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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

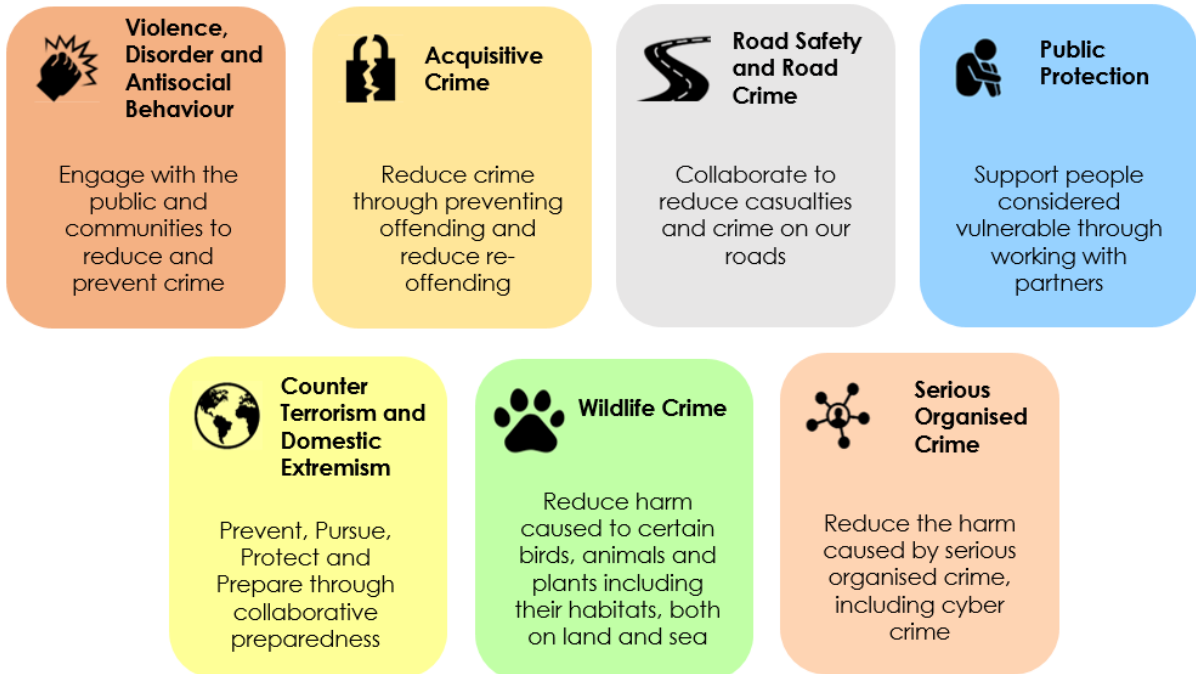
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus Council and will report to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

Performance in relation to the identified policing objectives and outcomes is monitored and reviewed at the monthly Tasking and Delivery Meeting. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021 and 1 April 2022 to 31 December 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 31st December 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
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
40	32	872
80.0%	68.8%	70.9%
43	13	829
81.4%	84.6%	75.4%
+7.5%	-59.4%	-4.9%
+1.4%	+15.9%	+4.5%
 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
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
78	64	169
100.0%	25.0%	40.8%
69	49	161
100.0%	38.8%	42.2%
-11.5%	-23.4%	-4.7%
-	+13.8%	+1.4%
 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
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
176	1022	101
17.0%	100.0%	89.1%
209	431	63
23.4%	100.0%	104.8%
+18.8%	-57.8%	-37.6%
+6.4%	-	+15.7%
 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
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
3	44	39
N/A	N/A	46.2%
1	31	59
N/A	N/A	39.0%
-66.7%	-30.6%	+51.3%
/	/	-7.2%
 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
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
259	36	168
57.1%	86.1%	86.3%
308	25	129
58.4%	80.0%	102.3%
+18.9%	-30.6%	-23.2%
+1.3%	-6.1%	+16.0%

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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

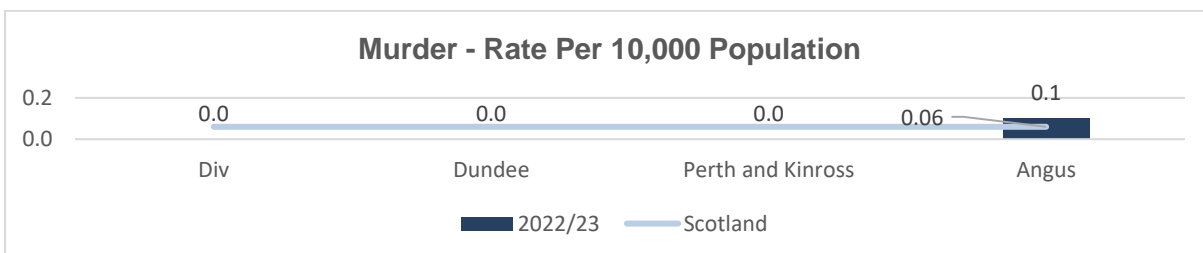
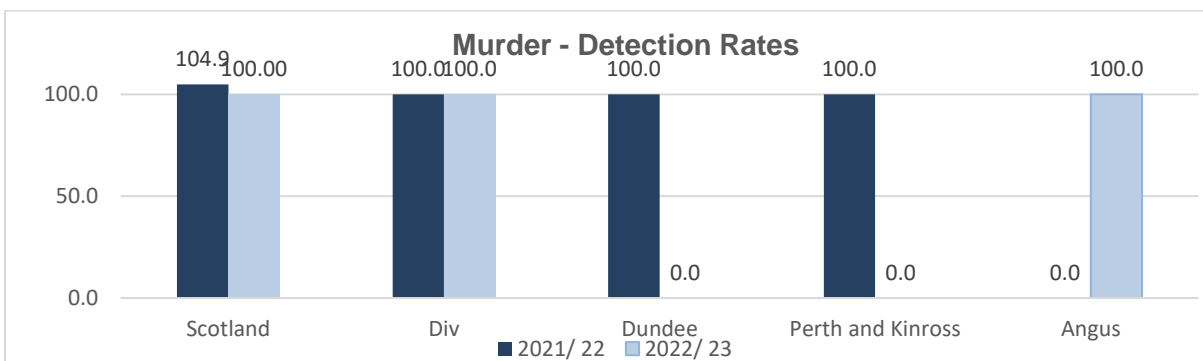
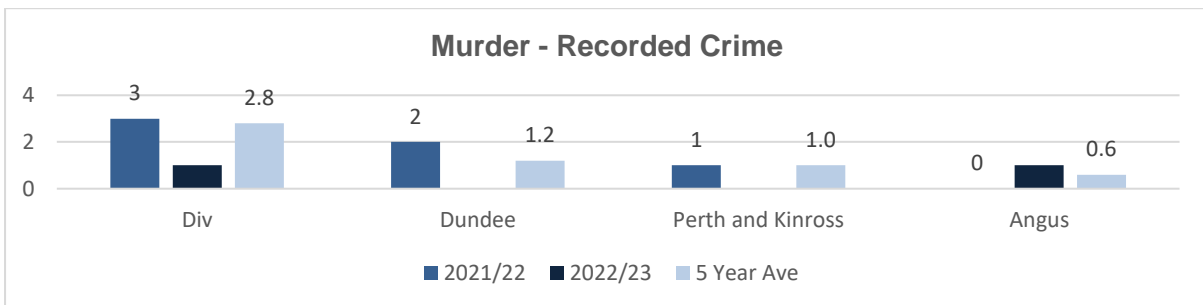
This also supports the delivery of Police Scotland's strategic outcome:

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

Murder

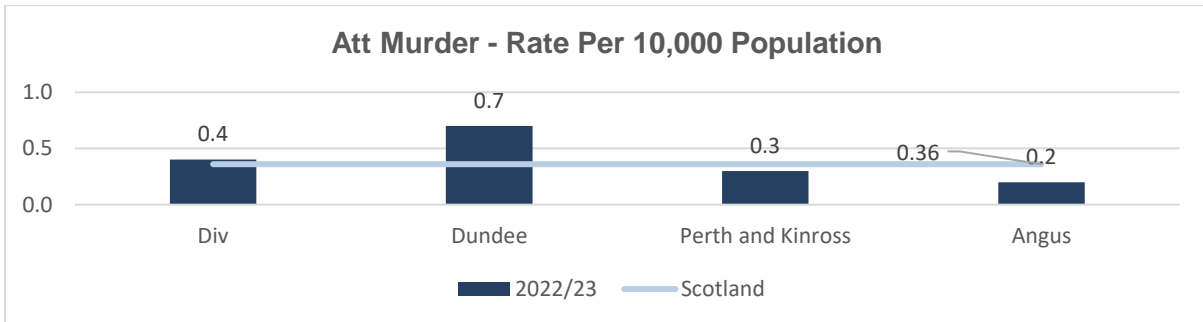
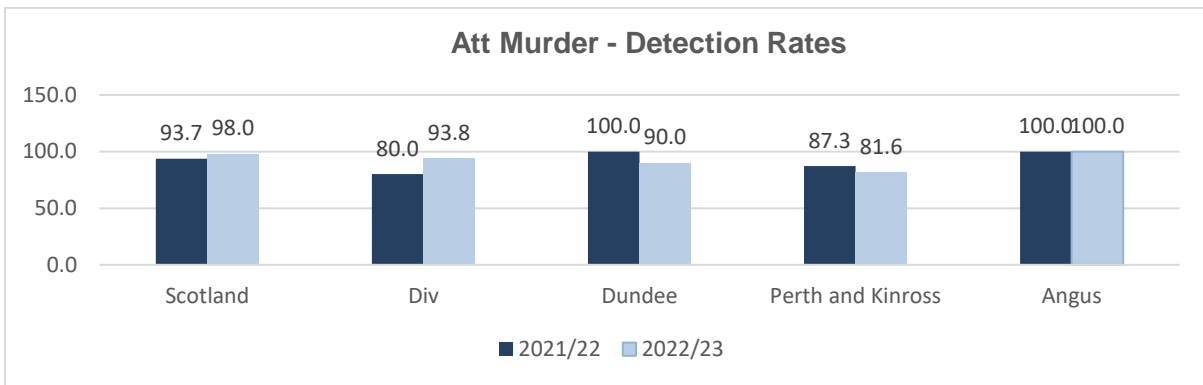
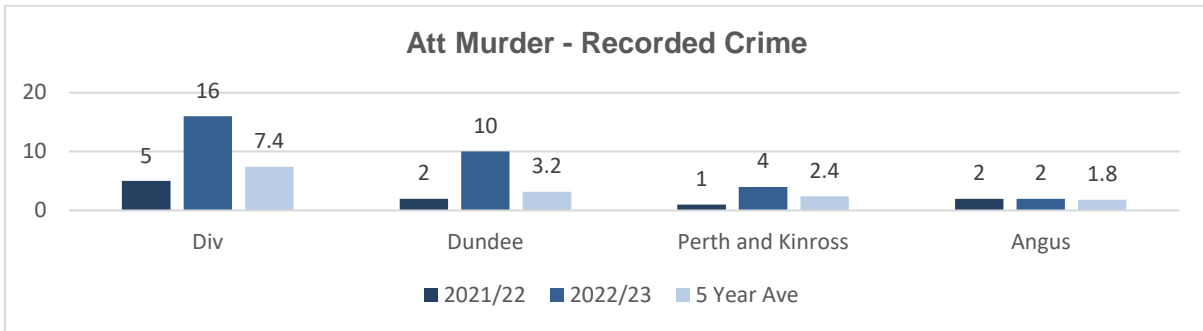
Tragically there was one murder in this reporting period. This occurred in Forfar in December 2022. The victim was a 90 year old male and a 31 year old male was arrested within a very short time of the incident taking place. Court proceedings are ongoing.

Local officers are aware of the impact a tragic incident like this can have in the community and have been engaging with the community and partners to provide reassurance.



Attempted Murder

There have been no recorded Attempted Murders in Angus over this reporting period.



Serious Assault

There have been 11 Serious Assaults recorded in Angus during this reporting period. This is 5 crimes fewer than occurred in Quarter 2, and is slightly below the 5 year average. Of those 11 crimes, 4 have been detected, with the remainder remaining under live investigation.

Of these 11 crimes, two occurred between partners in a domestic relationship and three crimes involved the perpetrator and/or victim being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

Four crimes were committed within licensed premises, and one nearby.

Four crimes are noted having involved the use of a weapon

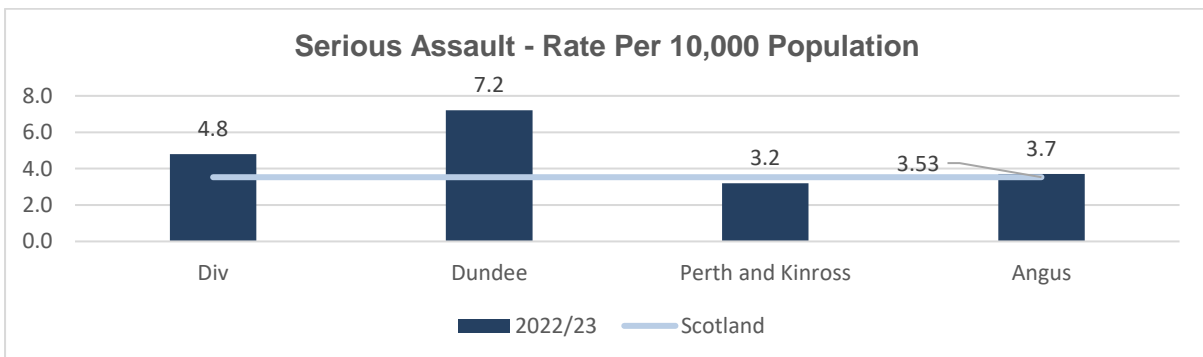
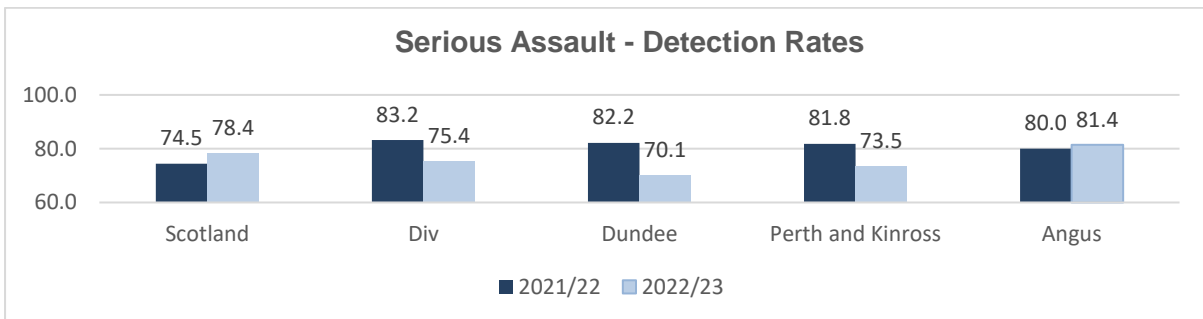
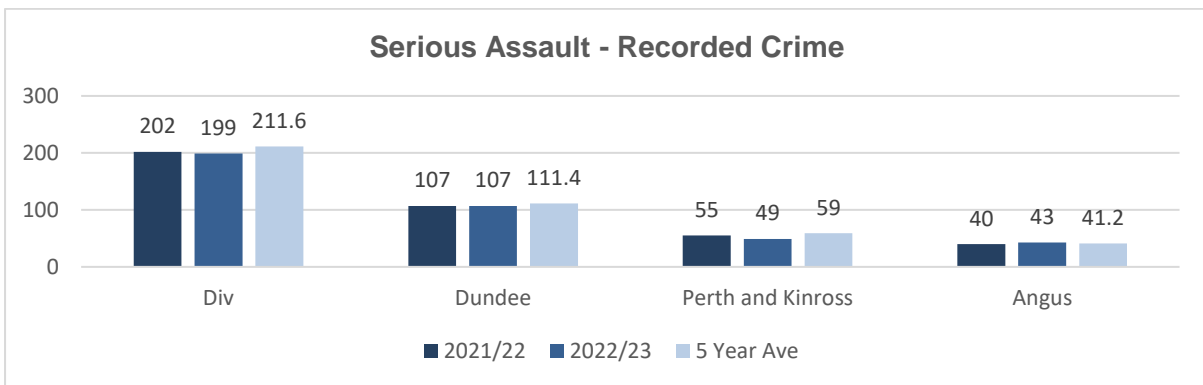
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Positively, the detection rate for this year to date is 81.4%, compared to 80.0% last year to date. This is also slightly higher than the national average of 78.4%.

As per previous reporting periods the challenges around investigation of serious assault remain consistent whereby alcohol and/or drug use impairs witness recollection and can influence levels of engagement.

The dedicated Detective Inspector in Angus continues to have oversight of all serious assaults recorded in Angus and directs investigations as appropriate, ensuring a high standard of investigation.

Local Officer in Angus continue to carry out high profile patrols around licensed premises, ensuring engagement with staff in licensed premises, particularly during peak weekend times, as part of the "Town Safe" operation in Angus.



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Common Assault

The number of Common Assaults recorded this year to date is less than last year to date, and is also lower than the 5 year average. The number of assaults against Emergency Services workers has also reduced.

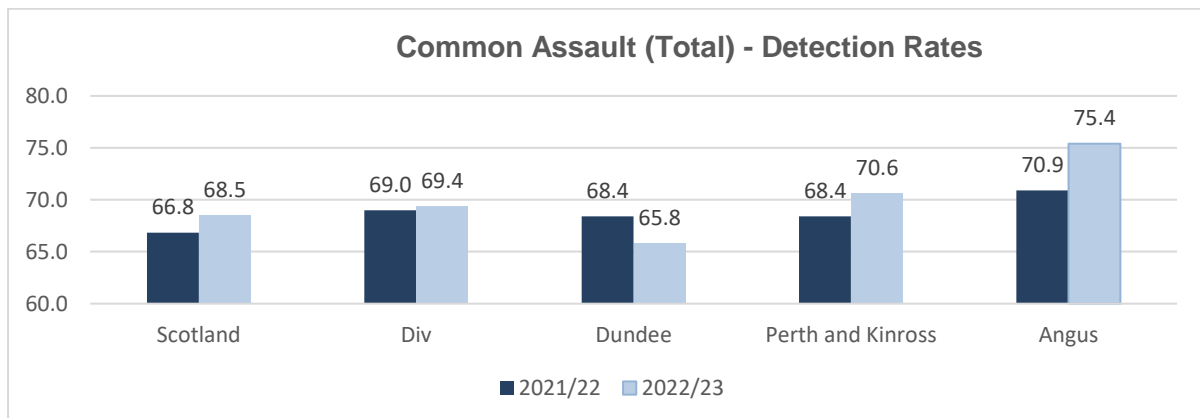
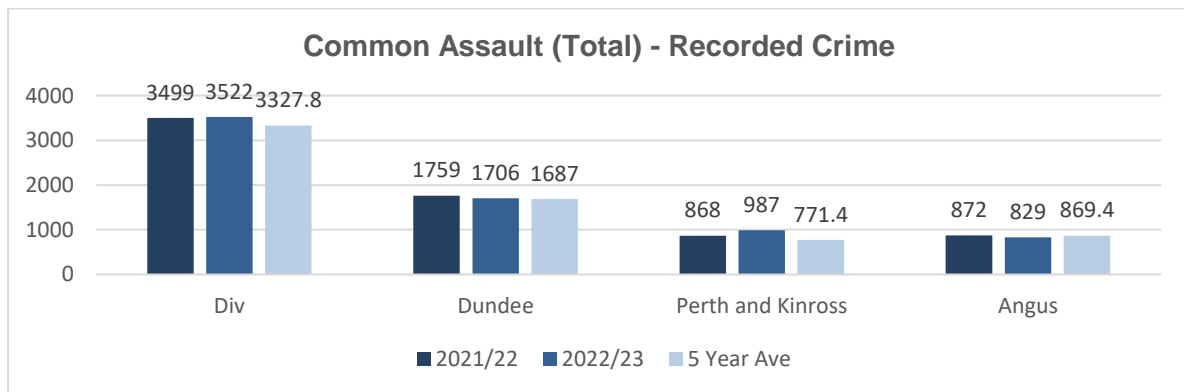
Over a quarter (28%) of the Common Assaults recorded have a domestic aggravator. There is almost an equal split between those that took place in public spaces and those that took place in private space settings.

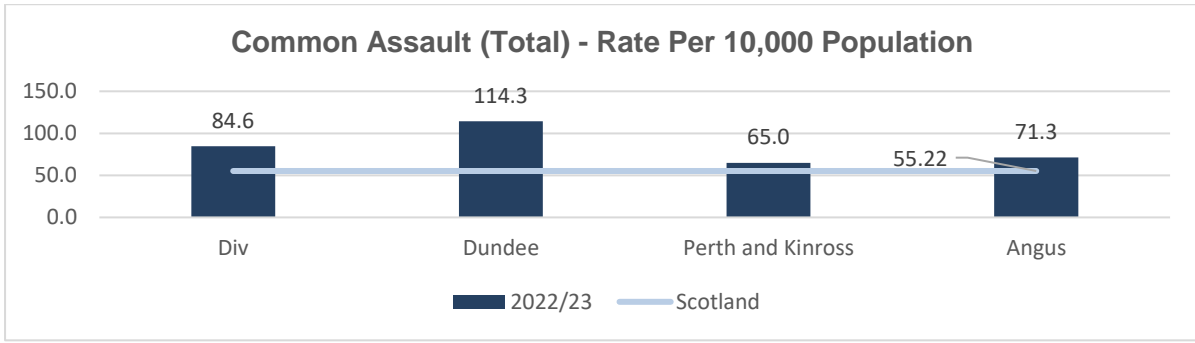
In 20% of recorded Common Assaults alcohol and/or drugs was a factor.

The detection rate for the Common Assaults recorded in Angus this year to date is 75.4%, an improvement on the detection rate for last year to date of 70.09%, and above the national detection rate of 68.5%.

Our local officers continue to work with officers from our Partnerships Department to deliver programmes in schools, focussing on violence, online safety and bullying. This will continue to be a priority in Angus, as early intervention is key.

Our Angus based Domestic Abuse Liaison Officer continue to work with people who have reported domestic abuse, together with partner agencies, to ensure safeguarding and to encourage the reporting of all criminality so that those responsible can be brought to justice.





Robbery

There were 7 Robberies recorded in Angus during this reported period. The number of Robberies recorded this year to date is significantly below both last year to date (-59.4%) and the 5 year average.

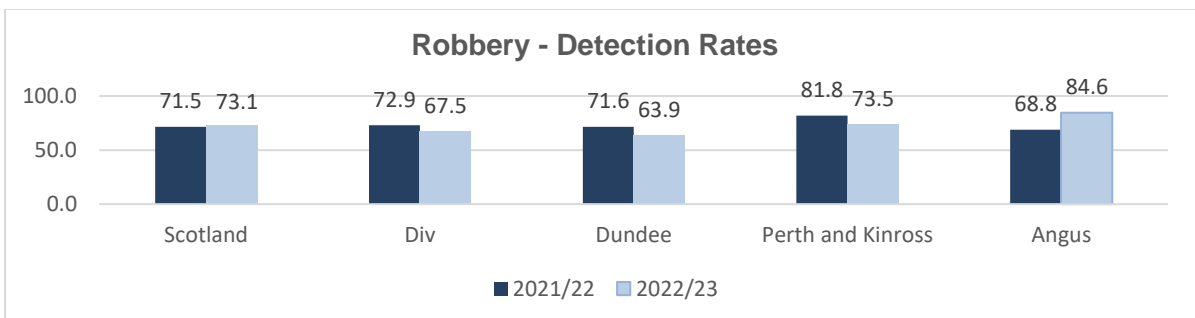
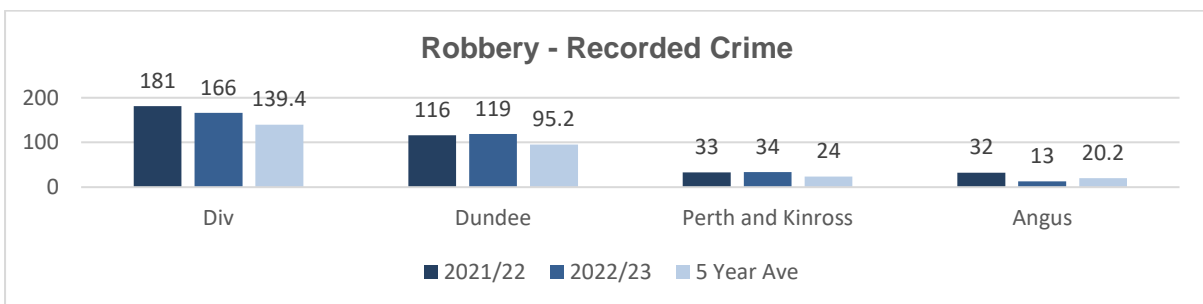
All of the Robberies recorded in this quarter have been detected.

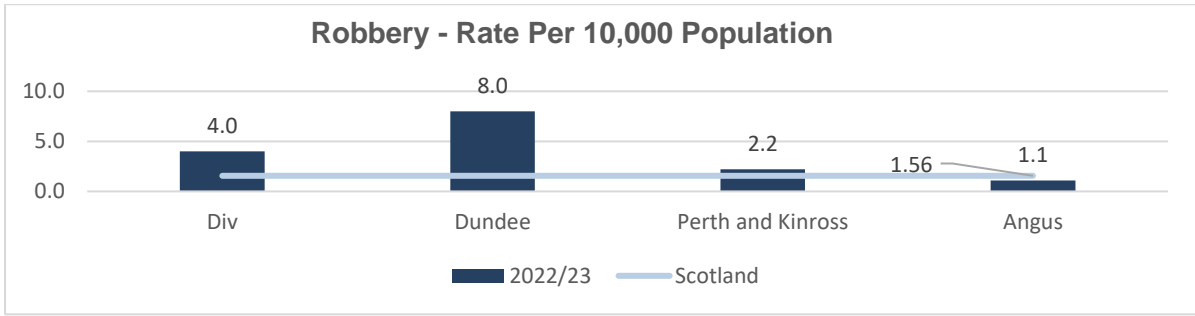
Of these 7 crimes, two involved the use of a weapon and in four cases the perpetrator and victim were known to one another prior to or at the commission of the crime.

The detection rate for the Robberies recorded in Angus this year to date is 84.6%, a significant improvement on the detection rate for last year to date of 68.8%, and above the national average of 73.1%.

There is no trend or link to any of the crimes that have been reported.

The dedicated Detective Inspector in Angus maintains oversight of all recorded robberies and where possible they are investigated by detective officers. All undetected robberies are regularly reviewed to ensure a high and time efficient standard of investigation.

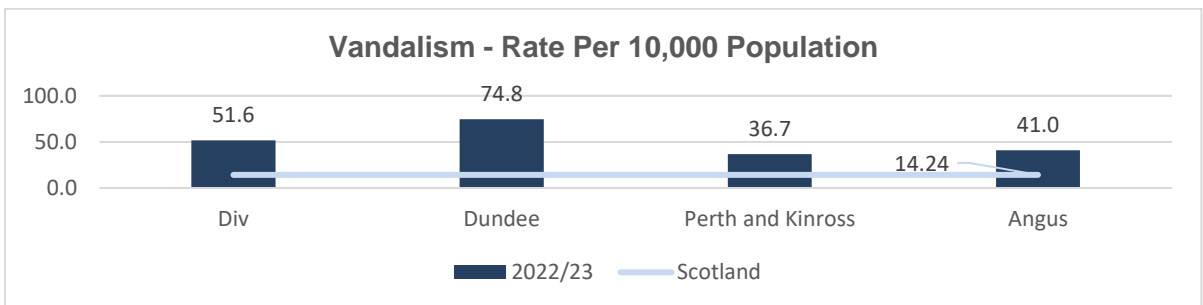
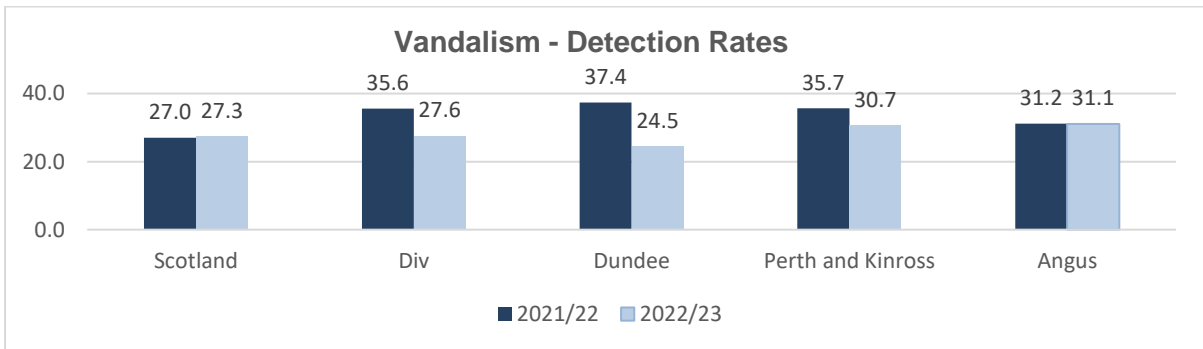
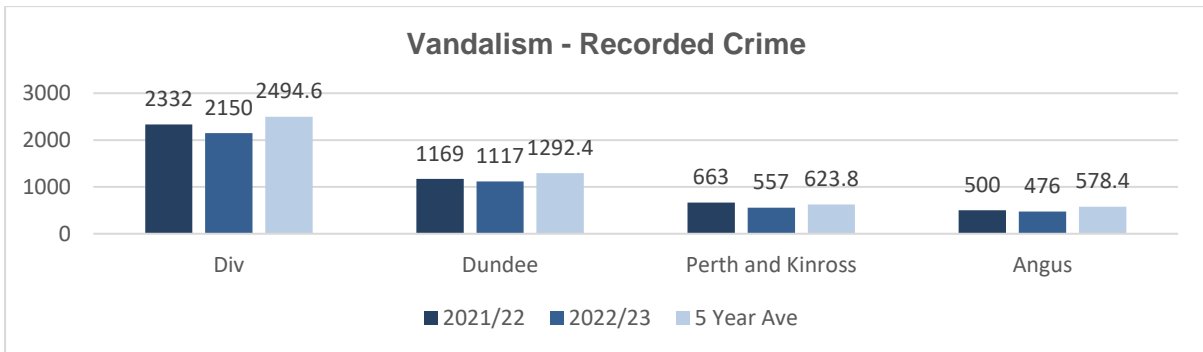




Vandalism

There have been 136 reports of vandalism recorded in this reporting quarter, which is a decrease on the 158 reports in the last quarter. The number of vandals recorded this year to date is considerably lower than the number recorded last year to date, and also significantly lower than the 5 year average.

We continue to work with partners in relation to anti-social behaviour, including Vandalism, and aim to prevent Vandalism occurring through ensuring early intervention in relation to any identified areas of concern and through engagement with our communities.



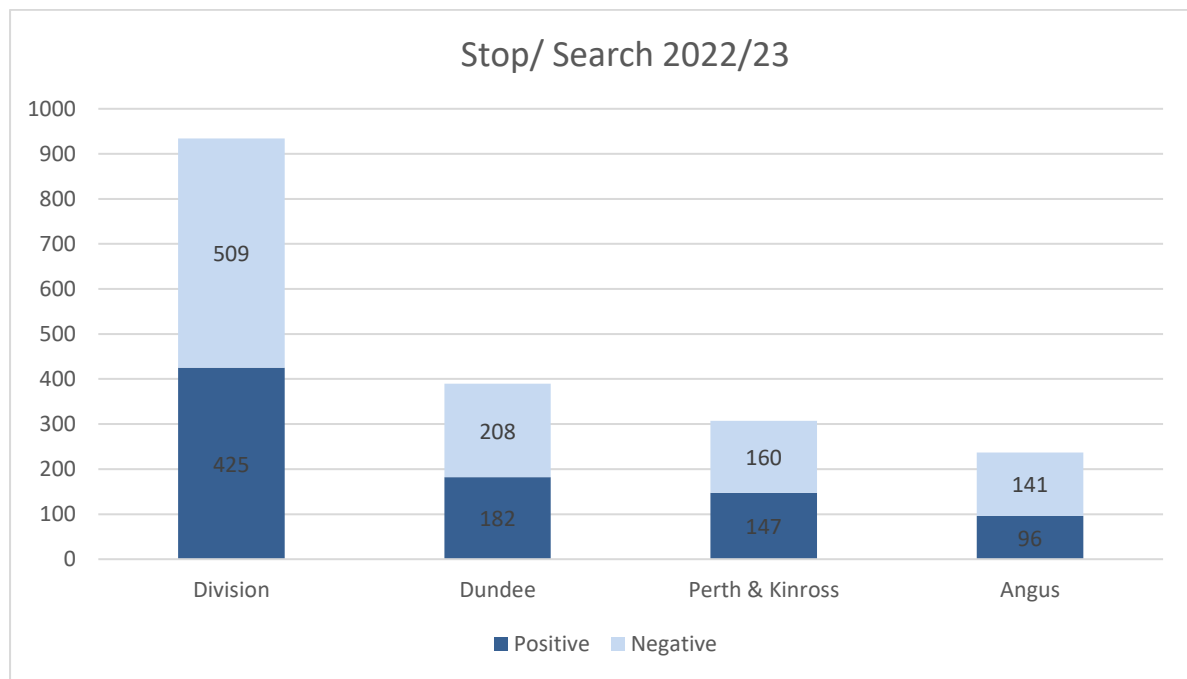
Stop Search

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 237 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 96 occasions. This equates to a positive rate of over 40.5%.

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
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- *An inclusive and sustainable economy*

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

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Domestic Housebreaking

There have been 13 Housebreakings to domestic dwellings (including attempts) within this reporting period, which is a considerable reduction in comparison to the 22 reported in the last quarter.

The total number of Domestic Housebreakings this year to date is significantly fewer in comparison to last year (-23.4%) and is also below the 5 year average.

Of the 13 recorded crimes, 7 have been detected (53.9%) so far, with others subject to ongoing investigation. This year to date detection rate sits at 38.8%, which is a positive increase on last year's comparative period of 25.0%, and is considerably higher than the national rate of 21.51%.

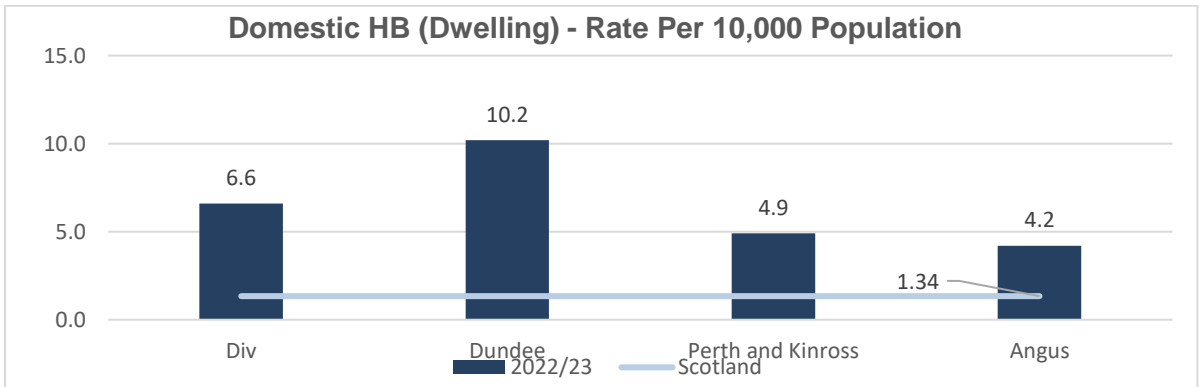
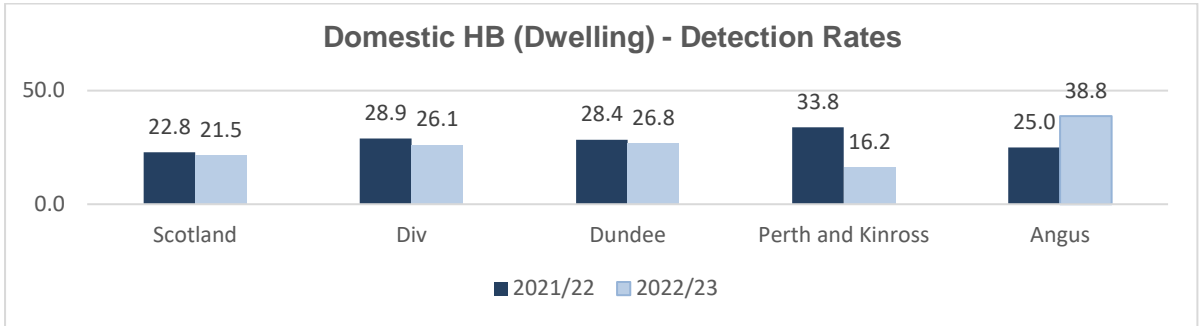
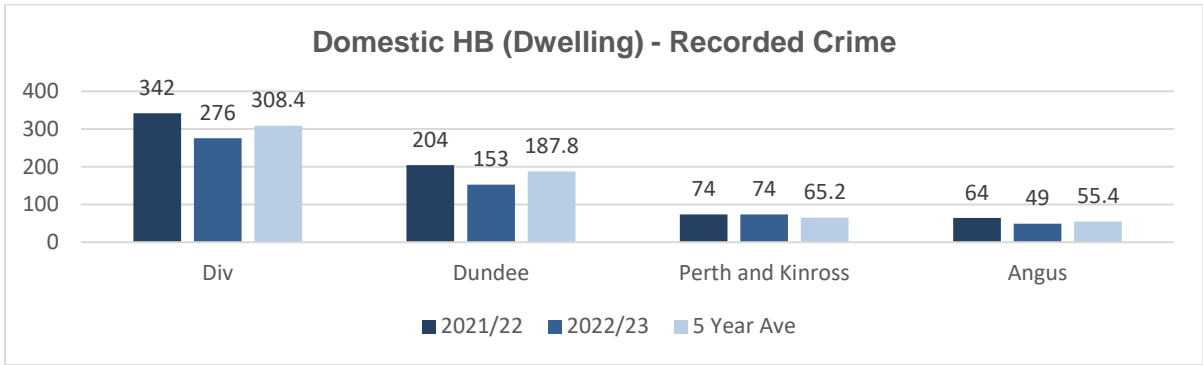
The reporting period covers a time of year where housebreaking and other acquisitive crime can increase due to criminals taking advantage of dark nights and an increase in household Christmas spending.

Our local festive policing plan focussed on such acquisitive crime, understanding the impact that this has on families, with officers carrying out high profile and plain clothed patrols in order to prevent and detect any such offending.

Our Angus Community Investigation Unit continues to oversee the majority of investigations in relation to Domestic Housebreakings. This helps us to monitor any trends or criminals responsible for volume crime, within and out with Angus, ensuring engagement with neighbouring policing areas to maximise intelligence gathering, resulting in a co-ordinated response when appropriate.

In November 2022 our Community Investigation Unit highlighted a Domestic Housebreaking in Forfar to other policing areas which led to the identification of a group of travelling criminals who had been committing housebreakings across Scotland. The perpetrators are currently subject to ongoing court proceedings.

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Fraud

This reporting period has seen a total of 60 Frauds recorded, a decrease of 16 crimes in comparison to the last quarter.

There is however a significant increase on the number of reported Frauds this year to date, compared to last year to date, and the 5 year average. This is in keeping with the divisional and national picture.

The majority of Frauds recorded in this last quarter relate to online crime, including crimes linked to cheque, plastic card and online bank accounts and also online shopping.

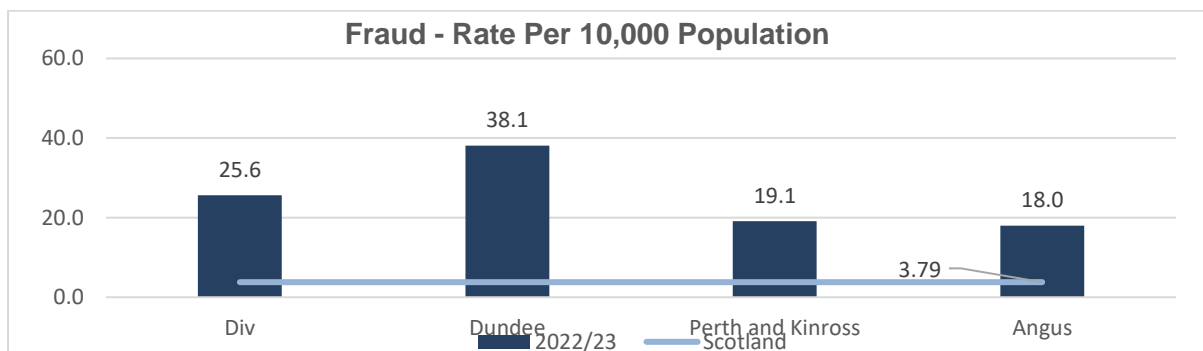
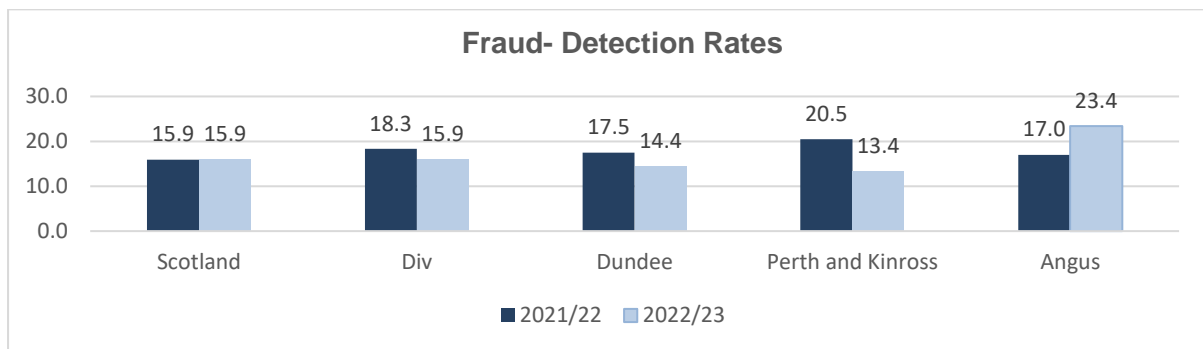
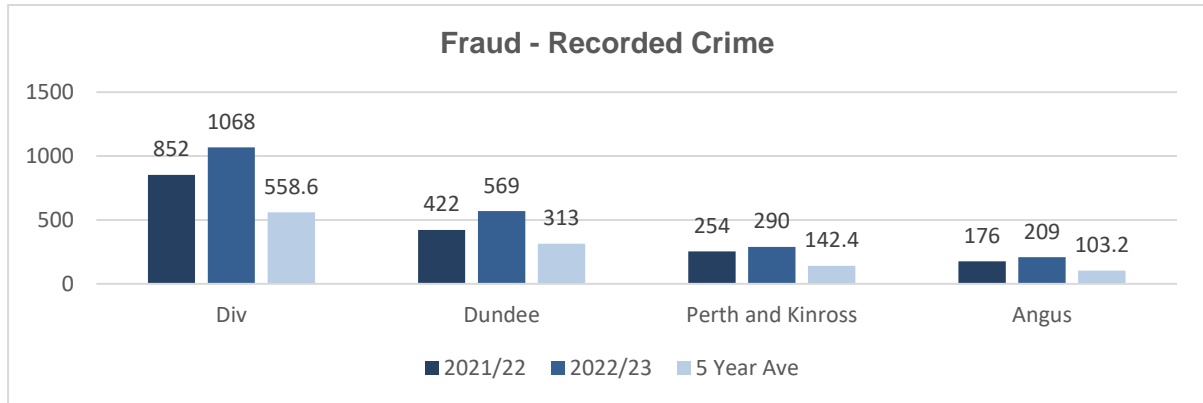
An example of those which weren't in relation to online criminality included five fraudulent uses of registration plates and two taxi frauds.

Positively the Angus detection rate is higher than last year to date, and the national average, however as per previous reporting periods enquiry remains challenging. With advances in technology, increasing formats in which fraud can occur, the

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complexities of this crime type continue to grow. Investigations can be difficult due to organisations that regulate these formats being out with the UK as there can be extensive time delays in obtaining evince or barriers.

Our Preventions, Interventions and Partnerships Unit continue to provide support and crime prevention advice to those affected by fraud with a collaborative focus, by local officers and partners, remaining on prevention and education.



Theft by Shoplifting

In this reporting period there have been 130 Theft by Shopliftings recorded, an increase of 31 crimes compared to the last quarter. There is a considerable increase with the number of these crimes this year to date, in comparison to last year to date, and also the 5 year average.

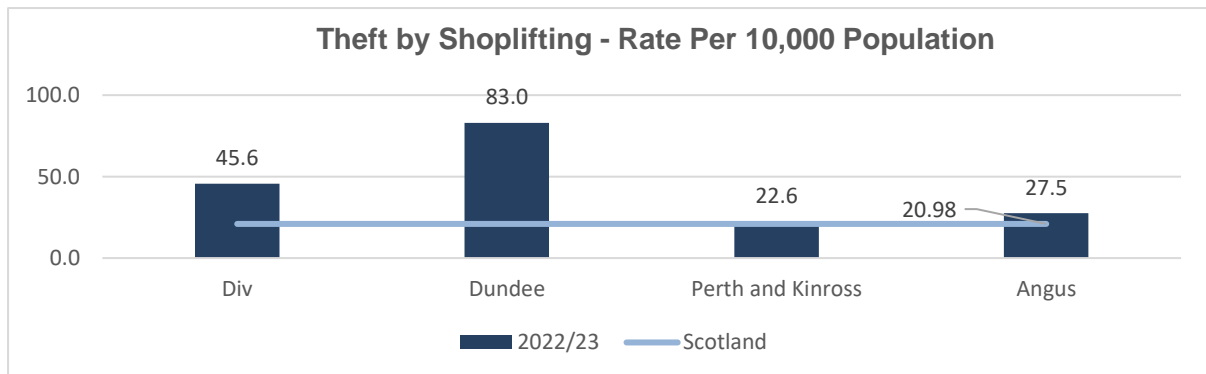
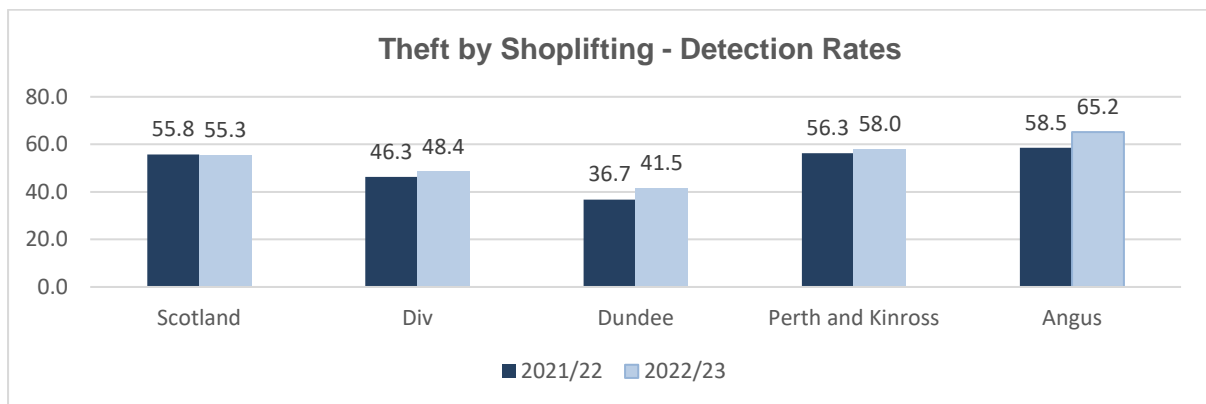
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Despite this increase, this year to date detection rate has increased in comparison to last year, and is 14.7% higher than the national average.

We will continue to monitor this trend going forward, as there is an understanding that many people are having financial difficulties during this cost of living crisis.

We will continue to engage with our partners and local shopkeepers to offer preventative advice and respond to reports of criminality.

Any concerns regarding individuals' or families' welfare will be shared with our partners through the appropriate channels so that supports can be offered.



Motor Vehicle Crime

Motor vehicle crime involves both theft of and theft from motor vehicles.

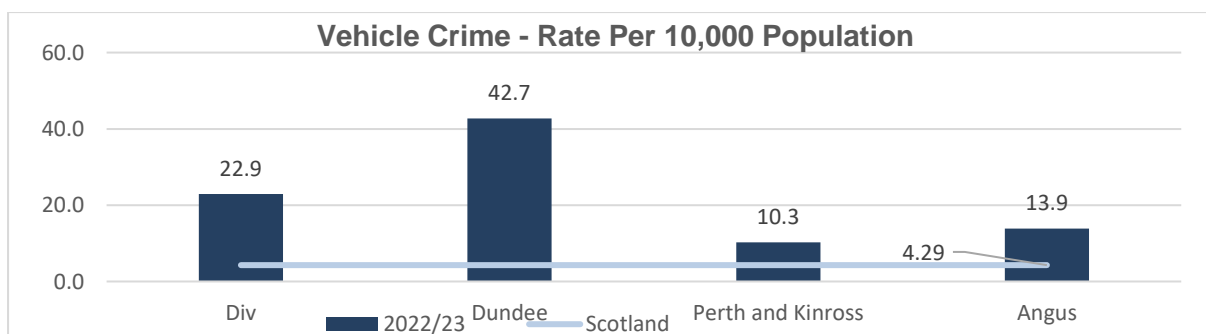
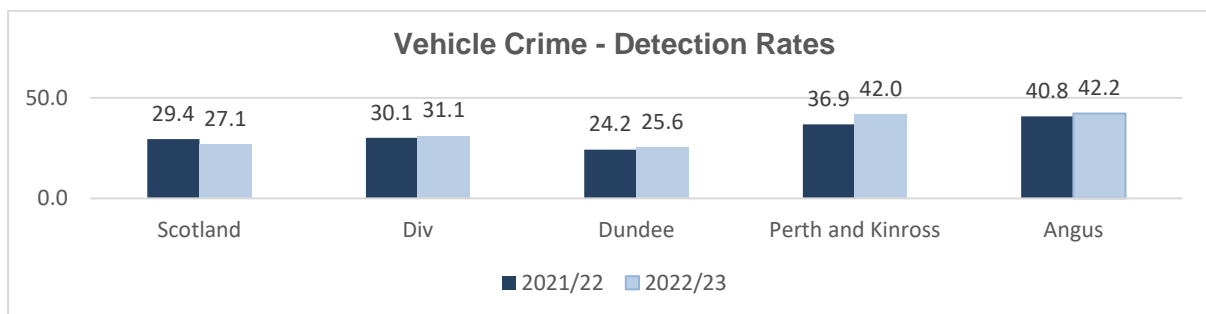
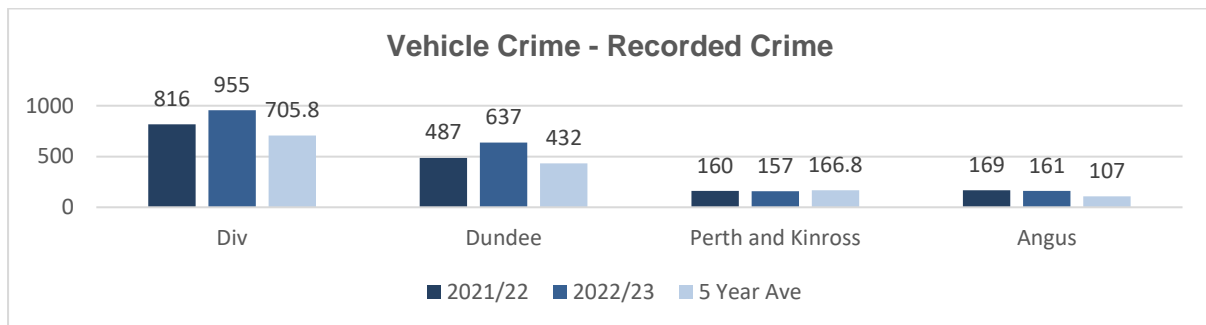
As previously reported there remains significant crossover with perpetrators responsible for Motor Vehicle crime also being responsible for other types of acquisitive crime, predominantly domestic and commercial Theft by Housebreaking.

There were 41 Motor Vehicle crimes recorded during this reporting quarter. Contrary to recent local and national trends, this is 8 fewer than the previous reporting period, and 10 fewer than this same reporting period last year.

The current detection rate, year to date, for Motor Vehicle Crime is 42.2%, which is higher than last year in comparison and higher than the national average of 31.1%.

As per other priority acquisitive crime types Motor Vehicle crime remains a focus of the CID Detective Inspector with investigative oversight remaining with the Community Investigation Units.

In December 2022, the Community Investigation Unit investigated the theft of 2 cars from Forfar. Following the investigation a 31 year old male from Aberdeen was arrested and charged along with the thefts, along with a number of driving offences. He is currently subject to ongoing court proceedings. This again highlights the strength of our cross border links and effective work with neighbouring Local Policing Areas.



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Road Safety and Road Crime

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

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- *An inclusive and sustainable economy*

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

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

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.

While the individual road safety plans produced by each local authority will primarily reflect local needs, they will also have strong linkages with the CEDAR strategy and work in tandem towards the achievement of the overarching outcome and its longer term vision. Importantly, the strategy is not intended as a replacement for such plans.

Statistical evidence shows that road casualty trends can vary quite significantly, sometimes for no apparent reason. A road user group who are shown to be particularly vulnerable during the course of several years, with involvement in increased levels of collisions, can move to a more favourable position over a relatively short time period.

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While this may be because of concerted preventative activity, it can also occur for reasons which are less clear. Partners and officers need to remain alert to changing trends and be able to respond effectively to meet new challenges.

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 in Angus;

A90
A923
A92

Road Policing officers continue to provide high visibility patrols in Angus, in support of local officers, specifically in the Forfar and Kirriemuir areas where a number of reports of anti-social driving have been reported.

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

October 2022	Tyre Safety week Fatal Five speeding operation Motorcycle Safety campaign Get ready for winter
November 2022	Operation drive insured BRAKE road safety week
December 2022	Festive drink/drug driving campaign

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. By effectively working with Partners, the aim is to create a safer Tayside by effectively working together to make the roads in Tayside safer for all users.

Safer roads

- Considering all road users and providing for the most vulnerable (elderly & young drivers, motorcyclists and pedestrians when maintaining or making changes to our road network. (2022 highlighted a significant number Scotland's fatalities involved foreign drivers)
- Understanding where accidents are happening in the region and seeking to address problems.

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- Addressing speeding by reducing speed limits, detection, engineering and education.

Safer people

- Providing education, training and campaigns on key road safety issues including walking, driver behaviour and motorcycle safety.
- Targeting the delivery of road safety information to the people and places where it is most needed.

Safer vehicles

- Making sure that the vehicles on our roads are safe and fit for purpose.
- Working with partners to tackle unsafe driving practices including speeding, not wearing seatbelts, driving under the influence of drink or drugs, using a mobile phone and driving without insurance

NDS

The New driver Scheme (NDS) has been successfully delivered in a number of educational establishments within the Angus and Perth & Kinross. Discussions are currently ongoing to bring the initiative to Angus schools.

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.

It is hoped the scheme will be delivered Tayside wide in 2023.

Rider Refinement North (RRN)

The Launch of Rider Refinement North (RRN) ran 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 was evaluated by Caroline Hood from Robert Gordon University. The completed report provided exceptionally favourable feedback which has been the catalyst for the program being adopted by the West and East command Road policing units.

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RRN will return for the 2023 season commencing in April.

Operation Closepass

Operation Closepass has again been delivered in the Angus area 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.

Operation Closepass will be delivered across Tayside division in 2023.

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.

The event has already been held at Dobbie's Perth, and was a resounding success with a number of positive interactions and a number of people finding the simulator slightly more difficult than first anticipated.

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

Tragically there was 1 Road Traffic Fatality in Angus during this reporting period. The incident happened on the B961 Monifieth to Monikie road in November 2022. A 48 year old male rider of a motorcycle sadly lost his life when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a motor vehicle. The circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration.

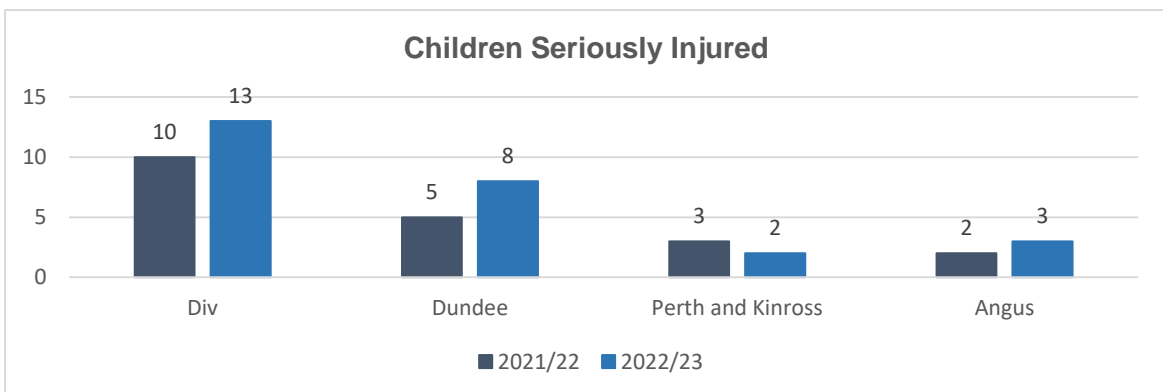
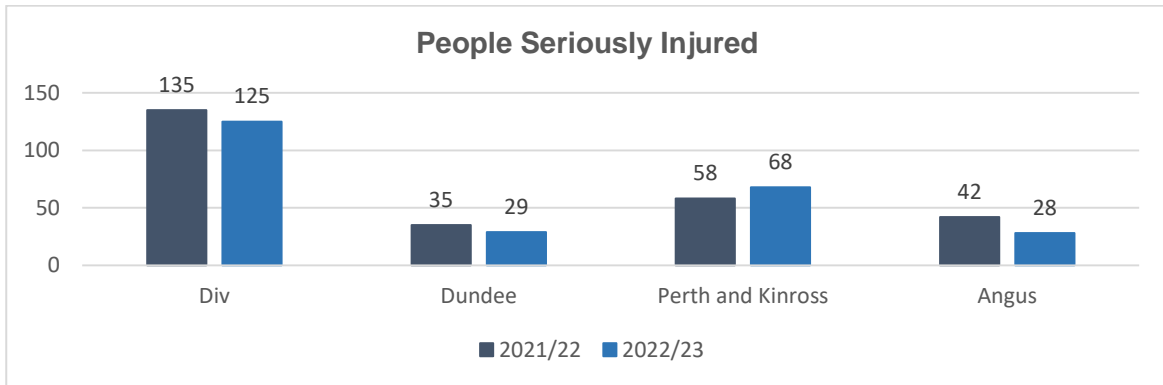
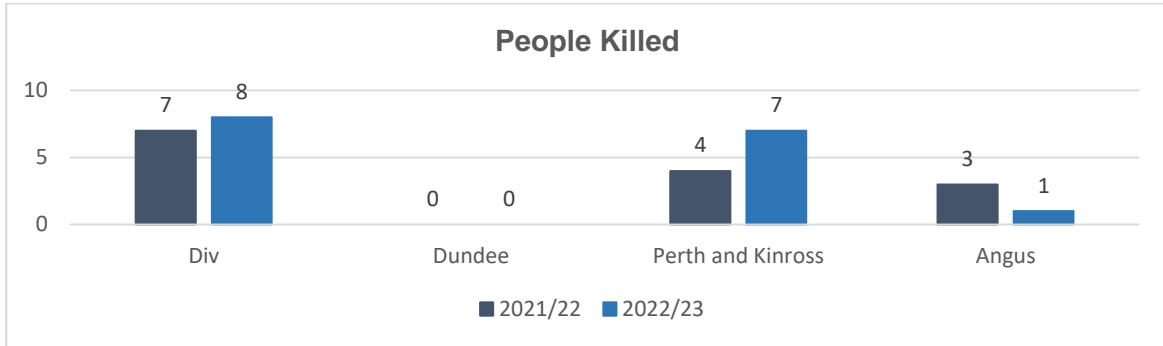
During this year to date, 28 persons have been seriously injured as a result of road collisions, which is a 33.3% decrease compared to last year where we saw 42 person seriously injured.

Unfortunately, Angus LPA have had a very slight increase in serious road collisions involving children (3 this year in comparison to 2 last year).

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Angus. Focused patrol work will be 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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Speeding

During the period under review 431 speeding offences were detected in Angus, which is a significant decrease compared to the year previous, this figure also remains below the 5 year average.

In relation to speeding offences, there continues to be focused operational activity on the priority routes, but also on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues, often identified through community based engagements.

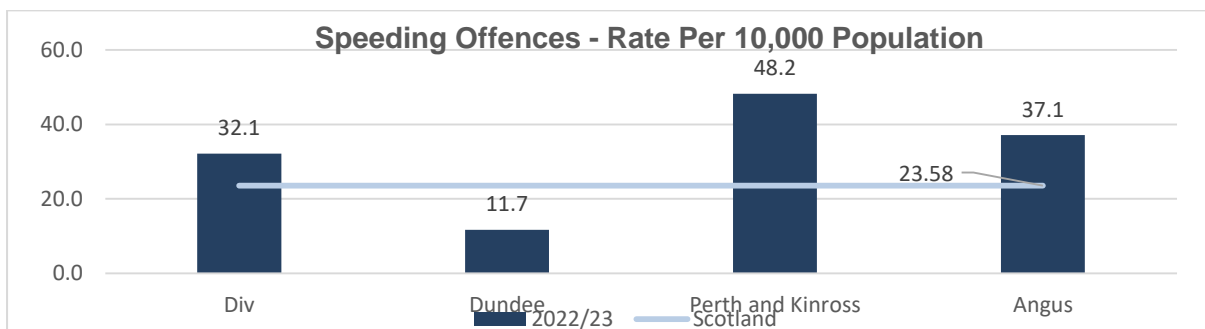
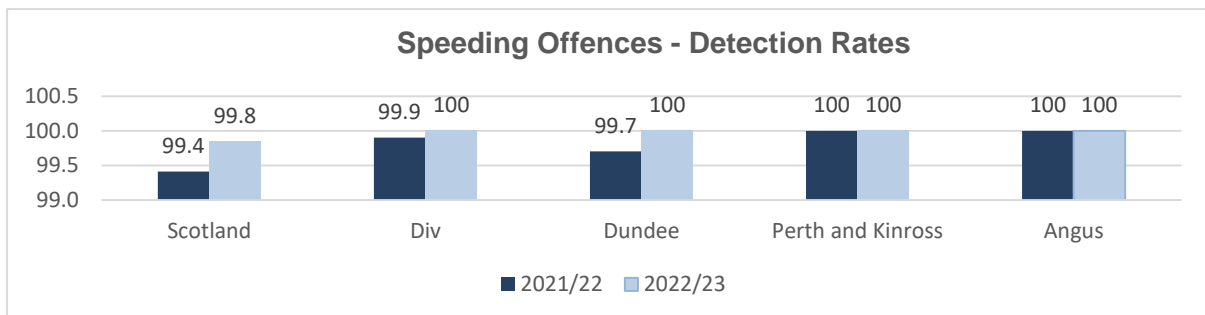
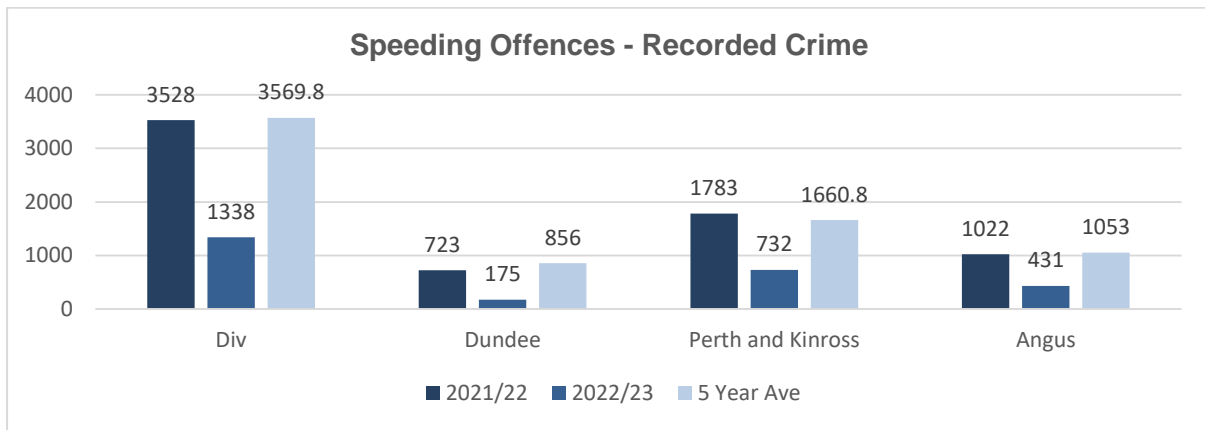
The Safety Camera Unit (SCU) have utilised a number of flexible deployment sites following localised complaints which has had a significant impact of influencing driver behaviour.

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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.

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

- 112 mph exceed 70 mph limit
- 88 mph exceed 60 mph limit
- 64 mph exceed 40 mph limit
- 55 mph exceed 30 mph limit



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Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review 63 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Angus area. This is a significant decrease (-37.6%) compared to the previous year however this is consistent with the other local policing areas in Tayside.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have conducted 1,859 breath tests, year to date, of which 84 have been positive.

This year to date has seen 189 drug wipes carried out, of which 69 have proved to be positive, with all offenders being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration.

The Festive National Drink/Drug Driving campaign ran for the entirety of December and ended on 2nd January 2023 and local officers as well as Road Policing officers were involved in this.

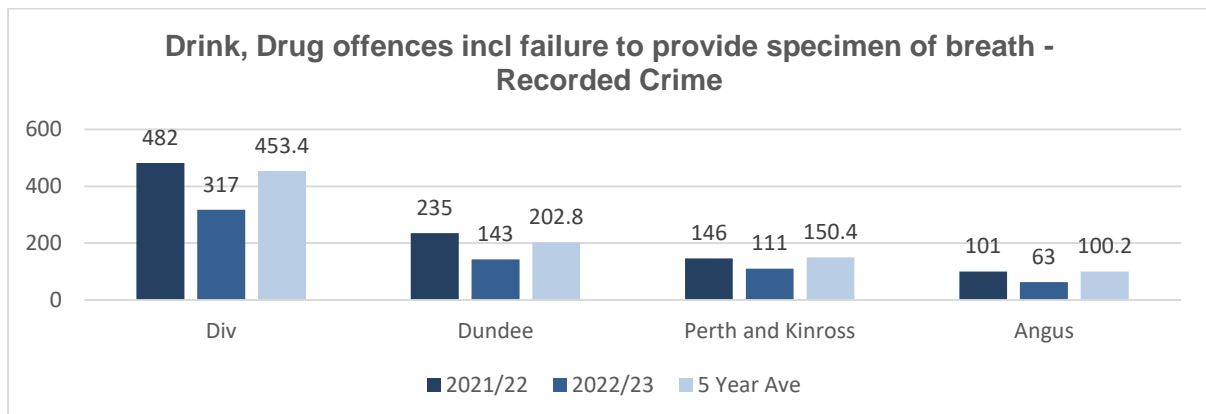
Across Tayside Division there were 220 breath tests conducted with 4 being positive during the festive campaign.

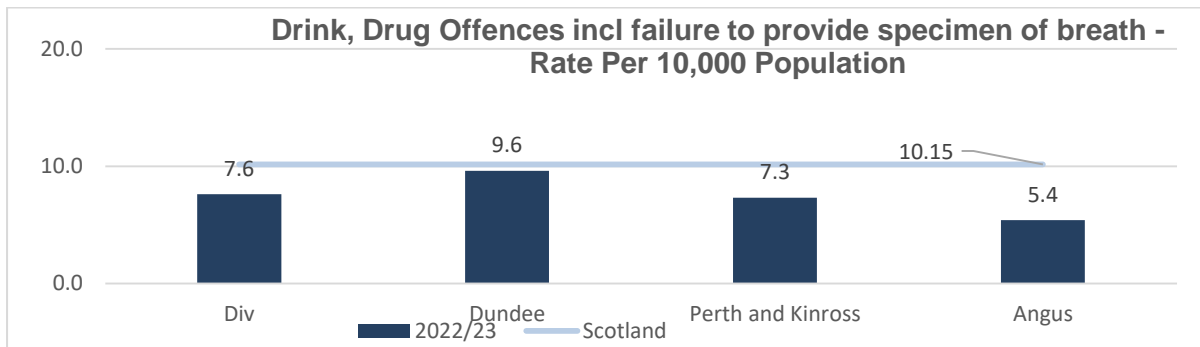
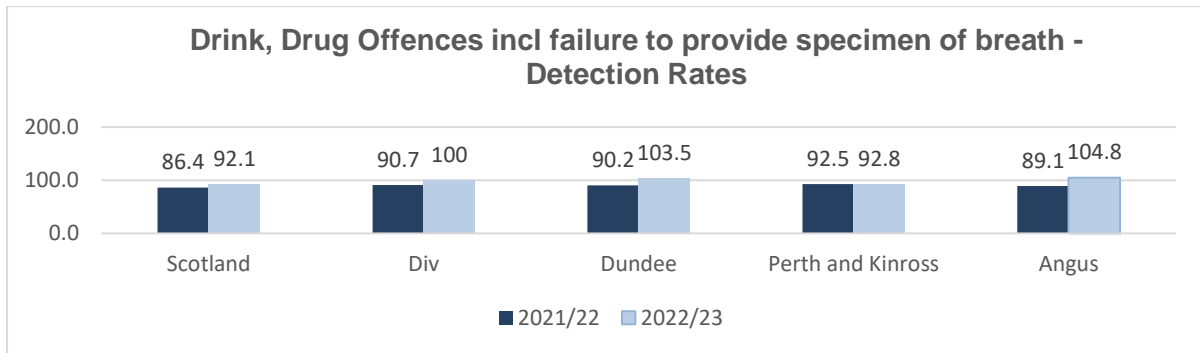
There were 16 drug wipes were carried out during the campaign with 8 returning a positive sample.

The drug wipe testing kit continues to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving with a considerable number of positive wipes throughout Tayside Division.

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

The positive reduction in the number of people committing these offences can be attributed partly to culture change, and also to the continued effective use of media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour.





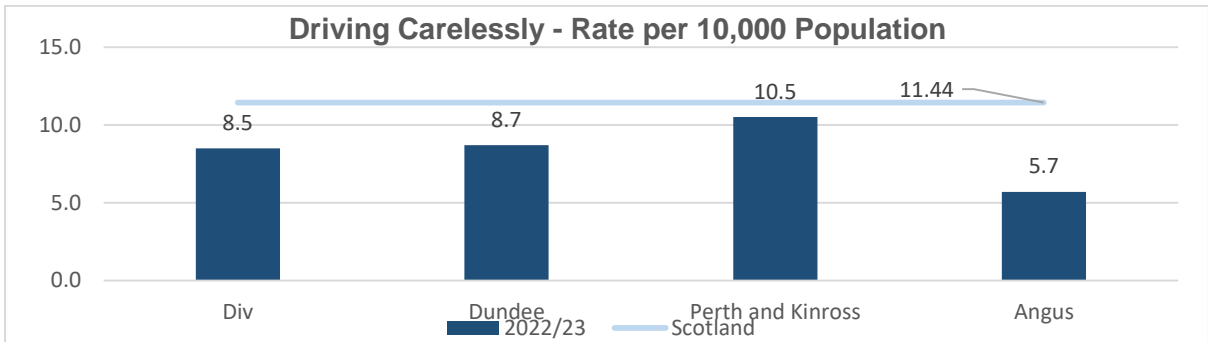
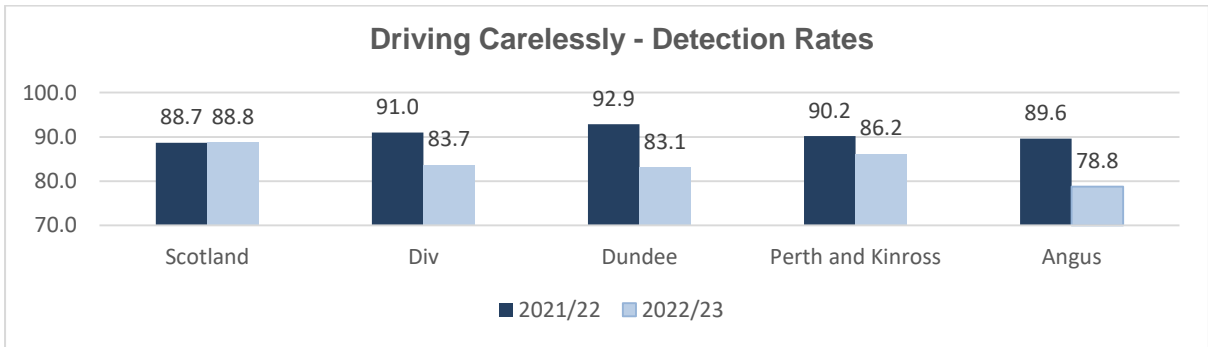
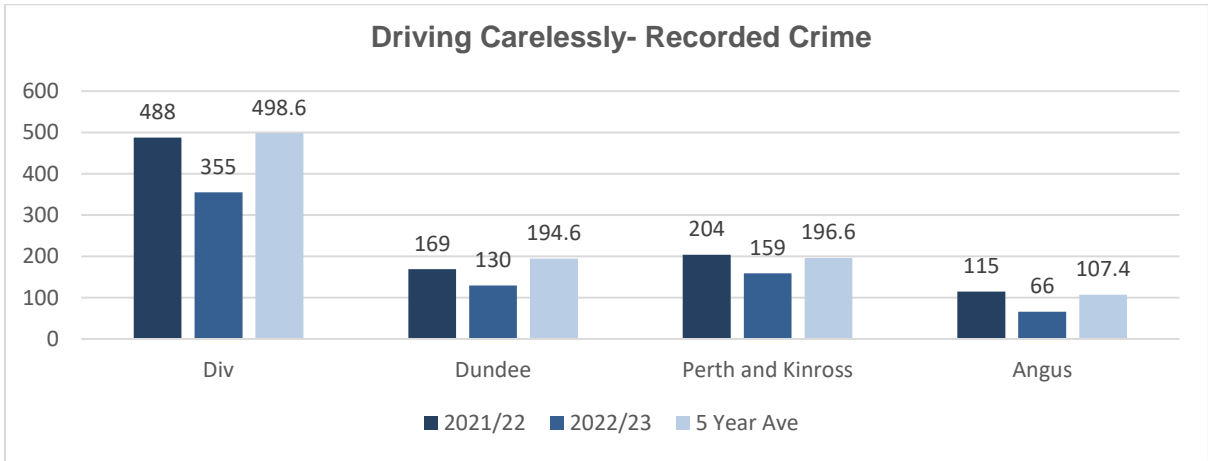
Careless Driving

There has been a significant decrease (- 42.6%) in the number of Careless Driving crimes in comparison to last year. This is also significantly lower than the 5 year average.

Again, it is considered reasonable to assume that 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.



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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 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.

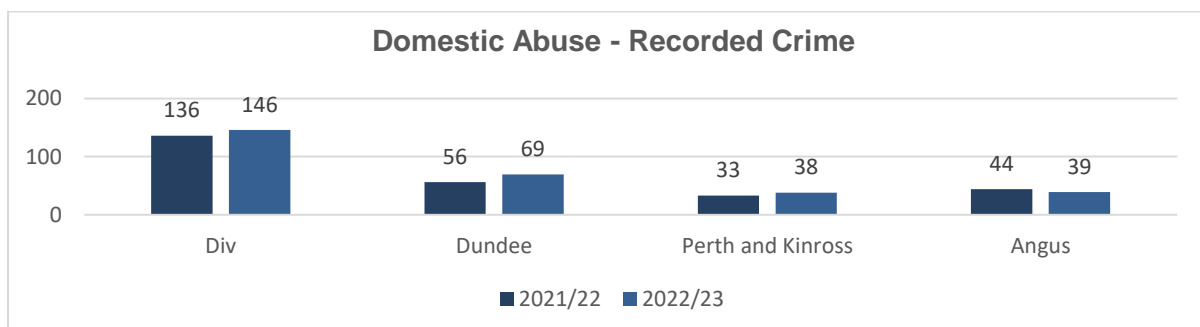
The figures in the table below represent crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act (DASA) 2018.

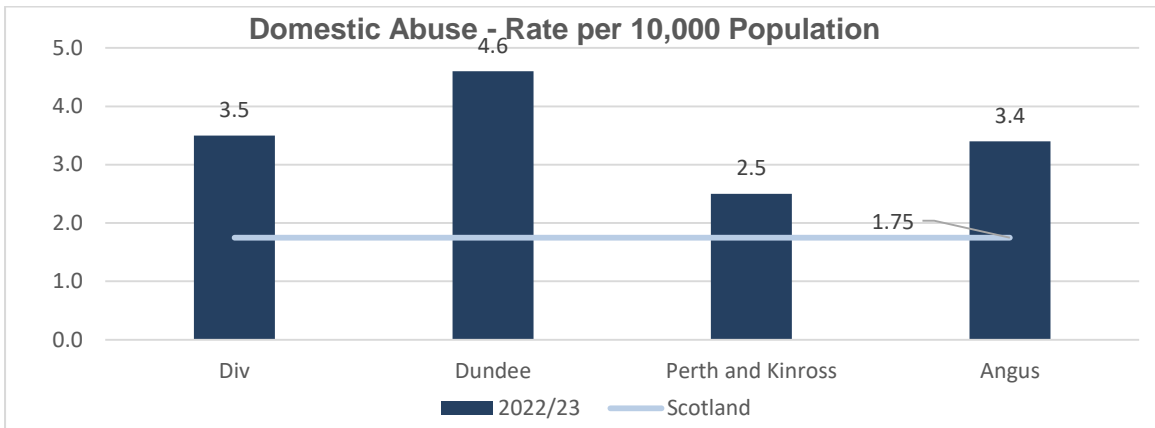
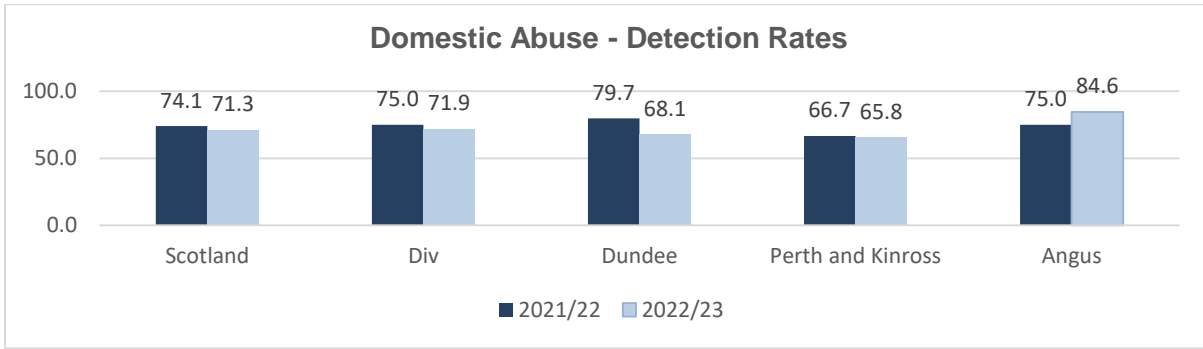
There has been a slight reduction in the number of DASA offences reported this year to date, in comparison to this year to date (5 crimes less).

The detection rate for DASA offences is 84.6% this year to date in Angus, which is an increase in comparison to last year, and is also higher than the national average.

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

We continue to work with partner agencies to ensure the safeguarding of victims and their families, and to gather information in relation to criminality, pursuing every opportunity to target domestic perpetrators in order to prevent further harm.





Hate Crime

There has been a positive reduction in the number of Racially Aggravated Harassment/Conduct Crimes recorded this year to date, in comparison to last year and the 5 year average.

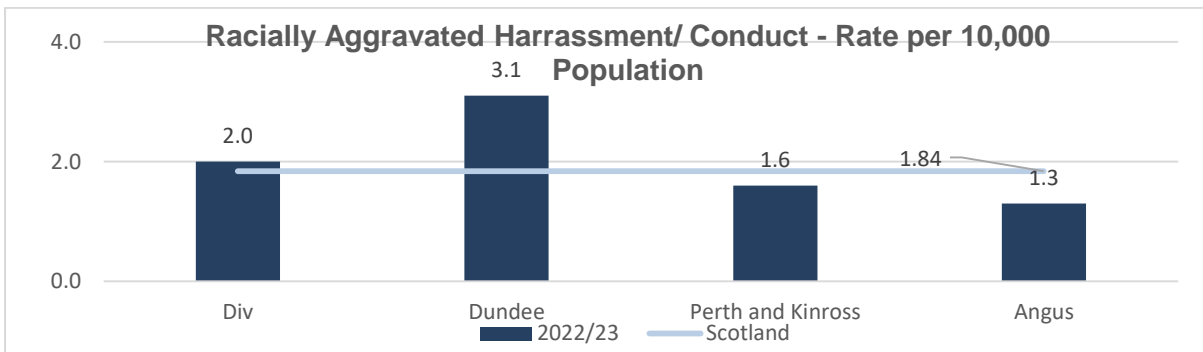
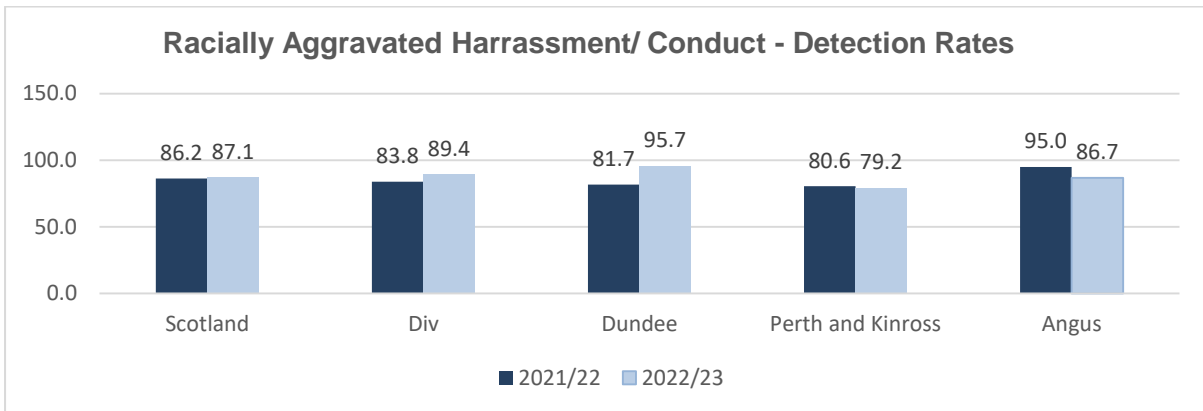
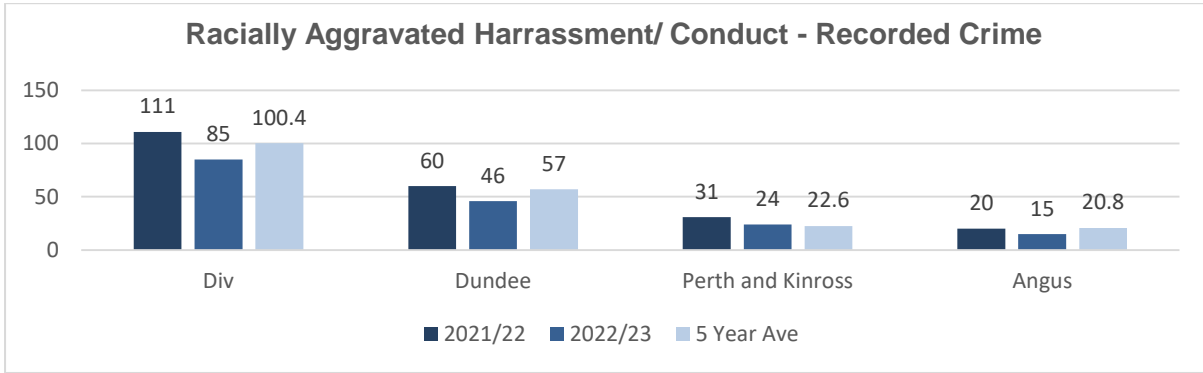
Processes remain in place across Angus to monitor and review all Hate crimes and incidents to ensure these are being identified and investigated thoroughly.

Across Tayside Division, there is an ongoing regular review of reported Hate Crime 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 officers in our Angus Partnerships department have recently taken part in Third Party Reporting training and plans are in place to deliver refresher training for existing Third Party Reporting Centres, and to further expand this footprint in Angus.

Officers from Angus recently attended a workshop about disability gender based violence which was hosted by Angus Council, and provided an input about hate crime to those in attendance.

There continues to be a Focus on increasing our social media usage to share the #DontTolerateHate campaign and raise awareness of Hate Crime, the importance of reporting Hate Crime and to reassure victims that they will be supported and any crimes reported will be fully investigated.



Sexual Crime

There is a significant increase in the number of reported sexual crime in Angus (by 49 crimes) in comparison to last year, and also in comparison to the 5 year average. There is also an increase in the number of recorded crime for rape and attempted rape (by 20 crimes) compared to last year, and also in comparison to the 5 year average. This increase in the level of recorded crime continues the upward trend that we have seen in previous years.

As in previous reporting periods, many of the recorded crimes occurred significantly out with the reporting period, and as such are classified as “non-recent” (that is, the offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to Police).

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

All rape investigations are conducted by specially trained Sexual Offence Liaison Officers and are directed by a Senior Investigating Officer. All investigations are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed.

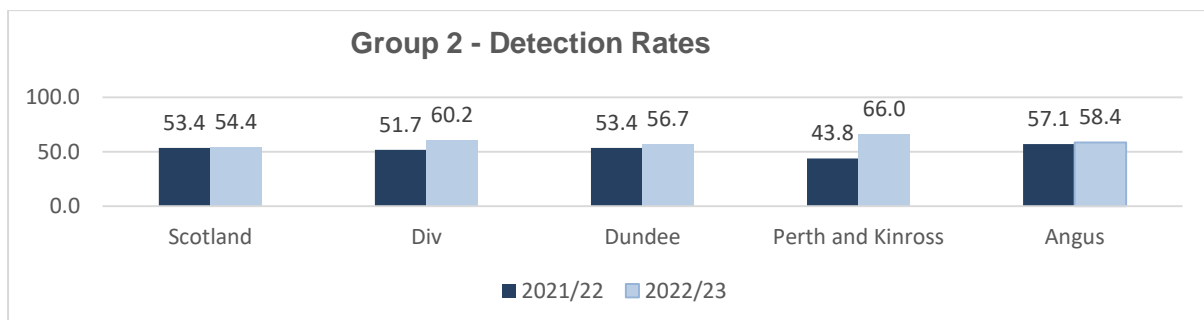
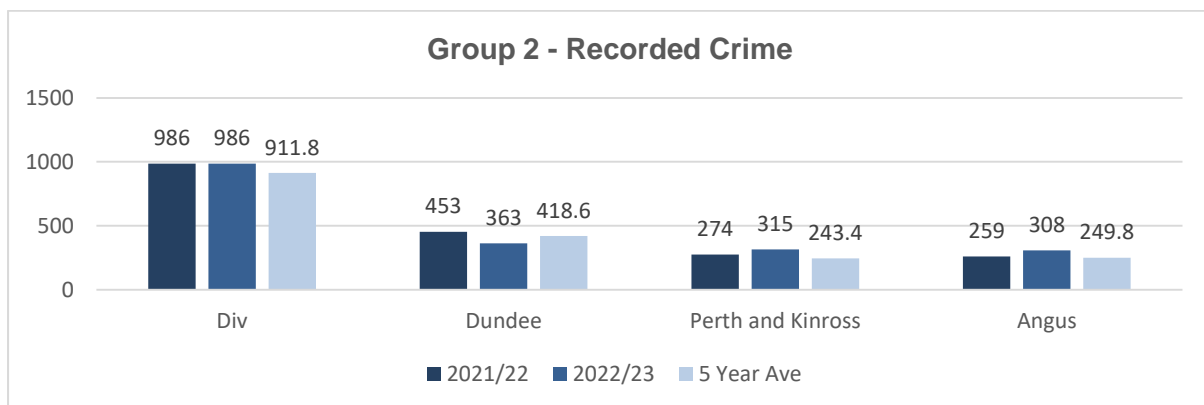
In the vast majority of reports, the person reporting the crime and the offender were either in a domestic relationship or otherwise known to each other prior to, or at the time of the offence.

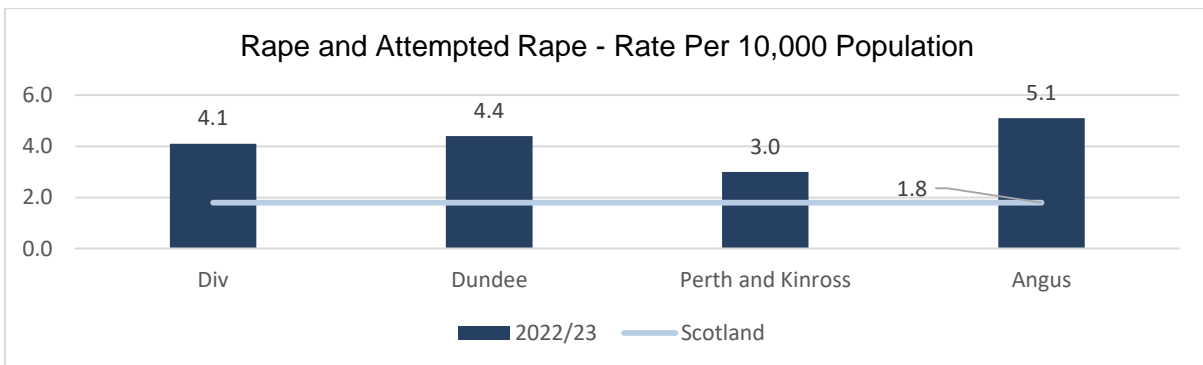
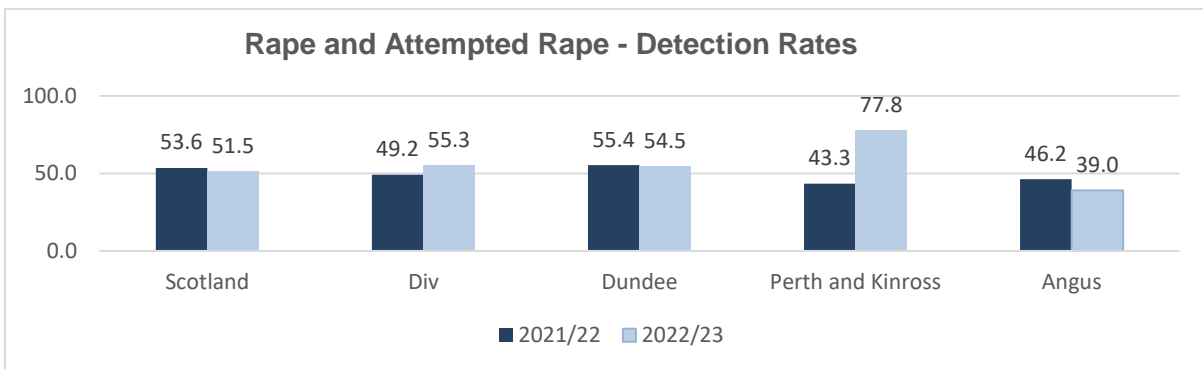
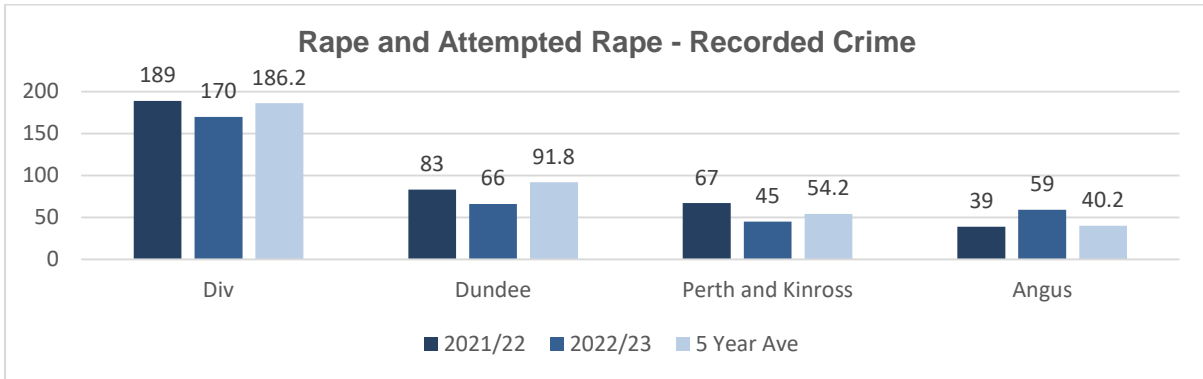
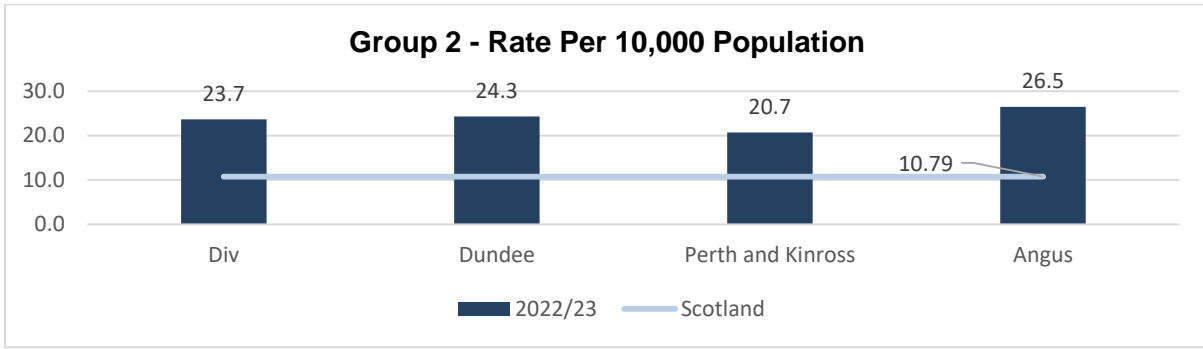
The detection rate for sexual crime is higher than last year to date, and is also higher than the national average.

The detection rate for Rape and Attempted Rape is lower than last year to date, and the national average.

The Increasing levels of non-recent reports mean investigations are more protracted and take longer to bring to a conclusion, therefore it is anticipated that these detection rates will continue to rise. A number of complex enquiries remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

It is positive that more victims now have the confidence to report sexual crime, including non-recent sexual crime, to Police and we will continue to encourage people to report such criminality, working with partners to ensure they are fully supported during and after this time.







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:

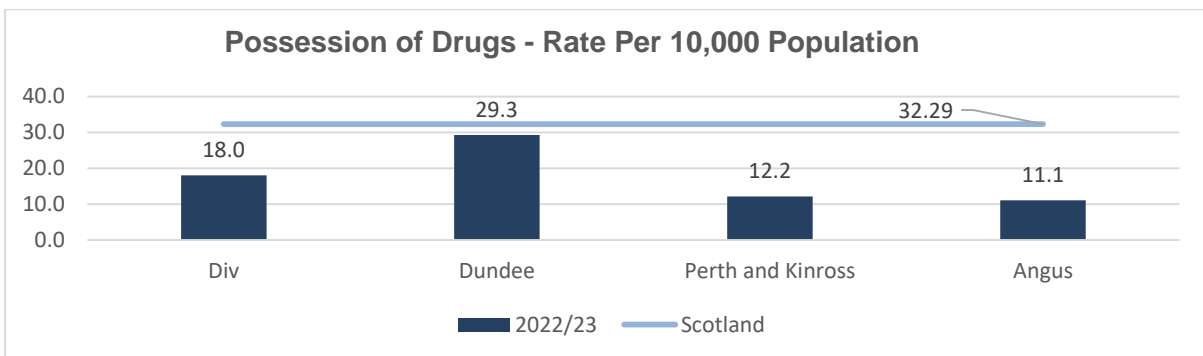
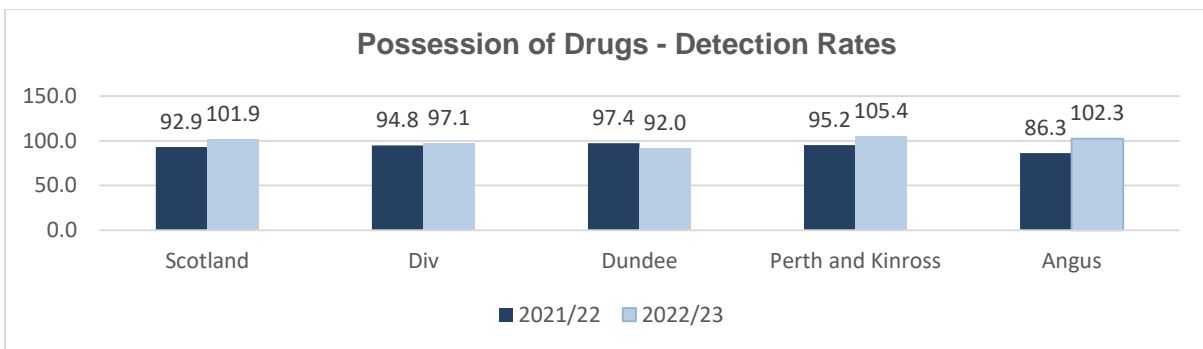
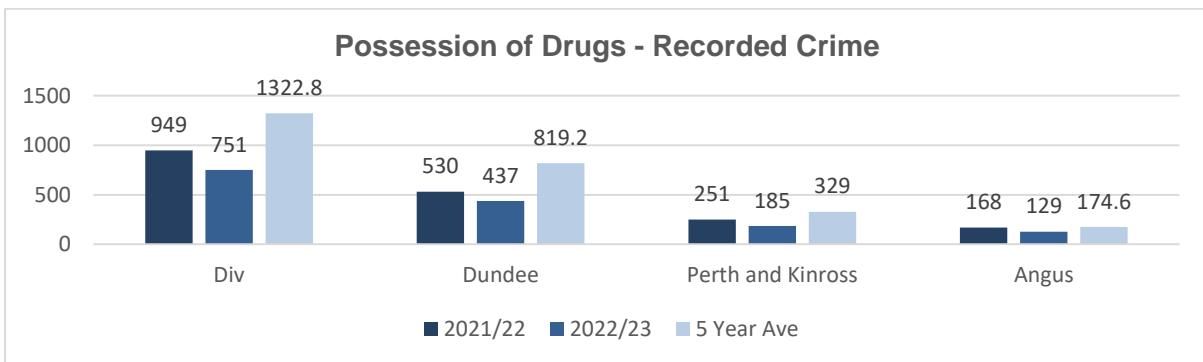
- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

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

Possession of Drugs

There have been 30 recorded crimes in relation to the Possession of Drugs during this reporting period. As a breakdown, 30% of these crimes related to Class A drugs, 50% related to Class B drugs and 20% to Class C drugs.



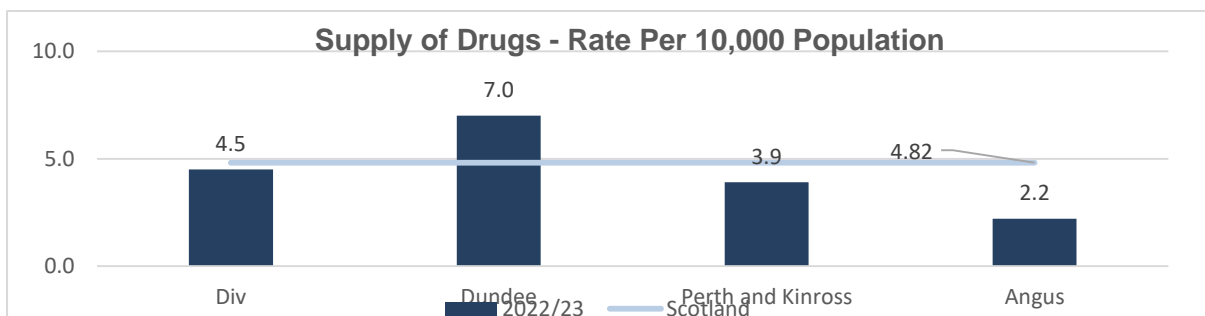
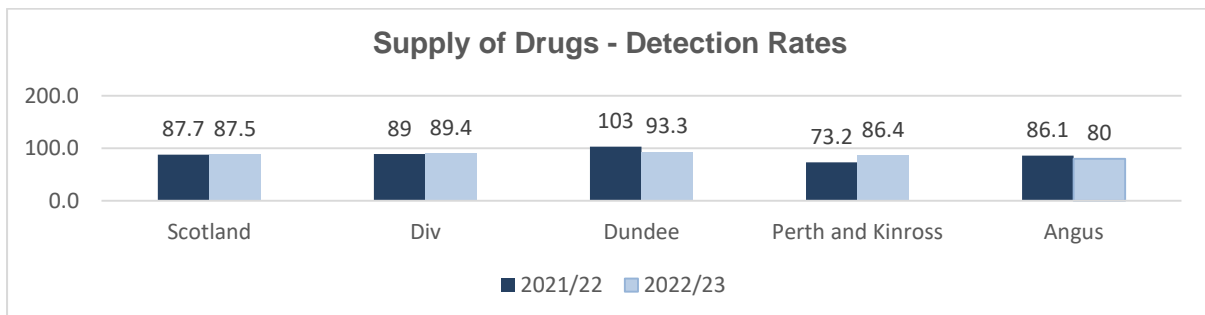
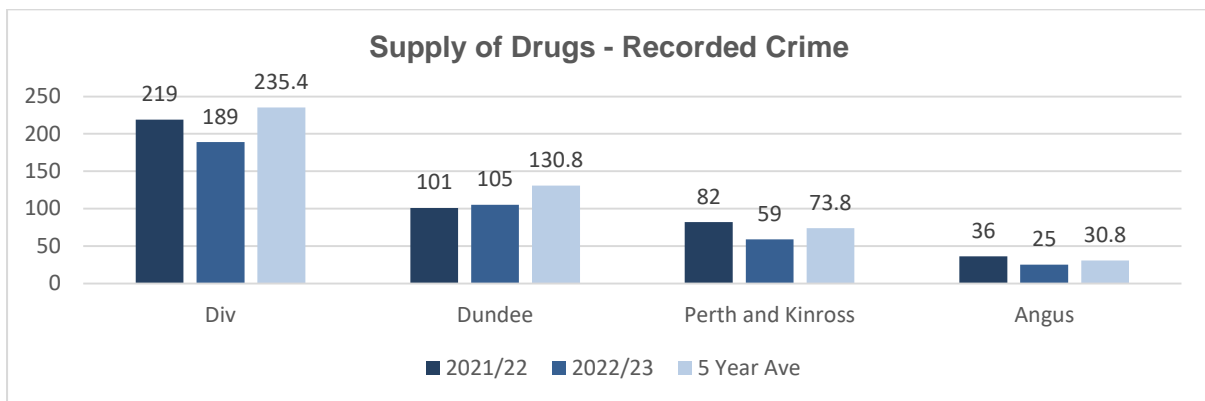
Supply of Drugs

There have been 6 Supply of Drugs offences recorded during this reporting period, which is slightly a decrease of from the 10 recorded in the previous quarter.

We will continue to target those who supply drugs in our local communities and remain fully aware of the destruction this can cause to individuals lives, families and our communities.

In doing this various interventions will be considered, reviewing all available options to target offenders, linking in with partners and utilising available powers.

We will continue to ensure that information regarding vulnerable people is shared with our partners timeously in order to get the right support to the right people.



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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.

There have now been a further 5 officers identified as Local Contest Liaison Officers with training planned in January 2023.

There remains regular and ongoing police representation at meetings, locally and nationally in relation to the "four P's"

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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*

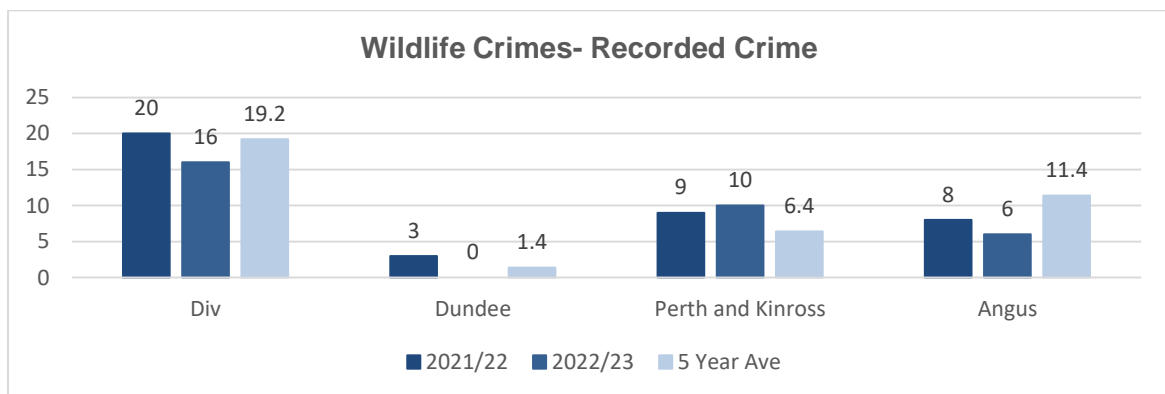
Wildlife Crime is any act that is made illegal in Scotland under legislation with regard to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea.

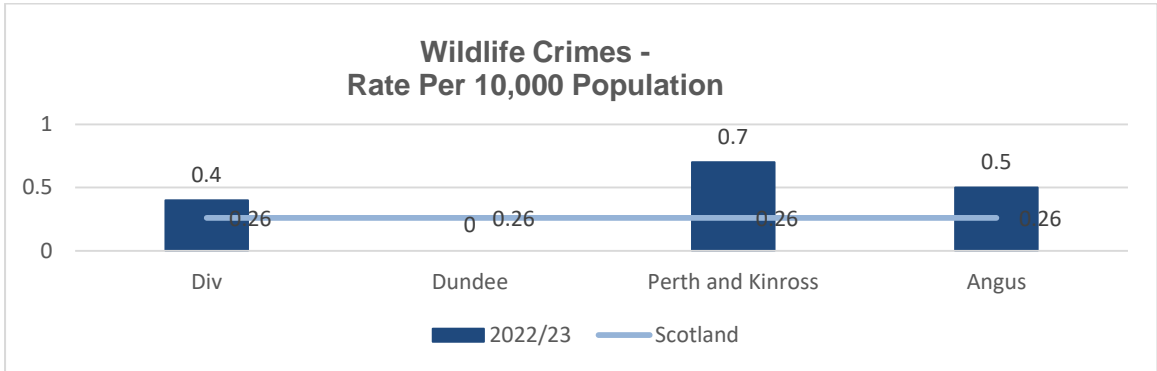
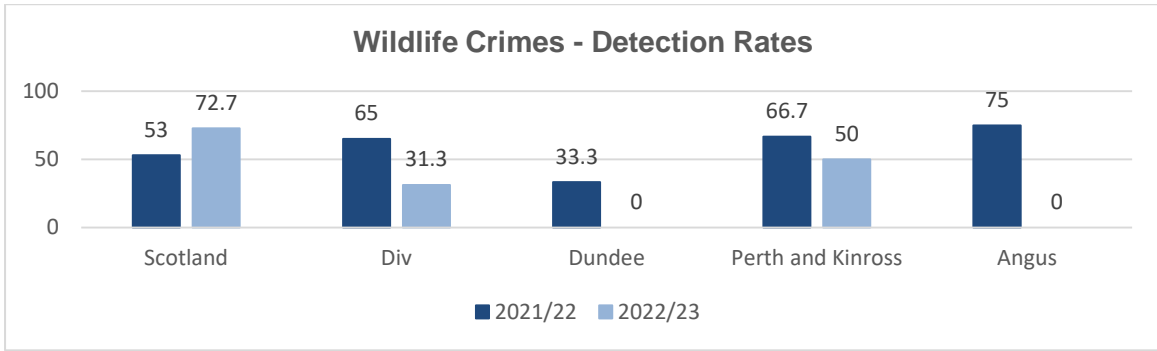
It includes the illegal disturbance, destruction, theft and sale of animals and plants both in the countryside and urban areas, and includes the destruction of and damage to protected habitats.

There have been 3 reported Wildlife Crimes in this reporting period in Angus, which includes further hare coursing offences. Enquires are ongoing by local officers and the Wildlife Liaison Officer who remains based in Angus.

The number of recorded crimes this year to date are lower than last year to date, and are significantly lower than the 5 year average.

Although detection rate is currently showing as 0% for this year, a number of enquiries are protracted and remain under live investigation.





Other Key Activity

Non-Fatal Overdose Group

In this reporting period there have been 22 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 Oct 2022 and 31st Dec 2022 there have been 315 licence applications processed for Angus.

During this reporting there were 41 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises within Angus. There has been no single premise identified as problematic.

Between the local Policing teams and officers from the Divisional Licensing Team there were 138 inspections carried out in Angus during this reporting period. The licensing team also carried out several deployments to licensed premises over the festive period and carried out bystander training

Mountain Rescue Team

Between 1st October and 31st December 2022, the Divisional Police Mountain Rescue Team deployed on 21 occasions across the Tayside region. Of that number, 8 deployments were within Angus.

The team were invaluable during the recent serious flooding in Angus, assisting local officers and partners by carrying out 96 safe and well checks to residents, and by utilising various pieces of equipment including an inflatable rescue boat to save 2 people and livestock.

Other incidents that the team were involved in include a Missing Person Enquiry and a lost Hillwalker in our area.

Vulnerable Person Reports/Missing Persons

In this reporting period officers in Angus submitted 1,274 Vulnerable Persons Reports. The majority of these singular type reports comprised of;

521 Adult Concern Reports

301 Child Concern Reports

85 Domestic Abuse Concerns.

The remaining number will relate to reports whereby there was various combinations of the above concern markers, and also Hate Crime and Youth Offending.

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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 48 Missing Person enquiries in Angus. The majority of these persons were missing from their home address, with 68.75% of all the reported missing people being aged 10-19 years old.

Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions (PIP)

Our locally based Partnerships team (PIP) have been involved in a number of community engagement events, often along with local community officers and partner agencies, during this reporting period.

Examples of this include their involvement with Joint Crime Prevention stalls with Trading Standards, Cost of Living Events with numerous partners and Scam/Financial Harm Stalls with Angus Council and Trading Standards.

Along with local community officers, these officers were also involved in sharing Festive Safety and Prevention messaging in our communities, for example in community and sports centres, commercial premises and GP surgeries.

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Complaints about the Police

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

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

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

Complaints Received

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

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	442	373	-15.6%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	758	663	-16.5%
Off Duty Allegations	2	1	-50.0%
On Duty Allegations	516	393	-23.8%
Quality of Service Allegations	240	239	-0.4%

¹ Data is correct as at 31/12/2022.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 15.6% 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.