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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

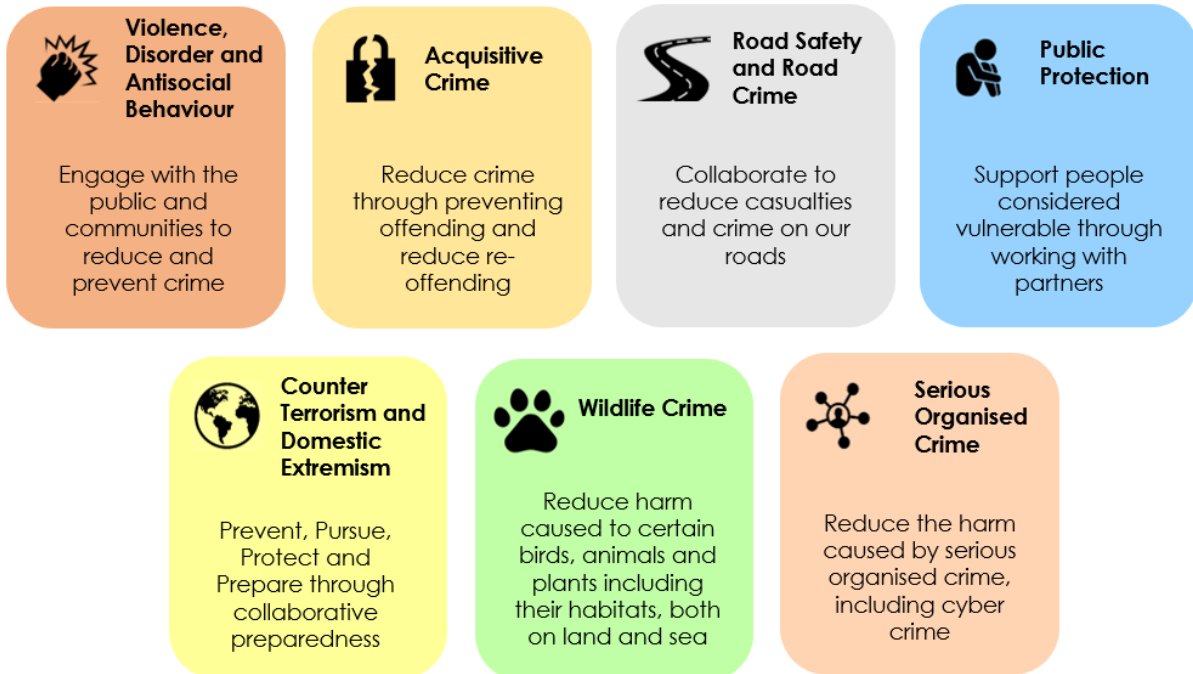
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus Council and will report to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

Performance in relation to the identified policing objectives and outcomes is monitored and reviewed at the monthly Tasking and Delivery Meeting. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 and 1 April 2022 to 30 September 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.



Plan on a Page - Angus Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

Our vision		Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Angus
Our purpose		Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Angus
Our Values		Fairness Integrity Respect Human Rights

Local Priorities



Violence Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour



Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



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



Acquisitive Crime



Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending



The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery



Road Safety And Road Crime



Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



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



Public Protection



Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



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



Serious Organised Crime



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



Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges



Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism



Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness




Wildlife Crime



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





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Summary Report Angus LPA

1st April 2022 to 30th September 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 %
21/22 28 82.1%	21/22 26 65.4%	21/22 588 73.0%
22/23 32 78.1%	22/23 6 66.7%	22/23 605 71.4%
% +/- +14.3% -4.0%	% +/- -76.9% +1.3%	% +/- +2.9% -1.6%
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Acquisitive Crime	Acquisitive Crime
Emergency Services Assault	Housebreakings - Dwellings	Motor Vehicle Crime
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
21/22 49 98.0%	21/22 38 31.6%	21/22 118 39.0%
22/23 45 100.0%	22/23 36 33.3%	22/23 120 35.8%
% +/- -8.2% +2.0%	% +/- -5.3% +1.8%	% +/- +1.7% -3.1%
Acquisitive Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes Detect %	Off. Detect %	Off. Detect %
21/22 118 15.3%	21/22 706 99.9%	21/22 80 82.5%
22/23 149 22.8%	22/23 275 99.6%	22/23 48 106.3%
% +/- +26.3% +7.6%	% +/- -61.0% -0.2%	% +/- -40.0% +23.8%
Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Public Protection
Road Deaths - All	Serious Injury - All	Rape Inc. Assault With Intent
Deaths Detect %	Injury Detect %	Crimes Detect %
21/22 2 N/A	21/22 29 N/A	21/22 23 47.8%
22/23 0 N/A	22/23 19 N/A	22/23 47 25.5%
% +/- -100% /	% +/- -34.5% /	% +/- +104.3% -22.3%
Public Protection	Serious Organised Crime	Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
21/22 158 51.3%	21/22 35 80.0%	21/22 135 81.5%
22/23 216 52.8%	22/23 19 89.5%	22/23 99 101.0%
% +/- +36.7% +1.5%	% +/- -45.7% +9.5%	% +/- -26.7% +19.5%



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:

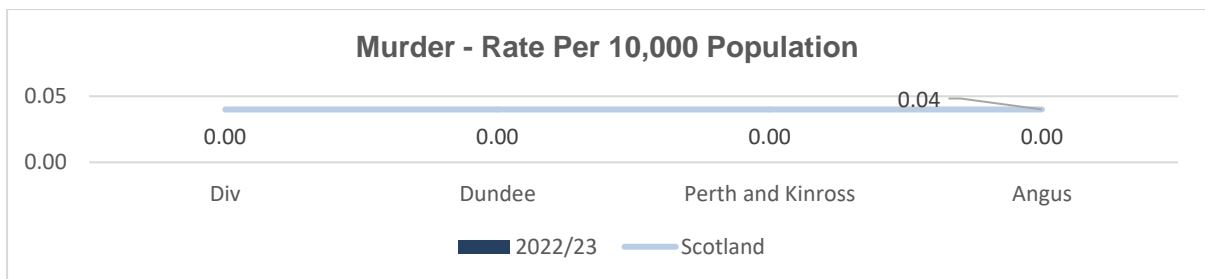
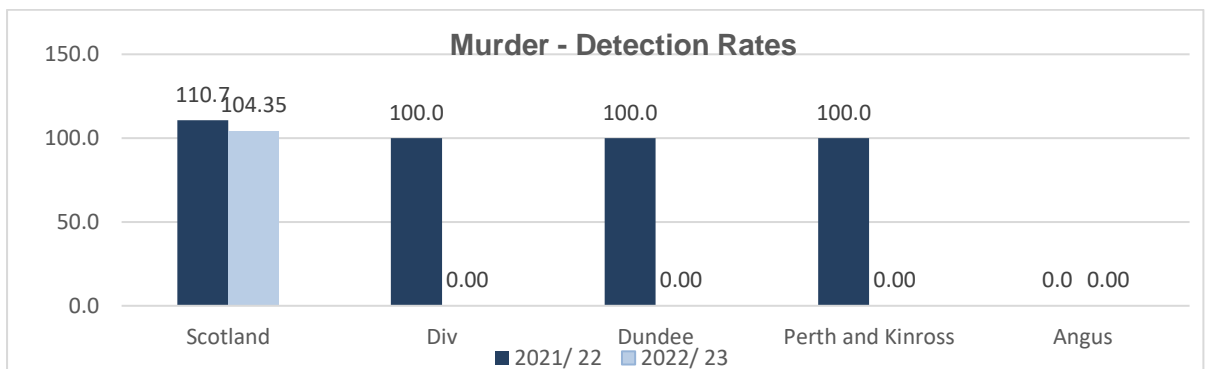
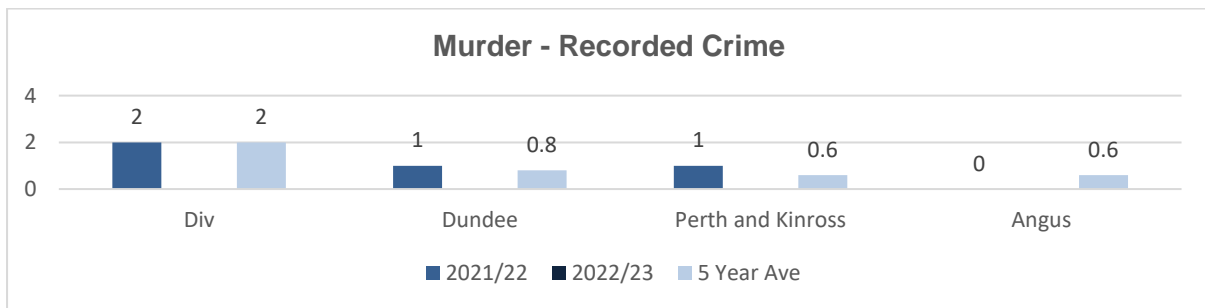
- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

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

Murder

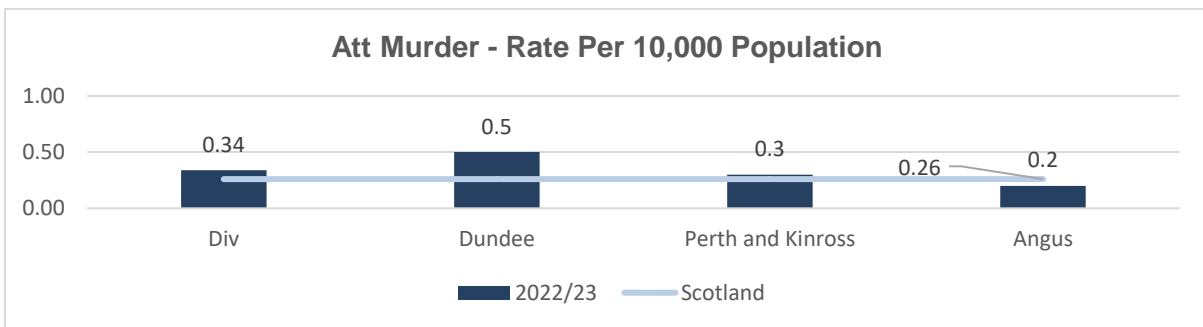
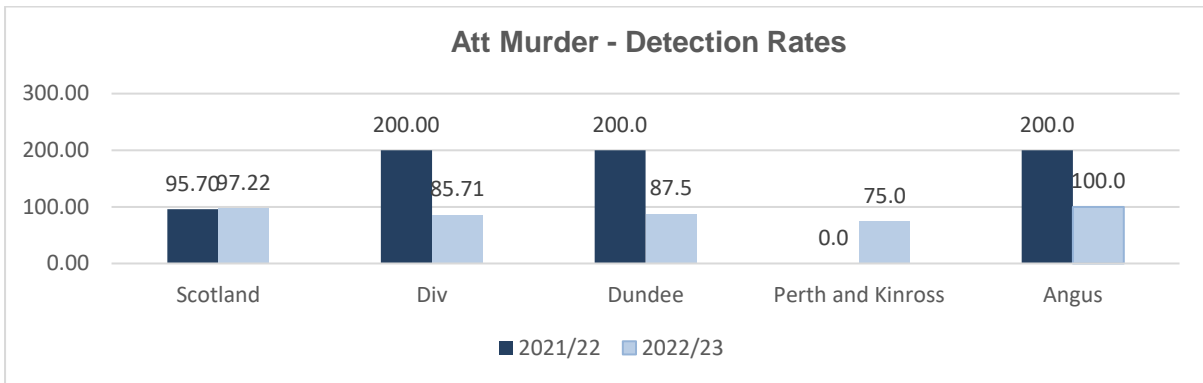
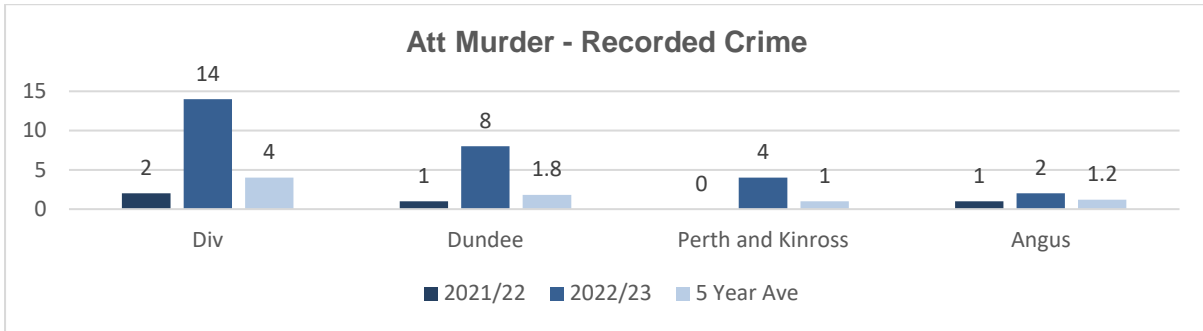
There have been no Murders during the reporting period.



Attempted Murder

There have been no recorded Attempted Murders in Angus during the reporting period.

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Serious Assault

There have been 16 Serious Assaults recorded in Angus during this reporting quarter. Of these reports, 11 have been detected. There are positive lines of enquiry in relation to the outstanding crimes therefore it is anticipated that this detection rate will increase.

There is a slight increase in the number of recorded serious assaults in comparison to last year (28) and also the 5 year average (29).

The year to date detection rate remains positive at 78.1% which is above the national rate of 76.8%.

From analysis of these reports, 50% of the crimes committed involved the use of a weapon and 44% occurred where the perpetrator and victim were known to one another.

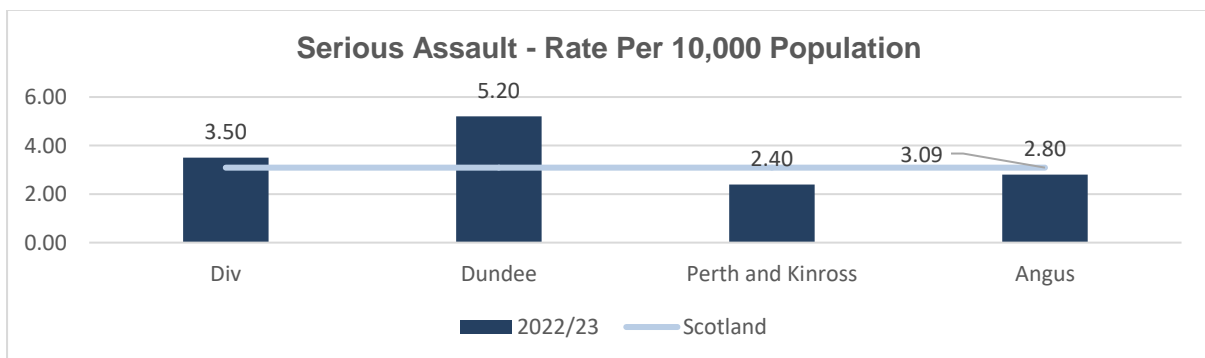
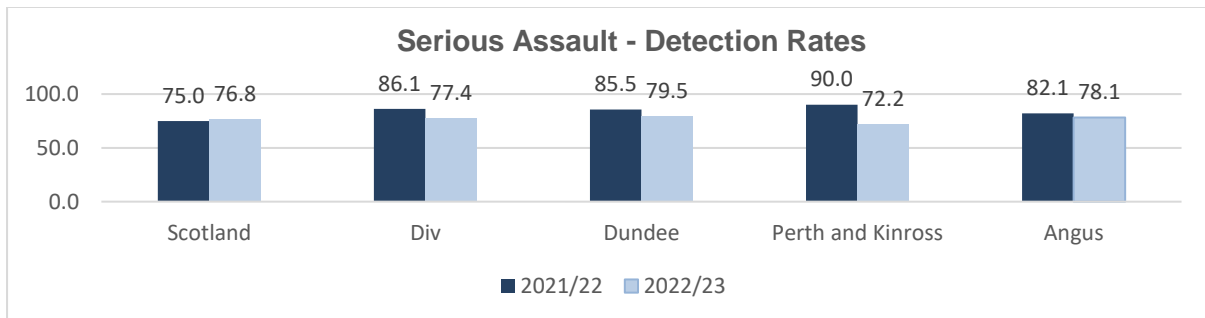
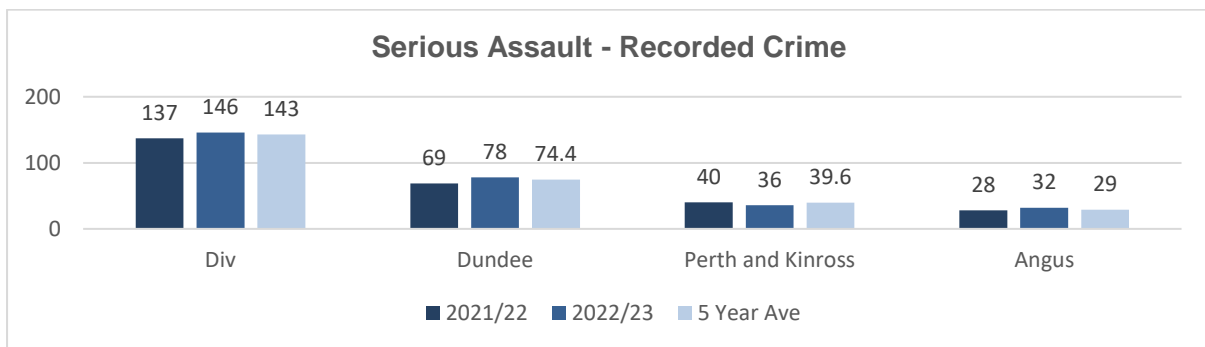
In addition, 50% of these crimes involved either the perpetrator or victim being under the influence of alcohol or controlled drugs. 25% of the crimes occurred within or just outside licensed premises, and 25% occurred within a private dwelling.

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The challenges in relation to serious assault remain consistent with alcohol and drug misuse having a significant impact on occurrence rates. Similarly the high percentage of crimes where the victim and perpetrator are known to one another can, at times, provide a challenge in relation to witness engagement.

All serious violent crimes, including Serious Assault, are overseen by a Senior Investigating Officer or CID supervisor at the time and any that remain undetected are subject to regular scrutiny and review to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed in a timeous manner.

There is now a full time embedded Detective Inspector and Detective Sergeant in Angus, overseeing serious violent crime.



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Common Assault

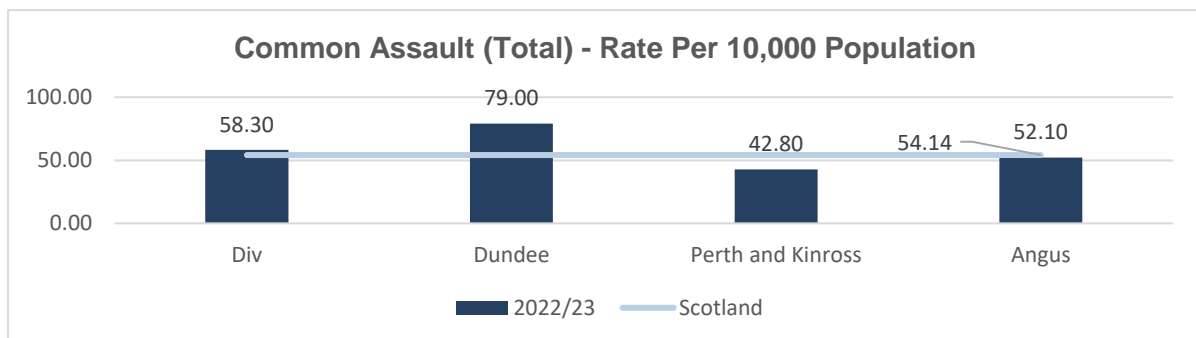
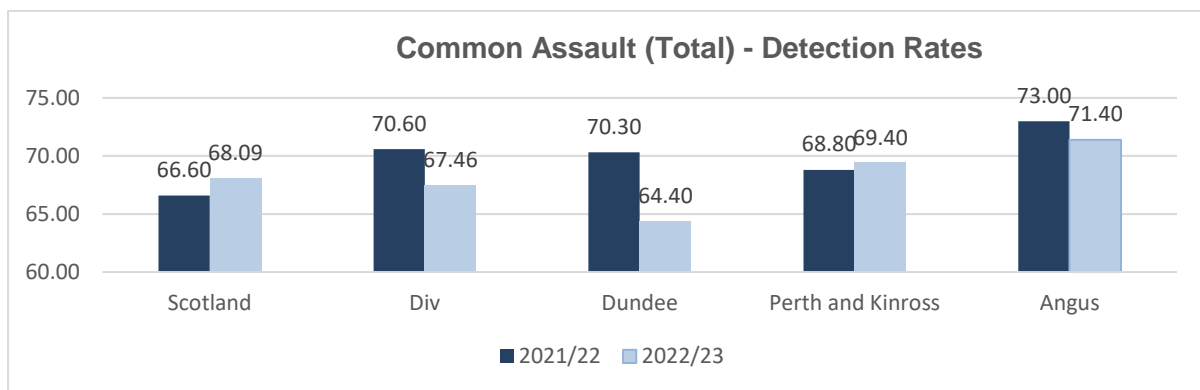
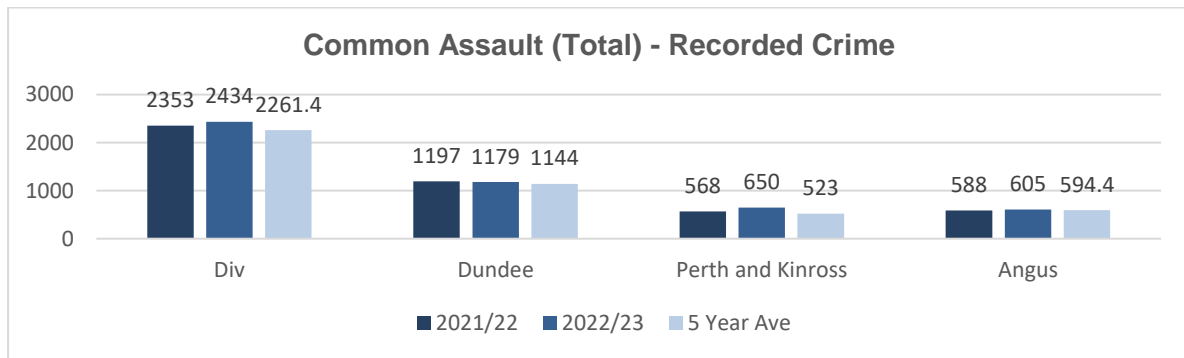
The number of Common Assaults recorded has increased by 17 crimes in comparison to last year and is 11 crimes higher than the 5 year average.

Almost a quarter of the common assaults recorded have a domestic aggravator. Of the crimes recorded, equal proportions took place in public and private space settings. Most public space assaults took place outside schools and commercial premises, such as licenced premises and retail premises.

The most frequent offenders were young males under 16 years old.

Our Local Community officers and officers from Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions are continuing to increase the work they are doing in schools with a focus on violence, and we continue to work with our partners, including community wardens, to engage with and educate young people.

Our local officers, complemented by divisional and national resource, such as the Mobile CCTV Unit and Operational Support Unit, will continue to have dedicated patrols for the local night time economy, engaging with staff and patrons to provide reassurance and to deter any criminality.



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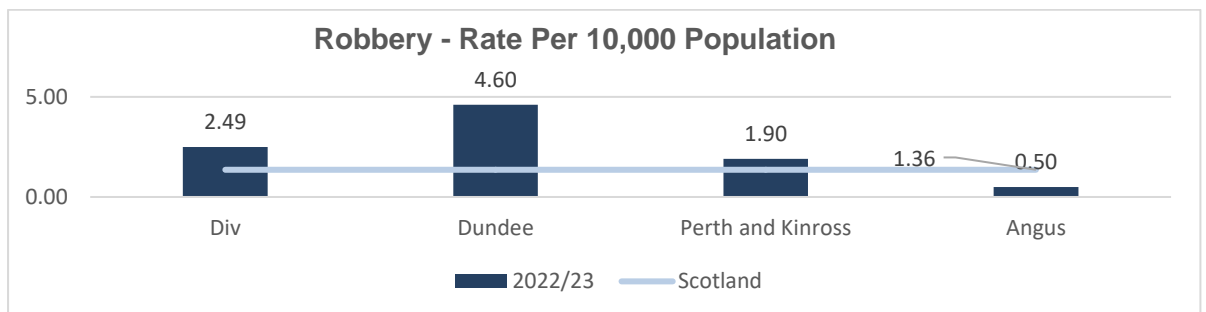
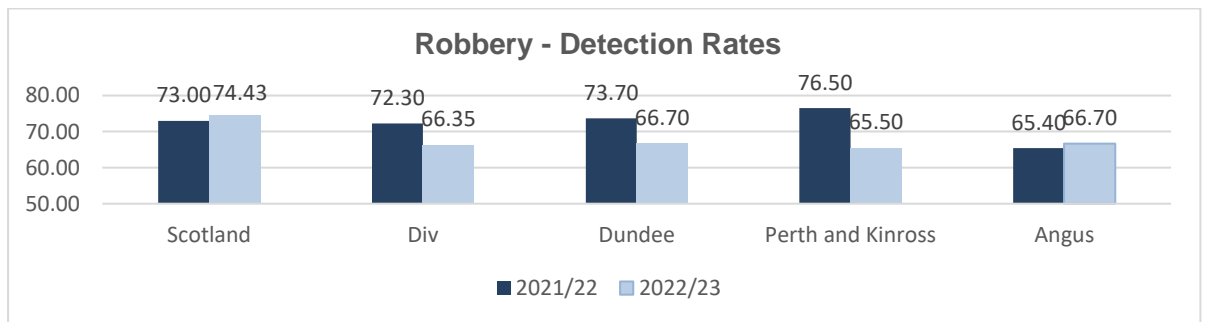
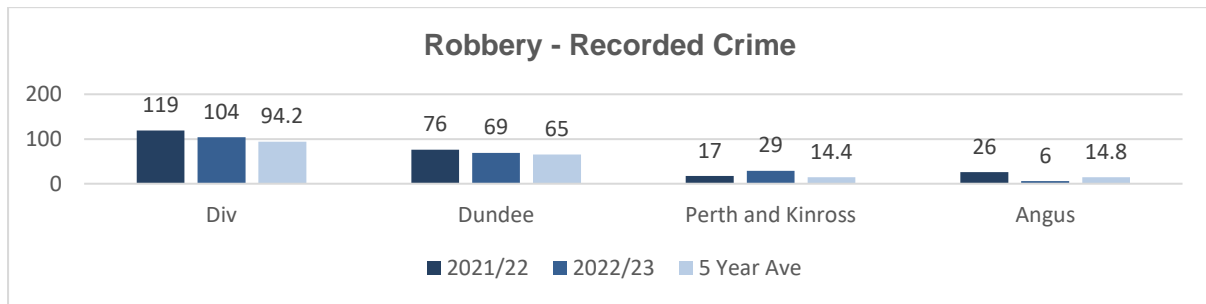
Robbery

There have been 3 Robberies recorded in this reporting period. This brings the total number of Robberies recorded this year in Angus to 6, which is a significant and welcome decrease on the 26 that were recorded by comparison last year.

Of these 3 reports, 2 have been detected and there continues to be positive lines of enquiry in relation to the outstanding crime.

There is no link in relation to any of these 3 crimes and no trend identified.

All serious violent crimes, including Robbery, are overseen by a Senior Investigating Officer or CID supervisor at the time and any that remain undetected are subject to regular scrutiny and review to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed in a timeous manner.



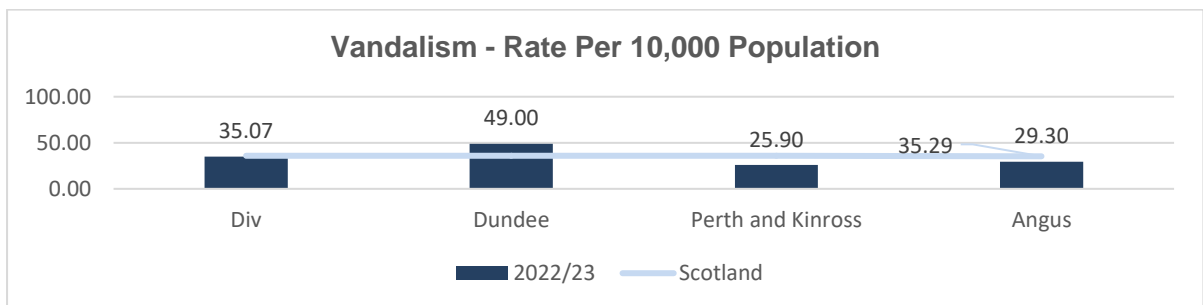
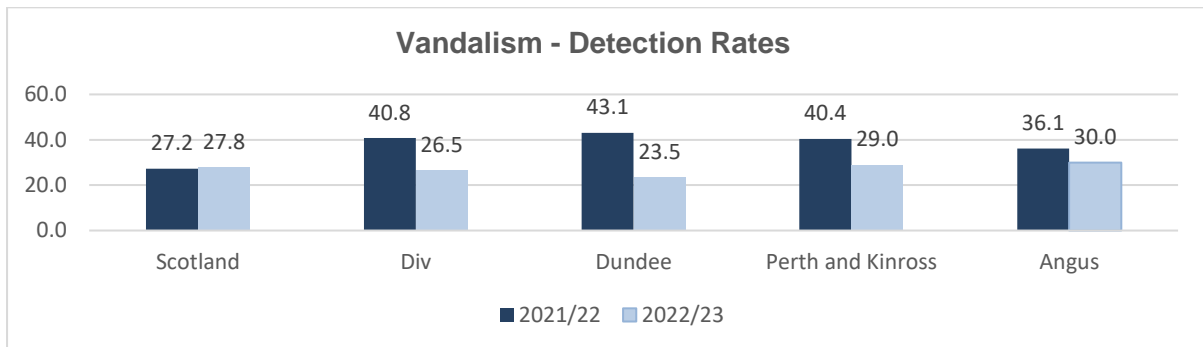
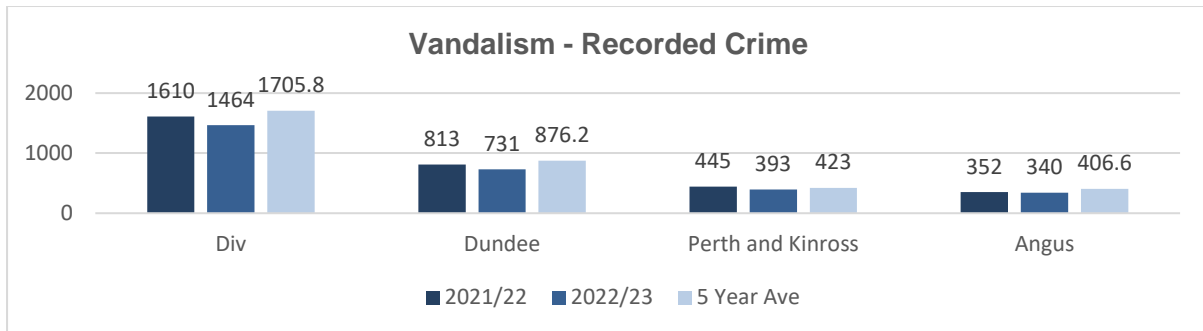
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Vandalism

There have been 158 reports of vandalism recorded in this reporting quarter, which is a decrease on the 182 in the last quarter. This is also below the number recorded in comparison to last year and significantly below the 5 year average.

Throughout the Summer months, local officers have worked effectively together in reducing antisocial behaviour which had been identified as having a significant impact on our communities, for example at the area around Forfar Loch.

We will continue to work with partners to identify any problem areas in relation to Vandalism and Antisocial behaviour in order to ensure early intervention where possible to mitigate further issues.



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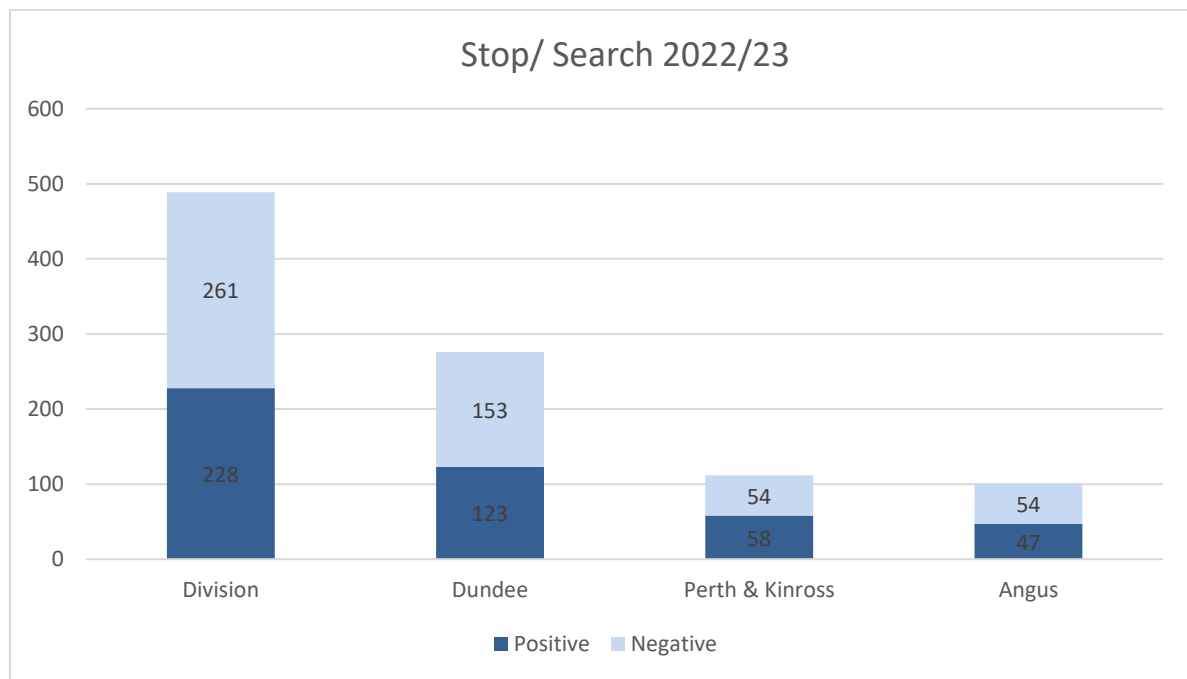
Stop Search

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 this reporting year 101 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 54 occasions. This equates to a positive rate of over 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.





**Acquisitive
Crime**

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through preventing
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reduce re-
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Domestic Housebreaking

A total of 22 Housebreakings to dwellings (including attempts) were recorded during this reporting period. The total number for this reporting year is now 36, which is a slight decrease in comparison to the 38 at this time last year, and is broadly in line with the 5 year average of 35.4 reports.

As per previous reporting periods, the crimes have occurred throughout the Angus area, with the majority occurring across Forfar and Kirriemuir (50%), Montrose and Arbroath (23% respectively), and Carnoustie (4%).

The majority of these properties were unoccupied at the time of the crime occurring, mostly due to the summer holiday period.

We continue to share security and prevention advice within our community and work closely with partners to prevent such crimes occurring.

The Community Investigation Unit (CIU) continue to have the remit for investigating significant acquisitive crime in Angus and they now fall under the line management of a Detective inspector and Detective Sergeant which has clear benefits in terms of the investigative experience and guidance this brings.

There have been a number of acquisitive crime series which span the Division and the CIUs from each of the 3 Local Policing Areas have combined to form a highly effective investigatory team working towards apprehending common perpetrators.

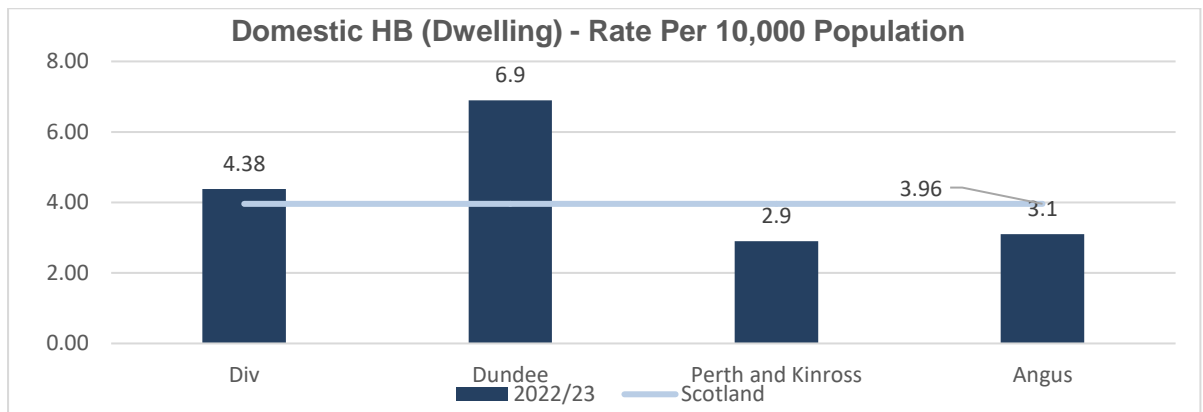
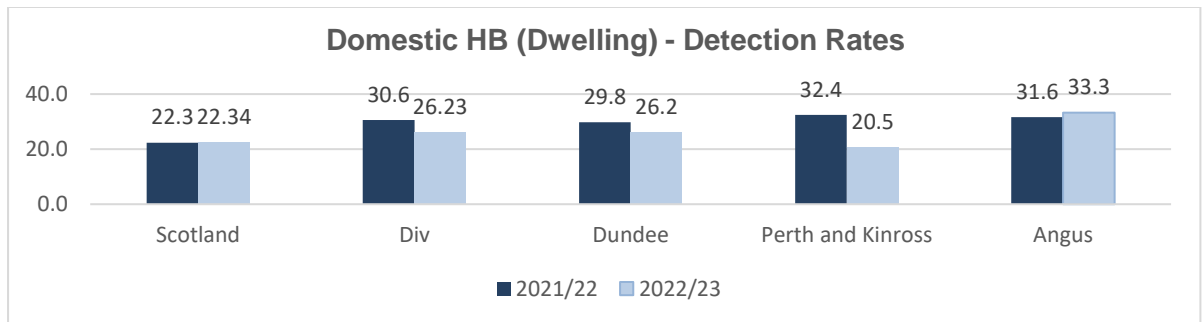
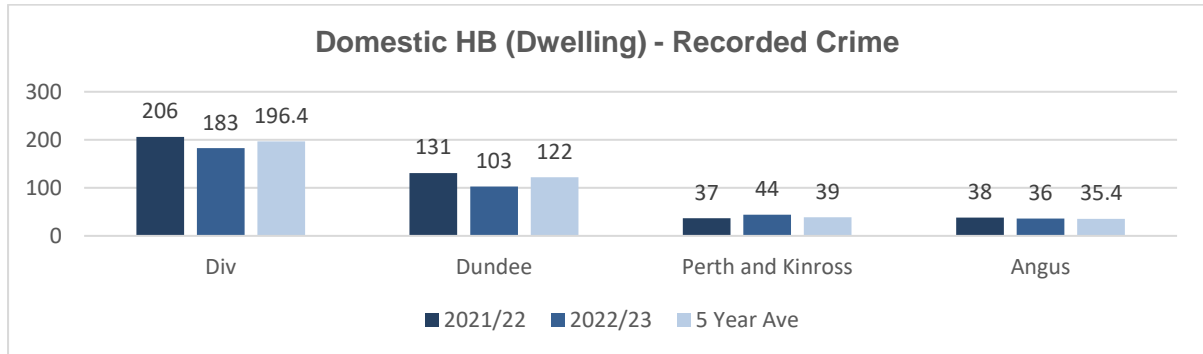
During this reporting period a number of housebreakings and vehicle crimes in Angus were committed by one perpetrator who was active across the Tayside and Fife area. Angus Community Investigation Unit identified him in relation to local crimes and worked alongside officers in Fife to investigate the crimes. The male was subsequently arrested and is currently remanded in prison.

In addition further positive work is noted during the reporting period when Angus CIU worked with Dundee CIU in carrying out enforcement leading to the arrest and charge of 3 individuals in relation to a theft of a motor car during a Housebreaking in Angus. A number of subsequent crimes across both Local Policing Areas were identified and subsequently detected. The perpetrator is currently remanded in prison.

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A monthly Divisional Acquisitive Crime meeting, led by a Detective Chief Inspector is held allowing internal stakeholders to discuss investigative strategies and preventative opportunities.

The current detection rate for the crimes reported during this reporting quarter is 33.3%, with 6 crimes being detected and the outstanding 5 crimes remaining under live investigation. The detection rate for this year to date sees an increase in comparison to last year (33.3% compared to 31.6%), and is considerably higher than the comparable national rate of 22.34%.



Fraud

In this reporting period, a total of 76 Frauds were recorded. This continues to be an increase in comparison to last year to date and significantly higher than the 5 year average, which is in line with the national trend.

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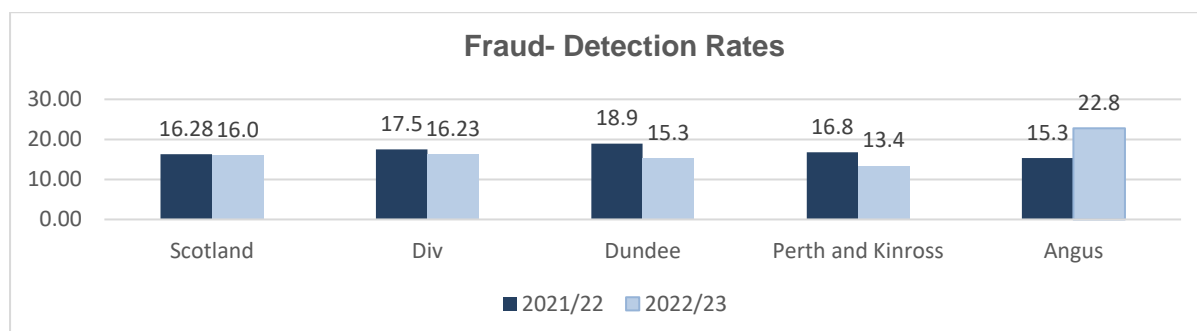
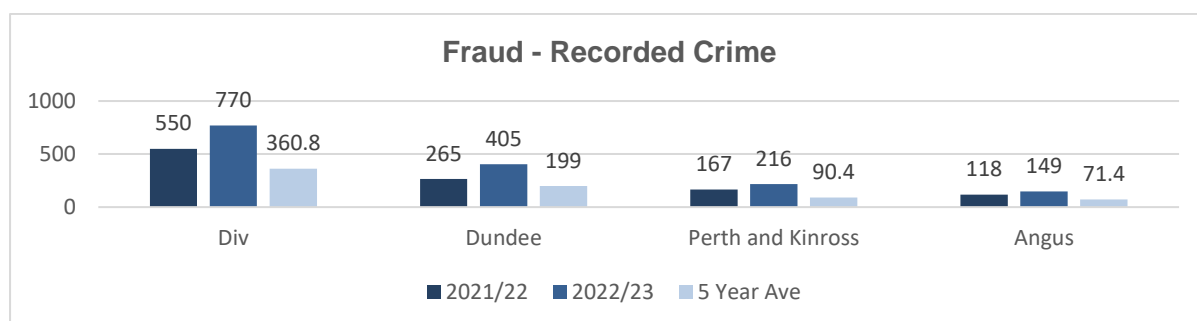
As highlighted in previous reporting periods, a large number of reported Frauds continue to be committed online, with ever changing methods being used to exploit victims.

In addition to this general national increase - which has been a common theme since the first lockdown in 2020 where perpetrators sought different ways to fund their criminal behaviour - new crime recording standards that came into effect in April 2020 have reduced the number of reported crimes which are subsequently recorded as "No Crime." Where a victim is in Scotland at the time a new crime is committed and the suspect is determined to be outside Scotland, a crime will be recorded and retained by Police Scotland unless the location is established as being elsewhere in the UK and ownership is accepted by another UK Force.

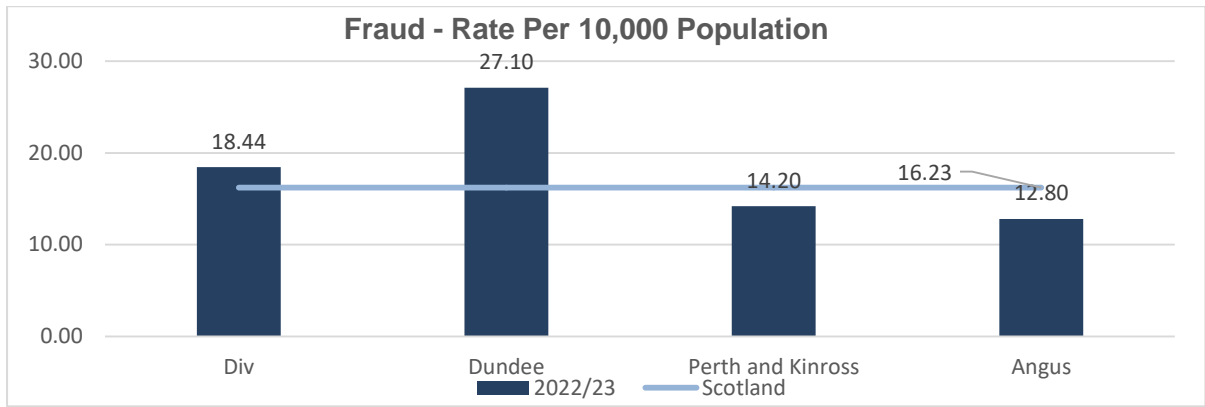
Although detecting these crimes has significant challenges, positively, the Angus detection rate sits at 22.8%, which is higher than the comparable rate last year (15.3%) and the national average (16%). In addition to this, 54 enquiries remain under live investigation with the likelihood that further crimes will be detected or transferred to other UK Forces once the location of crimes are identified.

As per previous reporting periods the complexities of online crime continue to provide challenges with many of the software applications used located out-with the UK adding additional time delays and barriers to obtaining information. Likewise many of the perpetrators of these crimes are located out-with the UK providing an additional complexity to identifying and tracing them.

Our response to Fraud remains consistent with continued focus on prevention and support to victims and ongoing engagement with partners, ensuring collaboration and consistent messaging.



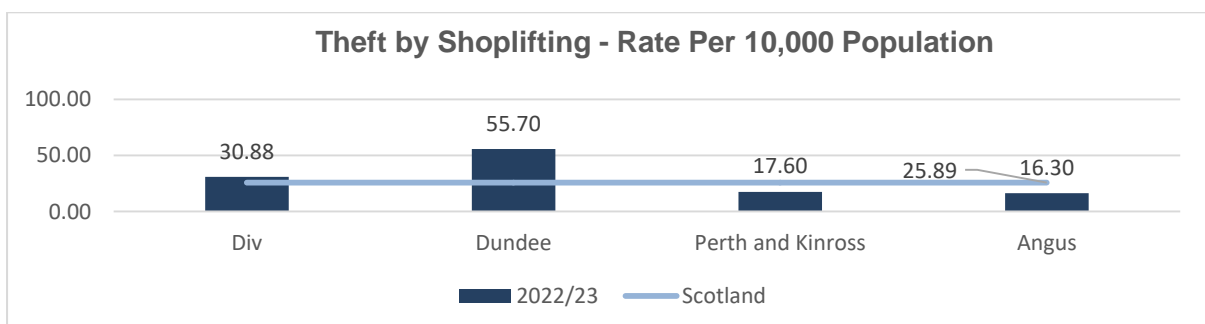
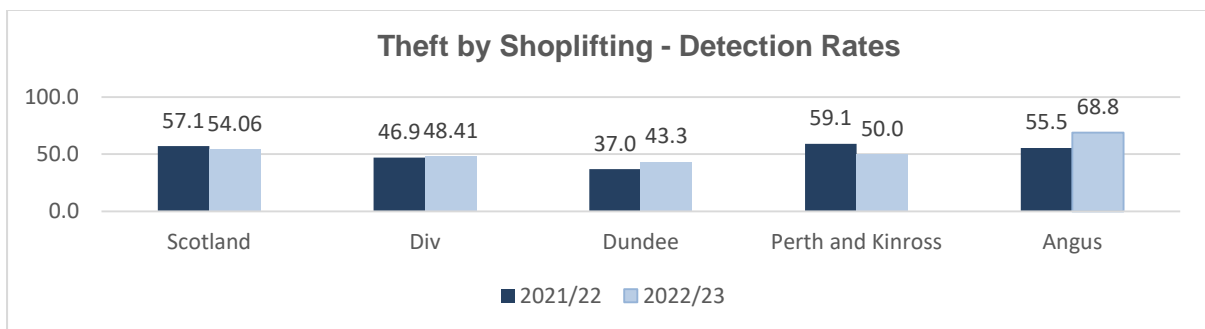
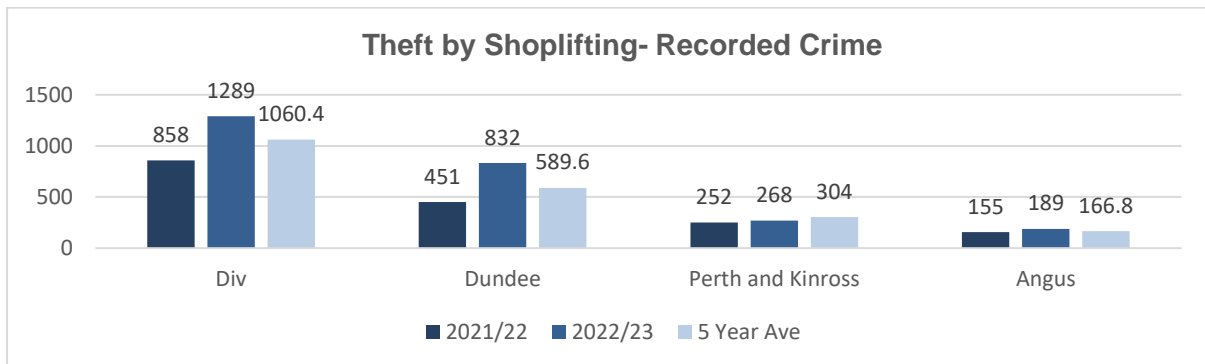
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Theft by Shoplifting

A total of 99 reports of Theft by Shoplifting were recorded in Angus during this reporting period, which brings the total number recorded this year slightly above last year in comparison, and above the 5 year average.

We will continue to engage with our partners and local shopkeepers and increase our visible patrols throughout the next quarter which includes the busy festive period.



Motor Vehicle Crime

There have been 49 crimes recorded in Angus during this reporting period which involve the theft of / theft from a Motor Vehicle.

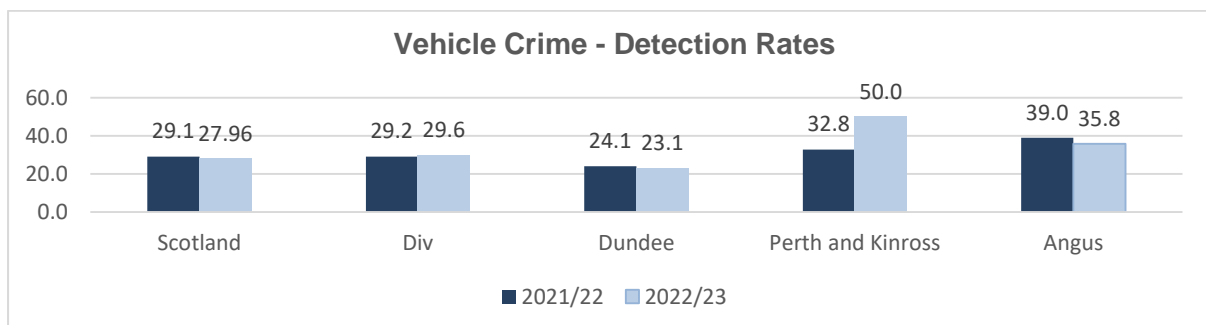
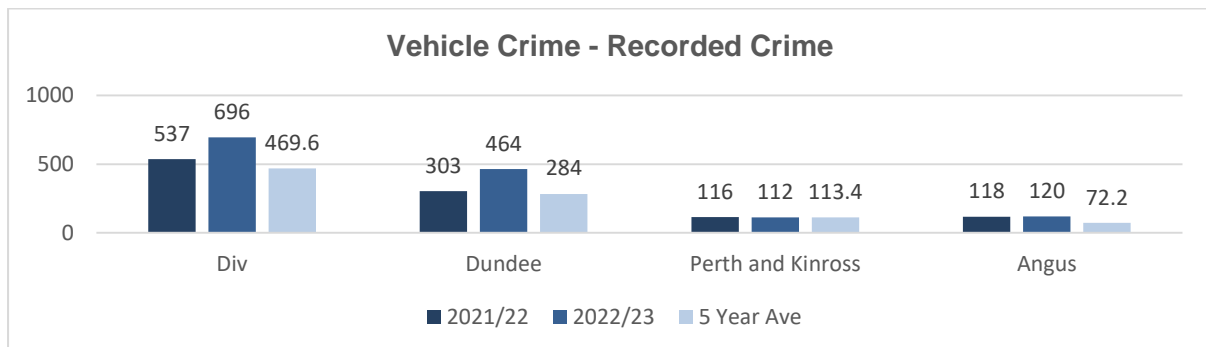
There are significant crossovers between this crime type and housebreakings, with vehicles often being stolen during, and used during, the perpetration of other acquisitive crime. Unfortunately occurrence rates remain high with 120 crimes reported this year, comparable to 118 last year, with both being a significant increase on the 5 year average.

As per previous reports the increase in this type of acquisitive crime type is not solely an issue in Angus and is replicated across Tayside and nationally.

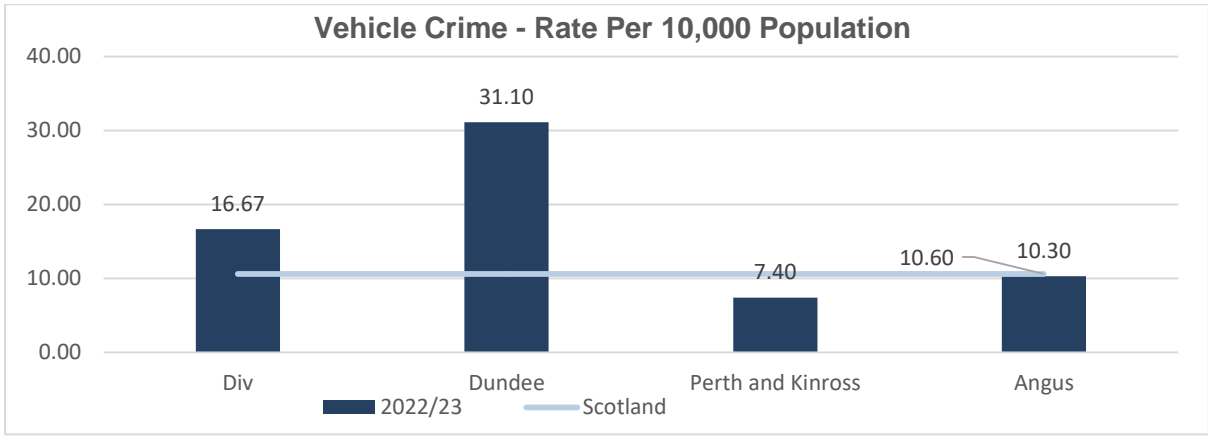
On a positive note, 17 of the crimes have been detected (35%), with 16 remaining under live investigation and likely resulting in the detection figure increasing. The Angus detection rate remains higher than the national rate of 27.96%.

As per previous reporting periods, vehicle crime remains opportunistic in nature and crime prevention advice continues to be a focus.

As mentioned previously in this report, the dedicated CID response is now embedded in Angus and along with the Community Investigation Unit, provide both supervision and investigative resource to motor vehicle crime. Motor Vehicle Crime is also a focus of the previously mentioned Acquisitive Crime Meeting.



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Road Safety and Road Crime

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads

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

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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.

Given localised issues relating to younger drivers and modified vehicles, Road Policing officers have been deploying in the Kirriemuir and Forfar areas. A number of motorists were engaged, with education being at the forefront, however a small number were dealt with by means of enforcement.

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

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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 the Angus area, all of which were subject to focussed operation activity.

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads within the Angus area;

A90	Angus LPA YTD 1136 vehicles stopped
A923	Angus LPA YTD 149 vehicles stopped
A92	Angus LPA YTD 1232 vehicles stopped

Road Policing Officers, during this reporting year, have stopped a total of 9,214 motorists across the Division which is an increase based on last year's figures.

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

July	4th – 17th	Summer drink/drug drive campaign
	11th – 24th	Commercial vehicle
August	22nd – 28th	Drug driving week
September	12th – 25th	Vulnerable Road user's campaign
		Project EDWARD

Police resources continue to be targeted towards vulnerable road users. We are committed to working effectively with partners locally to address emerging issues through education, enforcement, engineering, encouragement and evaluation, all of which are delivered successfully through a number of mediums and campaigns.

Looking forward to the coming months with the clocks going back we will have darker mornings/nights and as such focus will be on vulnerable road users and cyclists/pedestrians. Operation Light it up will be deployed encouraging cyclists to utilise lights and includes the provision of bike lights.

The following operations are scheduled for delivery over the coming months;

Older driver	Driver Engagement North
Younger driver's	New Driver Scheme
Motorcyclists	Rider Refinement North (RRN)

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Vulnerable Road User Op Closepass/OP Light it up

Tyre safety week

National Speeding Campaign

BRAKE road safety week

New Driver Scheme (NDS)

The New Driver Scheme (NDS) has been delivered in Dundee College and it is hoped that this will continue in Angus in the near future.

Rider Refinement North (RRN)

Rider Refinement North has now concluded for 2022 and planning for 2023 has commenced. Initial feedback from attendees was exceptionally positive with an overwhelming request to supply additional courses.

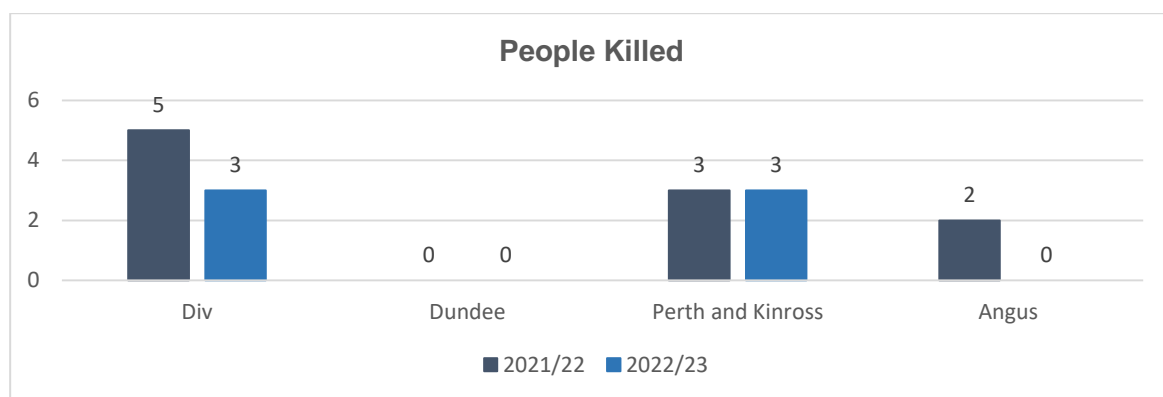
Caroline Hood of Robert Gordon University has been commissioned to conduct an evaluation of RRN 2022 and we await the findings/report which should be published in the near future.

Operation Closepass

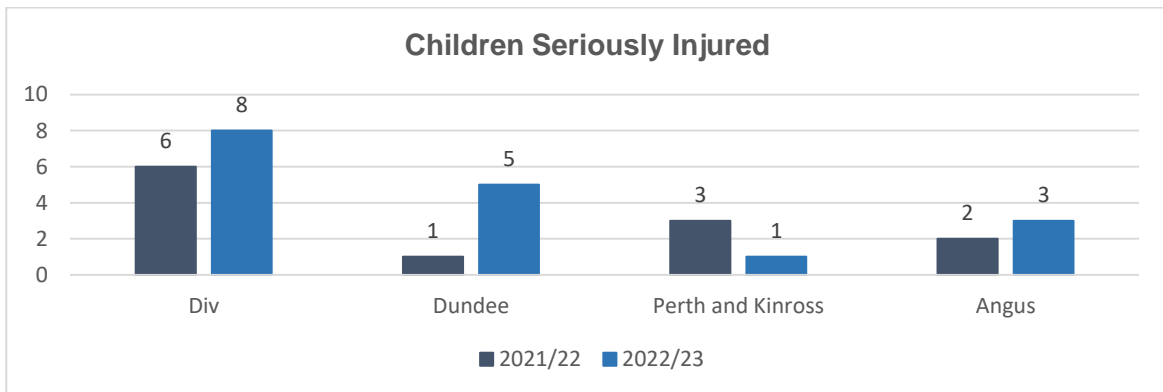
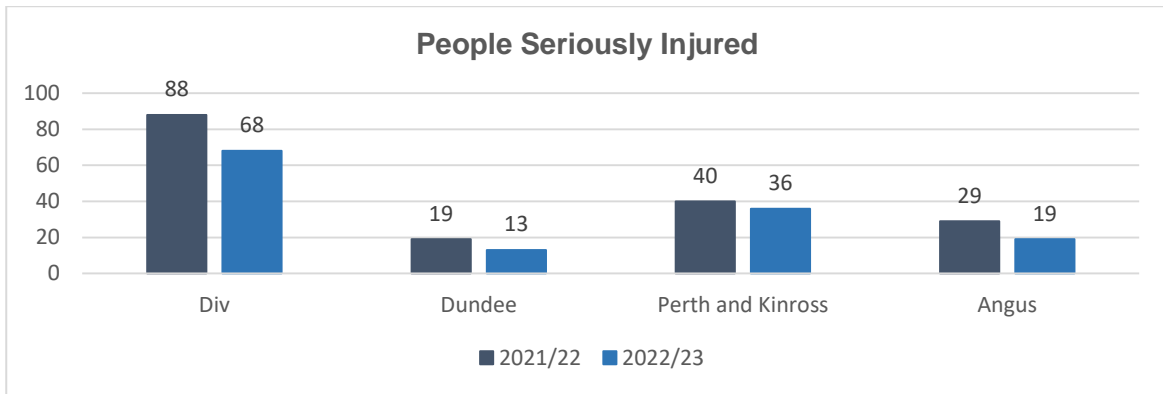
Roads policing officers have again been active running Operation Closepass.

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

Positively Angus has not suffered any road traffic fatalities for 2022/23 and there has been an overall reduction in the number of people seriously injured in comparison to last year.



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Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Angus have decreased by 61%, which is line with the Divisional picture. In total there were 275 speeding offences detected in Angus, which is a decrease compared to last year and the 5 year average. This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but also 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 on influencing driver behaviour.

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

103 mph exceed 70mph limit

95 mph exceed 60mph limit

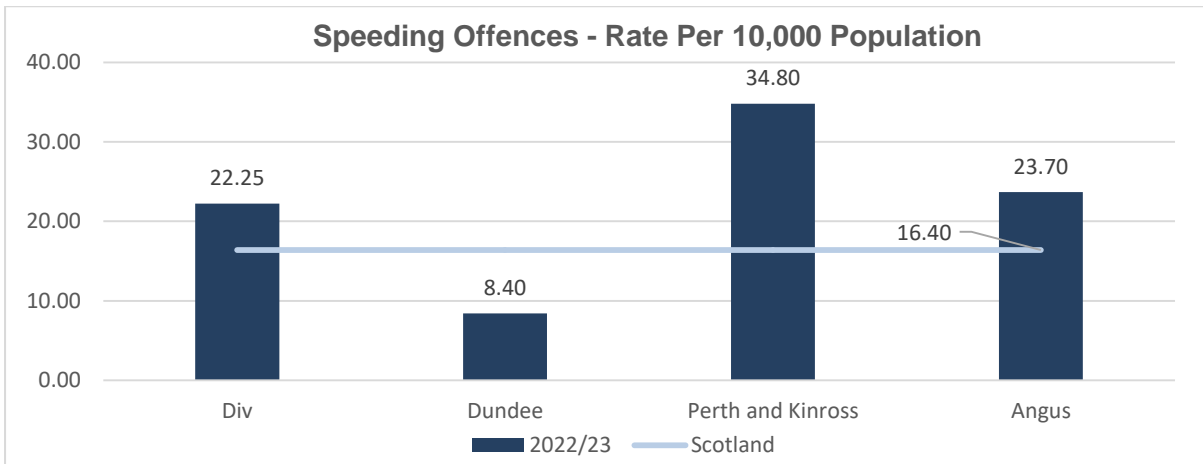
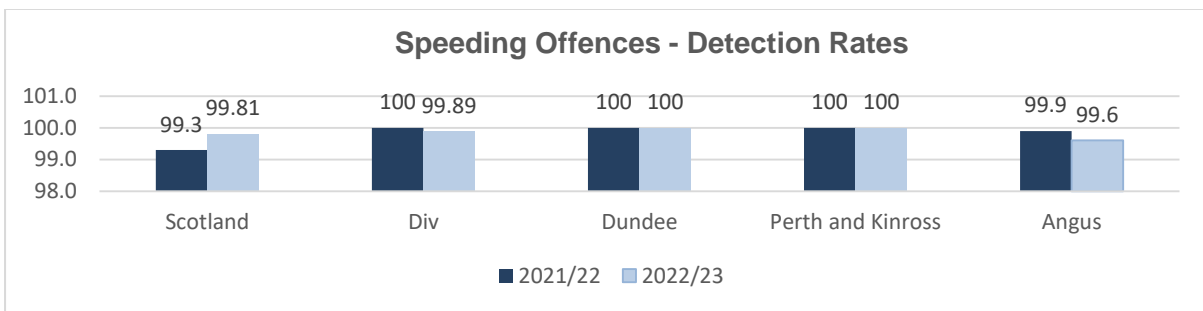
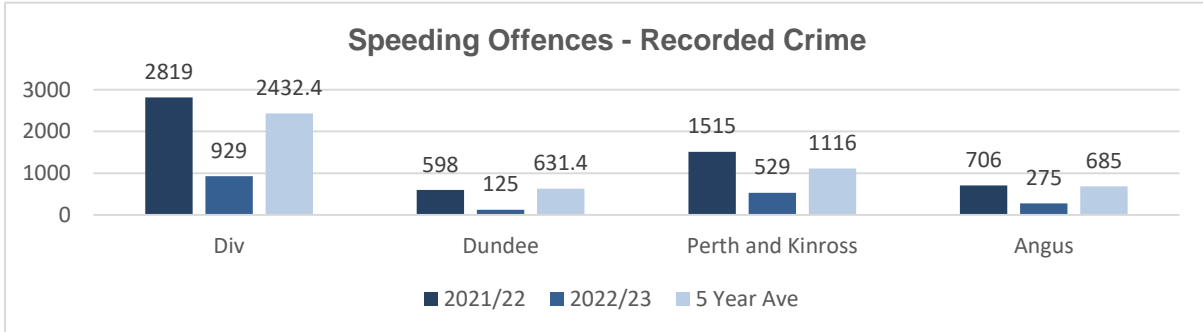
88 mph exceed 60 mph limit

50mph exceed 30 mph limit

Arbroath, Carnoustie, Forfar, Montrose, Brechin and Kirriemuir have all had various speed sites visited by Road Policing officers with a number of detections being reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Motorcycle patrols have also been prevalent in the Angus area raising visibility and influencing driver behaviour.

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Additionally close working relationships continue with neighbouring Divisions, all of which have demonstrated excellent cross border understanding with a number of high profile detections being made.



Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink/Drug offences in Angus have experienced a 40 % decrease compared to the same period last year and again in line with the Divisional picture. In total, 48 drink/drug drivers were detected.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 1270 breath tests year to date and conducted 149 drug wipes; 53 which proved to be positive, with all offenders being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

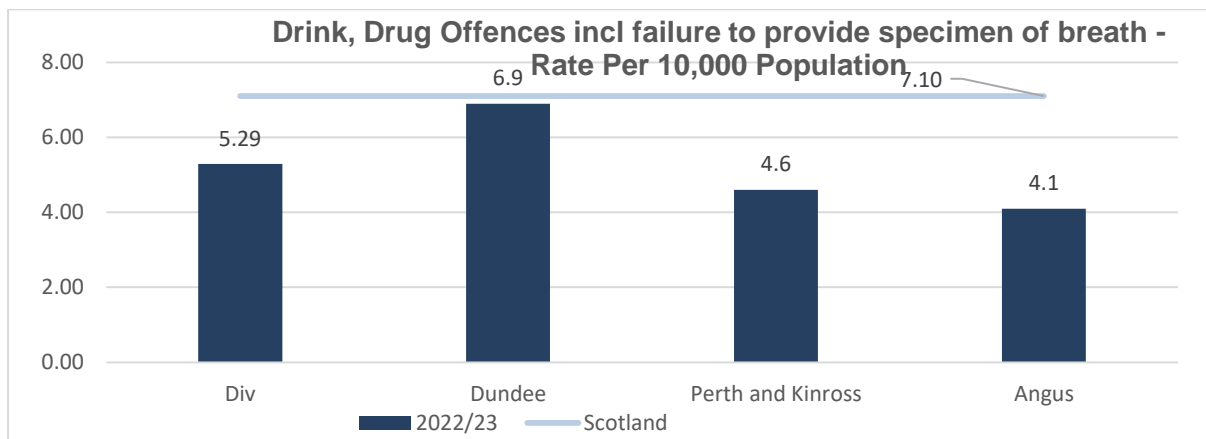
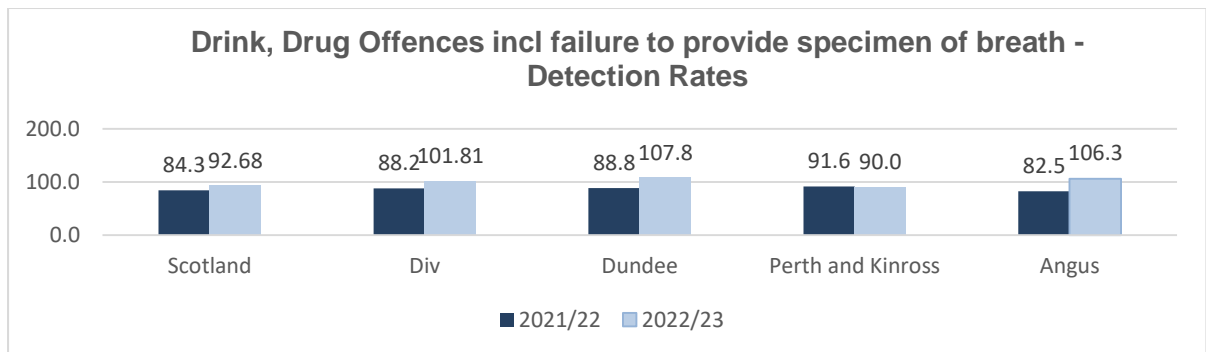
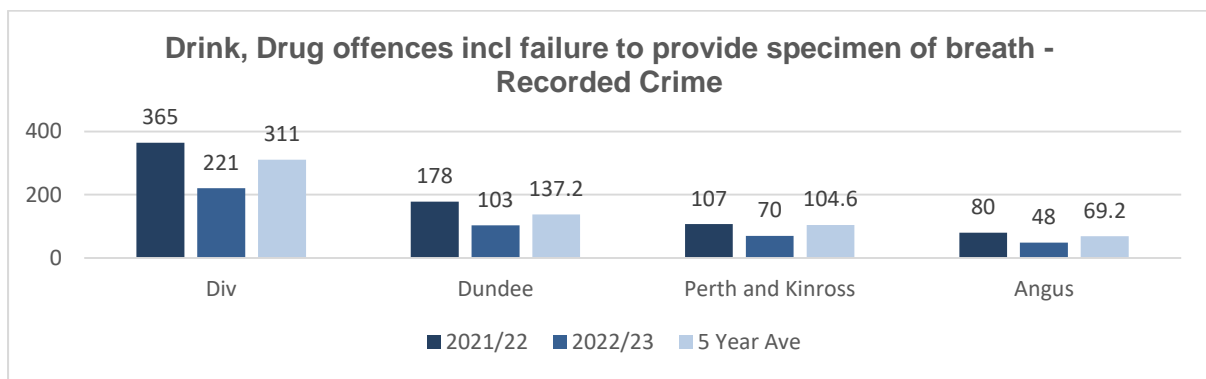
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A media campaign was also launched in support of the activity sending out a clear message that this behaviour will not be tolerated whilst reinforcing the ramifications should offenders be caught.

Focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offenders driving the morning after.

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.

Despite positive reductions in Drink / Drug driving there is no complacency on Police Scotland's part as we continue to deliver focussed activity and refresh positive messaging across a range of media platforms.



Careless Driving

Angus LPA experienced a 44.7% decrease in Careless driving compared to the same period last year, which is positive and in keeping with the Divisional picture.

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

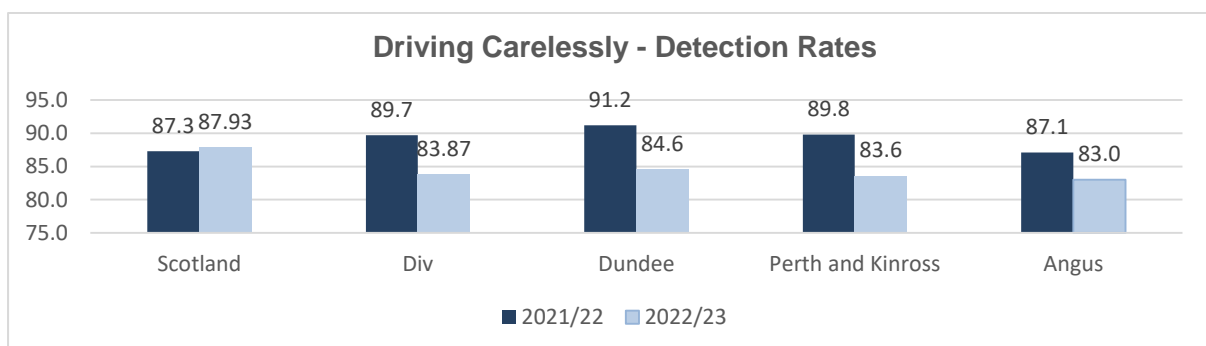
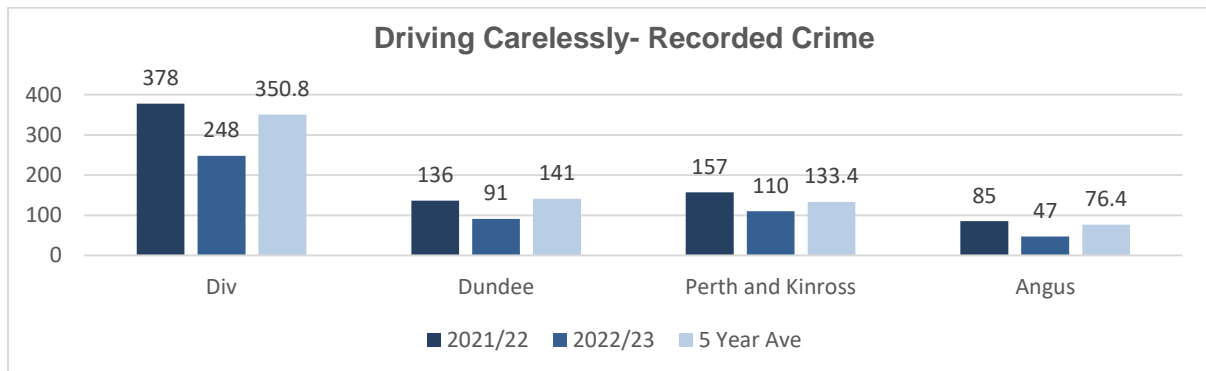
By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' and working with partners, Tayside Division Road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education activities and influence the provision of engineering solutions (3 E's). This will be enhanced with specific initiatives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

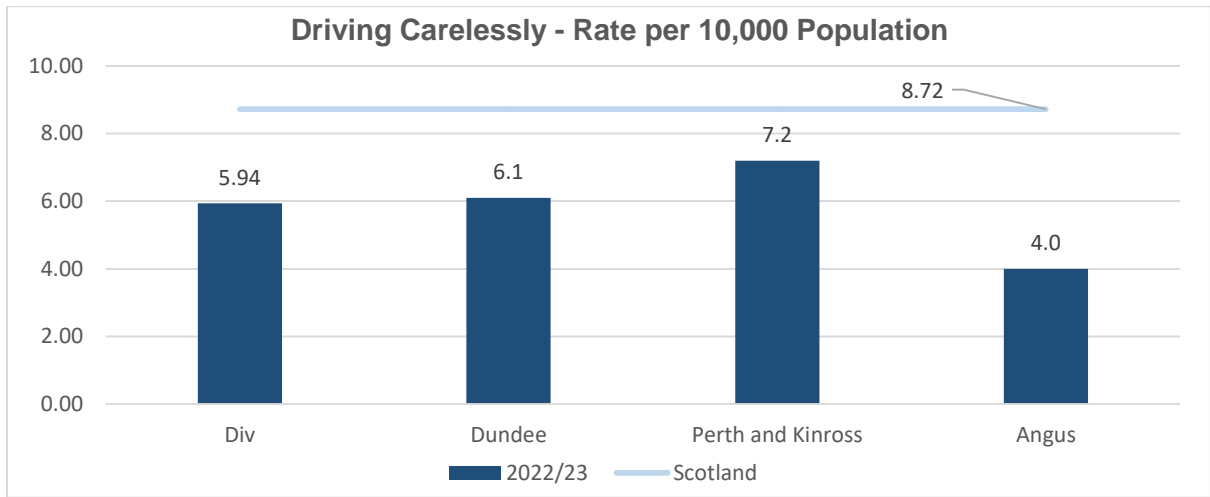
These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90, many of which run through Angus.

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

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



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Public Protection

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

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

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

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

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

Domestic Abuse

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

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

The number of DASA crimes recorded in Angus this year, compared to 2020/2021 has remained the same.

Detection rates have increased compared to 2020/21 and are above Divisional and National averages.

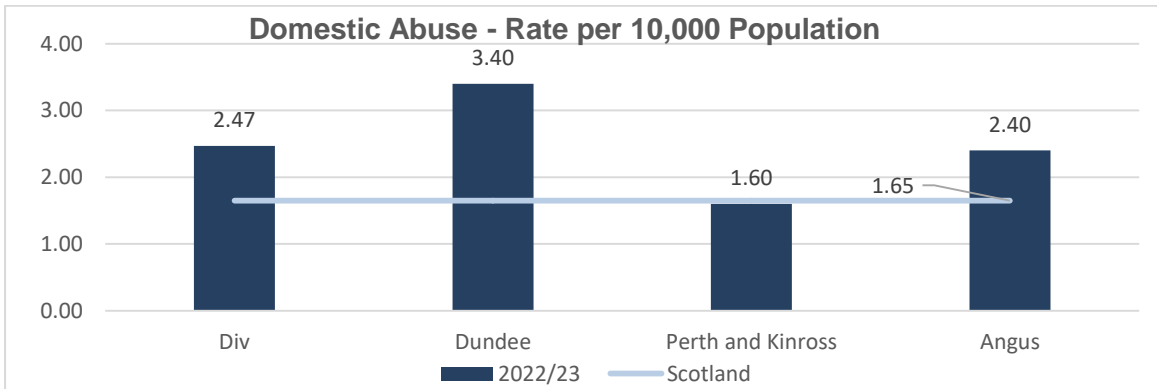
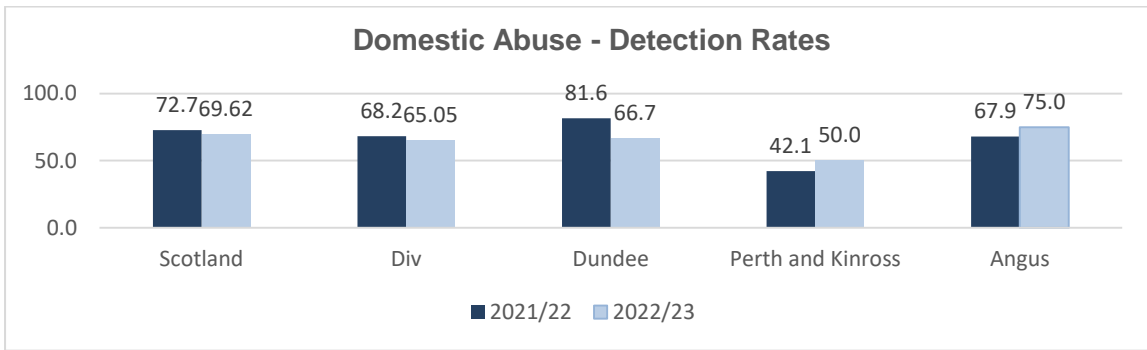
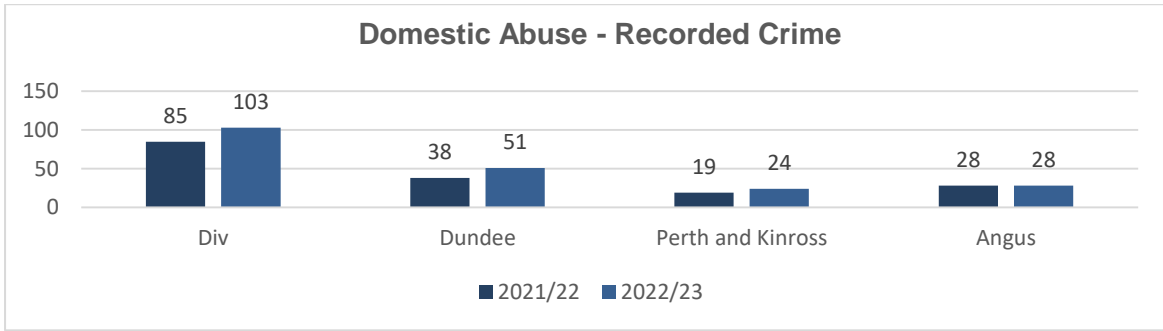
A small number of DASA offences, which are undetected, remain under active investigation by local Angus officers and colleagues from specialist units, including the DAIU and the Domestic Abuse Task Force. A number of these outstanding enquiries form part of more complex investigations, which can be protracted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

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 encourage the reporting of domestic abuse, to ensure the safeguarding of victims and to pursue every opportunity to target perpetrators and prevent further harm.

There have been 13 referrals made to the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse (DSDAS) and as a result of these referrals 6 disclosures have been made since the start of this reporting year.

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Hate Crime

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

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

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

A Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions Sergeant continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting. This meeting was started as a result of the HMICS Hate Crime Review which commenced in 2020 and in 2021

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HMICS provided a list of 15 recommendations for improvement. Further recommendations from the Strategic Group will be published in due course.

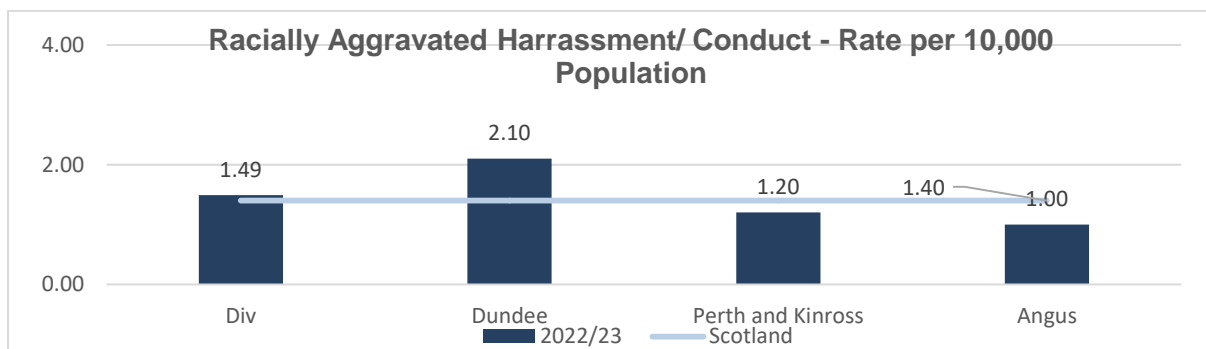
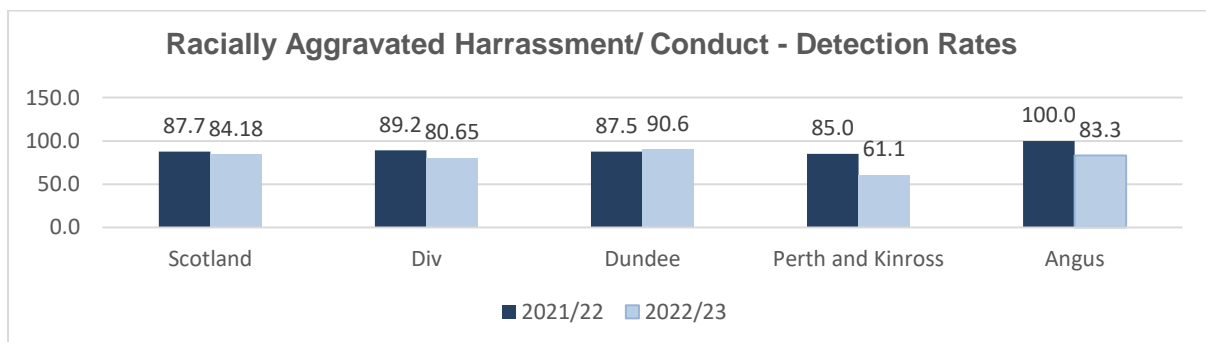
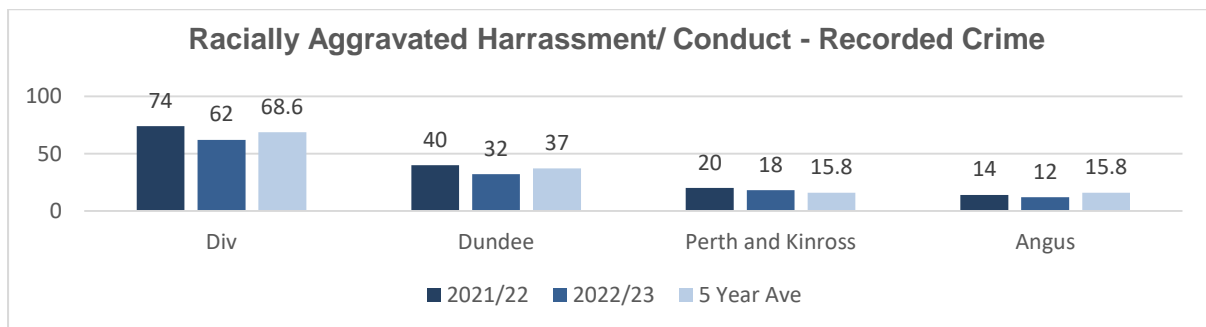
Officers from Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions attended the Angus Traveller's Liaison Group meeting where Hate Crime and reporting mechanisms were discussed.

Engagement was carried out by Police with children and young people to understand young people's views of policing and hate crime.

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

Police have been invited to participate in a community engagement exercise regarding Seldom Heard Communities, this will focus on circumstances impacting communities based on the Race Equality Framework including New Scots & Migration, Work, Volunteering & Education, Housing & Income, Health & Family and Community & Voice.

There have been 12 recorded Racially Aggravated Harassment/Conduct crimes this year, which is below both last year's figures and the 5 year average.



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Sexual Crime

The level of recorded crime for Sexual Offences in Angus is higher than 2021/2022, with 58 more crimes, which is an increase of 36% in comparison to last year and a 23% increase on the 5 year average.

The level of recorded crime for Rape and Attempted Rape is also higher than 2021/2022 with 24 more crimes, which is double the number reported last year and a 57% increase on the 5 year average.

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).

Analysis from September 2022 shows that within the Division, 22% of all Group 2 sexual crime and 38% of all Rapes are non-recent in nature.

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 Sexual Offence Liaison Officers (SOLO) and are overseen by an experienced Senior Investigating Officer (SIO). All cases are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed.

In the vast majority of reports, the survivor and offender were either in a domestic relationship or otherwise known to each other prior to or at the time of the offence.

In Angus, the detection rate for sexual crime has increased from 2020/2021, however the detection rate for Rape and Attempted Rape has reduced.

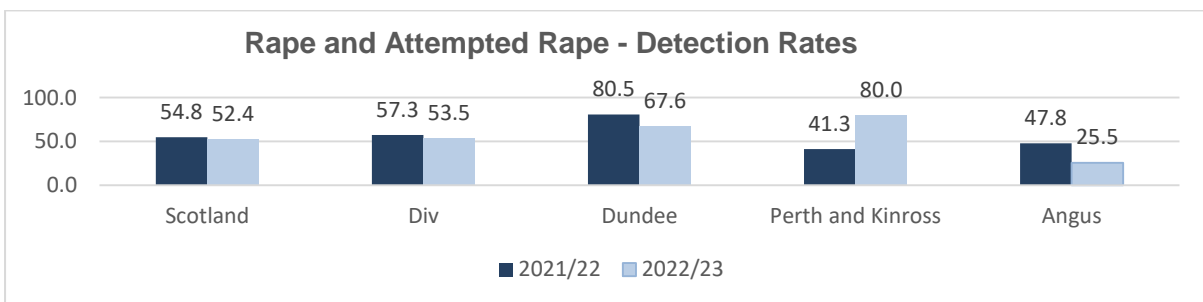
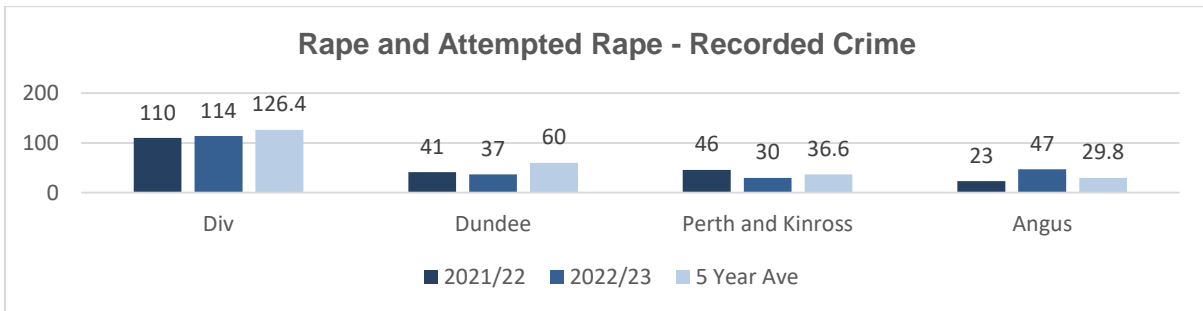
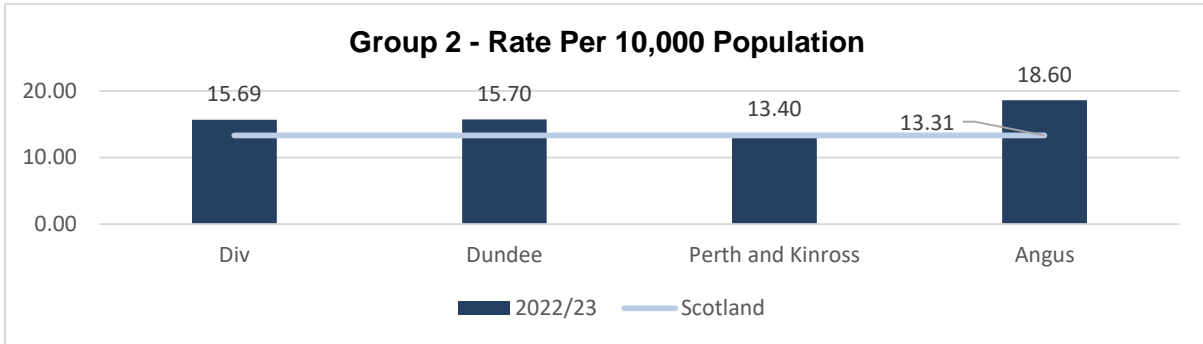
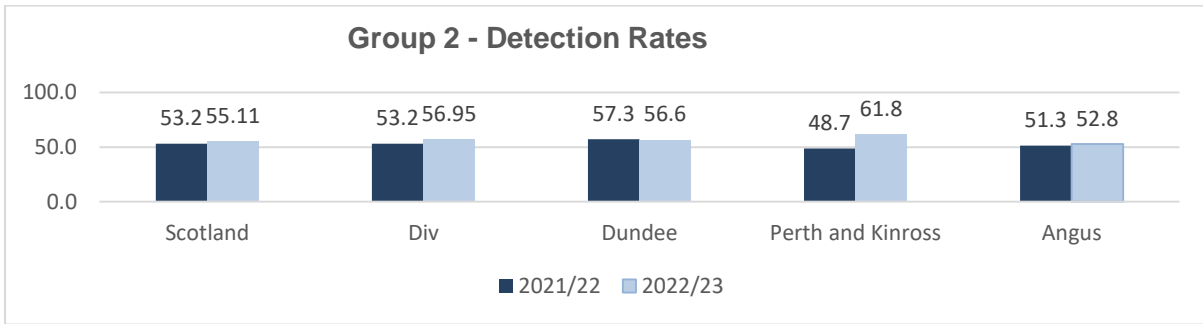
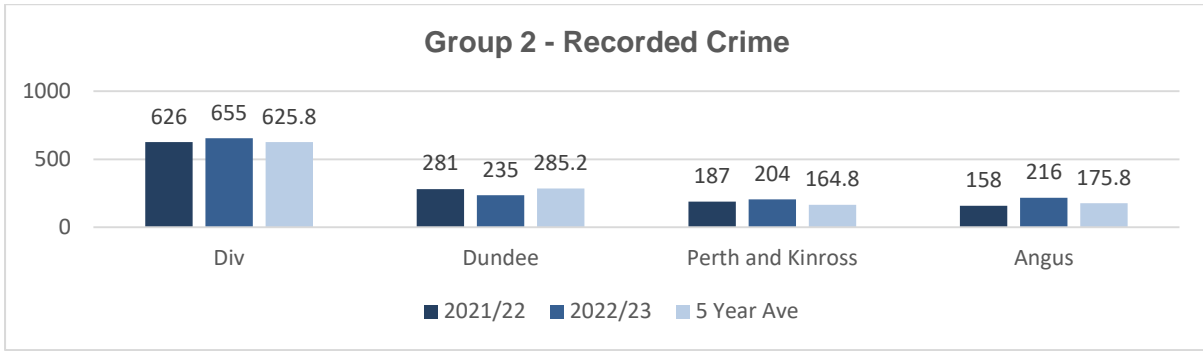
An explanation for this reduction is partly due to increasing levels of non-recent reports mean investigations are more protracted and take longer to bring to a conclusion.

In addition a 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 therefore anticipated that this detection rate will increase on completion of these investigations.

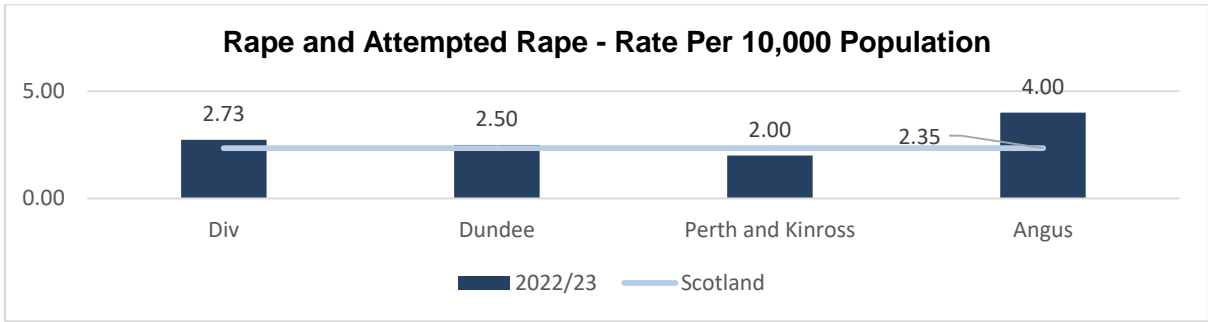
It is positive that there is an increased confidence in reporting non-recent sexual crime.

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 Divisional Intelligence Unit.

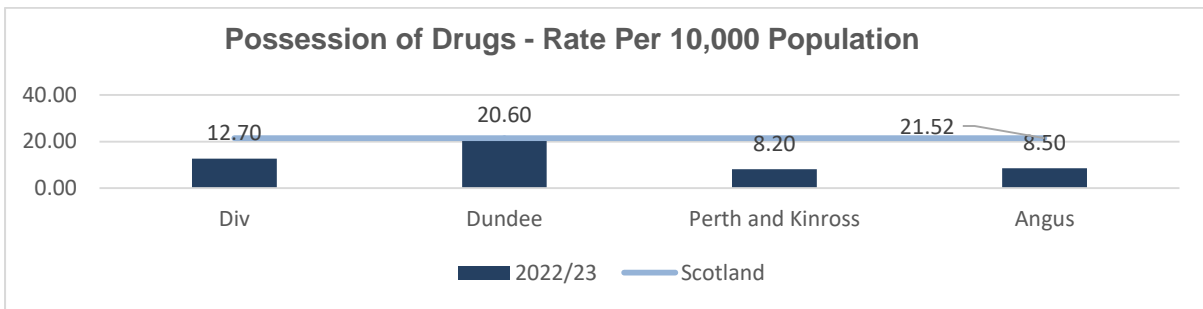
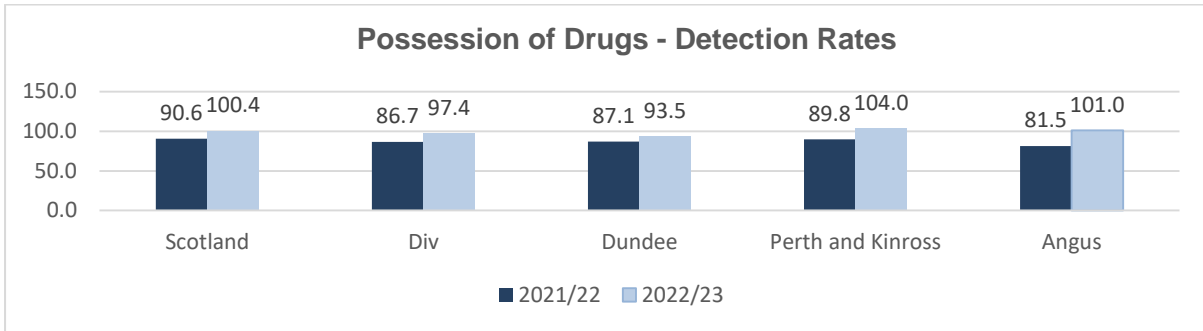
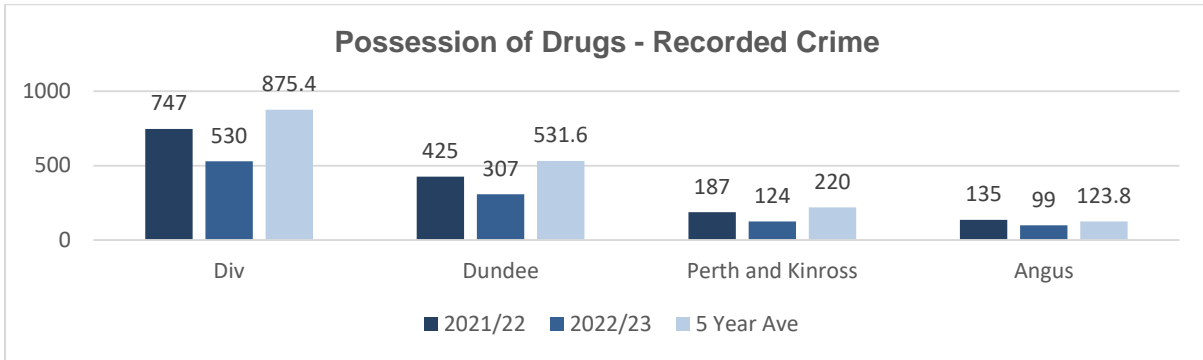
Our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions team augment the good work carried out by local officers and continue to work with key partners to support victims who are being targeted and exploited. We take every possible opportunity to identify and arrest those individuals involved in County Lines and Cuckooing behaviour. We continue to apply resource 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 challenging 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.

Possession of Drugs

Although slightly higher than the previous reporting quarter, the number of recorded possession of drugs crimes remain low in Angus, with 51 for this reporting period. This is a reduction in comparison to last year and the 5 year average.

A mix of Class A, B and C drugs continue to be recovered consistent with previous reporting periods.



Supply of Drugs

This reporting period has seen 10 Supply of Drugs crimes recorded, totalling 19 for this reporting year. Detection rates also continue to be positive at 89.5% compared to last year's rate of 80%. Of note 3 crimes remain under live investigation with forensic examinations pending and a likelihood to improve detections rates further.

A coordinated response to tackling drugs supply in Angus and supporting those affected by drugs supply and drug addiction remains a priority.

The Divisional Serious Organised Crime Team has a particular focus in this area and are currently enforcing operations in the Angus and wider Tayside area. These include Operation Pinkspa which is a Divisional-led enquiry that is still very much in its infancy. This Operation tackles a number of perpetrators who are actively involved in the sale of drugs throughout Tayside. The majority of these perpetrators run legitimate businesses where it is assessed they do so to disguise criminal activity.

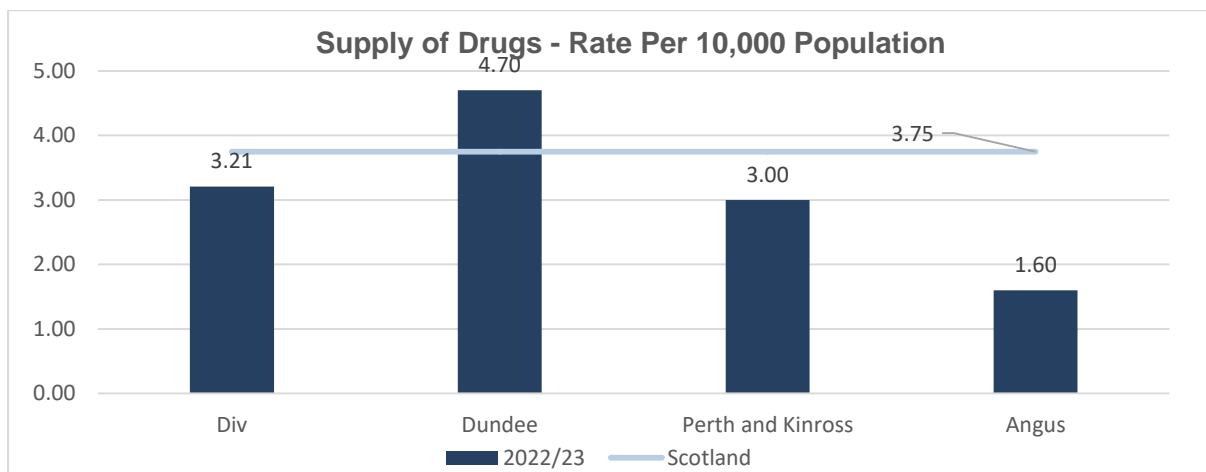
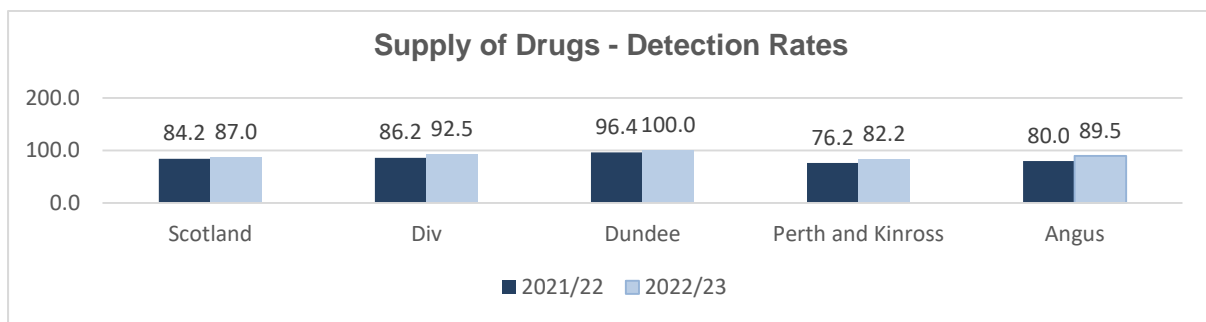
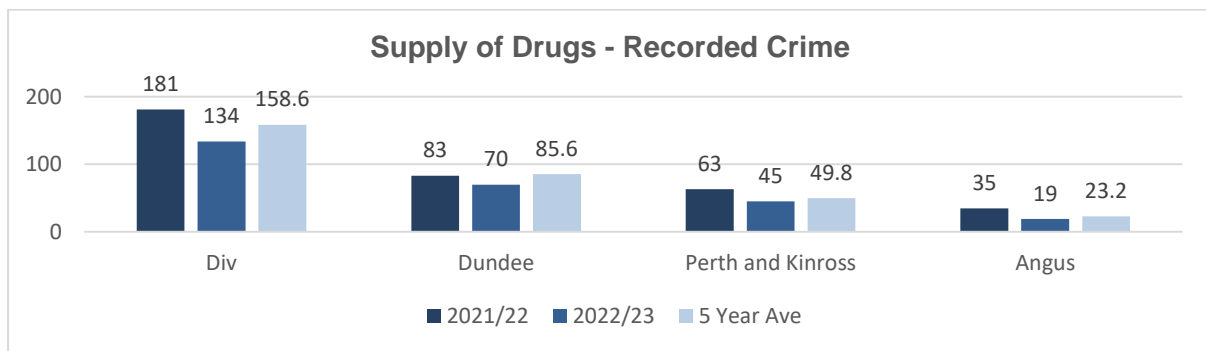
As a result of this operation a Drugs search warrant was executed in Angus yielding a recovery of 57355 Etizolam tablets (a substance regularly associated with drug related death) and £1510 in cash. Two perpetrators were arrested and reported for being concerned in supply of controlled drugs.

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A further Warrant was enforced resulting in the recovery of 1291g of Herbal Cannabis with a value £4365. The perpetrator was reported for being concerned in supply of controlled drugs.

Operation Reclair is a local Operation targeting Drugs supply, human trafficking and sexual exploitation primarily within Dundee but with links to Angus. The operation targets nominals who build trust with vulnerable females, providing gifts and controlled drugs. Once the females are addicted the perpetrators demand sexual acts in exchange for the continued supply of drugs.

A large scale enquiry was carried out in this reporting period, resulting in the identification of several key perpetrators. Of those, two resided in the Angus area, having recently moved from Dundee, and were apprehended prior to victimising any Angus residents. The key perpetrators are facing significant charges in relation to Human trafficking and drug supply offences.





**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.

During the reporting period the CT Governance group met with representatives from all Tayside Division Police Scotland strands of CONTEST and CT Intelligence/Investigations.

The Multi-Agency CONTEST Board also met, with representation from Police Scotland, Local Authorities, SFRS, Scottish Government, SPS, Forth Port, SAS and Education. An Annual Overview Product Presentation was provided by Scottish Government.

Operation Bridger Training has been provided to staff to raise awareness.

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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:

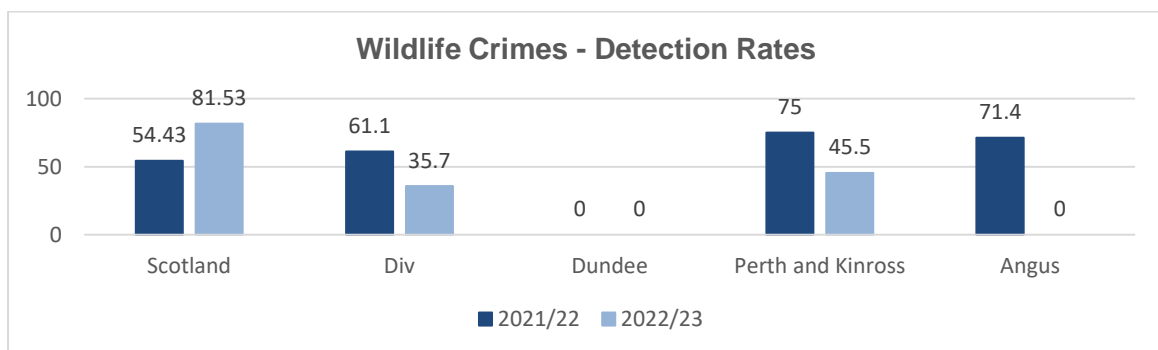
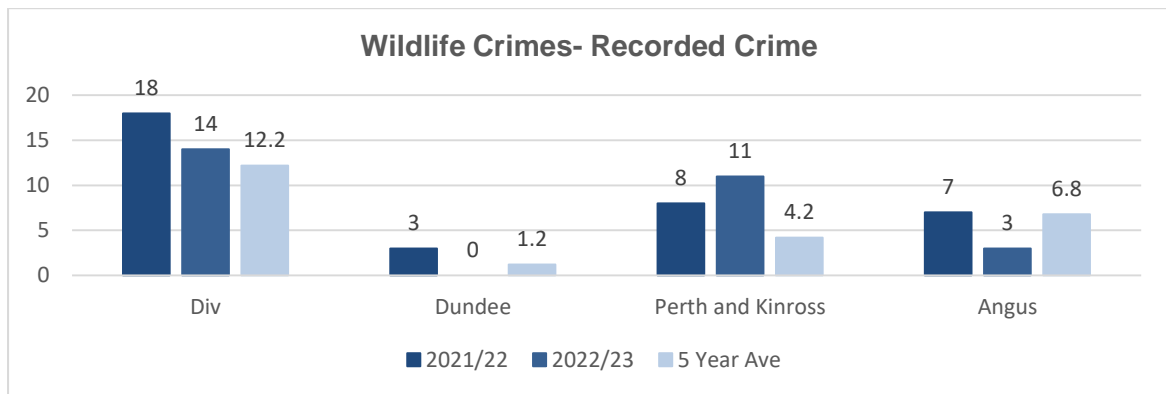
- *The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery*

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.

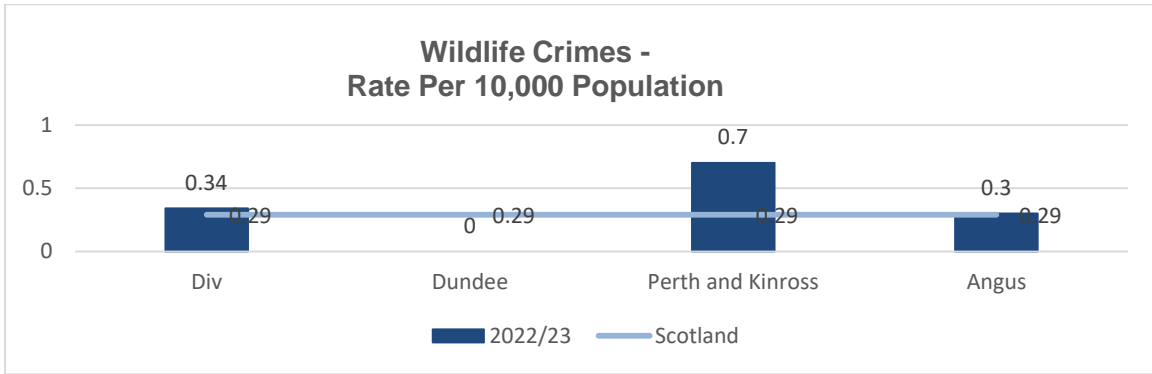
It includes the illegal disturbance, destruction, theft and sale of animals and plants both in the countryside and urban areas, and includes the destruction of and damage to protected habitats.

There has been one reported Wildlife Crime in this reporting period in Angus, bringing the total number this year to 3, which is below the number reported last year and the 5 year average.

The incident reported during this reporting period relates to Hare coursing and enquiries remain ongoing.



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Other Key Activity

Non-Fatal Overdose Group

In this reporting period there have been 24 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.

Licensing

Between 1st July 2022 and 30th September 2022, the team have processed 281 licence applications for Angus.

During this quarter there were 51 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises in the Angus. There has been no single premises identified as problematic.

Between the Local Policing teams and officers from the divisional licensing team there were 102 inspections carried out throughout the Angus area.

In general, licensed premises across the Angus 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.

There is no significant incidents of note during this period.

Mountain Rescue Team

Between 1st April and 30th September 2022, Tayside's Divisional Police Mountain Rescue Team deployed on 36 occasions across the Tayside region. Of that number, 9 deployments were within Angus, accounting for 168 hours of activity by Team members. 5 people were rescued, a further 2 people were traced safely after concerns were raised and 1 deceased person was recovered.

The MRT carried out 2 community engagement sessions during this reporting period in Angus with other partner agencies. On 23rd July, along with Scottish Fire & Rescue, Scottish Water and the volunteer MRT, the Team attended at Backwater Reservoir and carried out engagement work with the public around the topics of water safety, countryside safety and anti-social behaviour.

On 13th August, along with the volunteer MRT, the Team attended Glen Doll and carried out a mountain / rural safety engagement exercise with the public.

The aims of both sessions were to raise awareness of public safety issues and also reduce the number of accidents in two of Angus' key areas for outdoor recreation.

Vulnerable Person Reports/Missing Persons

In this reporting period officers in Angus submitted 1,647 Vulnerable Persons Reports. The majority of these comprised of;

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676 Adult Concern Reports

653 Child Concern Reports

316 related to Domestic Abuse Concerns.

The remaining reports relate to Hate Crime and Youth Offending.

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 62 Missing Person Calls. The majority of these persons were reported missing from their home address, with 57.1% of all the reported missing people being under 20 years of age.

Complaints about the Police

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

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

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

Complaints Received

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

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	299	228	-23.7%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	525	369	-29.7%
Off Duty Allegations	1	1	0.0%
On Duty Allegations	363	238	-34.4%
Quality of Service Allegations	161	130	-19.3%

¹ Data is correct as at 30/09/2022.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 23.7% YTD compared to the LYTD.

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.