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Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee  
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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 Angus LPP 2023-2026 clearly sets out the policing objectives for Angus and will report to the Angus Scrutiny and Audit Committee. Quarterly Performance Reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Angus Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023.

In line with the Angus LPP, the Quarterly Performance Report provides a more holistic overview of progress across the service to meet our strategic outcomes. This approach provides a wider and more detailed picture of traditional policing performance measures, supplemented with additional insight and narrative to the many different aspects of policing and corporate support functions.

The measures are longer term focussed rather than reflecting the ongoing performance of the day-to-day operational challenges we face and aim to provide evidence of the effectiveness and impact of our services as a whole.

We have introduced a number of key performance measures and insights questions in support of our local police plan to focus attention on impact and outcomes. For example:

- How effective are the diversionary activities provided?
- How effective are the processes in place to prevent acquisitive crime?
- How well are we engaging with the public?
- What progress has been made in terms of collaboration and what percentage of the divisional estate is co-located with partners?

To enable a more detailed examination by the Committee of specific local priorities and strategic outcomes, a 'Spotlight' focus will be provided on one of the priority areas on a quarterly basis. The Spotlight focus will rotate each quarter in line with the expected updates outlined in the Angus LPP.

# Police Scotland's strategic objectives



**Our Vision** | Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland  
**Our Purpose** | The purpose of policing is to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland  
**Our Values** | Fairness | Integrity | Respect | Human Rights





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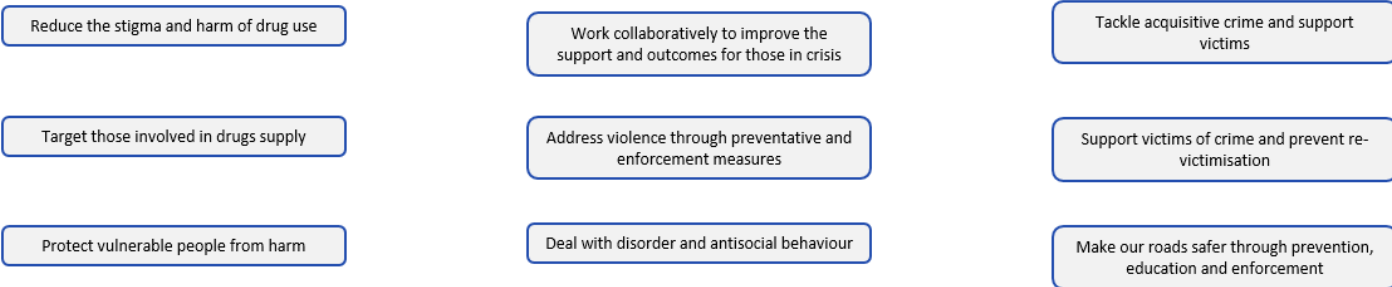
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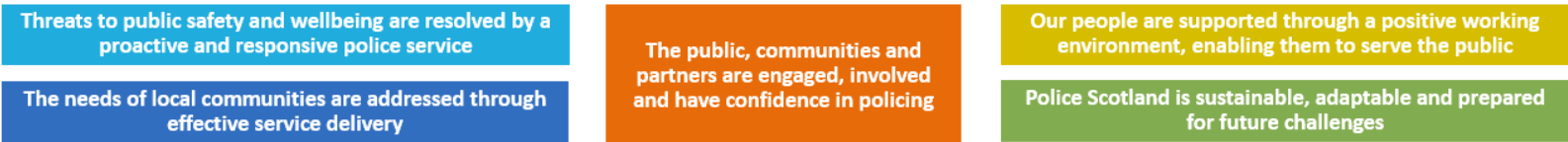
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	Recorded Crimes			Change		Detection Rate			% point Change	
	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.
<b>ASB and Disorder</b>										
Overall group 4	134	197	198.0	-32.0%	-32.3%	29.9%	32.0%	42.4%	-2.1%	-12.6%
ASB Incidents	1308	1436	1866.2	-8.9%	-29.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Violence</b>										
Robbery	10	2	6.8	400.0%	47.1%	100.0%	150.0%	76.5%	-50.0%	23.5%
Serious Assault	12	16	14.8	-25.0%	-18.9%	58.3%	81.3%	93.2%	-22.9%	-34.9%
Common Assault (excluding Emergency Workers)	242	284	272.4	-14.8%	-11.2%	74.4%	68.7%	69.1%	5.7%	5.3%
<b>Public Protection</b>										
Overall Group 2	72	114	85.4	-36.8%	-15.7%	63.9%	54.4%	58.5%	9.5%	5.4%
Rape	6	25	14.4	-76.0%	-58.3%	60.0%	34.8%	36.4%	25.2%	23.6%
Domestic Abuse	133	177	198.2	-24.9%	-32.9%	68.4%	65.5%	68.5%	2.9%	-0.1%
<b>Road Safety</b>										
Speeding offences	87	131	185.0	-33.6%	-53.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Drink / Drug Driving	36	25	36.6	44.0%	-1.6%	100.0%	120.0%	96.2%	-20.0%	3.8%
<b>Acquisitive Crime</b>										
HBs	67	59	44.6	13.6%	50.2%	23.9%	42.4%	33.6%	-18.5%	-9.8%
Dwelling HBs	27	18	18.6	50.0%	45.2%	18.5%	33.3%	25.8%	-14.8%	-7.3%
Motor Vehicle Crime	58	64	41.0	-9.4%	41.5%	55.2%	29.7%	42.0%	25.5%	13.2%
Fraud	87	68	44.6	27.9%	95.1%	13.8%	22.1%	28.3%	-8.3%	-14.5%
Shoplifting	142	86	70.6	65.1%	101.1%	57.7%	75.6%	70.8%	-17.8%	-13.1%

Overall Group 2' **All Sexual Crimes including Rape & Attempts, Indecent & Sexual Assaults, Prostitution Offences and 'Other' Group 2 Crimes.**

Overall Group 4' **All Fireraising, Vandalism, Reckless Conduct and 'Other' Group 4 Crimes.**

## Local Priority/Activity – Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures

- There have been no Murders or Attempted Murders recorded in Angus within the reporting period.
- There have been 12 Serious Assaults recorded within this quarter. This is a welcome reduction on figures from last year and the five year average. The detection rate is 58.3%, which although a decrease on the previous year and 5 year average, it should be noted that 5 of these crimes remain undetected and are under active investigation.
- 10 robberies were reported in this reporting period which is higher than the same period last year. Weapons ranging from knives to blunt objects were used in the majority of these crimes. Drugs and alcohol were also factors in the majority, and most offenders were known to the victim prior to the incident.

In an attempt to prevent crimes of this nature occurring Police Scotland target known violent offenders. This involves executing apprehension warrants timeously relating to violent offenders and proactively conducting bail curfew checks where appropriate.

Analysis shows that violence is often associated with the consumption of alcohol and we continue to provide a policing presence in and around licensed premises as part of our night-time economy patrols.

Within Education in Angus, our Preventions Interventions and Preventions (PIP) are actively involved with a number of national and local programmes addressing violence and crime prevention. This includes the prevention of domestic abuse and gender based violence and supporting survivors of abuse. Of note this has included collaborative work with Angus Women's Aid around Mentors in Violence Prevention and the development of a future positive masculinity young men's group within Angus.

A PIP officer forms part of the Mentors in Violence (MVP) Program Angus steering group as well as being a national staff training instructor for schools and partners and a young person trainer. MVP is a national program operated by Education Scotland which creates mentors from S5 and S6 pupils from the secondary schools around domestic abuse, gender based violence and bystander. In turn, they facilitate classes to S1 and S2 pupils, effectively being positive role models within the schools. The Angus MVP steering group, attended by Angus Council Education and Police Scotland, met during this quarter and planned staff training sessions took place involving staff and partner agencies from Carnoustie HS, Forfar Academy, Arbroath HS, Arbroath Academy, CLD and Women's Aid. Pupil training sessions also took place at Montrose Academy and Webster's High School.

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Student safety sessions were held at Dundee and Angus College, Arbroath Campus for new students starting in August 2023 around violence prevention, drugs and online safety.

A Youthlink Scotland product called “Imagine a Man” was shared with all Angus secondary schools with a view to implementing the sessions in the next school year. Imagine a man encourages positive masculinity to change the attitudes and thought processes of young men who are perpetrators, victims and bystanders of men’s violence.

### Local Priority/Activity – Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour

- 123 crimes of vandalism were reported in Q1, a reduction of 30.9% from the same quarter in 2022/23
- 5 crimes of fireraising were reported in Q1, a reduction of 50% from the same quarter in 2022/23
- Overall Group 4 incidents recorded reduced by 32% from the same quarter in 2022/23

Angus officers work closely with local authorities, Housing, ASB Teams, Trading Standards and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Daily reviews of all relevant ASB calls are shared in line with the Data Protection Act. PIP officers hold monthly meetings with partners to discuss all addresses linked to ASB. Officers conduct joint visits with partners to ensure all services are working together and exploiting all available options and legislation. There are currently 26 ‘Target Addresses’ in Angus, and 7 tenants were issued with verbal warnings from the ASB Team in the last 3 months.

Any relevant, non-violent ASB incidents identified in public places, are brought to the attention of our local Community Wardens whereby their assistance is requested to carry out passing attention/foot patrols within an area, providing reassurance to members of the public.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the licensing team have processed 434 licence applications for the Angus area. This included applications for occasional licenses to allow premises to have additional outdoor areas. 43 recorded ASB incidents were at or in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises. There has been no single premises identified as problematic. There were 121



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inspections carried out throughout Angus. The licensing team have been promoting the 'by-stander' training to licensed premises and are continuing efforts to improve the uptake.

The No Knives Better Lives and Fearless (Crimestoppers for young people) products were shared with all secondary schools in Angus to support the prevention of violence and anti-social behaviour. This will be further promoted with a view to implementing sessions in the new school year in August 2023. In addition, Brechin HS promoted Fearless courtesy of the senior pupil leadership team.

### Local Priority/Activity – Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims

- There were 27 Housebreaking to Dwelling crimes recorded during Q1 which is an increase from the 15 crimes recorded the previous quarter and 18 during the corresponding period the previous year. 12 of the crimes occurred in Arbroath. 18.5% of the crimes have been detected to date with forensic results pending and positive lines of investigation being pursued in relation to other crimes meaning this figure will likely rise.
- 58 motor vehicle crimes were recorded. This is a decrease from the 65 recorded during the previous quarter and the 64 recorded in Q1 last year. This analysis considers theft and attempted theft of vehicles, thefts from vehicles as well as break-ins and attempted break-ins. 9 crimes were recorded in Arbroath with the same number recorded in Kirriemuir whilst 7 were recorded in Monifieth, The remaining crimes spread across the counties.
- There were 26 stolen vehicles with the remainder being attempts to steal vehicles or thefts from vehicles. 65.4% of stolen vehicle crimes are detected. 55.2% of overall motor vehicle crimes have been detected which is a 25.5% increase from last year.
- Reported crimes of fraud continue to rise both locally and nationally with Angus experiencing a 27.9% increase and Scotland a 8.5% increase in Q1.

An Acquisitive crime team is now responsible for investigating crimes series under line management of CID. This provides enhanced investigative ability and resources to address motor vehicle crime. This has been pivotal in targeting a group of habitual criminals operating throughout the east of Scotland who repeatedly steal vehicles for use in housebreakings during which true keys and further vehicles are stolen. The Acquisitive team meet every morning with colleagues from neighbouring Divisions. This results in links to cross border crime series being identified quicker maximising intelligence / evidential opportunities in relation to stolen vehicles/property providing a joined up investigative approach.

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Police Scotland also targets those involved in acquisitive crime by executing apprehension warrants timeously and proactively conducting bail curfew checks where appropriate. We will also develop intelligence to crave and execute search warrants to recover stolen property.

During Q1 some notable activities by local officers include:

- Financial Harm conference held in Arbroath on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. 80 delegates with workshops on domestic harm and online scams.
- Three significant offenders were detected for 10 crimes of dishonesty (HB, Attempted HB and theft of motor vehicle).
- PIP officers have provided security advice to all car garage premises in the area.
- Officers held a successful bike marking event in Forfar on 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- Online safety event with various groups of students at the Dundee & Angus College, Arbroath Campus, focusing on online scams and Sextortion related scams.

### Local Priority/Activity – Make our roads safer

Angus has suffered 2 fatalities for the period under review. 5 persons were seriously injured which is a 48% decrease on the same period last year.

High visibility road safety enforcement continues to be routine business for the Road Policing Unit with a continued focus on the Fatal 5, which has the greatest impact on casualty reduction and addresses community concerns.

Rider Refinement North (RRN) is an opportunity for member of the public to purchase a day's motorcycle awareness with Road Policing Advanced Riders accompanied by an observer from the Institute of Advanced Motorists (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 and RoSPA. The course costs attendees £40 which includes lunch. RRN has received extremely positive feedback with some excellent learning and opportunity to influence riding behaviour with candidates travelling from across Tayside to participate.

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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 regions.

During Q1 some notable activities by local officers include:

- Speed enforcement carried out in rural areas around Forfar: Glamis, Roundyhill, Padanaram, Charleston, Newtyle and Kingsmuir. This has included road safety inputs at local schools
- Work carried in Forfar and Kirriemuir to target uninsured drivers
- Joint patrols with Community Wardens to deal with parking issues on Nursery Road Montrose.
- Jnr Road Safety Initiative at Montrose Primary Schools
- Concern raised by residents regarding inappropriate driving in Tayside Street Carnoustie. Attention given 21-23 April with a number of drivers stopped and given advice / warnings
- Driver engagement on the A9 provided partnership working and meaningful engagement with foreign and older drivers at House of Bruar.

### Local Priority/Activity – Enable and support effective engagement and communication with the public

Ease of contact is a key area of focus in our [Public Contact and Engagement Strategy](#). The introduction of accessible new contact channels and enhancement of how Police Scotland communicates and engages, will help to improve public experience and confidence in reporting crime and other incidents, enabled by digital services. For example, key programmes are continuing to ensure people are able to contact police in ways which are most accessible for individuals.

Responses to our Your Police and User Experience surveys are reviewed regularly by our Executive and service leads and have helped us act quickly in relation to emerging issues and community concerns.

Your Police is open all year and is available for anyone to complete at any time to provide feedback to their local police service. It is fully accessible on our online Engagement Hub which meets legislative standards for accessibility and is compatible with browser translation. It is available in British Sign Language and alternative languages and formats on request. We have gathered around 100,000 responses to this survey since its launch in 2019. Responses help shape policing in local areas. The User Experience Survey is sent to a sample of around 14,000 people each month who have contacted the police. An invitation to participate in the

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survey is sent via text message. The sample is made up of a representative number of people who have contacted the police to report crime (calls, online reporting, email, face to face) from all areas in Scotland over the previous month. Around 1,800 people respond each month to share their feedback on the quality of the service they received.

Key activities have included:

- Work is underway to fully develop regular data insights for local policing divisions from the survey data to highlight areas of lower engagement and locations where people have said they feel less safe.
- Keeping local community partners engaged and involved on a regular basis, using the data to design an appropriate policing response for local needs and providing a multi-agency response to cross sector themes.
- Shaping our communications and advice nationally and in local areas in response to concerns and feedback from the public – helping people stay safe. We are currently developing a suite of new resources to respond to feedback from our seldom-heard communities research programme to ensure information is available, relevant and accessible for all communities. We are taking forward conversations with local partners and communities in Dundee, Glasgow and Aberdeenshire to co-design these resources together.
- Providing information and advice on issues we know are concerning people right now, like hate crime through our new [#DontFeedHate campaign](#).

We have also recently [launched a feedback form](#) for people who have experienced domestic abuse, rape or other sexual crime to provide feedback on their experience and interactions with the Service. This is the first of its kind for Police Scotland and is the result of a collaborative approach between Public Protection and Strategy, Insight and Engagement. The feedback form will ensure we are continuing to monitor the service we provide to victim-survivors, improving our ability to understand our progress towards achieving the outcomes we have set out in our [Violence against Women and Girls Strategy](#).

During the reporting period local officers have been promoting the following through social media:

- Promotion of National Carers Week
- National Seatbelt Campaign
- Pride Month
- Mentors in Violence Prevention training in Angus and Dundee schools
- Bike Marking with SFRS in Angus

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- Speed check activity in LPAs with local officers
- Motorcycle safety
- Trusted Trader
- Fearless Safer Summer with PSYV

### Local Priority/Activity: Seek out shared learning and training opportunities with partners

In May 2023 an officer from Tayside was part of the Scottish delegation at the Global Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH) Conference in Sweden. The conference brings together law enforcement, public health and research bodies to recognise that many complex societal issues in the public health or criminal justice sectors have common underlying causes, but depending on factors of equity and social marginalisation can be criminalised. It seeks to highlight the effectiveness of collaborations and partnerships between the sectors, with understanding of the importance of the contribution of all sectors to the creation of optimum community safety and wellbeing.

The following work of Tayside partnerships was showcased including: Naloxone carriage, Near Fatal Overdose pathways and drugs policy, Collaborative Leadership, the use of victim navigators and partners to apply a public health approach to investigations into organised crime and the work to establish Community Wellbeing Centres in Perth and Dundee to improve trauma informed approaches. These activities helped to showcase the progressiveness and often world leading nature of Tayside and Scottish approaches.

In May and June this year, training days for the People Management Development Programme (PMDP) took place. PMDP is aimed at supporting People Managers to develop the skills, behaviours and confidence in supporting their teams, and helping to create a positive working environment. The programme is for all People Managers across the organisation and will start with Sergeants, Inspectors and staff equivalents with management responsibility. The PMDP is a mandatory programme, which represents a significant investment in leaders.

During Q1 some notable collaborative training activities conducted by local officers included Water & Countryside safety awareness sessions by Tayside Mountain Rescue Team with Arbroath Scouting Association and Kirriemuir Cub Scout Association.

## Local Priority/Activity: Embed environmental responsibility into current and future planning and estate management

Ongoing political, technological, economic and societal changes as well as unforeseeable emergencies on a local and global scale require the police service to adapt and respond to future challenges in order to maximise the benefits of future opportunities. This includes working to reduce the impact of our activity, estates and fleet on the environment. Police Scotland aims to make a significant contribution to the Scottish Government's 2040 carbon neutral target and 2045 zero greenhouse gas emissions target.

Taking every opportunity to co-locate and enhancing collaboration with partners is not only the best way to deliver savings to the public purse, it also facilitates more integrated and effective public services with better outcomes, particularly for the vulnerable in our society.

Tayside Division has for some time had successful co-location arrangements in a number of areas including Bellevue House in Arbroath where the Angus Child Protection team and staff from Tayside Risk and Concern Hub work alongside Angus Council Social Work colleagues.

To further our commitment to making a positive impact through outstanding environmental sustainability, Tayside Police Division has purchased 26 E-bikes in March 2023 for use by officers engaged in operational duties.

Tayside Division has been adding ULEVs to the fleet for some time. Half of the fleet of unmarked vehicles in Angus are ULEV.

We want to make commuting by bicycle easier and more economical for our officers and staff. Our Cycle to Work scheme gives officers and staff the opportunity to save money, whilst keeping fit and reducing their carbon footprint.

Tayside Division has a Tayside Cycling for Wellbeing group, with representatives from across all departments and units. Our Wellbeing Group completed a survey with all staff in 2022 with a view to introducing facilities/equipment that make cycling to work easier and more practicable.

## Quarter 1 Thematic Spotlight

### Local Priority/Activity – Reduce the stigma and harm of drug use

	Recorded Crimes			Change		Detection Rate			% point Change	
	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.
Drugs Supply	12	6	7.0	100.0%	71.4%	116.7%	116.7%	88.6%	0.0%	28.1%
Production of Drugs	1	0	1.0	N/A	0.0%	100.0%	N/A	120.0%	N/A	-20.0%
Possession of Drugs	63	46	67.8	37.0%	-7.1%	88.9%	108.7%	82.0%	-19.8%	6.9%

Tackling substance use and the harms they cause is part of Police Scotland’s duty towards ensuring the safety and wellbeing of people within our communities. Issues such as the cost of living exacerbate problems related to drugs harm such as access to addiction services, poverty, and mental health vulnerabilities.

Police Scotland adopt a whole system approach towards public health. We work alongside multiple external agencies to address longstanding issues and improve the life chances of individuals we interact with frequently.

This is shown in our work with school children through the Substance Education Package, developed alongside registered charity ‘I Am Me’, which 350 police officers nationally are now able to deliver.

Rights, respect and recovery: alcohol and drug treatment strategy is Scotland’s strategy to improve health by preventing and reducing alcohol and drug use, harms and deaths. The National Mission sets out to reduce deaths and improve lives impacted by drugs. Alcohol and Drugs Partnerships are responsible for leading the development and implementation of these strategies at a local level.

Angus Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP)

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The overall aim of Angus Alcohol & Drug Partnership is to prevent harms that are associated with alcohol and drug use in our communities. Police Scotland form part of the Angus ADP and work in partnership with services, communities and people with lived experience to understand our local communities and how best to support them. The ADP influence change in policy, systems and institutions and work to reduce the misinformation and stigma about alcohol and other drugs.

### Angus Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway (NFOD)

Since November 2021, PIP officers have been holding meetings in Angus for the purpose of sharing information with relevant partners to ensure that any person identified from a NFOD incident is discussed and the most appropriate supports are agreed and implemented.

The meetings are held twice per week and involve Police, SAS, NHS, AIDARS, Criminal Justice and Housing.

Service users are offered a full medical check and receive treatment if required. Safety advice is also provided. Any person discussed at a meeting is contacted by their appointed worker and we strive for the individual to be seen in person to ensure harm reduction advice is provided to them and to their family members. Naloxone will also be provided to the service user and family members.

On conclusion of each meeting any new trends identified will be discussed and thereafter shared with local officers. Alongside our partners, we ensure that all the relevant 3<sup>rd</sup> party agencies providing 'drop in' services are made fully aware so they can pass on advice to service users.

- APRIL 2023 – 13 Non-Fatal Overdoses were recorded in Angus, 8 of which were service users previously discussed.
- MAY 2023 – 7 Non-Fatal Overdoses were recorded in Angus, 3 of which were service users previously discussed.
- JUNE 2023 - 15 Non-Fatal Overdoses were recorded in Angus, 5 of which were service users previously discussed.



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### Carriage of Naloxone

Naloxone is an emergency, first aid response to opioid/opiate-related drug overdose situations. It reverses the respiratory suppression caused by opioids, stimulating a person's breathing; it can buy someone enough time to allow ambulance clinicians to arrive and provide professional medical care.

In February 2022, the Chief Constable made the decision to approve a national roll-out of Naloxone. The roll out is now complete, with all operational officers up to and including the rank of Inspector trained and equipped with Naloxone. All officers have been provided with a pouch containing a personal supply of Naloxone as well as administration cards and an aide memoire. The pouches are carried in a high profile manner (belts/vests) so as to decrease stigma relating to problematic drug use and improve the relationship between people who use illicit drugs and the police.

Officers undertake an annual refresher on the carriage and use of Naloxone during the OST recertification course. The equipping of Police Scotland officers with Naloxone is a decision which has been widely supported by the overwhelming majority of our key partners and stakeholders, including the Scottish Government. Similarly, the response from the public and the media, both Scottish, UK and internationally, has been positive.

As of 30 June, 2023, there had been 252 incidents in Scotland where Naloxone has been administered by a police officer.

Over the period of Q1, Tayside Division recorded 17 incidents whereby officers have administered nasal naloxone to persons suspected to be in a state of overdose. Angus accounted for 7 of these administrations.

PIP officers continue to liaise with partners in respect of developing awareness in relation to County Lines and Cuckooing. We promptly monitor and act upon intelligence to ensure support mechanisms are in place for vulnerable persons affected by such activity.

During the reporting period officers have provided drugs and internet awareness sessions with foster carers in Angus to make them aware of the recent trends which may affect the young people they care for.

Student safety sessions took place at Dundee and Angus College, Arbroath Campus for new students starting in August 2023 around drugs and their effects.

### Local Priority/Activity – Target those involved in drugs supply

As the threat from Serious Organised Crime (SOC) across Scotland's communities continues, the distribution of controlled drugs throughout the country remains one of the main sources of activity and income for these criminal groups.

As a result, tackling the effects and targeting those involved in the supply of controlled drugs is a priority for every territorial policing division within Police Scotland.

Through the effective Serious Organised Crime Mapping process, the Organised Crime Groups (OCG's) assessed as presenting the most significant risk of harm to our communities are identified and these groups are investigated by the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Units (OCCTU) based geographically across the country.

All other aspects of drug enforcement are carried out by each of the territorial Policing Divisions, maximising our commitment to working in partnership with a wide range of partners and working closely with every community in Scotland.

Tayside Division has a Serious and Organised Crime Team, consisting of a team of detective officers led by a Detective Inspector which oversees all serious and organised crime matters.  
Intelligence

The gathering of intelligence is essential to understanding the level and type of drug and substance misuse at a local and national level. Intelligence is monitored, assessed and reviewed to identify any emerging trends in respect of drug and substance misuse.

All Officers are encouraged to submit intelligence to the Scottish Intelligence Database (SID) in relation to the misuse of drugs at all levels, including any emerging local and national trends.

### Partners Intelligence Portal

Focus remains across Tayside around the promotion of the Partner Intelligence Portal. The portal is a system unique to Police Scotland which allows authorised and trained partners to access the system and submit information/intelligence. The portal can be used for any form of intelligence where there is no immediate risk to an individual with recent examples including ASB and drugs. We deliver training sessions to both statutory and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector partners on the system and have several further training dates

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scheduled over the coming months. Once trained users are assigned a log in to access the system, they can record information/intelligence with Police Scotland.

### Enforcement

Between 1 April and 30 June 2023, officers executed 7 Drug Search Warrants in Angus. An increased focus on the supply of controlled drugs is evident in the increase in charges for drug supply in comparison with the same period last year. Similarly there is a notable increase in charges for possession of controlled drugs which is a direct result of proactive enforcement. As a result of the enforcement activity, 9 persons were reported for drugs offences. In summary, the search activity recovered:

- 1 x potential firearm (to be confirmed following forensic analysis).
- Class A drugs- £8,560 potential maximum street value.
- Class B drugs - £15,230 potential maximum street value.
- £3950 cash

### Stop and Search

Stop and search remains a valuable policing tactic which helps prevent, investigate and detect crime to keep people safe and is just one tactical option available to officers. We recognise that stopping and searching members of the public is an intrusion into their personal liberty and privacy and are committed to making sure it is done in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

Being a rights based organisation, Police Scotland ensures robust governance and transparency around the use of the tactic to ensure compliance with the Code of Practice and by extension, the upholding of Human Rights. Officers continue to carry out Stop and Search in line with Police Scotland's values of fairness, integrity, respect and human rights with officers being fully accountable for their actions. The decision to search a person must always be based on reasonable grounds which can be formed from a number of different factors, including intelligence, information, an officer's own observations and from general engagement with anyone they encounter.

The National Stop Search Unit (NSSU) reports monthly to ACC Johnson, Executive Lead for Stop and Search. Additionally the NSSU reports bi-annually to the Stop Search Mainstreaming Group which again is chaired by ACC Johnston. This meeting affords the opportunity for further external discussion and scrutiny from stakeholders including Scottish Government, Scottish Institute for Policing Research and the Scottish Police Authority.

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In the Q1 reporting period, 55 stop searches were conducted in Angus with items including weapons, stolen property and drugs recovered. This equates to a positive rate of 41.8%. Outcomes from these cases were:

- 16 crimes reported by way of Standard Police Report to COPFS
- 4 Recorded Police Warnings
- 3 Fixed Penalty Notices issued