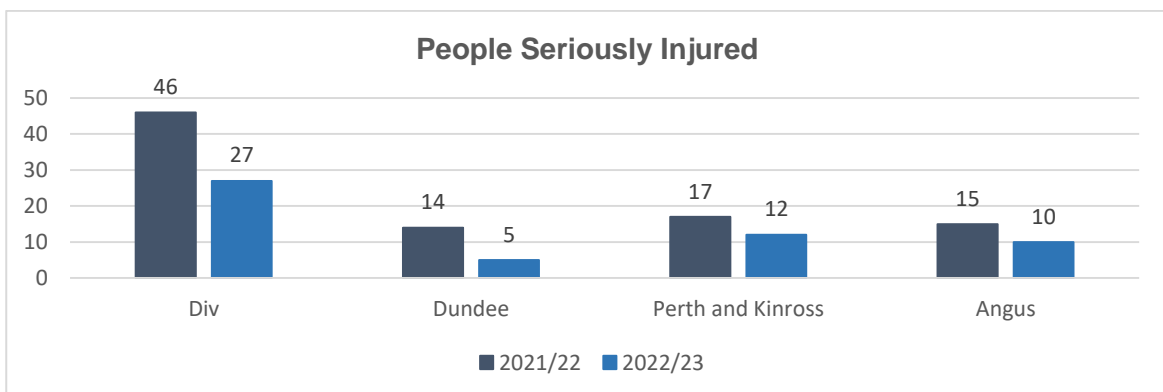
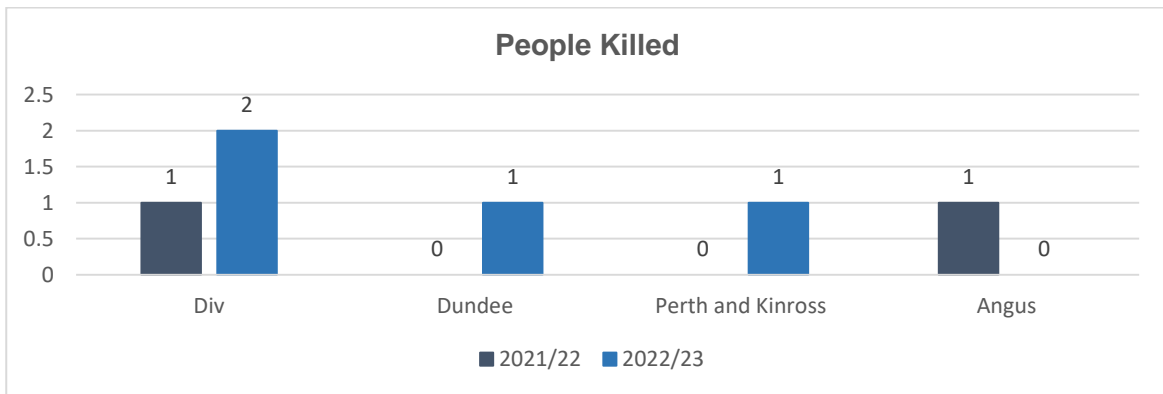
Driver Engagement North

Driver engagement north will be held across Tayside in the forthcoming months where older drivers and their families will be able to take part in an interactive driving session. Driver engagement is aimed at highlighting potential driving weaknesses the Driver Engagement North project makes use of an interactive driving simulator to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities.

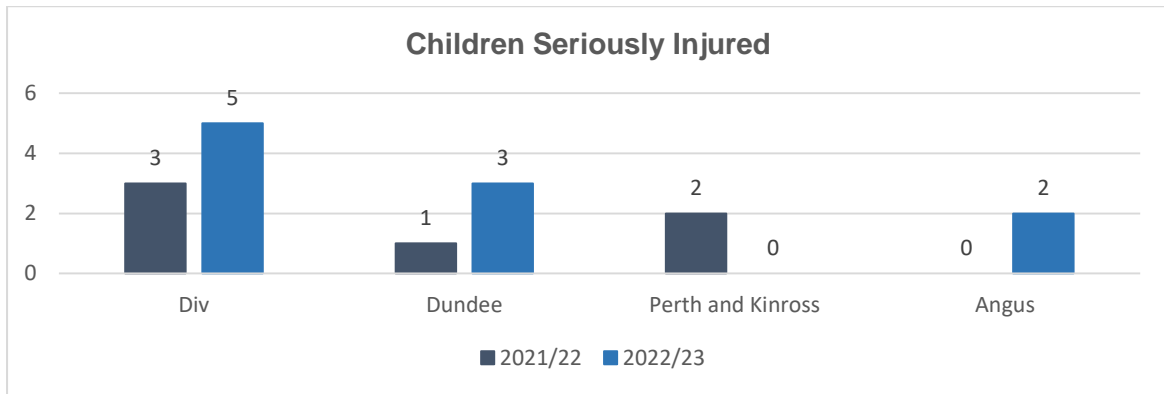
There have been no fatalities in Angus during Quarter 1.

There have been 10 persons seriously injured as a result of collisions in Angus, which is a 33.3% decrease comparable with the same period last year where we saw 15 person seriously injured.

In Angus there has been an 83% reduction in persons slightly injured as a result of road traffic collisions during Quarter 1, in comparison to last year.



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Speeding

During the period under review, 130 speeding offences were detected in Angus, which is a significant decrease 55.2% compared to the same period last year, and is below the 5 year average. This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

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 also experienced a significant decrease with a total of 475 offenders detected which equates to a 68.8% reduction compared to the same period the previous year.

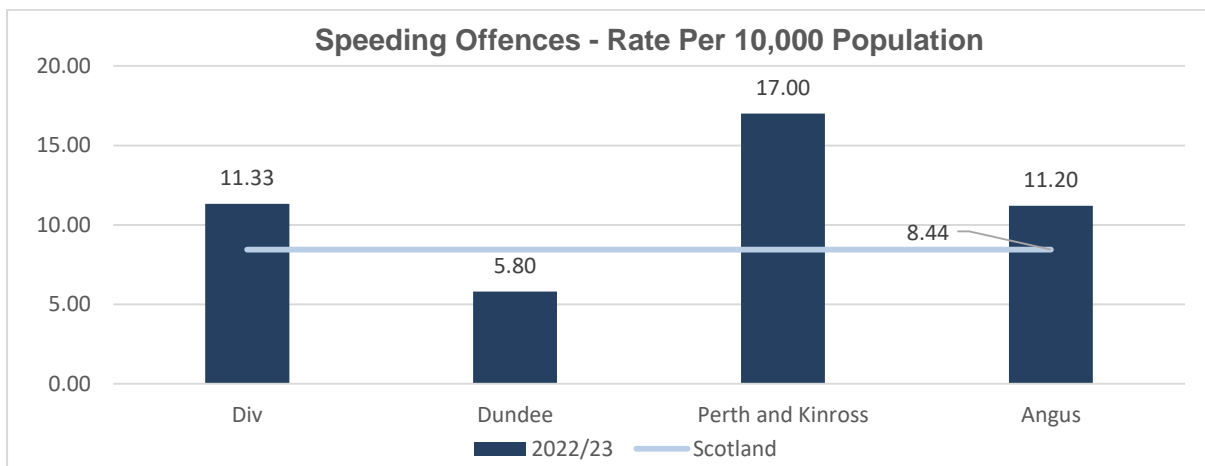
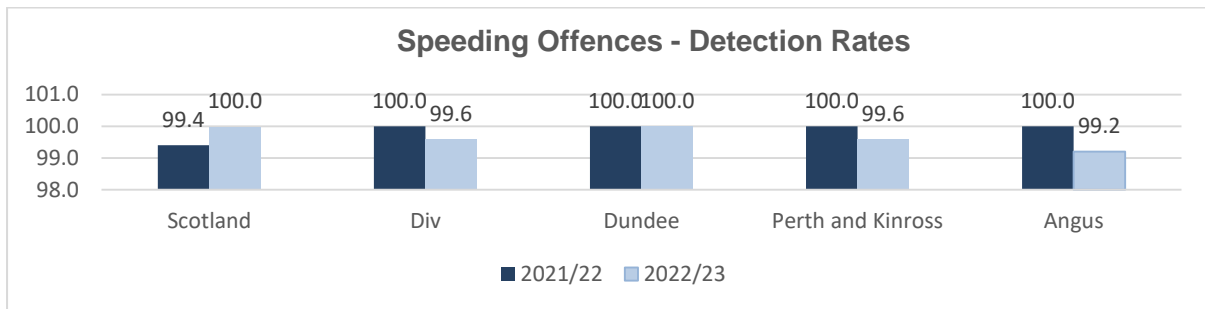
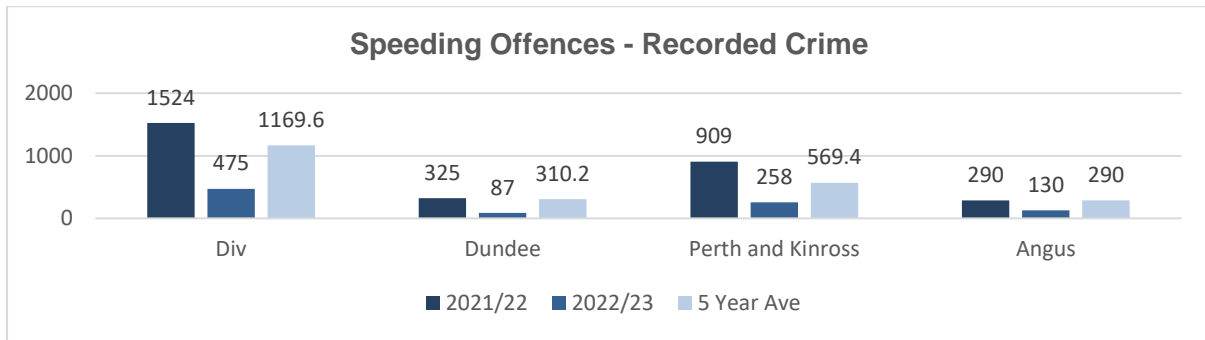
Additionally, it is considered reasonable to assume that due to the price increase on fuel may be a correlating factor with a reduction of vehicles on Scotland's road network, however this is yet to be confirmed.

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 neighbouring police divisions, all of which 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.

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Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, 26 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Angus area. This is a significant decrease of 43.5% compared to the same period of last year, which is extremely positive.

It should be noted that all three local policing areas in Tayside recorded a decrease in Drink/Drug driving for the period under review.

Across Tayside Division, 221 Drink/drug drivers were detected for the period under review. This is a significant decrease of 40.7% comparable to the data from the previous year, again which is extremely positive.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division year to date have conducted 218 breath tests and carried out 32 drug wipes, 13 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.

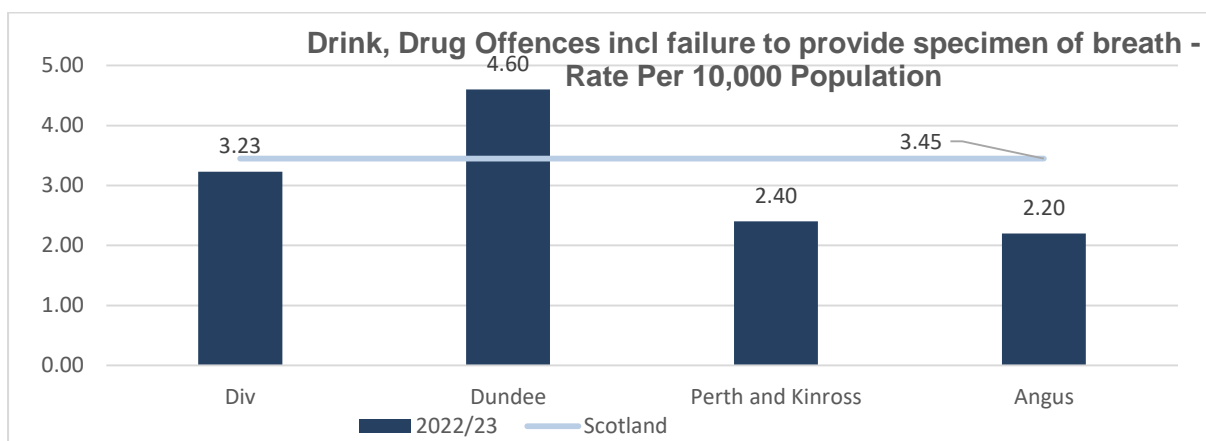
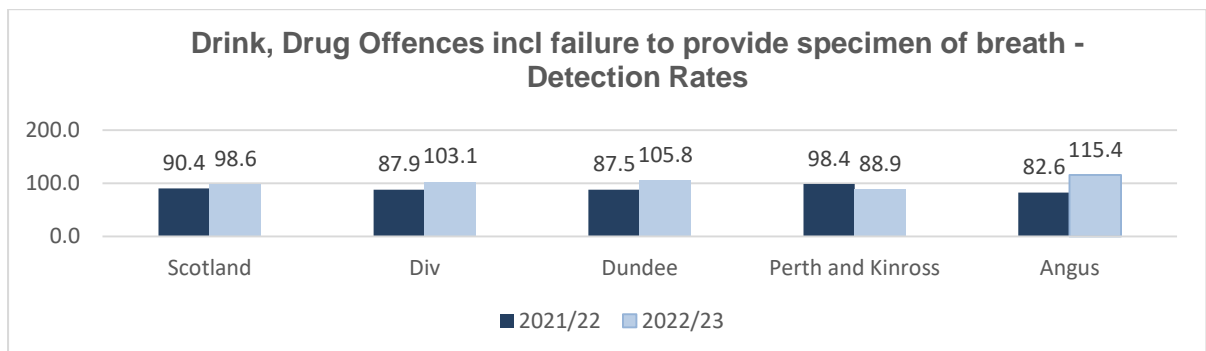
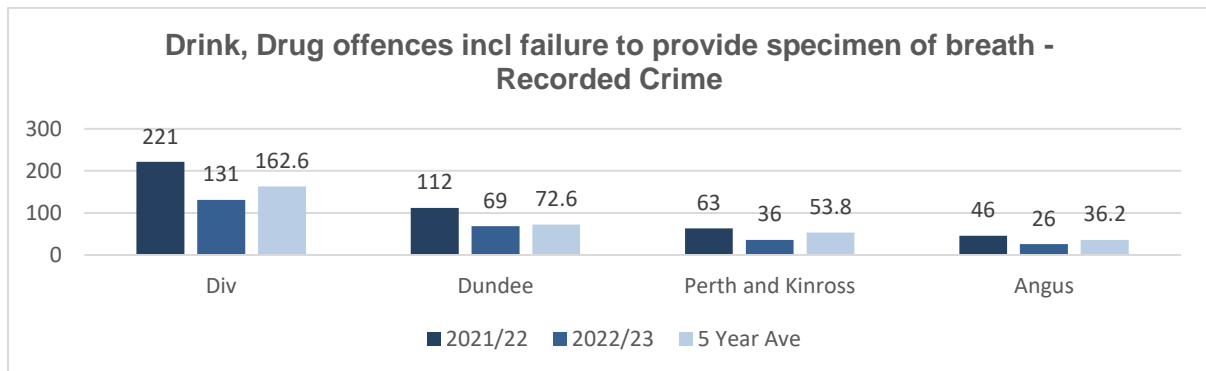
The detection of drivers who are impaired through either Alcohol or Drugs falls in to the daily business for Road Policing.

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As 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.

Focus is 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.



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Careless Driving

Angus LPA saw a significant 54.3% decrease in Careless driving compared to the same period last year.

Tayside Division also experienced a significant decrease with 193 offenders being detected which equates to a 31.1% decrease comparable with the same period the year previous.

Additionally, it is considered reasonable to assume that due to the price increase on fuel duty may be a correlating factor with a reduction of vehicles on Scotland's road network, however this is yet to be confirmed.

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.

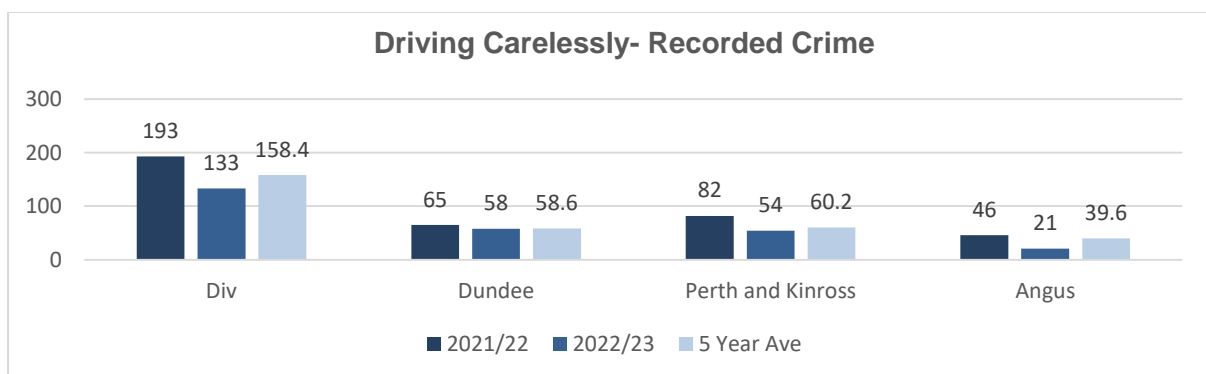
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

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

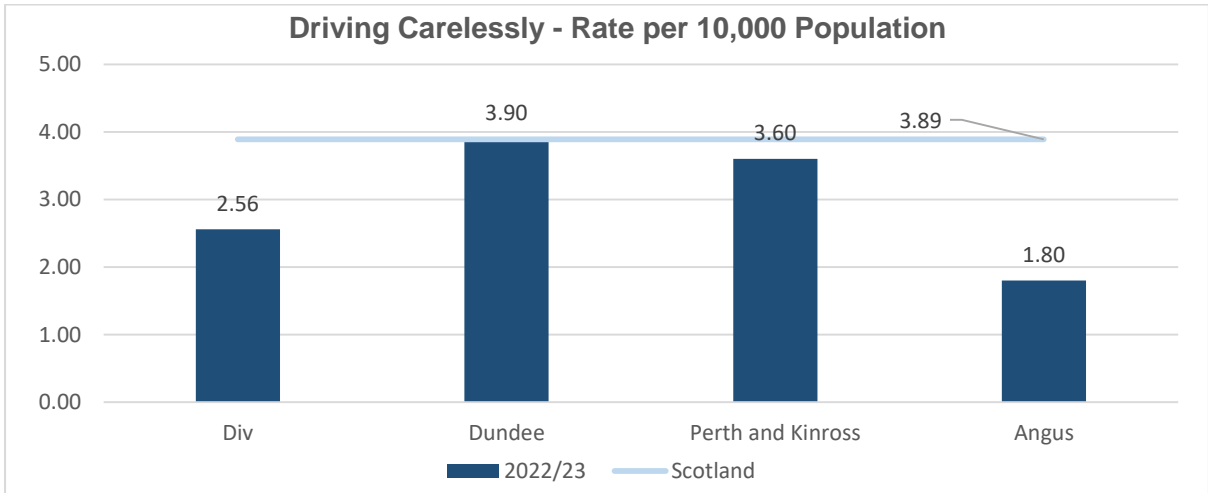
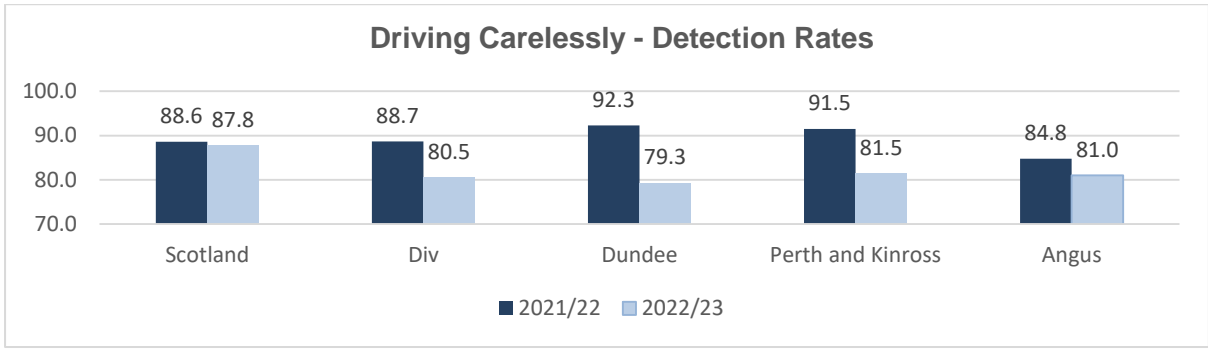
Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Angus.

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.

There has been a small increase in DASA crimes recorded in Angus compared to 2020/2021 (3 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 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.

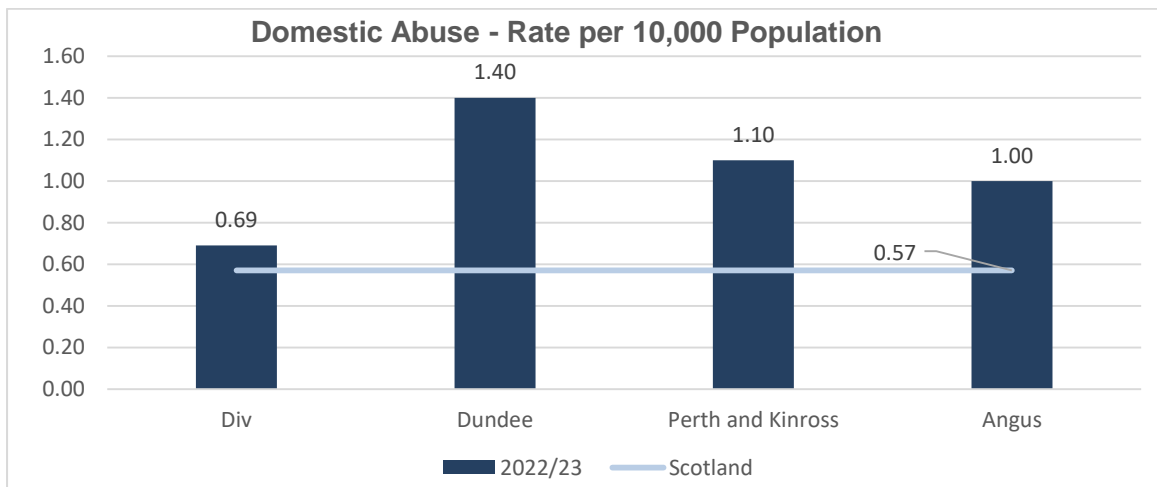
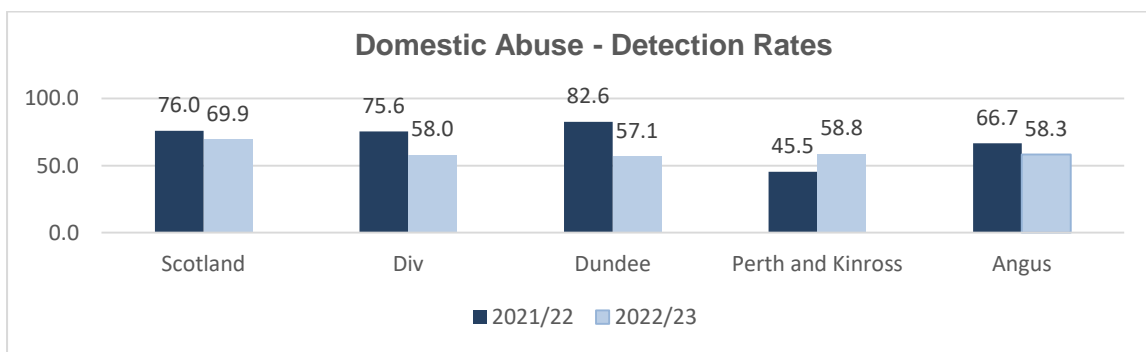
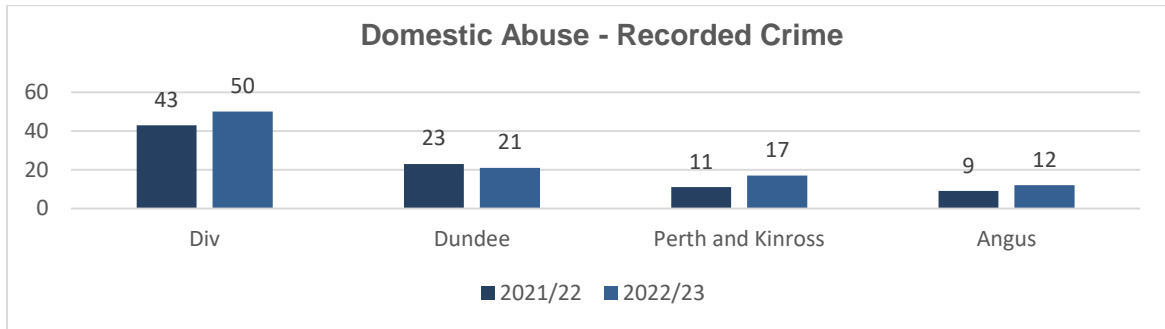
While the detection rate for DASA offences remains lower than 2020/21, they are in line with the divisional rate. A small number of DASA offences, which are undetected, remain under active investigation by Local Angus officers and colleagues from Specialist units, including the DAIU and the Domestic 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 partner agencies to ensure safeguarding of victims and pursue every opportunity to target perpetrators and prevent further harm.

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During Quarter 1 a protracted National Domestic Abuse Task Force investigation resulted in a male being sentenced to 44 months imprisonment for offences against two previous partners.



Hate Crime

There have been 15 recorded Hate Crimes within Angus in Quarter 1 and 10 of these have been detected to date. This number continues to be lower than elsewhere in Tayside.

Two of these crimes have taken place within the same residential care setting.

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.

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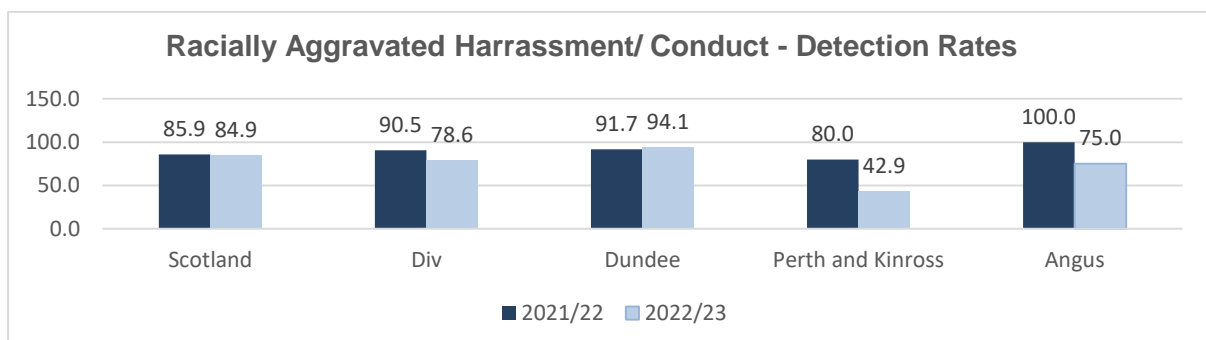
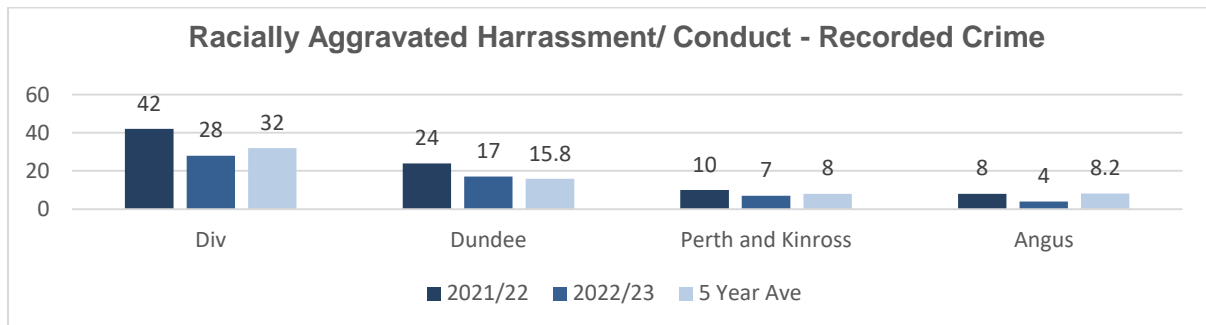
A daily review is carried out of Hate crimes/incidents to assist with identifying emerging trends and to allow appropriate interventions to take place. Relevant partnership working allows for victims and communities to be signposted to support agencies and for reassurance messages and hate material to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

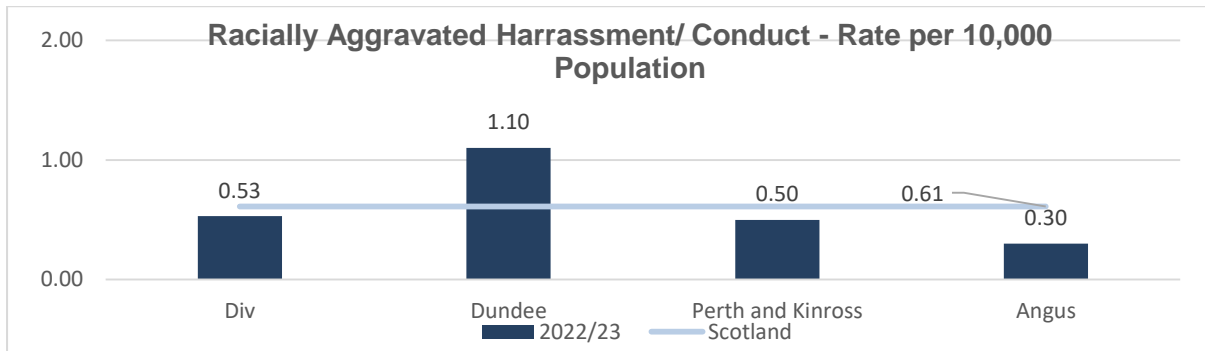
An officer from Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions (PIP), continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting online. This meeting was started as a result of the HMICS Hate Crime Review which commenced in 2020 and in 2021 HMICS provided a list of 15 recommendations 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.

The National Hate Crime Campaign ran into this quarter delivering the message that Hate Crime is unacceptable and should be reported. Materials were shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres.

Police in Angus continue to liaise with each of the local authorities in relation to the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, providing support where applicable 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 (38 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 (12 additional crimes) and is above the 5 year average. This increase in the level of recorded crime continues the upward trend that we have seen in previous years.

Analysis of these figures provides that in terms of Group 2 crimes:

48% were reported between 7 days and one year of the alleged offence occurring.

28% were reported more than one year after the alleged offence and would be considered historical in nature.

21 complainers reported multiple offences accounting for 50% of the total crimes recorded.

23% of offences recorded carried a domestic abuse aggravator.

In terms of Rape and Attempted Rape:

38% were reported between 7 days and one year of the alleged offence occurring.

50% were reported more than one year after the alleged offence and would be considered historical in nature.

4 complainers reported multiple incidents accounting for 50% of the total crimes recorded.

71% of offences recorded carried a domestic abuse aggravator.

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.

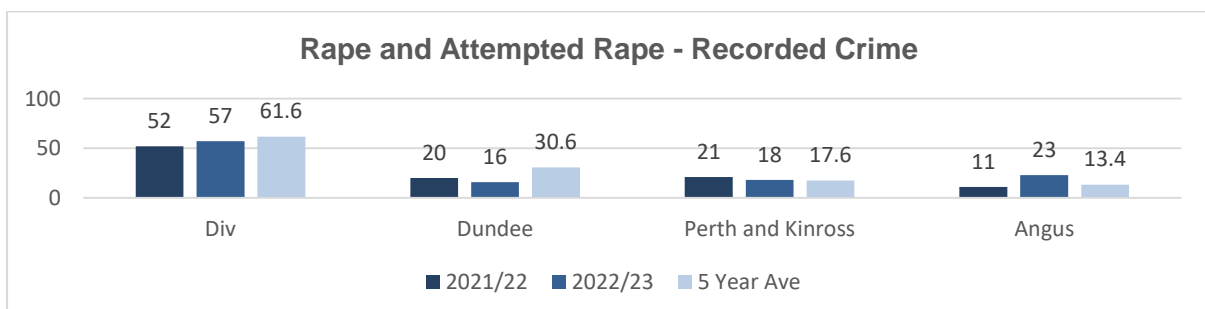
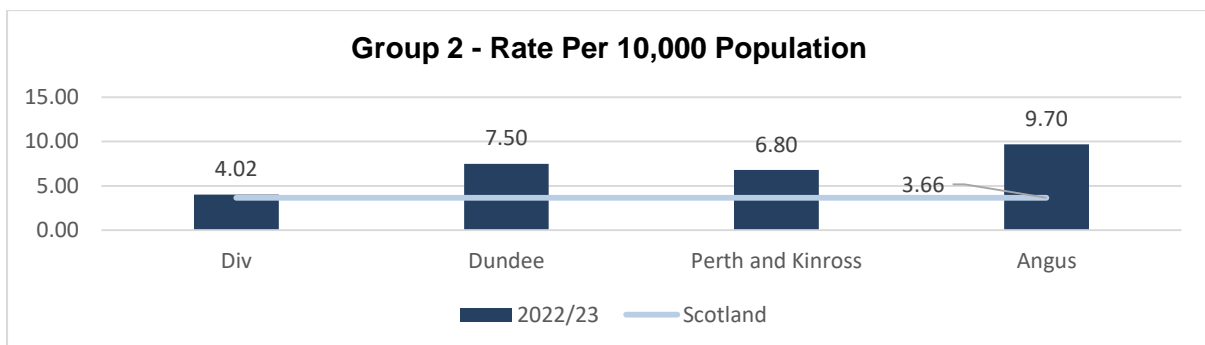
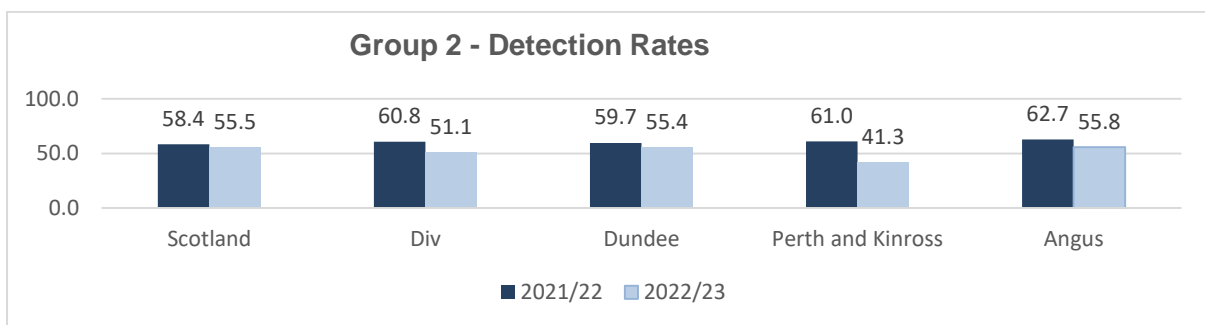
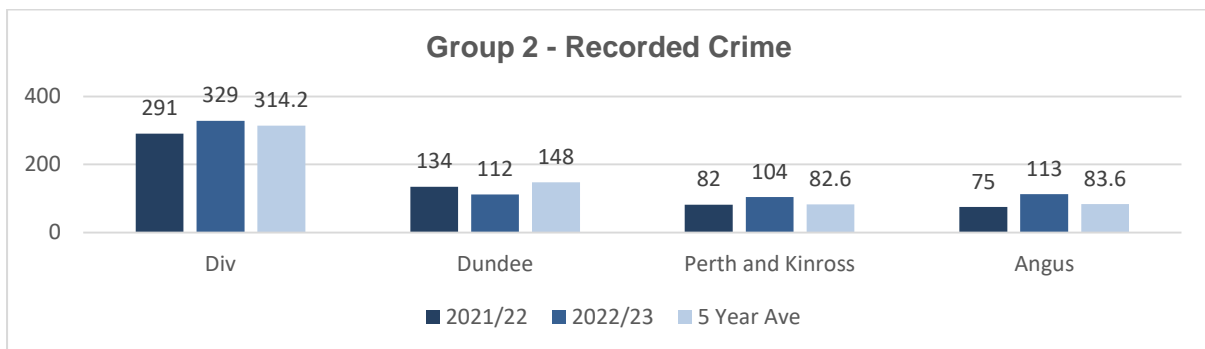
The detection rate for sexual crime is below the 2020/21 rate, however remains above both divisional and national rates.

The detection rate for rape and attempted rape in Q1 is currently below 2020/21 rate and is below the divisional and national rates. Increasing levels of non-recent reports mean investigations are more protracted and take longer to bring to a conclusion. A

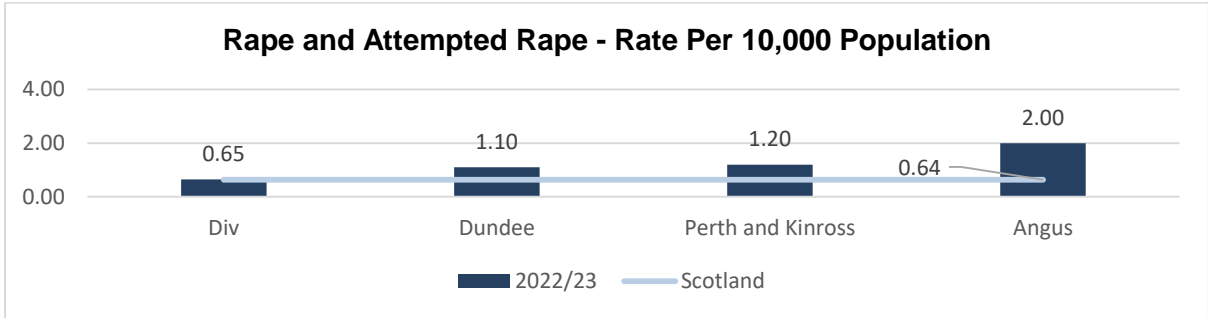
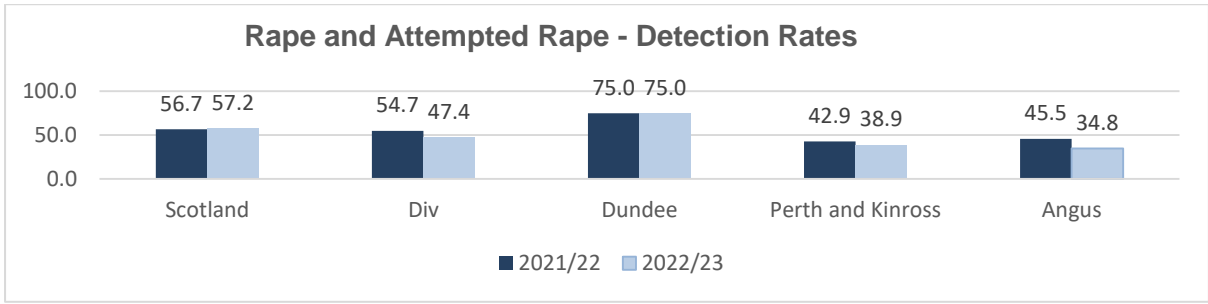
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number of these more complex enquiries remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

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 people in our communities. This type of practice is closely monitored through the Divisions Cuckooing Operations Group and our Intelligence Unit.

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 embroiled in the chaotic lifestyles associated with drug addiction. There is little doubt that such addiction leads to increased vulnerability resulting in the need for the sustained support of local authority and third sector services. Welfare visits continue to be carried out to ensure victims are identified, supported and referred to appropriate services where possible.

Operation Greenshank is a Divisional led enquiry into the increasing trend of the supply of controlled drugs over social media platforms. This trend became apparent during the pandemic related national lockdown. Various social media platforms are used to advertise the sale of controlled drugs which often prove difficult for police to identify perpetrators and locations. This operation is targeted across the Division and although some early arrests have been made, it remains under development to fully understand the scale of the issue.

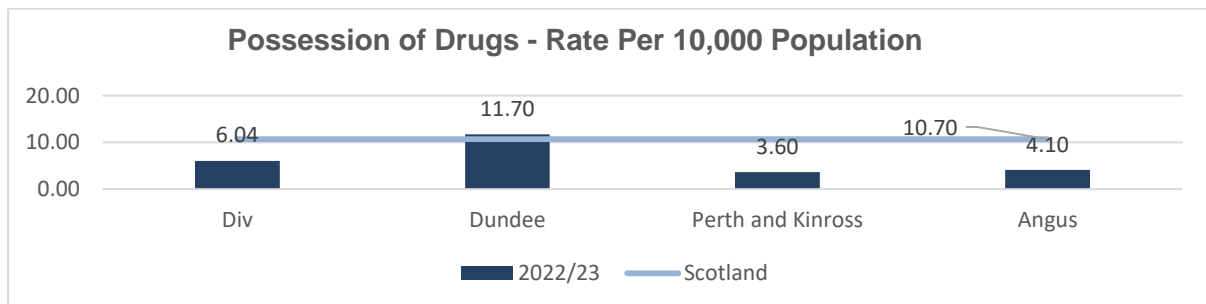
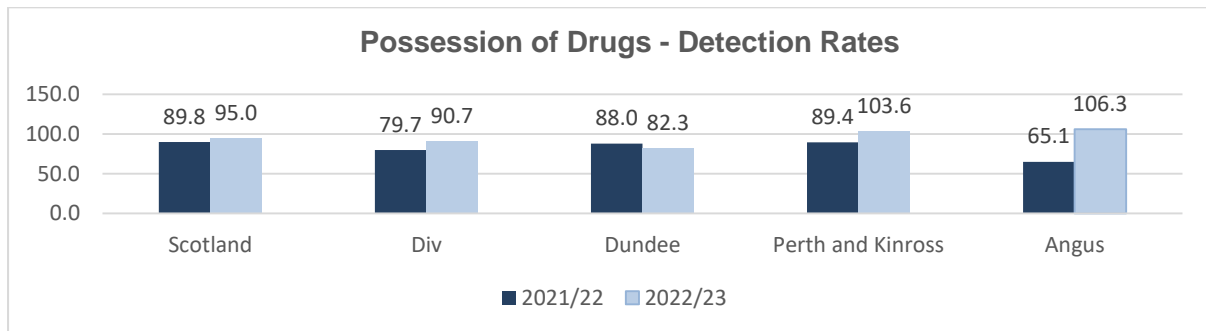
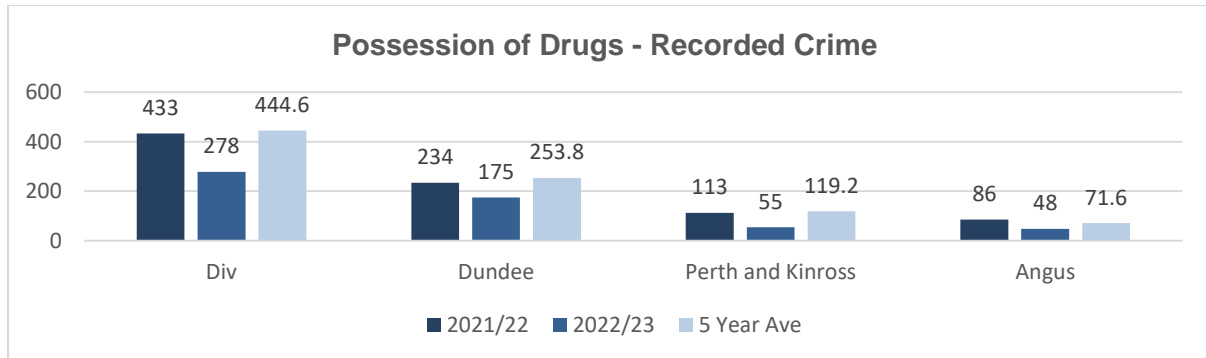
Engagement with Local Authority teams including Housing and Anti-Social Behaviour Teams has facilitated joint visits, shared awareness and evidential capture. Significant work remains ongoing, including liaison with national operations including Operation Pippali, a Borders Force initiative to disrupt trafficking before victims arrive in the UK.

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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, a reduction of nearly 50%, with an overall detection rate of 105%. This accounts for some of the backlog experienced at the Police Laboratory.

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



Supply of Drugs

We continue to prioritise our response and enforcement through the development of quality intelligence and accurate analysis. This development and enforcement has involved specialist support from colleagues in national Divisions including Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Units, Operational Support Division and National Human Trafficking Unit.

As well as targeting those involved in the supply of controlled drugs, we also look to deliver support to individuals who are victimised by those involved in the supply of

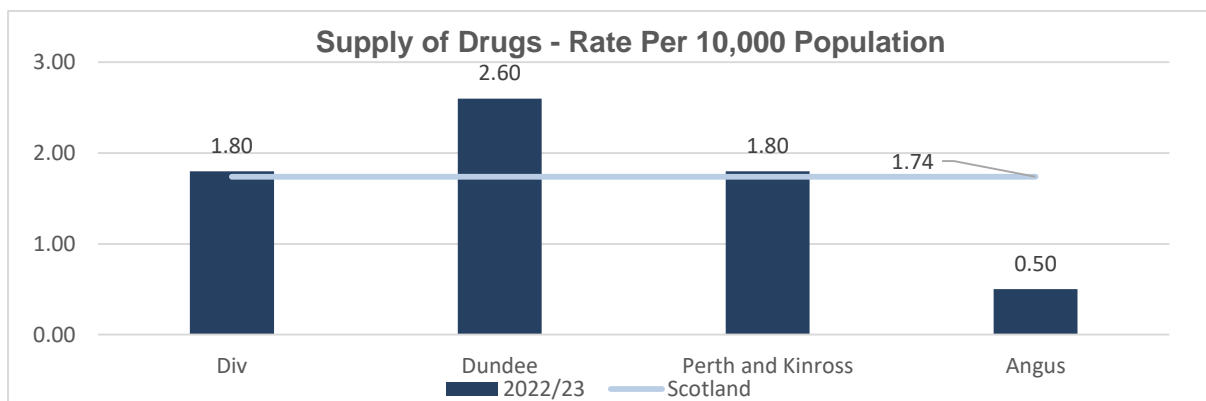
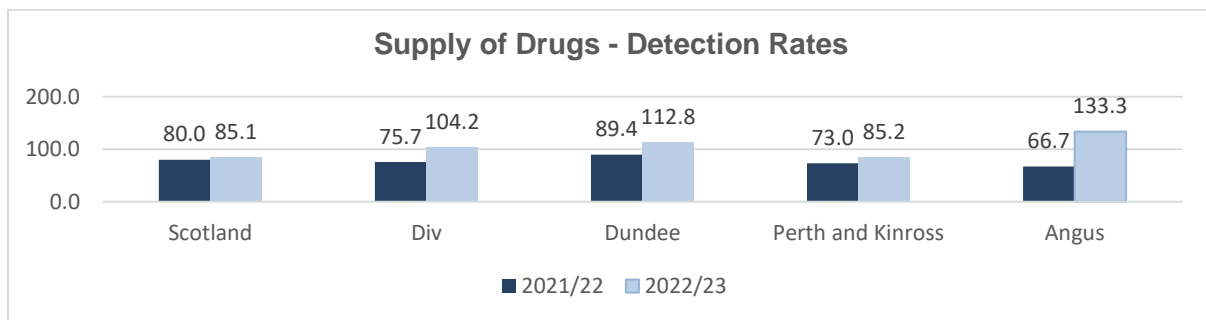
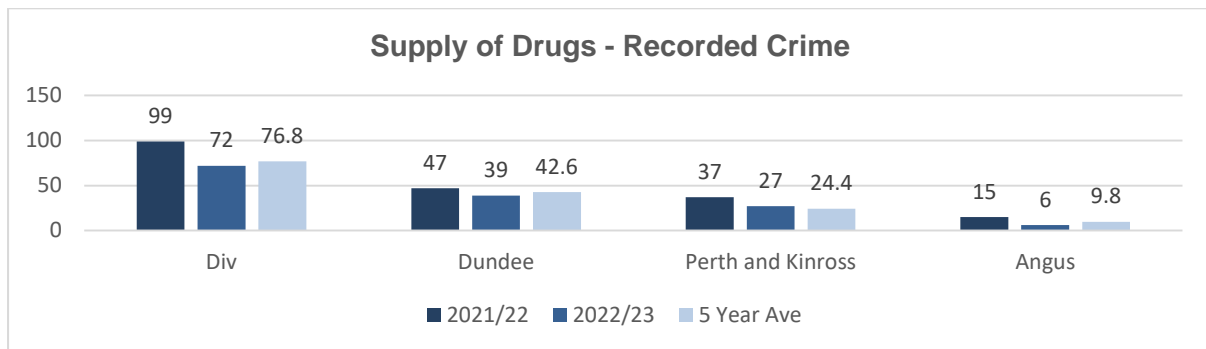
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drugs. The Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway continues to play an important role in this collaborative approach.

Operation Singletail continues to be a priority within Tayside, led by the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit, local policing teams offer support when required to ensure maximum scope to disrupt. Arrests continue to be made in an effort to deter and disrupt drugs being supplied throughout Angus and the wider Division

There remains a cultural problem in respect of drug addiction 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.

There have been 6 Drug Supply offences recorded YTD which is a decrease of over 50% in comparison to LYTD and well below the five year average. Detection rates sit above 100%.



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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.

The Tayside Division Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer continues to attend local, divisional and national meetings in relation to the four P's.

Locally there was a joint Local Contest Liaison Officer (LCLO)/Border Policing Command (BPC) visit to Montrose Harbour for Port Action Day in June 2022.

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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

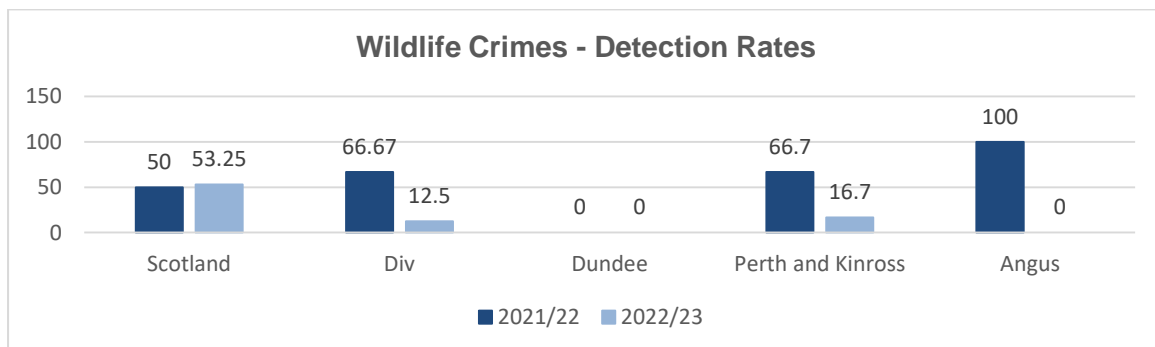
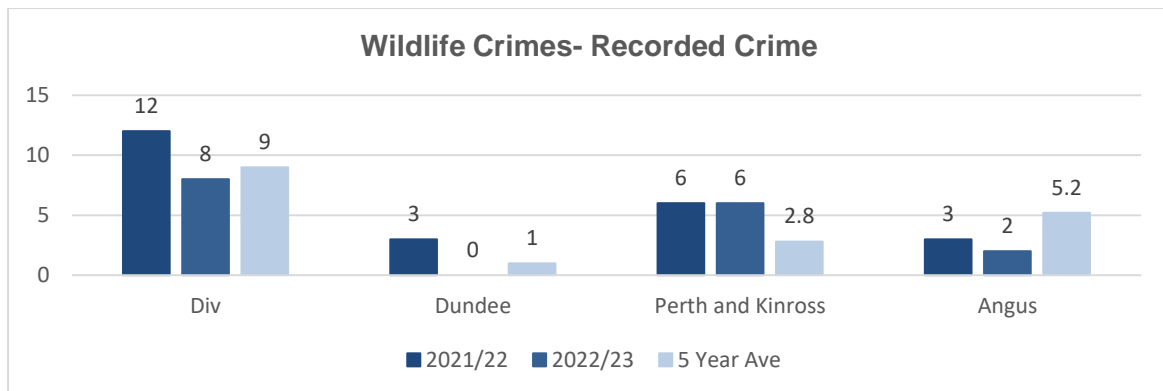
Wildlife Crime is any act that is made illegal in Scotland under legislation with regard to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea.

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.

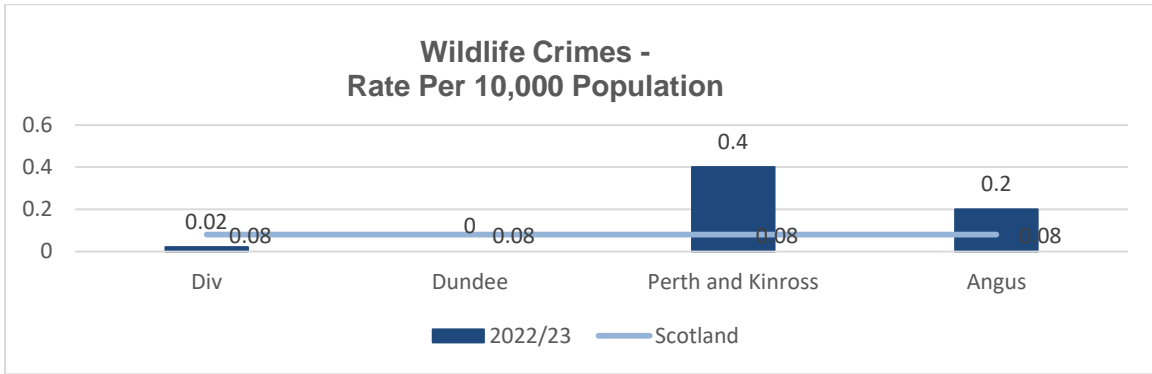
There have been two reported Wildlife Crimes in this reporting period in Angus, which is below the number recorded last year and the 5 year average.

One of the incidents was a Hare coursing and the other was snigging of a freshwater salmon. Both matters remain under enquiry.

The Local Wildlife Liaison Officer continues to work with partners to carry out visits to sites and estates to give preventative advice.



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Other Key Activity

Non-Fatal Overdose Group

In this reporting period there have been 14 incidents recorded by the NFOD Group in Angus. There continues to be a focus to review the interventions applied, ensuring a holistic approach to medical and social care provisions for the individuals discussed.

Vulnerable Person Reports/Missing Persons

In this reporting period officers in Angus submitted, 1,249 Vulnerable Person Reports, which include Child Concern, Adult Concerns, Domestic Concerns, Youth Offending and Hate Crime.

These reports are screened by the Risk and Concern Hub and thereafter shared as appropriate with partner agencies to ensure risk is mitigated and supports are offered.

In this reporting period Officers dealt with 83 Missing Person Calls. Of this, 72% were aged between 10-19 years of age.

Licensing

Between 1st April 2022 and 30th June 2022, the team have processed 349 licence applications for the Angus LPA.

During this quarter there were 52 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises within the Angus LPA. There has been no single premises identified as problematic.

Between the local Policing teams and officers from the divisional licensing team there were 134 inspections carried out throughout the Angus LPA.

In general, licensed premises across the LPA have positively engaged with the divisional licensing team in respect of any highlighted issues. The team have worked closely with the LSO at the local authority.

During this quarter, there was an incident which occurred within licenced premises within the Angus area, whereby the Premises Licence Holder has been reported for an alleged assault on the premises whilst under the influence of alcohol. Positive enquiries made by local Policing team within Angus resulted in a quick detection of offences, resulting in report being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration. The Divisional Licensing Team are working with the PF in order to disclose the specific incident and licence holder to the Angus Liquor Licensing Board.

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-June) ¹

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	157	102	-35.0%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	262	173	-34.0%
Off Duty Allegations	0	1	x
On Duty Allegations	191	112	-41.4%
Quality of Service Allegations	71	60	-15.5%

¹ Data is correct as at 30/06/2022.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 35% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by decreases in Angus of 56.8%, Perth & Kinross of 36.6% and Dundee City of 20.8%.

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased by 34%. This is determined by a decreases in Angus of 59.7%, Perth & Kinross of 11.3% and within Dundee City of 29.3%.

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 Period ³					
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	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.