



Dundee City Council

Community Safety and Public Protection Committee

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021

**Report No 143-2022 by Chief Superintendent Phil Davison
Police Scotland D Division (Tayside)**

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that members note and scrutinise this operational report.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The purpose of this report (Appendix A) is to provide information to the Committee regarding the performance of Police Scotland to facilitate local scrutiny.
- 2.2 Appendix A will provide information in relation to some of the work which has taken place within Dundee Local Policing Area.
- 2.3 The content in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

3. PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 Appendix A will provide updates on:
- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
 - Acquisitive Crime
 - Road Safety and Road Crime
 - Public Protection
 - Serious Organised Crime
 - Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no staffing issues as a result of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

6.1 This report does not have any impact on the environment.

7. SUMMARY

7.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant operational matters and performance of the local policing area.

8. COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

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| (a) Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? | YES |
| (b) Equality & Diversity compliant? | YES |



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Quarter 3 ending 31st December 2021
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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

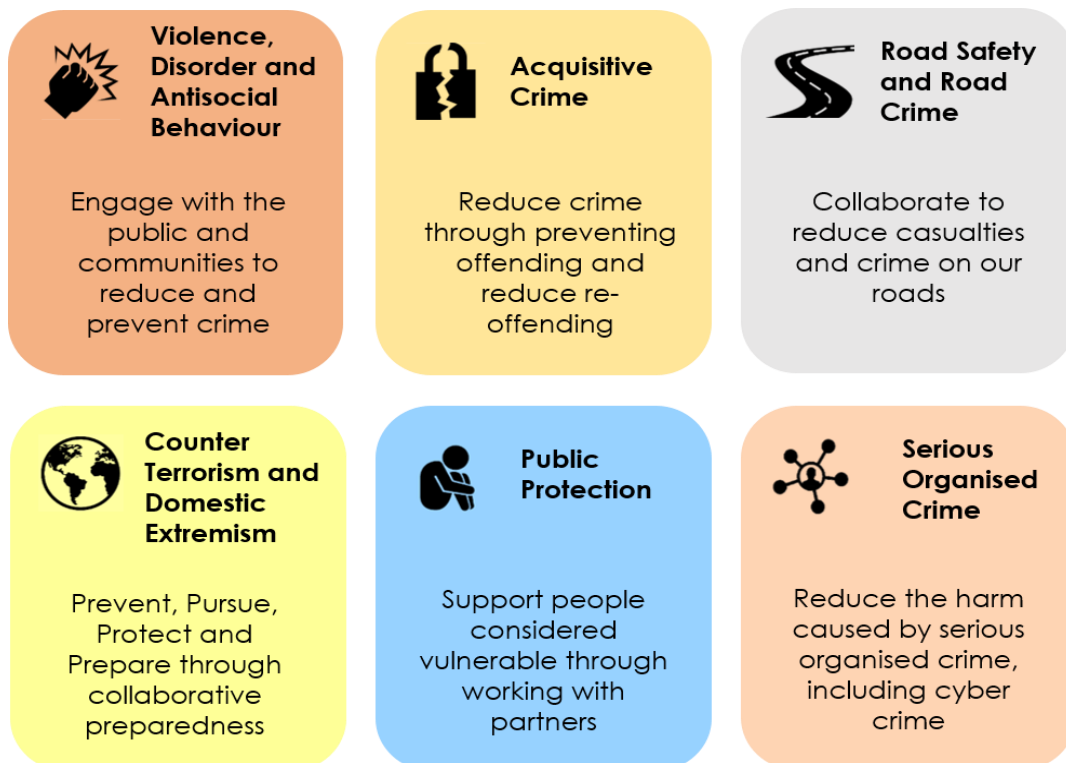
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Dundee City Council and will report to the Community Safety and Public Protection/Neighbourhood Services 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 Dundee City Council at the Community Safety and Public Protection/Neighbourhood Services Committee. This report covers the period from 1 October to 31 December 2021, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020 and 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Committee Members to conduct their responsibilities under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

This report will make reference to specific crimes mentioned in the local policing plan, which we refer to as our control strategy.

The information contained within this document compliments Force Priorities and supports reporting through Community Planning Partnership structures.



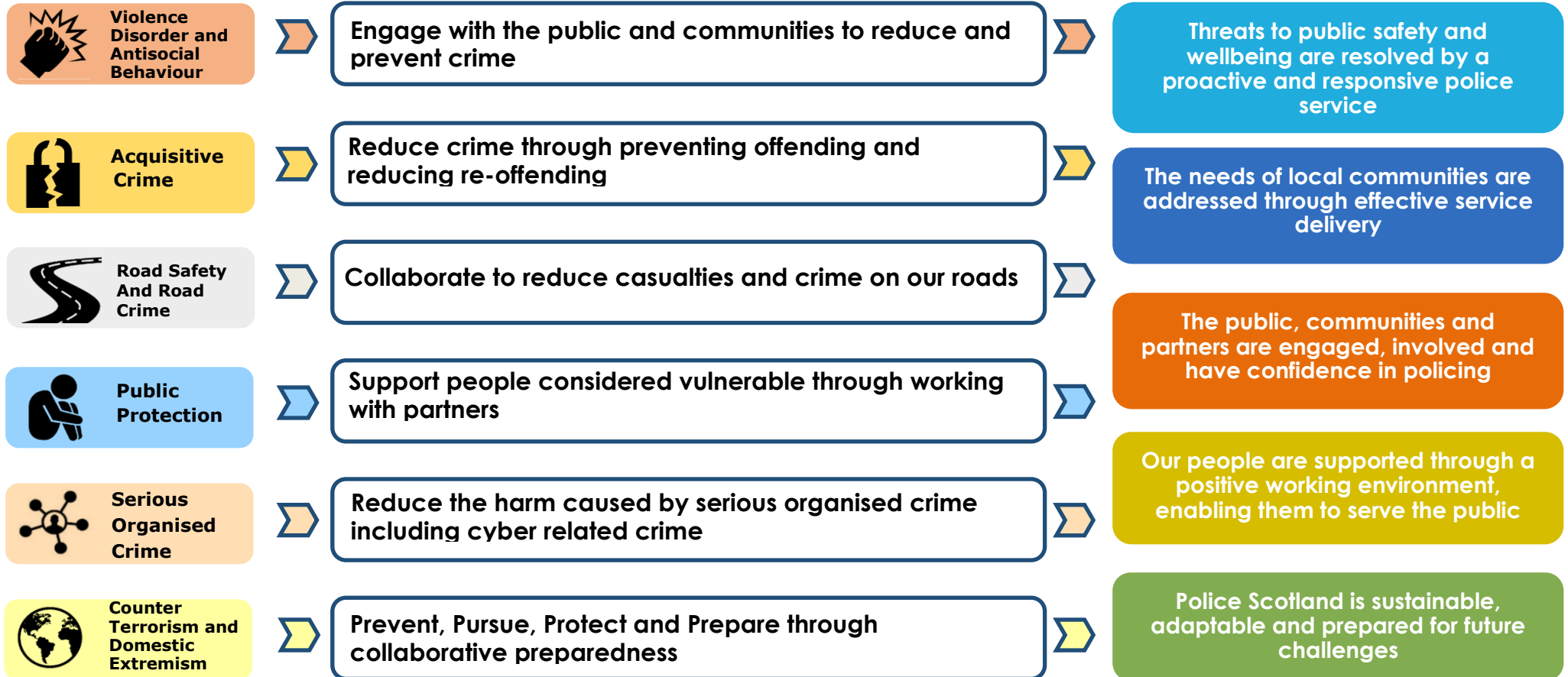
Plan on a Page – Dundee City Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

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

Local Priorities

Objectives

Outcomes




















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Summary Report Dundee City LPA

1st April 2021 to 31st December 2021

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	Serious Assault		 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Robbery Inc Intent		 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Common Assault - Total	
		Crimes			Detect %			Detect %
	20/21	104		20/21	71.9		20/21	69.7
	21/22	100		21/22	71.3		21/22	67.5
	% +/-	-3.8%		% +/-	-0.6%		% +/-	-2.2%
 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Emergency Services Assault		 Acquisitive Crime	Housebreakings -Dwellings		 Acquisitive Crime	Motor Vehicle Crime	
		Crimes			Detect %			Detect %
	20/21	245		20/21	18.5		20/21	40.0
	21/22	264		21/22	25.7		21/22	24.5
	% +/-	+7.8%		% +/-	+7.3%		% +/-	-15.5%
 Acquisitive Crime	Fraud		 Road Safety and Road Crime	Speeding		 Road Safety and Road Crime	Drink/ Drug Driving	
		Crimes			Detect %			Detect %
	20/21	385		20/21	100		20/21	88.3
	21/22	455		21/22	99.7		21/22	89.8
	% +/-	+18.2%		% +/-	-0.3%		% +/-	+1.5%
 Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Deaths - All		 Road Safety and Road Crime	Serious Injury - All		 Public Protection	Rape Inc Assault with Intent	
		Crimes			Detect %			Detect %
	20/21	1		20/21	N/A		20/21	57.1
	21/22	0		21/22	N/A		21/22	56.1
	% +/-	/		% +/-	/		% +/-	-1.0%
 Public Protection	Group 2 - Sexual Crimes		 Serious Organised Crime	Drugs Supply		 Serious Organised Crime	Drug Possession	
		Crimes			Detect %			Detect %
	20/21	478		20/21	90.7		20/21	103.2
	21/22	451		21/22	99.0		21/22	90.6
	% +/-	-5.6%		% +/-	+8.3%		% +/-	-12.6%

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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 City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:

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- Community Safety and Justice
- Building Stronger Communities

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

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

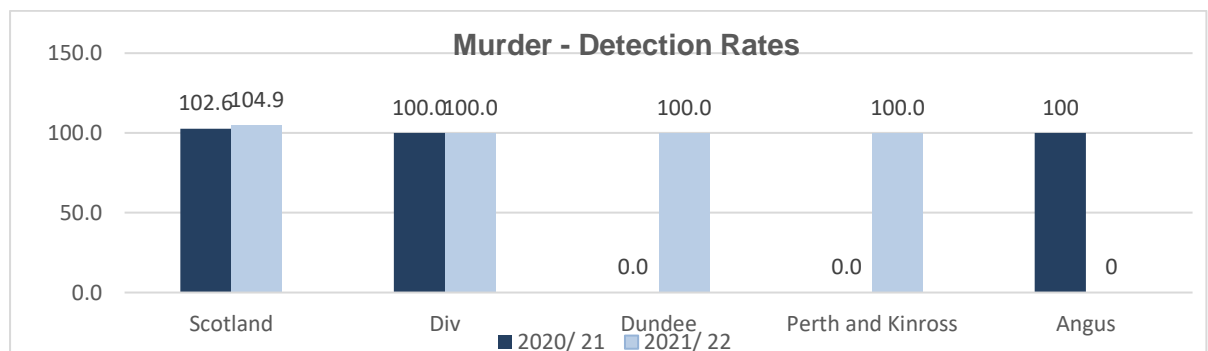
Murder

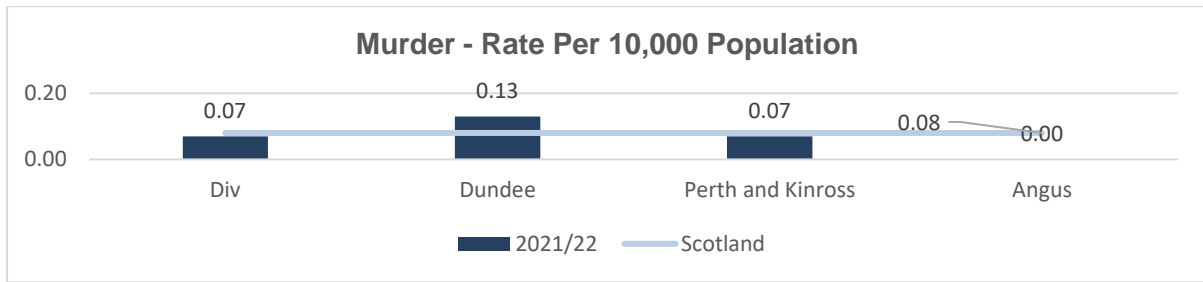
There was one murder recorded during the reporting period. This took place in November, 2021 within the female victim's home address located in the Douglas area of the city.

The male perpetrator was quickly identified, arrested and later charged with the crime. The male was remanded in custody and currently awaits trial. Those community members most directly impacted by police activity were supported throughout the police deployment.

Results

The above offence remains subject to ongoing court proceedings.





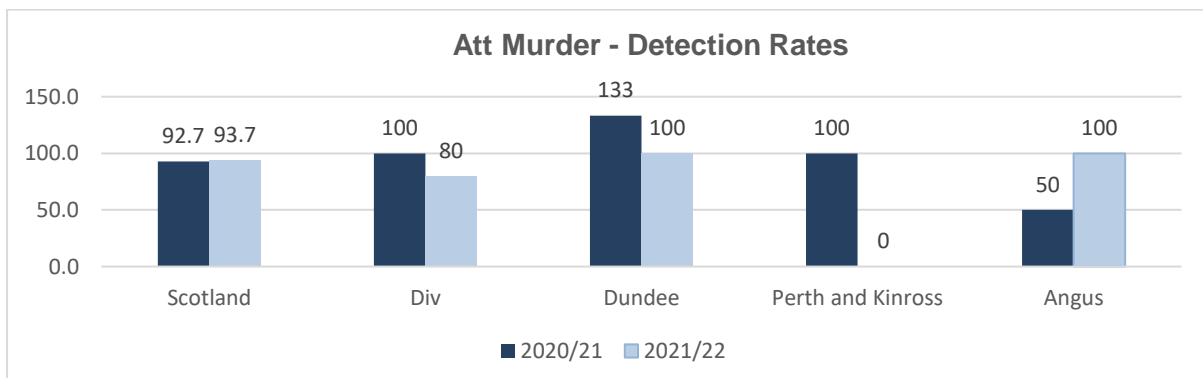
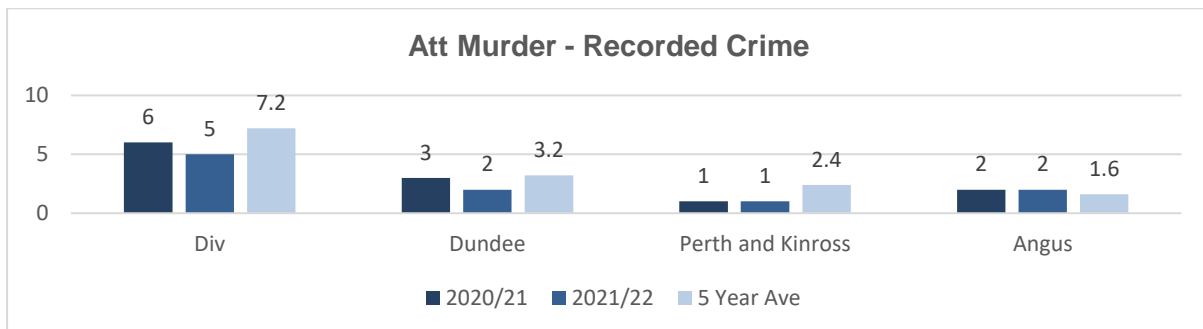
Attempted Murder

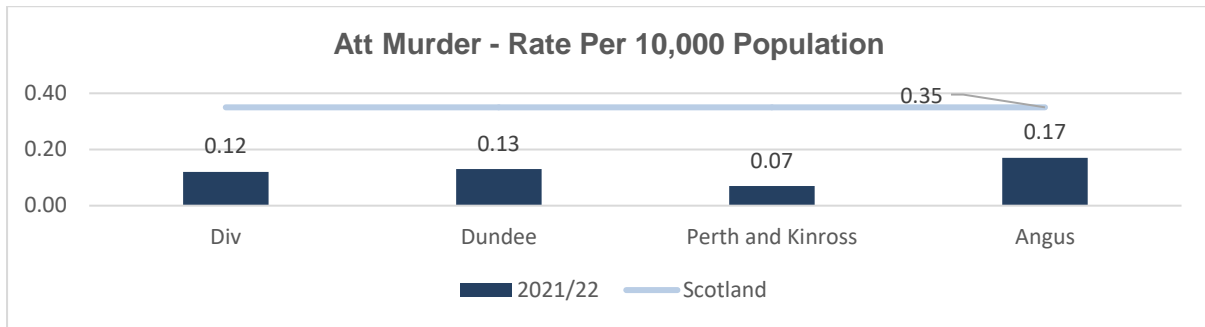
Activity

There was one Attempted Murder recorded during the reporting period.

This incident took place during December, 2021 within the Fintry area of Dundee. Prior to the incident taking place, the victim had witnessed another crime being committed and this would appear to have been the catalyst for him being targeted by those responsible. The perpetrators have deliberately driven their motor vehicle towards the victim before alighting and further assaulting him with weapons. The victim received treatment for several minor injuries sustained during the attack.

Two persons have since been identified as responsible and were later arrested and charged with the offence. One of these offenders remains remanded in custody awaiting trial.





Serious Assault

Activity

All crimes of Serious Assault are subject to a review from a Detective Sergeant, CID to ensure that all pertinent enquiries are identified and prioritised. These crimes are tasked out daily to ensure victim safeguarding and quick arrests.

Where violent offenders are subject to bail curfews or special bail conditions in respect of their offences, bail compliance checks are habitually carried out and breaches are reported.

Locality teams and Op Argonite proactively carry out prison release and offender visits to discourage re-offending and ensure any support required is escalated through the Interventions team.

During Q3, our Community Investigation Unit effected the arrest of 15 individuals subject to Category A Warrants. These individuals were all known for the commission of crimes of violence and this activity was linked to a proactive, intelligence led approach to targeting those who choose to engage in violent crime.

Results

There have been 100 Serious Assaults committed YTD, in comparison to 104 the previous year. This constitutes a decrease of 4% in comparison to LYTD figures and is 9.75% lower than the 5 year average. There have been 35 Serious Assaults committed in Q3 in comparison to 28 crimes in Q2.

39% of Serious Assaults were perpetrated in public spaces, 29% took place near to or within licensed premises, whilst 32% were recorded as taking place within private dwellings. From analysis, it is clear that the over consumption of alcohol and abuse of controlled substances continues to play a part in these types of crimes. 77% of these incidents have involved victims or perpetrators being under the influence of drink or drugs.

Of the crimes committed in Q3, weapons were used in 29% of crimes recorded with a knife or sharp bladed implement being used in the majority of these. In almost half of the crimes recorded the victim and offender were known to each other.

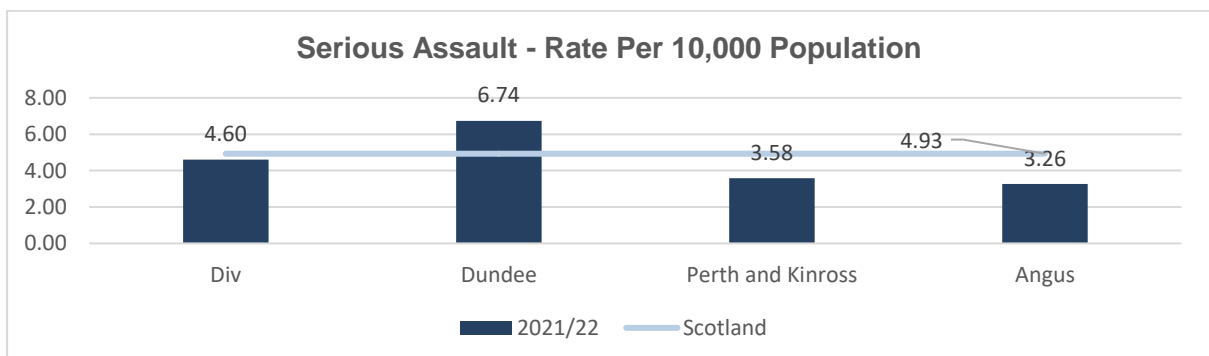
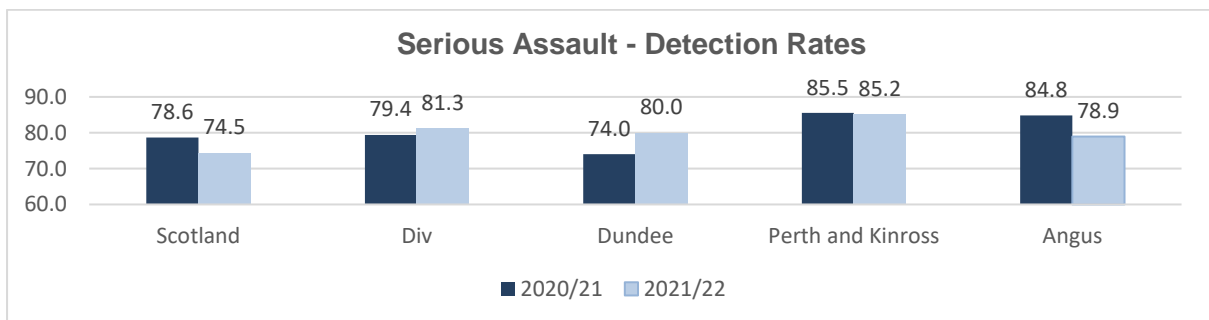
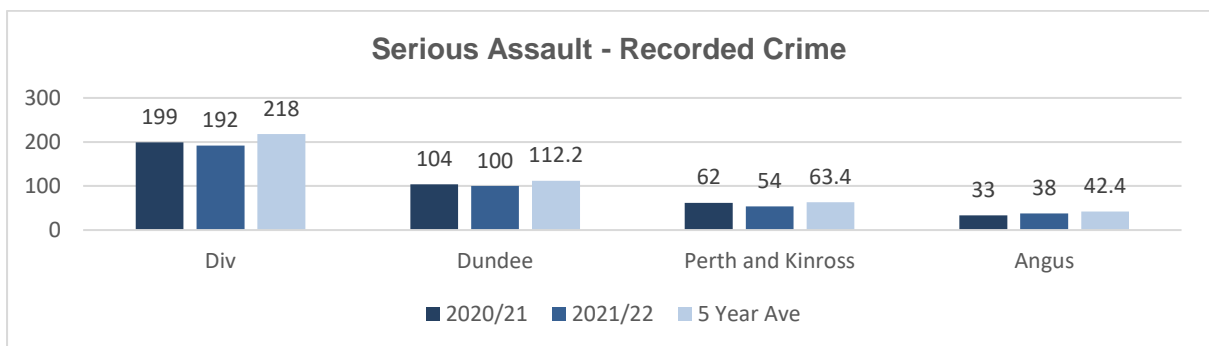
The trend of this crime type occurring in public spaces has increased somewhat from LYTD, however this was expected with the COVID19 restrictions easing. It remains the case that the majority of these crimes remain unplanned and sporadic.

The detection rate for this crime type at the end of Q3 was 80%, which is a 6% increase on LYTD figures.

Challenges

A significant number of these crimes were committed by offenders who were known to their victims. These relationships impact on levels of engagement and can make investigations challenging, often relying upon forensic evidence and third party witnesses.

Violent crime has a negative impact on the health and well-being of victims and communities. Alcohol and drugs misuse continue to feature strongly in reports of Serious Assault in respect of both offenders and victims, with a correlation between more serious injuries being seen where weapons are involved.



Common Assault

Activity

There have been 1,719 Common Assaults recorded, with 264 of these being committed against Emergency Workers. In keeping with the above analysis of Serious Assaults and Robberies, alcohol and drugs feature strongly, with the majority of crimes being unplanned. Just over a quarter of these crimes were related to Domestic offending.

Our response to Common Assaults is aligned to our broader approach to serious and violent crime, with the most relevant differentiation between the categories often being whether weapons feature in the commission of the crime or not. This emphasises the additional harm caused when weapons are carried and the importance of educating those who would consider carrying weapons, the proactive use of stop and search and the importance of robust enforcement action in respect of this offence.

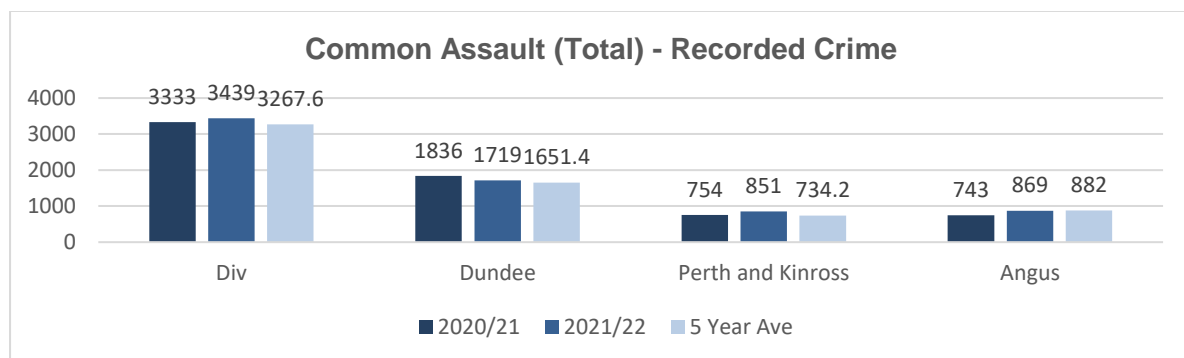
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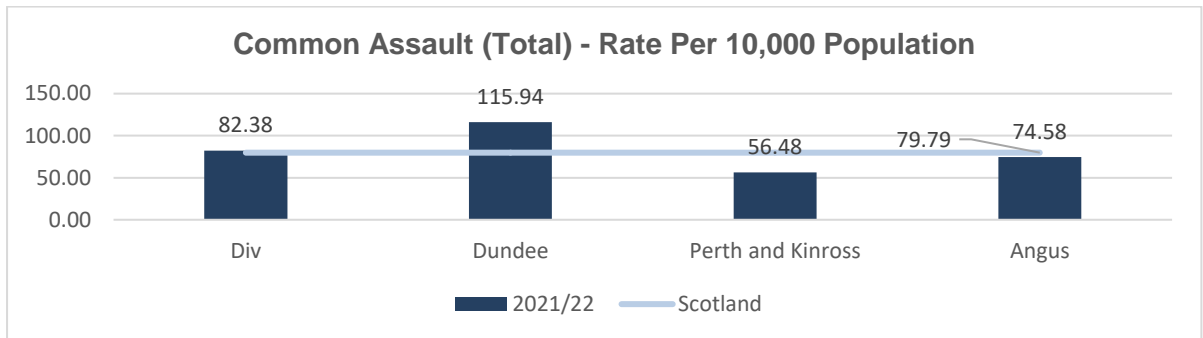
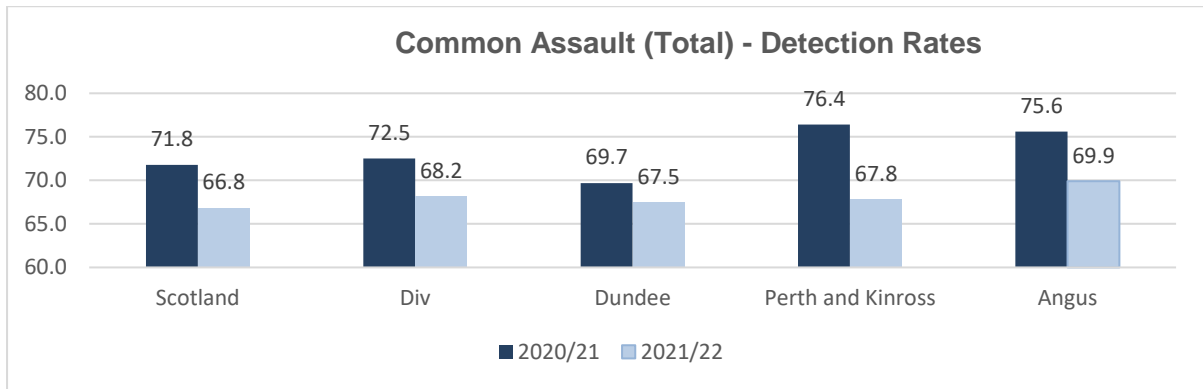
The detailed figures constitute a decrease in occurrence rates of 6.4% in comparison to LYTD. However, there been an increase in relation to Common Assaults perpetrated against Emergency Service workers, which now account for around 15% of the total figure. The current detection rate is 67.5% in comparison to 69.7% LYTD.

Challenges

Similarly to Serious Assaults, Common Assaults are sporadic in nature and the majority of these occur in a private dwellings, which in itself provides a significant challenge to policing. Further, the relationship between the victim and the offender can be a hindrance as it can make them uncooperative with an investigation.

It is clear that the abuse of alcohol and drugs remains a strong factor in driving occurrence rates across all violent crime and this crime category is no different.





Robbery

Activity

This section includes crimes of Robbery, Assault and Robbery, and Assault with Intent to Rob. The mere threat or inference of violence is sufficient for incidents to be recorded.

The response to Robberies remains a Divisional priority and all activity is aligned to the Divisional Robbery Action Plan.

All reports of Robbery have a CID input from the outset and the majority of these investigations are progressed by this department. A Robbery Toolkit has been developed to ensure consistency of investigative practice and provision of support to victims.

The focus remains on prevention with proactive activity aligned to geographic areas where higher levels of violent crimes are seen, targeting those who are wanted on warrant for serious and violent crime to ensure early arrests are made and the provision of support to those who are vulnerable to becoming repeat victims.

In addition, within Q3 we have seen a number of Robberies reported linked to Domestic abuse, where items such as mobile telephones and cash have been stolen within the context of domestic offending. These crimes are carefully reviewed, details shared with partners and in all cases robust safety plans are instigated to support victims. This work is described in more detail in the section of this report dedicated to our response to Domestic Violence.

During Q3, Operation Argonite investigated a Robbery within the Stobswell area which involved the Robbery of a taxi driver. The team and local community officers carried out high visibility patrols in the area to provide community reassurance. The perpetrator was subsequently traced and remanded in custody. The broader aspects of OP Argonite's preventative work is covered later in this report.

Results

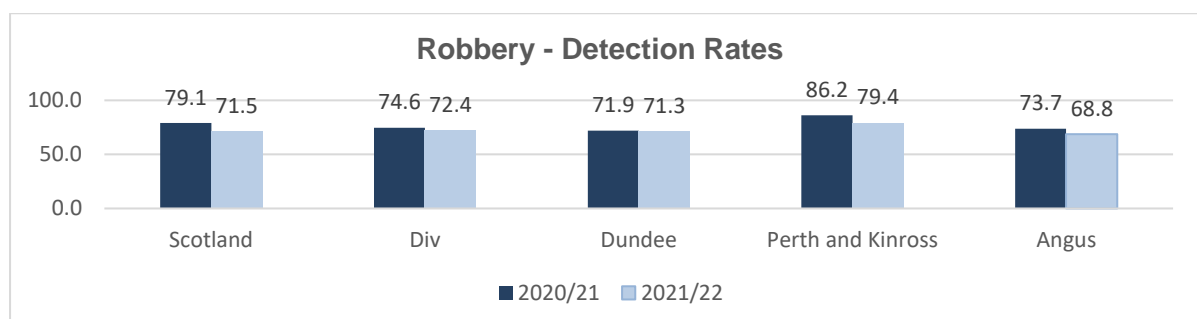
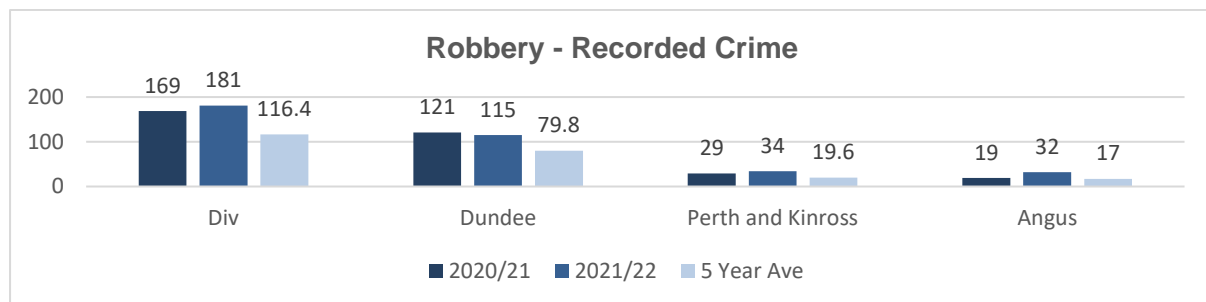
This quarter has recorded a slight increase in Robberies committed in Dundee with 39 reported in comparison to 34 crimes during Q2. Although this total number remains higher than the 5 year average, it constitutes a 5% decrease in comparison to LYTD. Detection for Robbery at the end of Q3 was 71.3% in comparison to 71.9% LYTD.

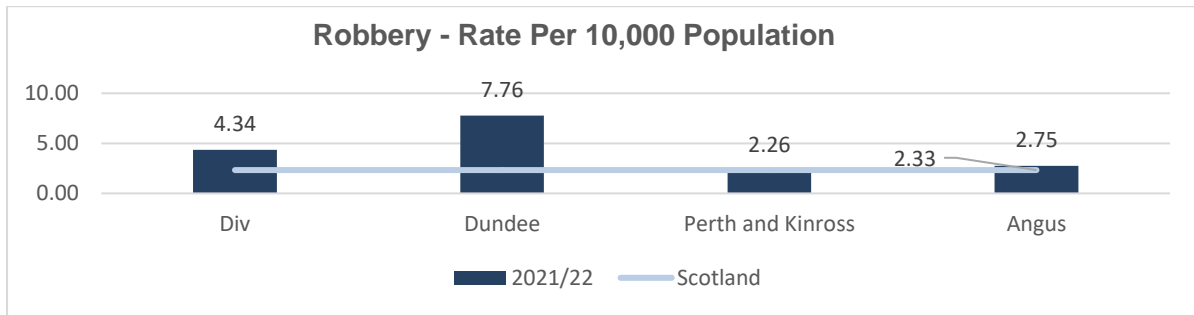
Analysis of the incidents reported within this period shows 49% of crimes involved the use of a weapon, 36% within private dwellings and 64% within a public place. As with Serious Assaults, in the vast majority of crimes of Robbery the offenders and victims are known to each other (74% of crimes) and drugs and alcohol are a factor on the part of the victim, the offender or both.

Challenges

The challenges associated with these offences have not changed, in that the majority of crimes are closely linked to drug supply and use.

In Dundee City, there are few repeat offenders and victims, with the majority of incidents being sporadic and opportunistic. The known relationship between victim and offender continues to present challenges with several victims failing to fully engage with police enquiries.





Vandalism and ASB

The crime of Vandalism is often associated with broader instances of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), so I have included a range of statistics pertinent to ASB broken down into incident type and frequency of calls to each multi member ward area.

Activity

In Q3 reports were received in relation to Youth ASB within Dundee City Centre. Of note, there have been complaints made by McDonalds, KFC, Overgate and Wellgate shopping centre's with regards to youth's causing annoyance in and around these premises. Our City Centre Community Team continue to liaise with stakeholders and an action plan has been launched to tackle night-time youth ASB. This also includes the use of electric scooters by youths in the area which remains a problem. Since the conclusion of Q3 the new City Centre policing model has been launched, with positive feedback received from stakeholders regards improved visibility and consistency of approach to these issues.

A City Centre walkabout was completed with Dundee City Council members, councillors and stakeholders to discuss hotpots and agree a joint approach.

Police Scotland are now members of the City Centre Forum where a range of matters pertinent to the city centre are discussed, including Youth ASB and the night time economy amongst other broader themes.

One of the main challenges of Q3 was the return to increased trade as we entered the Festive period. A Festive Policing Plan was implemented which saw officers dedicated to City Centre policing for the festive period. This included policing the Dundee City Centre Winter garden festivities in Slessor Gardens which passed without significant incident.

Community Teams in the Maryfield area have been engaged with Parkwise, understanding that the area is a highly travelled route linking parts of the city. The work involved completing joint patrols in and around local schools to promote road safety with children and parents alike making the roads safer at key times. The delivery of this activity was timed to ensure it targeted the darker months of Autumn and Winter, when road conditions and lighting are poorer, which can historically lead to increased collisions and accidents.

The focus in the Lochee area has been increasing patrols and engagement with those living in the areas multi-storey buildings. These patrols focused on the impact of ASB

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linked to drug misuse. The Locality Inspector will continue to review performance in this area and seek to update the approach based on feedback from residents.

Results

Q1 + Q2 + Q3 ASB 2021/21 compared to the same period of the previous year:

ASB Type	2020/21	2021/22	Change	% Change
Public Nuisance	4482	2865	-1617	-36.1%
Disturbance	3415	3022	-393	-11.5%
Noise	2841	2071	-770	-27.1%
Drinking In Public	5	3	-2	-40.0%
Neighbour Dispute	931	795	-136	-14.6%
Communications	1465	1368	-97	-6.6%
Damage	919	1050	+131	+14.3%
Total	14058	11174	-2884	-20.5%

A total of 11,174 ASB incidents were recorded in Dundee LPA in 2021/22 up to the end of Q3. This is a 20.5% decrease from the previous year, driven by a decrease in Public Nuisance incidents. In 2020/21 Public Nuisance was regularly used to record incidents relating to COVID-19, such as persons suspected of not adhering to guidelines/restrictions. Damage is the only incident type to see an increase, with 131 more incidents (+14.3%) recorded in 2021/22 than the previous year.

2021/22 Q3 compared to Q2:

ASB Type	Q2	Q3	Change	% Change from Q2 to Q3
Public Nuisance	816	842	+26	+3.2%
Disturbance	1070	963	-107	-10.0%
Noise	741	635	-106	-14.3%
Drinking In Public	1	1	0	0.0%
Neighbour Dispute	322	171	-151	-46.9%
Communications	467	430	-37	-7.9%
Damage	363	378	+15	+4.1%
Total	3780	3420	-360	-9.5%

In Q3 of 2021/22 there were 360 fewer ASB incidents than in Q2 (-9.5%), and 967 fewer (-22.0%) compared to Q3 of the previous year. There were small increases in Public Nuisance and damage incidents, and Drinking in Public remained unchanged (with only one incident recorded in each quarter). All other incident types saw decreases, most notably Neighbour Dispute with a 46.9% decrease (151 fewer incidents in Q3 than Q2).

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Q1 + Q2 + Q3 ASB 2021/21 compared to the same period of the previous year by Multi-Member Ward:

MMW	2020/21	2021/22	Change	% Change
Coldside	2628	1932	-696	-26.5%
East End	2094	1545	-549	-26.2%
Lochee	2527	1870	-657	-26.0%
Maryfield	2320	1823	-497	-21.4%
North East	1013	917	-96	-9.5%
Strathmartine	1390	1222	-168	-12.1%
The Ferry	606	598	-8	-1.3%
West End	1480	1267	-213	-14.4%
Total	14058	11174	-2884	-20.5%

All multi-member wards saw a decrease in ASB incidents up to the end of Q3 in 2021/22 compared with the same period of the previous year. Most wards saw sizable decreases, in particular Coldside, East End and Lochee which all saw reductions of more than one-quarter compared to the previous year.

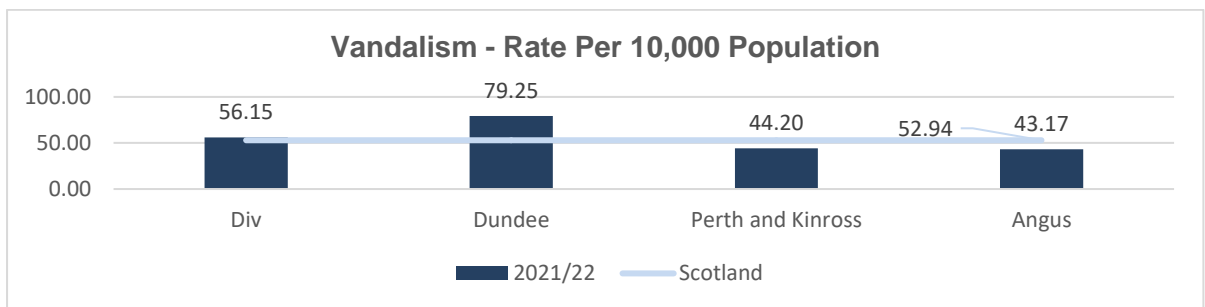
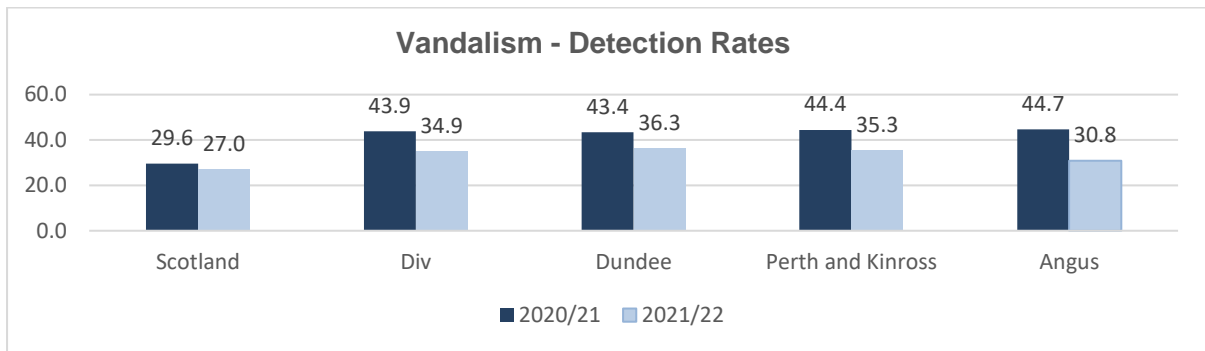
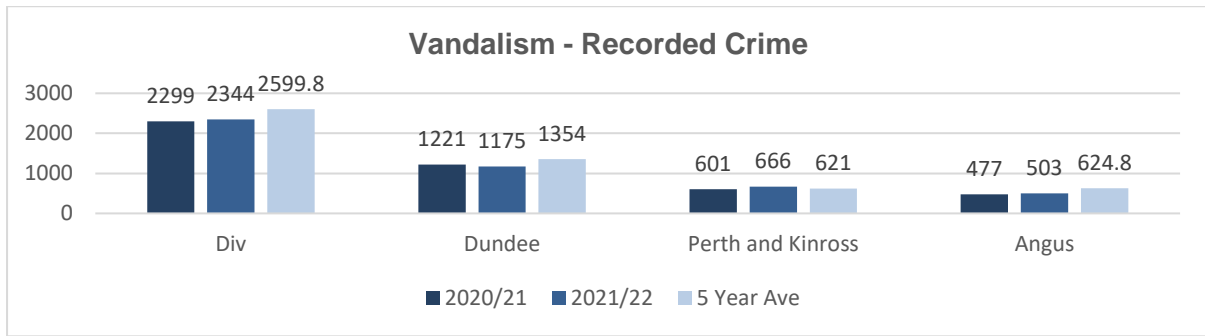
The Ferry remained at a similar level with eight fewer incidents recorded, but continues to have significantly lower incident levels than any other ward, accounting for 5.4% of the Dundee City total. Damage was the only ASB incident type to increase over this period; all wards with the exception of Lochee saw an increase year to date to end of Q3 2021/22 compared to the previous year, with the largest increases seen in North East (+36 incidents, +45.0%), The Ferry (+31 incidents, +68.9%) and West End (+31 incidents, +30.4%).

Challenges

Looking ahead, since the conclusion of Q3 we have seen increased issues in respect of Youth ASB on our city buses, which appears to coincide with the provision of free bus passes to children and young people under the age of 21 years since 1st January, 2022. The issue is raised here as it is current now, however will be subject to further reporting in the Q4 report.

In some cases, groups of children have been seen to travel widely across the city, without any genuine intended destination. The buses have been used as places to congregate and as such we have seen increase reports from bus drivers and other passengers in respect of ASB. We are working with XPlore to tackle this issue and are seeking to deliver joint patrols on buses by local officers and bus inspectors. We are also building this topic into educational inputs delivered at local schools.

Although the impact of ASB linked to the use of off road bikes has been reduced during Q3, we anticipate this issue to return into Q4 and the next performance year. As such, intelligence led operations continued to locate and seize off road bikes associated with this issue and a fresh media and Police campaign will be launched again under the banner of OP Challenge in advance of better weather arriving.



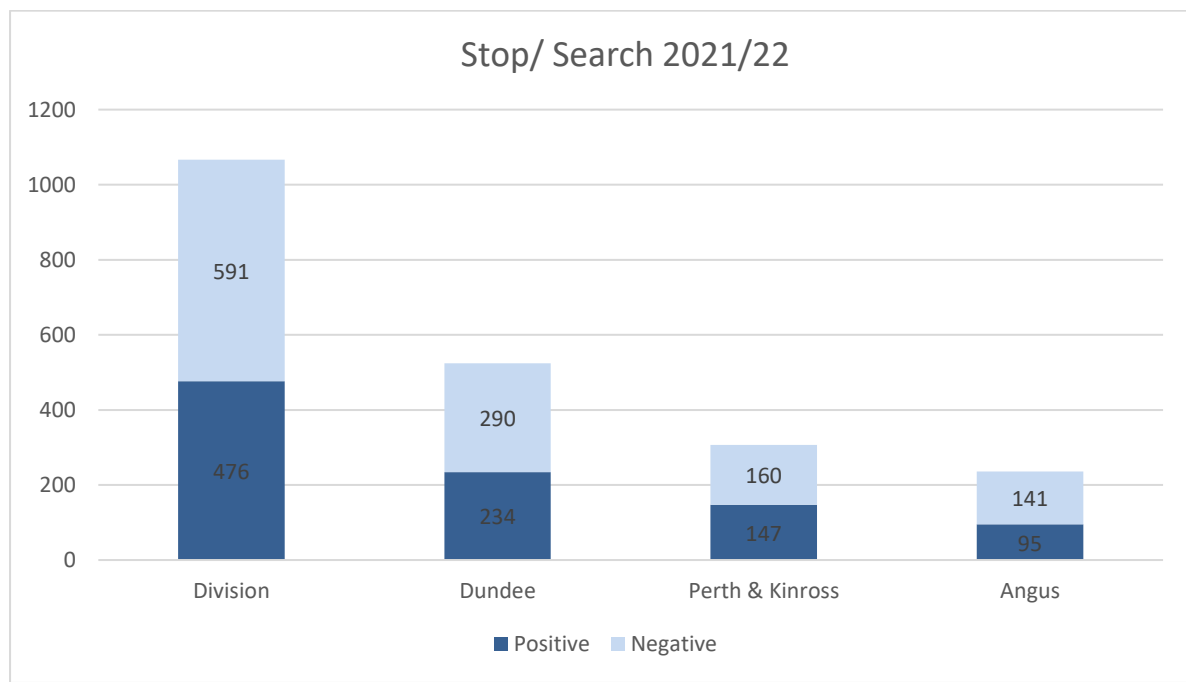
Measure – Stop Search

Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic in the prevention, investigation and detection of crime, with the intention of keeping people safe and improving community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion into their personal liberty and privacy and Police Scotland are committed to ensuring that when it is necessary to stop and search a person it is carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

Officers will explain why they have stopped an individual before any search and explain what they are looking for. After the search, officers will provide the individual with a receipt for the search, which contains information about their rights and how they can access a copy of their stop and search record.

In the reporting period 524 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 234 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 44.7%.

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





Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime
through preventing
offending and
reduce re-
offending

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Operating Context

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

Domestic Housebreaking

Activity

In Q3, the CIU investigated a number of crime series linked to both Residential and Commercial Housebreakings.

In October, 2021 a series of Commercial HBs and Attempt HBs were reported pertinent to a range of business premises across the City Centre and into the Polepark area. Premises effected included private gym's, a number of hairdressers and take away premises. Following detailed enquiry a male and female were identified as responsible, arrests made and a series of charges brought. The male offender is remanded in custody pending trial.

In December, 2021 a series of residential Theft HBs and Attempt Theft HBs were reported in the Broughty Ferry area. A male was arrested and charged in connection with 13 separate crimes. He remains remanded in custody pending trial.

In December, 2021 a further separate series of crimes was reported linked to cafes and restaurants in the City centre area. Two males were identified and arrested. This matter remains subject to court proceedings.

Aside from the above crimes series, the CIU detected a further 14 individual crimes of Theft HB within Q3, relevant to residential properties right across the city.

OP After dark activity continued into Q3, with leaflet drops and community engagement centred on providing crime prevention advice in areas where crime analysis indicated higher levels of acquisitive crime were being committed. This work was supported by volunteers from Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, who dedicated some of their sessions to additional leaflet drops and engagement activity.

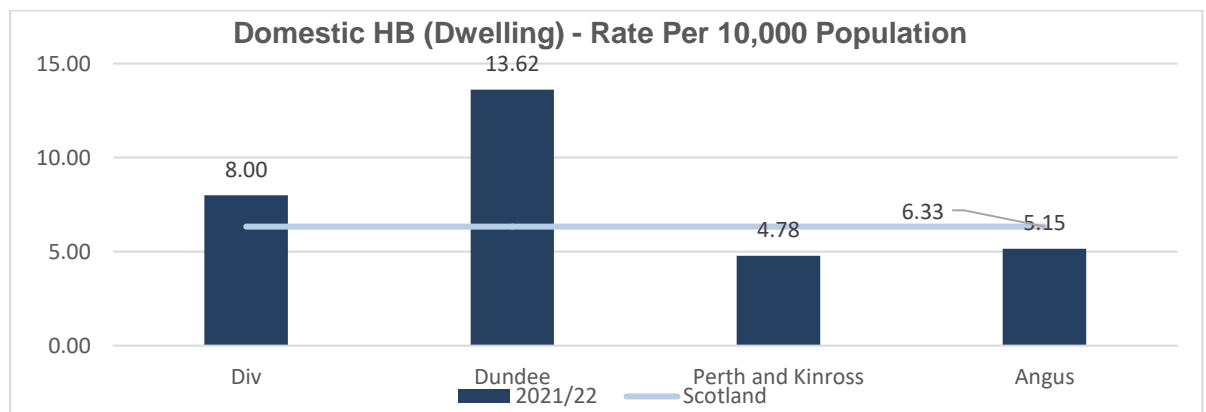
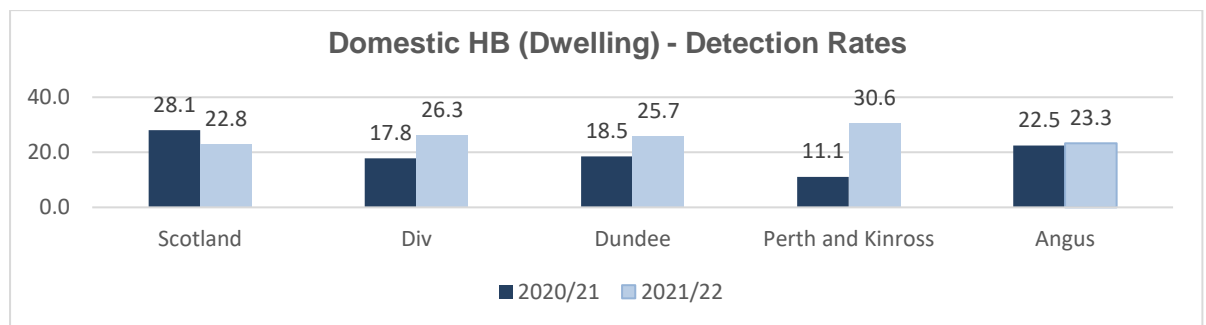
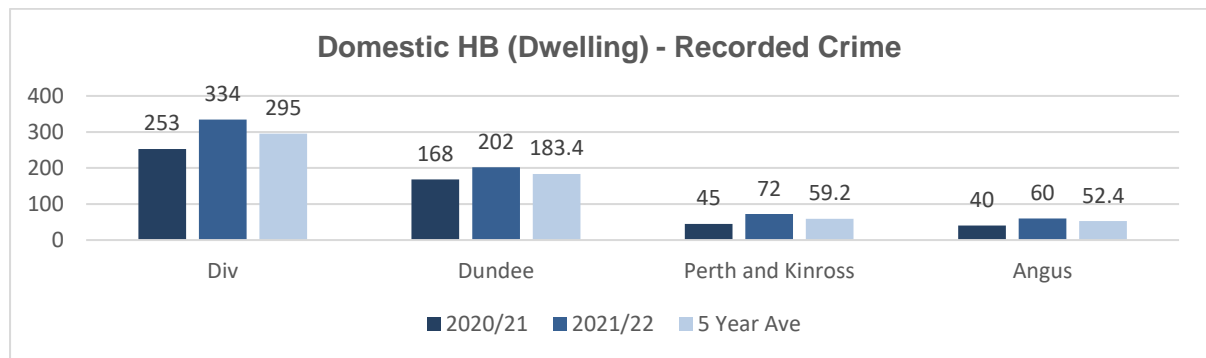
Results

We have continued to see increases in a variety of types of acquisitive crime across the city and HBs are no different. There have been 202 recorded crimes of HB as of the end of Q3, which is an increase of 34 crimes in comparison to LYTD. Positively the detection rate in respect of these offences has increased by 7.2% in comparison to LYTD figures.

Challenges

It is assessed that as the impact on the cost of living continues to increase, occurrence rates in respect of acquisitive crime will continue to be problematic.

A small number of repeat offenders significantly impact crime occurrence rates in respect of acquisitive crime. We continue to engage closely with Criminal Justice partners regards appropriate intervention and prevention.



Fraud

Activity

Reports of fraud have continued to increase in line with both the Divisional and National picture. This has been a continued trend since initial lockdown conditions were instigated during 2020. This saw a rapid increase in cyber-related criminality, as organised crime groups exploited the increase in internet usage in line with the general public working from home.

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

There is no apparent change in the way fraud is being committed and predictions suggest cyber-related criminality will continue in a similar manner to that experienced since last year.

It is anticipated that the information gathered will result in many of the crimes being transferred to other jurisdictions for continued investigation and perpetrator enforcement.

The Division's Fraud Working Group continues its efforts to raise awareness of Fraud, offering advice to the public in how to keep safe whilst online highlighting recent scams which are ongoing and how to avoid becoming a victim.

These messages are conveyed through partners in Neighbourhood Watch, social media as well as COVID19 vaccination centres in an attempt to reach a wider audience.

In terms of prevention work, all victims of Fraud are contacted by a Preventions Officer and offered advice by email or Fraud pack. Several victims have been referred to both Trading Standards and VSS for further support. All doorstep incidents reported have resulted in a targeted letter drop in local areas carried out by DCC Community Safety Wardens. All victims are sign-posted to the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Alert Scheme, with notable rises in those signed up being noted across the city.

We continue to work with our partners to identify and support vulnerable victims, including financial establishments.

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

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

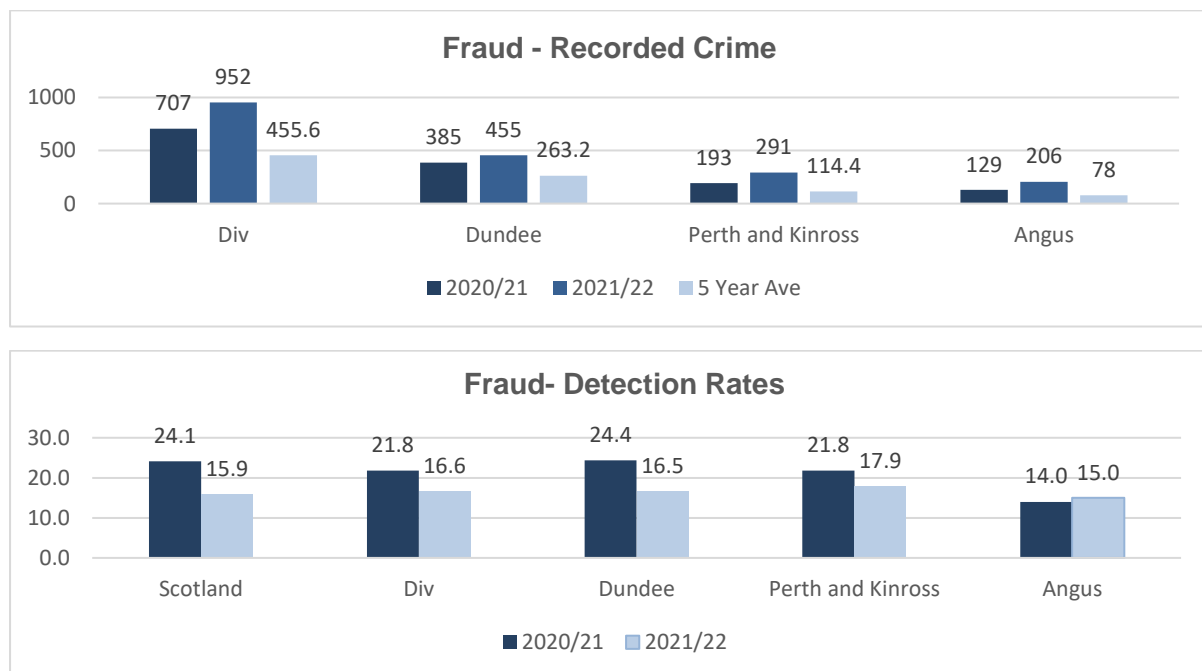
We continue to work closely with local banks through an agreed banking protocol. The protocol sees banks contact the Police in circumstances where they see transactions which raise concern that the account holder is being exploited by those intent on committing Fraud. To date, during the course of this performance year a quantifiable sum of £88, 058 has been safeguarded. In addition, numerous people who were at risk of becoming victims of crime received advice and guidance, prior to transactions being processed, meaning the actual sums of money protected are much more significant.

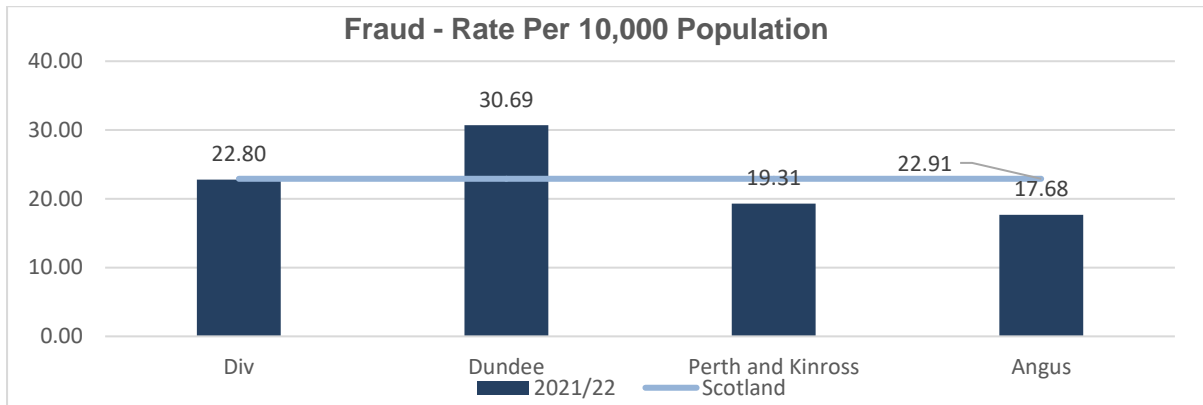
Results

There have been 178 Fraud's reported during Q3, an increase of 40 crimes in comparison to Q2. The current detection rate is 16.5%.

Challenges

The challenges remain the international aspect to many of these crimes, which make detecting and prosecuting offenders difficult. As a result, this type of crime becomes increasingly appealing to perpetrators as it is seen to be a lucrative crime type with less risk of detection and prosecution than other offences. This has the effect of accelerating the number of crimes committed.





Theft by Shoplifting

Activity

The occurrence rates in relation to Theft by Shoplifting remain lower than LYTD figures, however we have seen a narrowing of the gap over the course of Q3. There are a number of repeat locations where multiple crimes have occurred, which are predominantly the cities larger supermarkets.

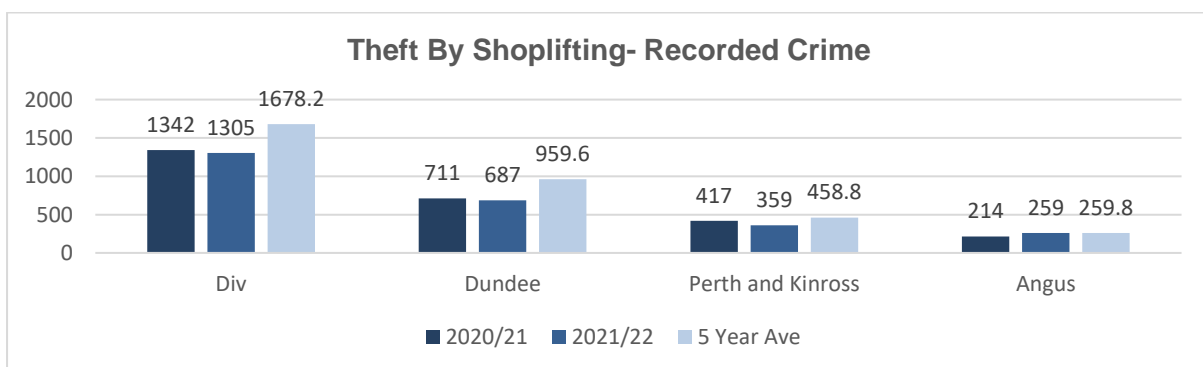
Results

There have been 687 crimes of Theft by Shoplifting YTD, which compares to 711 crimes the previous year. The detection rates in respect of this crime type remain challenged and at the end of Q3 were 35.7%.

Challenges

The main challenges are reflective of other areas of acquisitive crime, where the increasing pressures on local people due to the cost of living will likely see increased occurrence rates. This is supported by the fact that in the vast majority of cases the items targeted for theft are lower value items such as alcohol, toiletries, clothing and food stuffs. These items can be quickly re-sold or directly used by the perpetrators.

During Q3 the wearing of face masks was still prevalent within stores, reducing the effectiveness of traditional crime prevention and evidential tools, such as CCTV.





Motor Vehicle Crime

Activity

Motor vehicle crime continues to trend above LYTD figures with an overall increase in respect of all motor vehicle crime of 10.6% (47 crimes). This figure is largely driven by an increase in Theft by Opening Lockfast Places, which relates to theft of property from secure vehicles.

The most significant increases have been seen in the Strathmartine, Coldside and East End Wards. Of those crime detected, we have continued to see high numbers of crimes committed by repeat offenders, who are generally males within the 18-24 year old age bracket.

Our Preventions and Interventions Teams continue to provide a focus on prevention, through the delivery of work in local schools, targeted leaflet drops and regular crime prevention messaging via our local social media channels. We continue to focus on the management of bail orders in the community, in order to ensure repeat offenders are adhering to preventative prohibitions such as curfew bail orders.

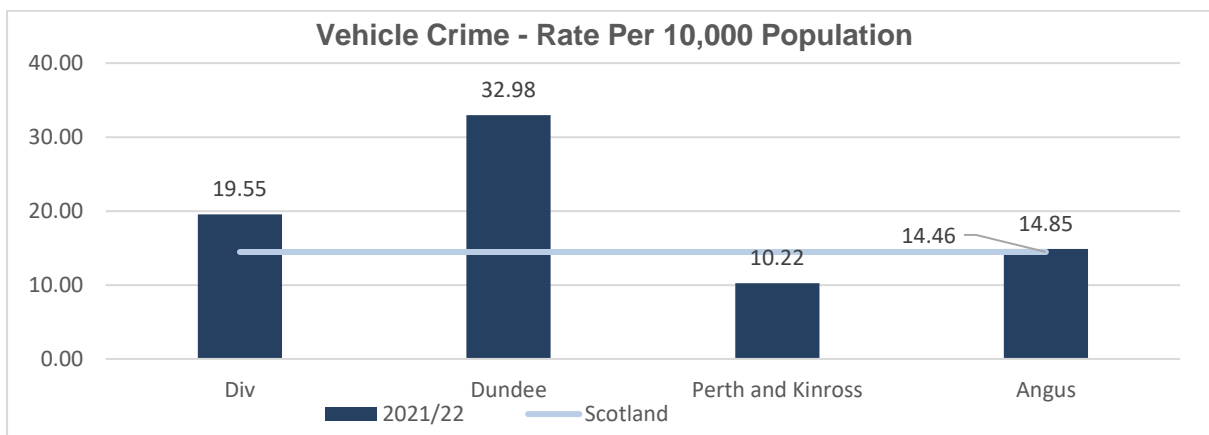
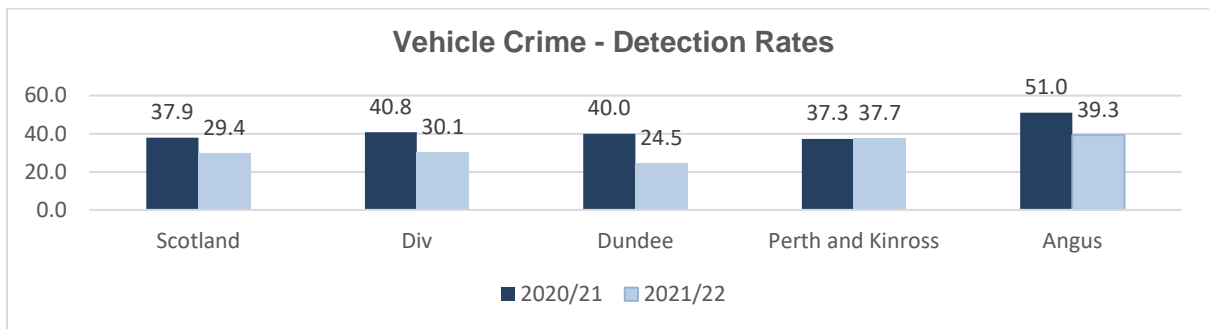
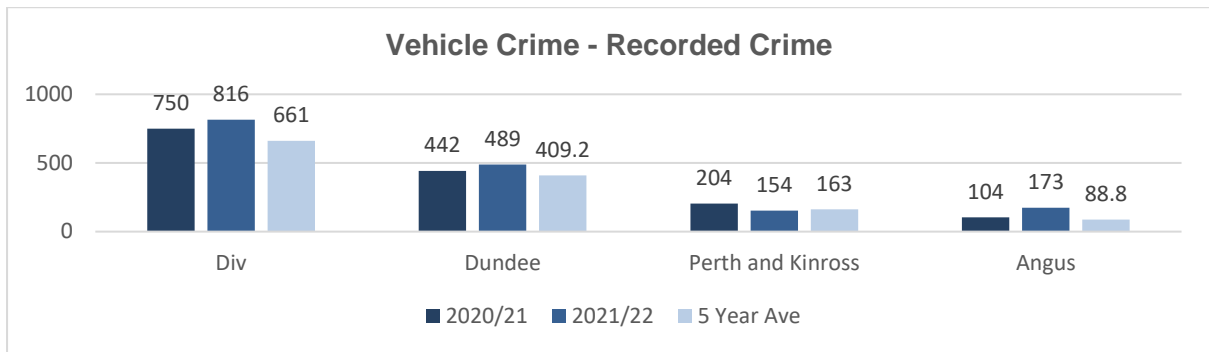
Results

Detection rates at the end of Q3 were 24.5 %, this was impacted by the fact that there remained a number of ongoing investigations into crimes series at the end of the quarter. Without wishing to pre-empt future reports, on conclusion of these investigations, detection rates had recovered to 37.4% by the end of Q4, bringing them back in line with LYTD performance figures in this area.

Challenges

In keeping with my earlier comments, we have seen small numbers of repeat offenders impact significantly on performance figures. We continue to work closely

with Criminal Justice partners in respect of appropriate intervention and prevention opportunities.





Road Safety and Road Crime

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads

This activity will link in with and support the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:

- Children and Families
- Community Safety and Justice

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

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

Operating Context

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.

Positively, Dundee LPA have not suffered any road traffic fatalities year to date which is a 100% decrease on the same period last year.

Dundee LPA have had 29 serious collisions which is a 24% decrease comparable with the same period last year which is extremely positive. There have been 65 slight injury collisions which is a 25% reduction comparable with the same period last year, where we saw 87 slight injury collisions.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Dundee.

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Focused patrol work will be complemented by the use of available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from local Tasking & Coordinating processes to tackle criminality.

Local Policing and RPU Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on the Fatal 5 which are Dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving, speeding, seatbelts and mobile phones.

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

Year to date, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 18,489 motorists which is an increase of 2223 based on last year's figures.

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

October 25th – 31st Getting ready for winter campaign

November 1st – 7th Commercial vehicle campaign

November 15th – 21st BRAKE road safety week

December 1st – 30th Festive Drink/Drug drive campaign

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

65 mph exceed 40mph limit

60 mph exceed 40mph limit

58 mph exceed 30 mph limit

51mph exceed 30 mph limit

Road Policing officers continue to provide high visibility and support to divisional officers throughout the Dundee area. It is recognised that positive engagement with road users is vital in order to improve driver and road user behaviour.

Police resources are being challenged by the driving habits of vulnerable road users. However, we are committed to working effectively with partners locally to address these issues through education, enforcement, engineering, encouragement and evaluation all of which are delivered successfully through a number of mediums and campaigns.

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

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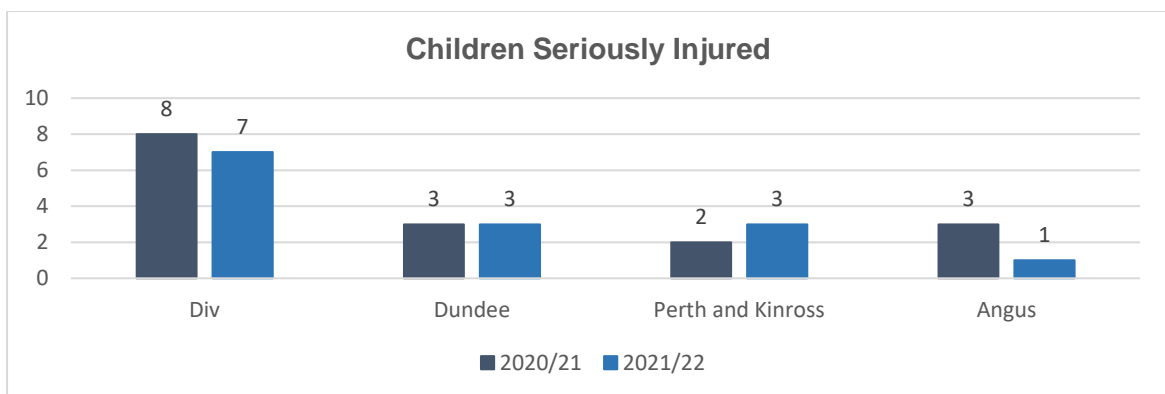
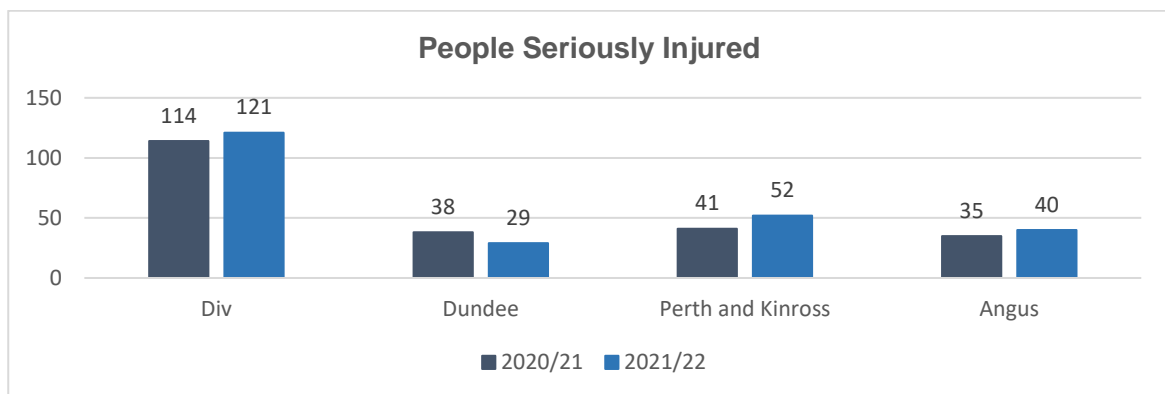
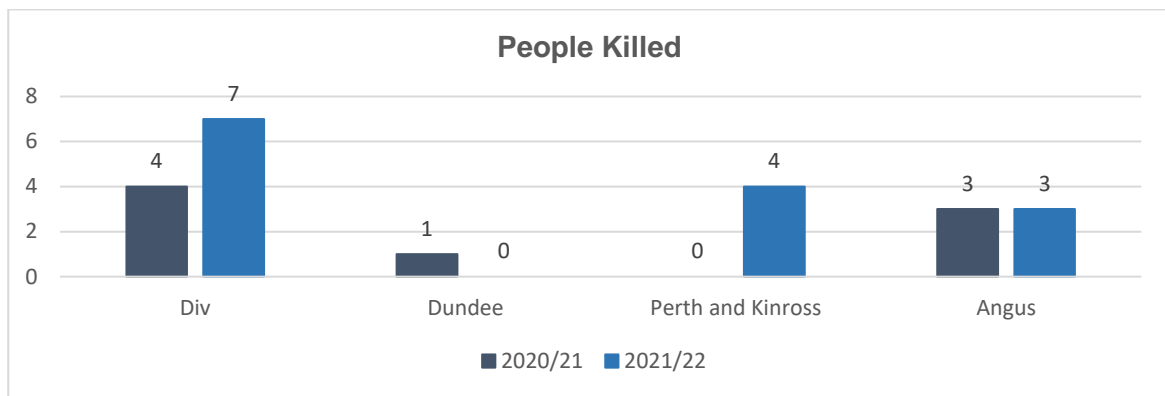
The New driver Scheme (NDS) will be implemented within Tayside Division in 2022. The NDS is a hard-hitting presentation to raise awareness of road safety issues. The joint presentations, delivered by Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue service, will provide a solid reminder of the individual responsibilities that the driver has, both for themselves and for other road users.

Rider Refinement North (RRN)

RRN is currently being refreshed and will be rolled out at the commencement of the motorcycle season 2022.

Challenges

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



Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Dundee LPA have significantly decreased by 13.7%. This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

Dundee is the only LPA to achieve a decrease for the period under review.

The Safety Camera Unit (SCU) have utilised a number of flexible deployment sites following localised complaints.

Divisionally Tayside have experienced a significant increase with a total of 3517 offenders detected, this equates to a 23.1% increase compared to the same period the previous year.

It is considered reasonable to assume that the reduction in COVID19 restrictions and a return to increased vehicles on the road will again be a correlating factor for the significant increase.

Activity

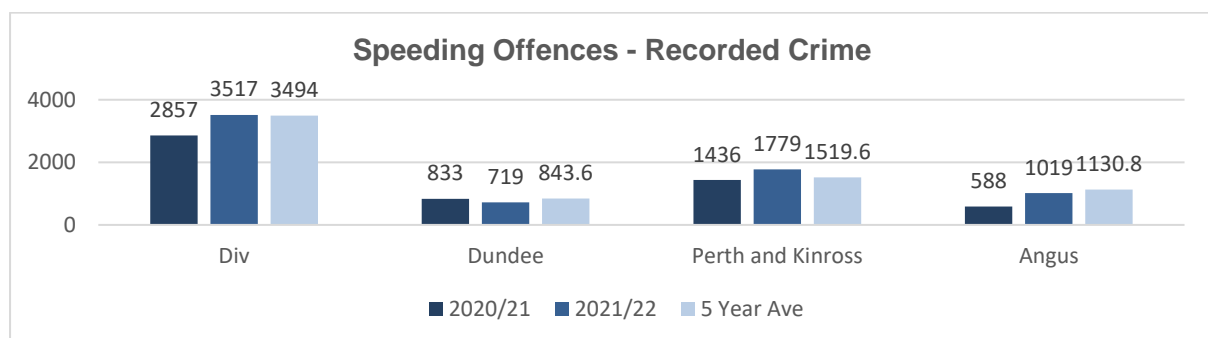
The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing Officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

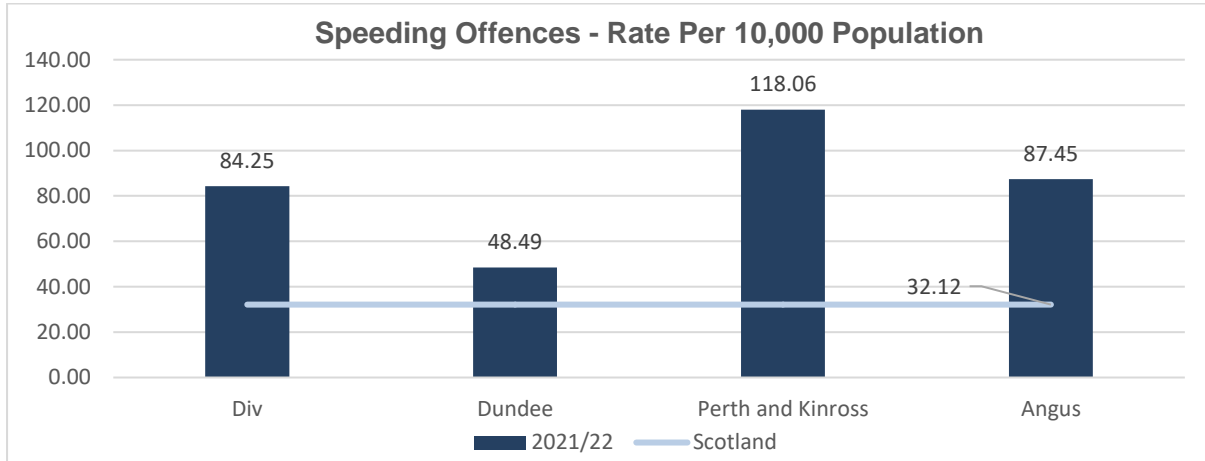
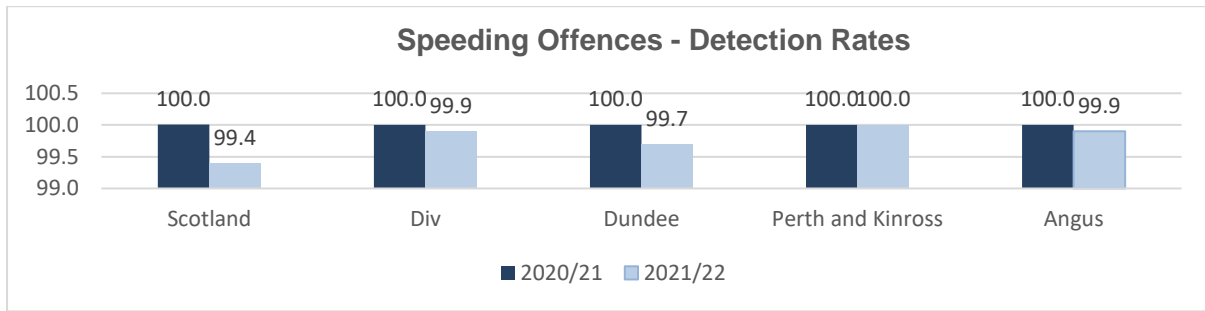
Close working relationships continue with N, NE, P and C Division, all of which have demonstrated excellent cross border understanding with a number of high profile detections being made.

Partnership working with the SCU continues with a number of priority routes being targeted, increasing visibility is essential to improve driver and road user behaviour.

Results

During the period under review 719 speeding offences were detected in Dundee LPA, which is a significant decrease compared to the year previous, this figure remains below the 5 year average.





Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Dundee LPA have experienced an 11.3% decrease compared to the same period of last year, this is extremely positive.

It should be noted that all three Tayside LPA's recorded a decrease in Drink/Drug driving for the period under review.

Across Tayside Division 578 Drink/drug driver detected for the period under review, this is a significant decrease of 15.1% comparable to the data from the previous year.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 1866 breath tests year to date and conducted 234 drug wipes, 117 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the COPFS.

Activity

Between 1st December and December 30th, 2021 Police Scotland held the Festive Drink & Drug Drive Campaign which saw dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit and divisional officers specifically target road users who drive whilst under the influence.

Focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offenders who choose to drive the morning after being under the influence.

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Effective use of the media raised awareness of the campaign with a view to actively encouraging changes in driving attitudes and behaviour. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the campaign.

As is evident from the figures the drug wipe testing kit featured heavily in the media and was prevalent throughout the duration of this campaign, it will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving.

Results

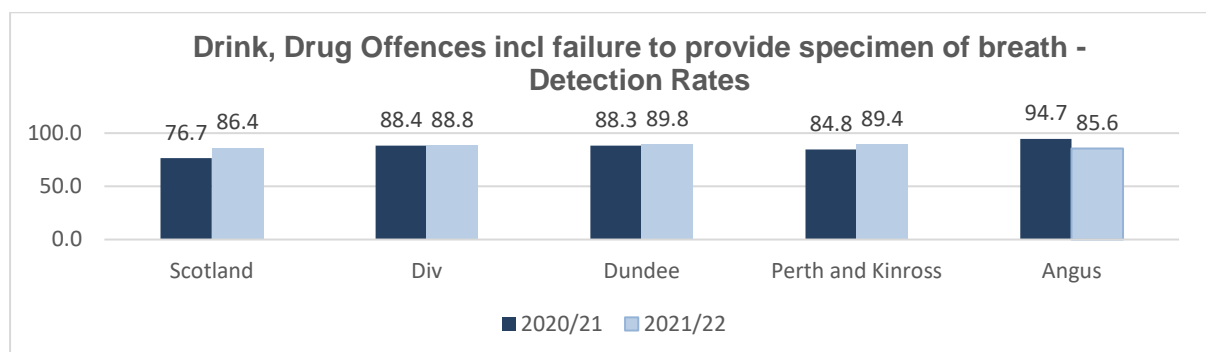
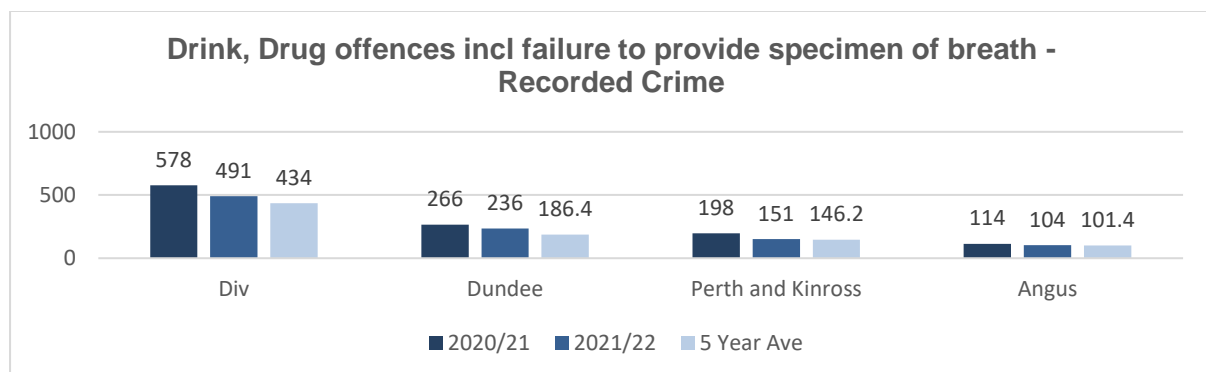
During the period under review 236 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Dundee area. This is a significant decrease of 11.3% compared to the previous year.

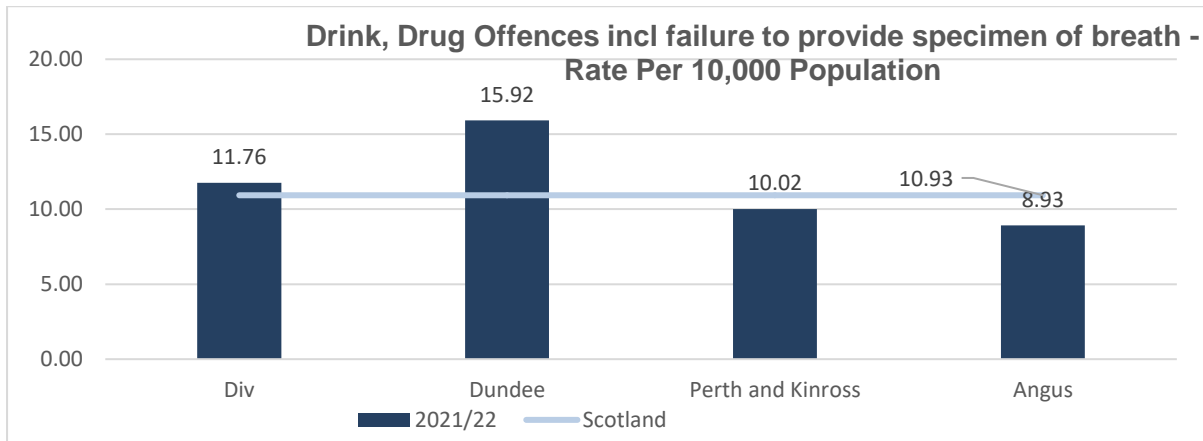
Nationally Road policing officers carried out 2965 roadside tests with 628 drivers detected for drink or drug driving offences.

479 roadside drug screening tests carried out.

Challenges

Despite positive reductions in occurrence rates, we are not complacent in respect of the inherent dangers associated with drink and drug driving. A clear focus will remain within the city on delivering proactive intelligence led patrols, underpinned by our preventative local and national campaigns.





Careless Driving

Dundee LPA saw a 2.8% decrease in relation to careless driving compared to the same period last year. Part of the key to reducing careless driving figures is the focus on influencing driver and road user behaviour.

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' and working with partners, Tayside Division Road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education 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.

Activity

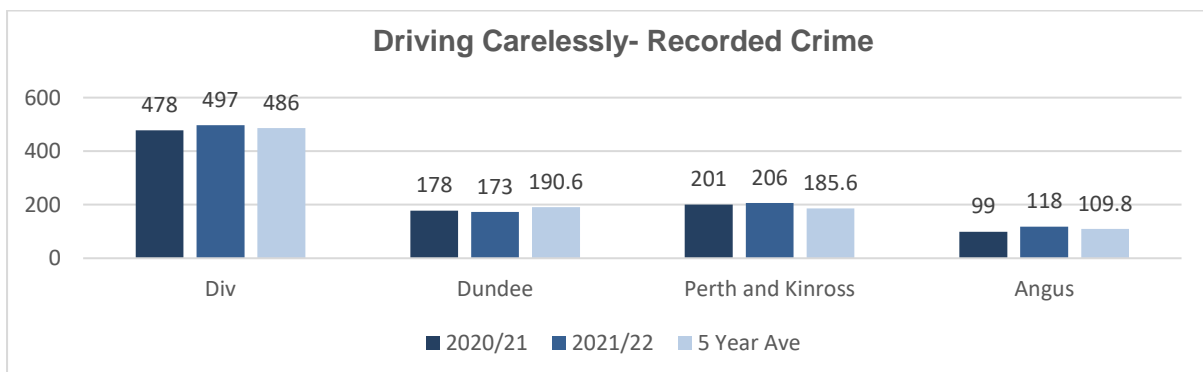
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed/ Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

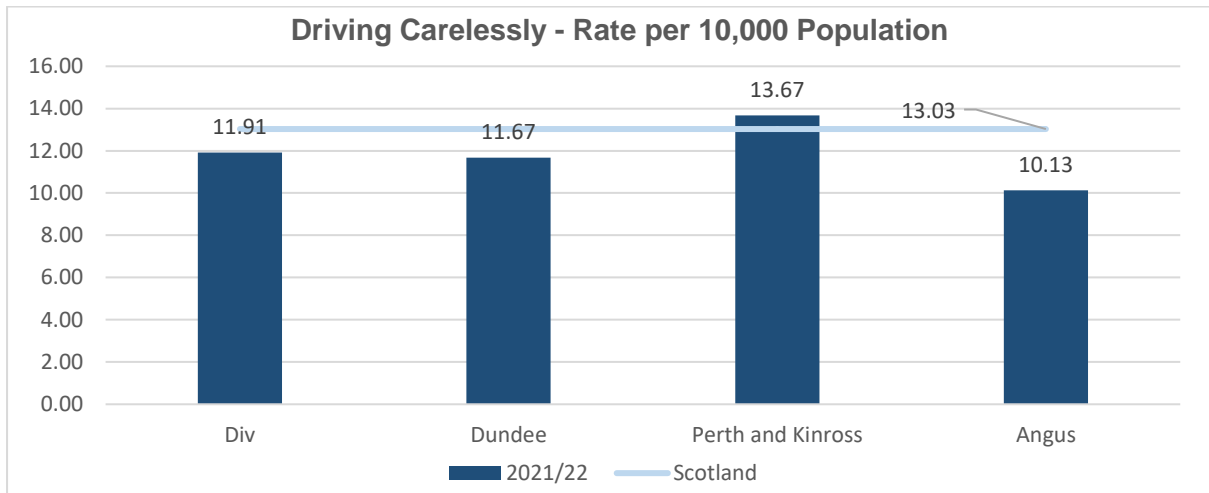
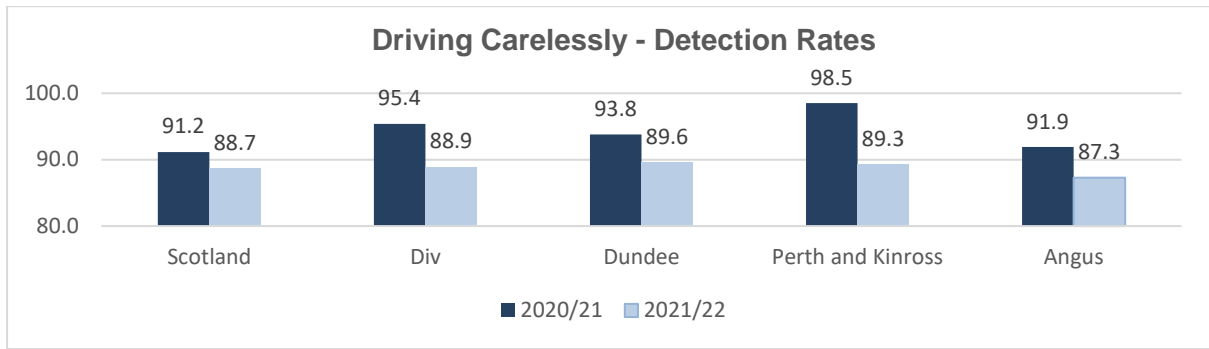
These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

Many of the aforementioned priority routes run through Dundee.

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

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







Public Protection

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

This activity will link in with and support the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities::

- Children and Families
- Health, Care and Wellbeing
- Community Safety and Justice

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

Activity

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

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

The Division as a whole has seen an overall reduction in the number of DASA offences recorded and this is replicated in Dundee with 14 fewer crimes recorded when compared with 2020/21.

All Domestic crimes and incidents are subject to quality assurance checks by specially trained officers within the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit to ensure that DASA offences are correctly identified and robustly investigated in accordance with national guidance.

During the reporting period, there was focused activity around the 16 Days of Activism events to support Dundee VAWP with events designed around public, professional and blended audiences. Police co-ordinated attendance across a range of ranks and portfolios as well as delivering presentations on DSDAS, the Role of the Domestic Abuse Liaison Officer and the Role of the Sexual Offences Liaison Officer. The focus culminated at a National Summit in December, 2021.

Locally, we have also sought to promote the "Don't be that Guy" campaign. This was developed by Police Scotland to highlight and make the public aware of words, actions and violence perpetrated predominantly by men against women and other men. It took the form of a social media campaign which was also promoted on television. The vast majority of violence in Scotland is committed by men against other men and women, and this campaign looks to address these actions directly to the perpetrators whilst encouraging and supporting other men to challenge these words and actions in order to discourage men from carrying out these acts. It also serves as

a discussion piece to the wider public. As a result of this national campaign, Tayside Preventions developed a schools and college local input to take these conversations to the young men in the area. To date, a large number of inputs have been taken to Dundee & Angus College to their various classes and all 10 secondary schools across Dundee have also been offered the input. The local input itself covers the short video produced by Police Scotland, consent and sex, men's violence and how we can all challenge these behaviours through a discussion around the bystander theory.

Results

It is positive that detection rates for DASA offences continue to improve with rates in Dundee higher than both the Divisional and National rates. The nature of some DASA offences mean that they are investigated by specialist resources including the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and National Domestic Abuse Task Force. A number of these are complex investigations which may be protracted in nature.

During the reporting period there were six active MATAC investigations in Dundee.

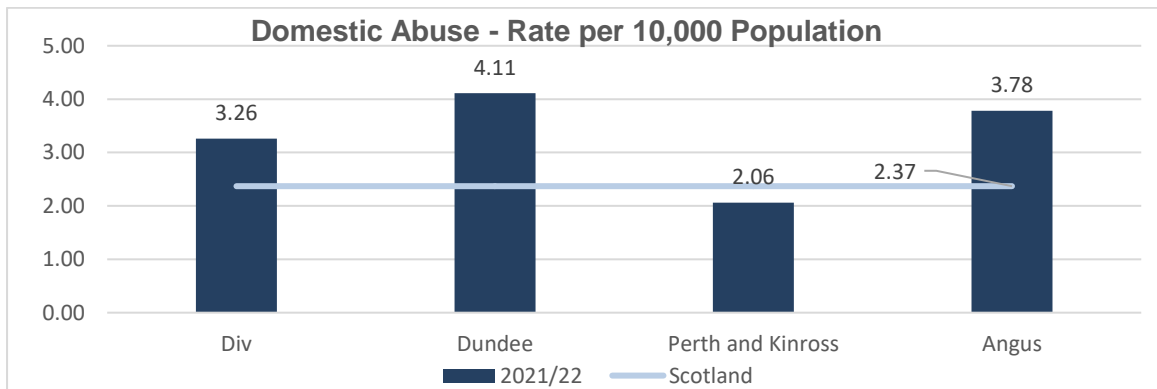
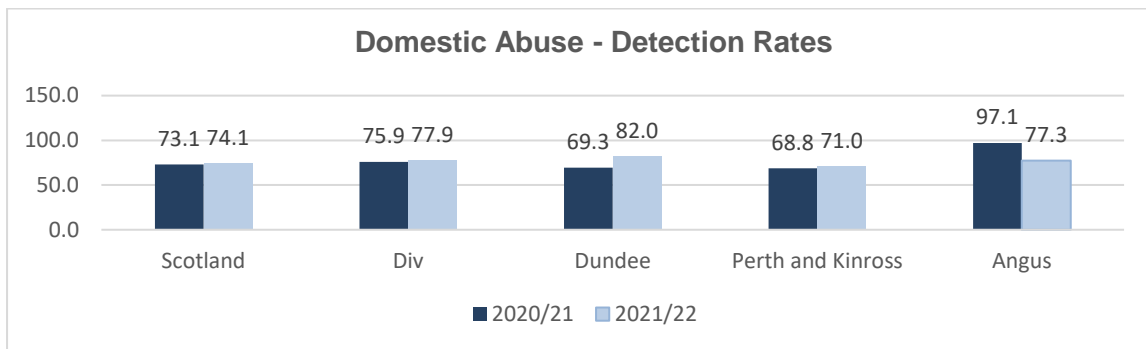
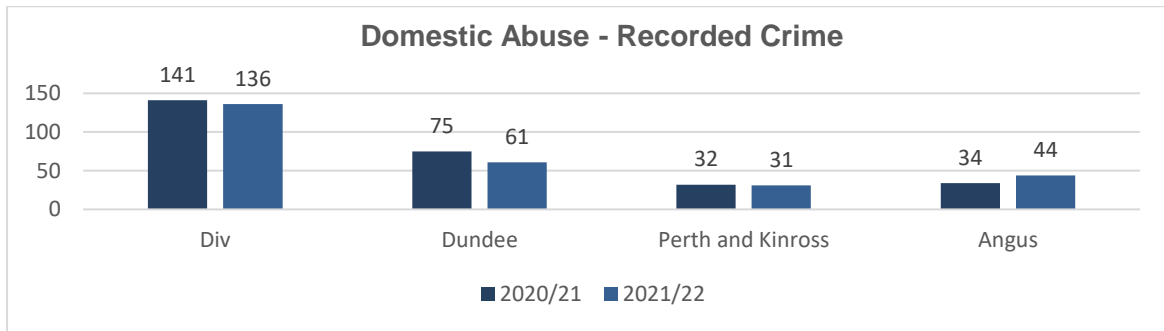
There remains a clear focus on safeguarding those who are vulnerable to becoming the victims of domestic violence. This year we have seen a significant increase in the use of the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland. This scheme is designed to provide people the opportunity to ask if someone has a history of domestic abuse, allowing them to make an informed decision about their relationship when they may be at risk. The scheme allows applicants to ask for details about their own partner. It also permits others to submit applications on behalf of those who may be at risk. In this case any disclosed information is only disclosed to the individual in the relationship.

There were 20 disclosures under the scheme carried out LYTD, with this figure increasing to 67 for the same time period this year.

Challenges

Although positive reductions have been seen across all crime types where a domestic aggravator is present, Dundee continues to experience high levels of Domestic Abuse incidents with the rate per 10,000 of population remaining significantly above the national average.

Along with specialist departments, including the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and National Domestic Abuse Task Force, we continue to work with partner agencies to ensure safeguarding of victims and pursue every opportunity to target perpetrators and prevent further harm. For example, in Q3 a significant investigation driven by the SCD, Domestic Abuse Task Force resulted in the conviction and sentence to a 10 year custodial sentence of a Dundee perpetrator.



Hate Crime

Divisional Activity

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

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

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

A PIP sergeant continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting online. This meeting was started as a result of the HMICS Hate Crime

Review which commenced in 2020 and in 2021 HMICS provided a list of 15 recommendations for improvement. Inputs from attendees from all divisions on how each legacy area deals with Hate Crime have been fed back into the Strategic Group. Further recommendations from the Strategic Group will be published in due course.

In November and December a number of Hate Crime Awareness Sessions were carried out at Dundee and Angus College at various campuses. This was well-received by students and lecturers alike.

HATE CRIMES BY AGGRAVATOR TYPE

AGGRAVATOR	2020/21	2021/22	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Disability	21	35	+14	+66.7%
Racial	181	165	-16	-8.8%
Religious	9	4	-5	-55.6%
Sexual Orientation	60	65	+5	+8.3%
Transgender	2	1	-1	-50.0%
Total	273	270	-3	-1.1%

TABLE 1: HATE CRIME AGGRAVATORS IN DUNDEE LPA, Q1+Q2+Q3.

Racial continues to be the most commonly applied aggravator, appearing on 61.1% of Dundee LPA hate crimes in 2021/22, despite a decrease from the previous year (16 fewer crimes, -8.8%). Disability saw the largest increase, with 14 more crimes recorded in 2021/22 (+66.7%). 12 crimes had two different hate aggravators applied in 2021/22; the most common combination was Racial + Sexual Orientation (7 crimes).

There are some emerging themes in respect of recorded Hate crime through-out the performance year. This relates to the fact that a high number of incidents are seen where victims are engaged in some form of service delivery when crimes occur. To provide examples: this may be in relation to door stewards who prevent access to licence premises, or eject individuals due to intoxication or other anti-social behaviours; shop keepers who are caused to deal with unruly or criminally minded customers; bus drivers dealing with anti-social behaviour; taxi drivers faced with problematic fares; health care staff working in key services such as Accident and Emergency. Of the total recorded crimes 7% were targeted towards emergency workers.

Quarter 3 of 2021/22 saw seven more hate crimes than the previous quarter, a contrast to the previous year where Q3 saw lower numbers than Q2. Disability saw the largest increase with 5 more crimes, whilst Racial and Religious saw one more crime each. There was no change to Sexual orientation or Transgender, with no Transgender crimes recorded for the second consecutive quarter.

AGGRAVATOR	Q2	Q3	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Disability	12	17	+5	+41.7%
Racial	53	54	+1	+1.9%
Religious	1	2	+1	+100.0%
Sexual Orientation	18	18	0	0.0%
Transgender	0	0	0	-
Total	84	91	+7	+8.3%

TABLE 2: HATE CRIME AGGRAVATORS IN DUNDEE LPA 2021/22.

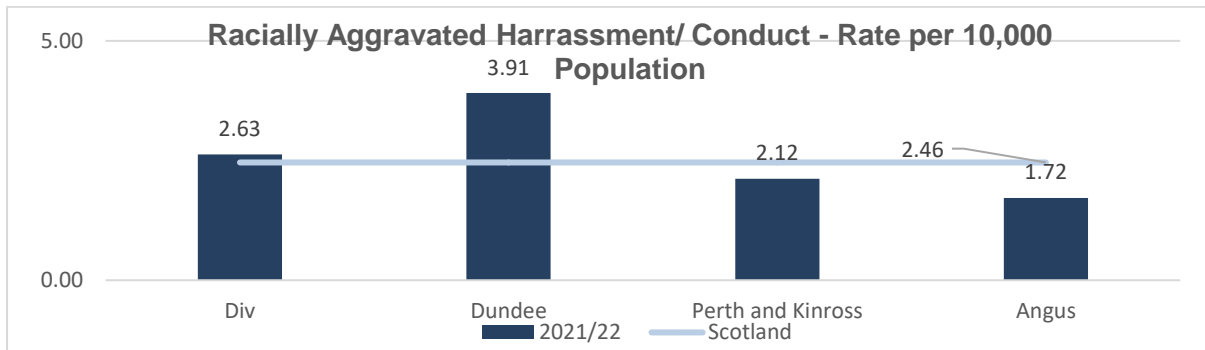
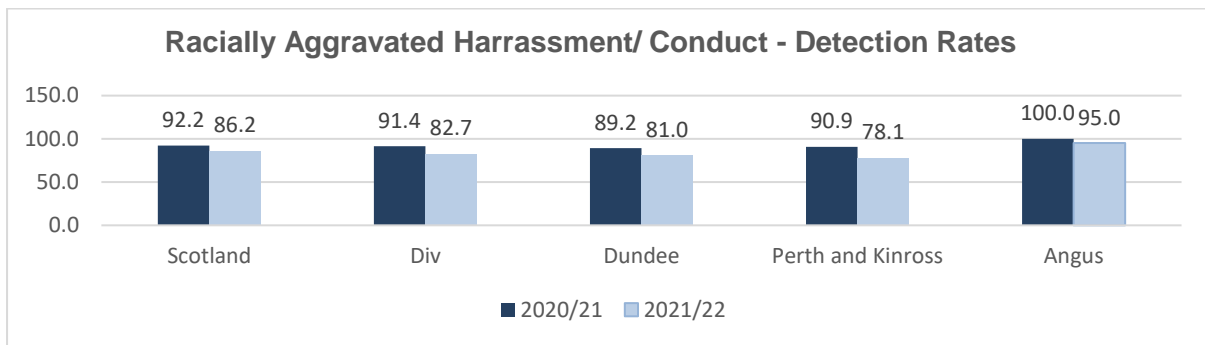
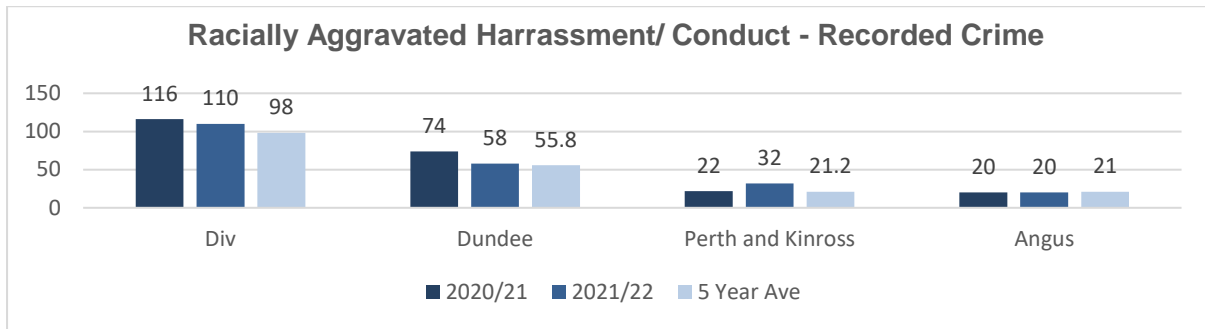
The detection rate in Q3 increased 6% points from Q2 to 56.0%.

HATE CRIMES BY OFFENCE TYPE

OFFENCE TYPE	2020/21	2021/22	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Threatening Or Abusive Behaviour	93	105	+12	+12.9%
Racially Aggravated Conduct	81	38	-43	-53.1%
Petty Assault	36	30	-6	-16.7%
Act In Racially Aggravated Manner With Intent To Cause Distress And Alarm	0	22	+22	-
General Post Office/Telecommunications Offs (Non Sexual Messages)	24	11	-13	-54.2%
Vandalism	10	8	-2	-20.0%
Assault	0	7	+7	-

TABLE 3: THE MOST COMMONLY RECORDED OFFENCE TYPES OF HATE CRIMES IN DUNDEE LPA, Q1+Q2+Q3.

Threatening or Abusive Behaviour remains the most commonly recorded offence type accounting for 40.7% of hate crimes. There were 105 Threatening or Abusive Behaviour hate crimes recorded in 2021/22; a 12.9% increase from 2020/21. Racially Aggravated Conduct has seen a large decrease of -61.7% (43 fewer crimes); in part this will be due to the introduction of the 'Act in Racially Aggravated Manner with Intent to Cause Distress and Alarm' offence code, which was not used in the previous year.



Sexual Crime

Activity

There were 27 fewer sexual crimes recorded in Dundee in comparison to 2020/2021 levels.

The level of recorded crime for Rape and Attempted Rape is also significantly lower than 2020/2021 with 30 fewer crimes recorded, a reduction of 27%.

As per previous reports, many of these offences have occurred significantly out with the reporting period and are classed as non-recent (i.e. the offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to Police). In a number of these cases, multiple crime reports are raised in respect of one report from one victim, detailing multiple incidents over a period of time in cases where the victim and perpetrator are known to one another.

All rape investigations are conducted by specially trained officers and are overseen by an experienced Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) and are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed.

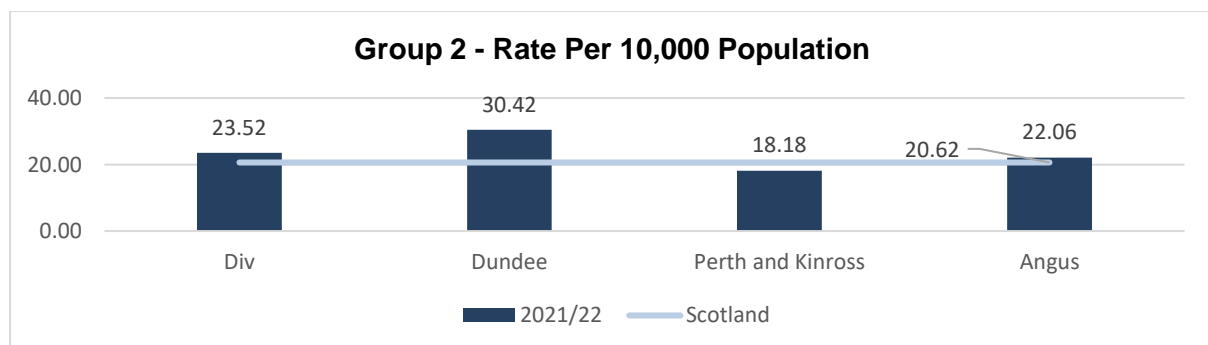
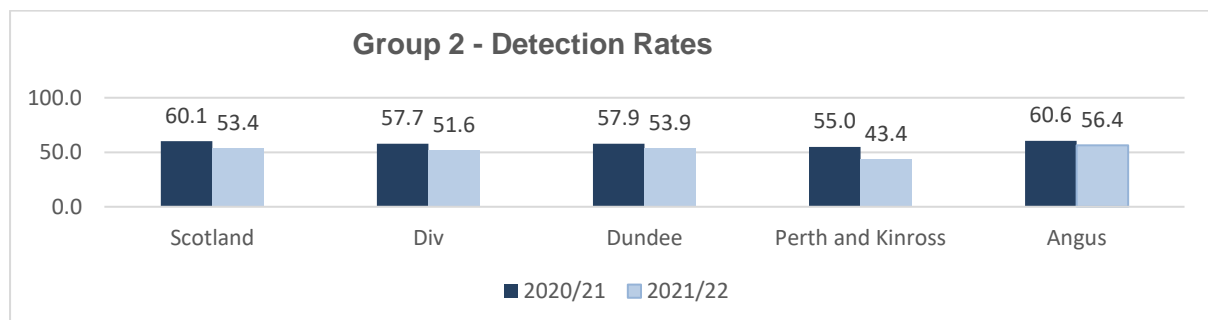
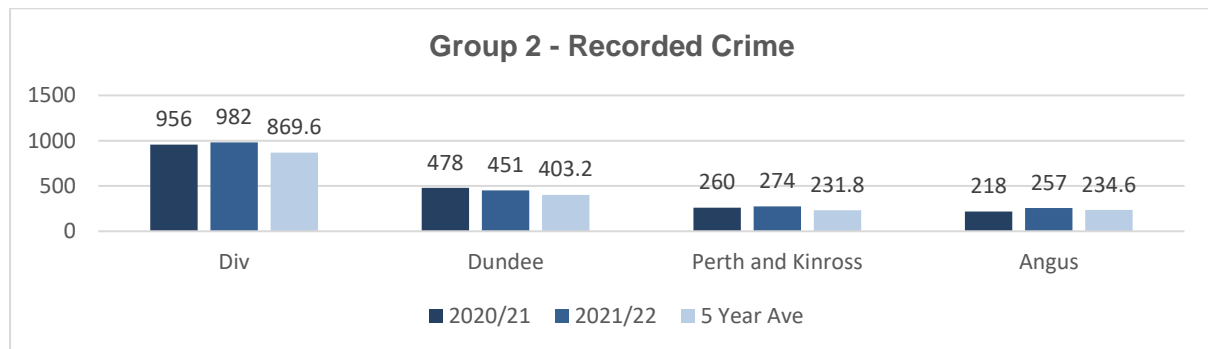
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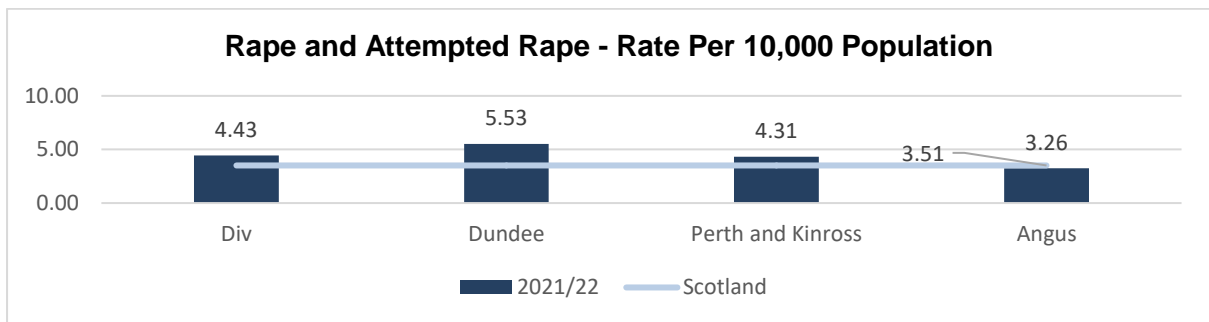
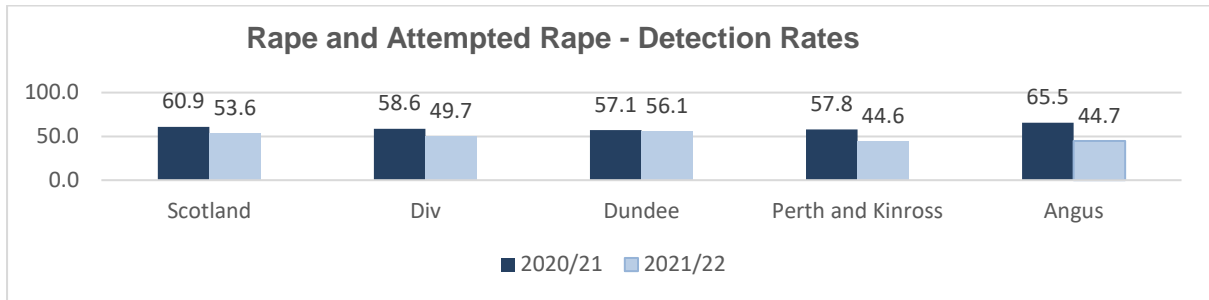
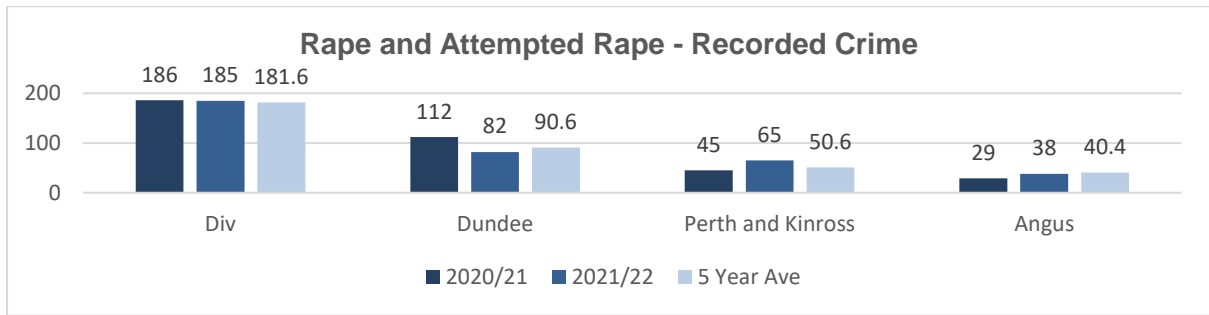
The detection rate for sexual crime is lower than 2020/2021, however is above the divisional and national averages. Increasing levels of non-recent reports mean investigations are more protracted and take longer to bring to a conclusion. A number of these more complex enquiries remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

The detection rate for Rape and Attempted Rape is broadly in line with 202/2021 levels and higher than both the Divisional and National levels at 56.1%.

Challenges

It is positive that there is increased confidence in reporting non-recent sexual crime, however this presents challenges as investigations are more protracted and evidence which may provide corroboration may have been lost due to the passage of time. As previously reported, Tayside Division created a dedicated team to deal with non-recent sexual offences and we continue to ensure that victims are offered the support of partner agencies throughout and after the enquiry.







Serious Organised Crime

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

This activity will link in with and support the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:

- *Community Safety and Justice*
- *Building Stronger 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*

Possession of Drugs

We review intelligence and information on a daily basis and use this to proactively target those involved in the sale, supply and distribution of controlled drugs.

We continue to use our Social Media to promote our proactive activity and have received positive comments for the community for our continued focus.

Our Partnership, Interventions and Preventions team continue to work with partners to support those who are being targeted by those involved in the supply of controlled drugs due to their own vulnerability.

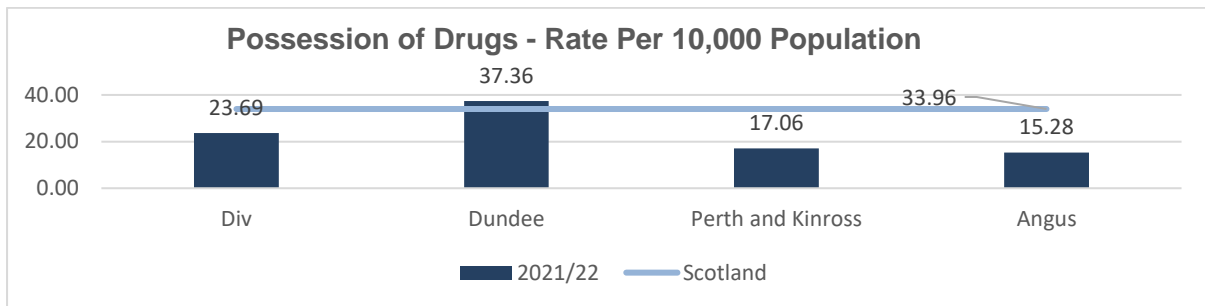
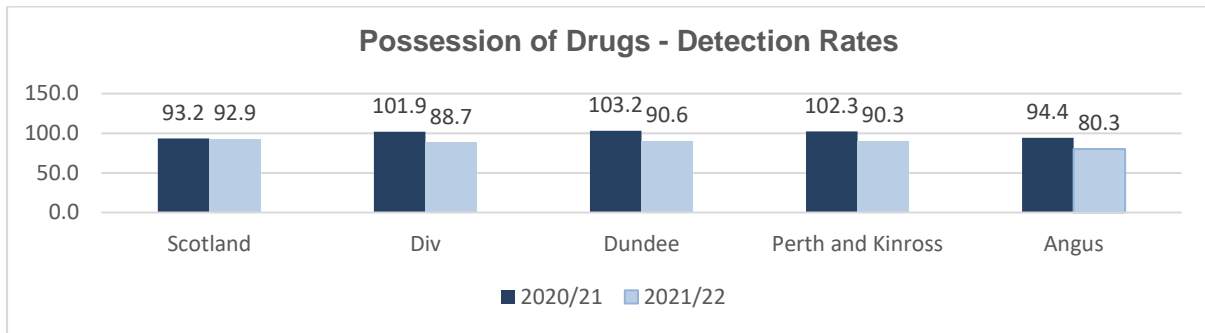
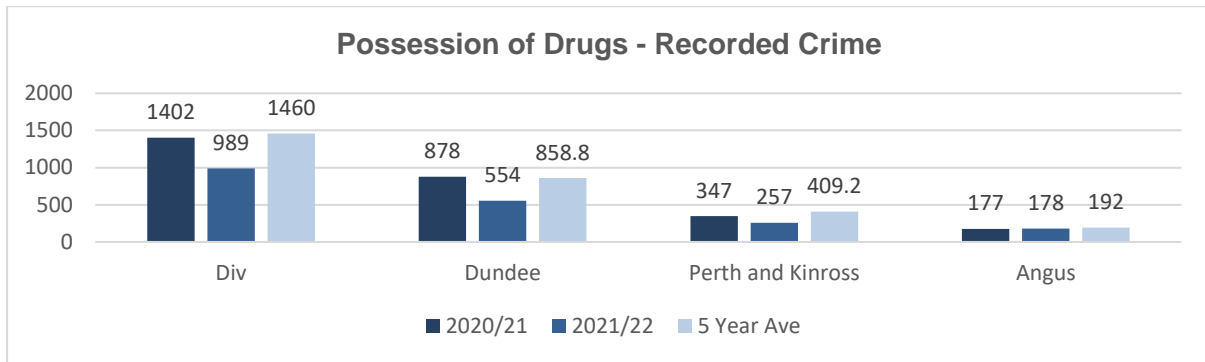
The Maryfield Community Team have continued their work with the Scottie Centre Project. This works support vulnerable women suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. Funding was initially provided in 2019 and this funding is due to come to an end at the end of Q4. The Scottie Centre Project team are currently seeking further funding to continue the work.

Results

There have been 554 possession of drugs cases reported YTD. This is a significant reduction in comparison to last year's figures and indeed the 5 year average.

Challenges

The availability of controlled drugs within the city continues to be a driver for both crimes of violence and acquisitive crime. Many of these victims are individuals embroiled in the chaotic lifestyles associated with drug addiction. There is little doubt that such addiction leads to increased vulnerability resulting in the need for the sustained support of local authority and third sector services.



Supply of Drugs

Activity

Work continues with partners to raise awareness of cuckooing and county line activity to help identify those at the greatest risk of harm whilst trying to target those involved in the supply of controlled drugs.

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

As well as targeting those involved in the supply of controlled drugs, we also look to deliver support to individuals who are victimised by those offenders. The Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway continues to play an important role in this collaborative approach.

Operation Singletail continues to be a priority within Tayside, led by the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit, local policing teams offer support when required to ensure maximum scope to disrupt. Enforcement activity resulted in a Dundee based nominal attending court in early July charged with possession of drugs to the value of £10,000. Cash and weapons were also recovered. The Road Policing Unit assisted later

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in the month when the same nominal was arrested for drug related driving offences. Group members continue to be targeted for all enforcement opportunities with other subsequent arrests for motoring offences.

As reported in Q2, Operation Recloir is a local response to intelligence suggesting human trafficking and sexual exploitation is ongoing, primarily within Dundee. Although an evolving enquiry, necessity to ensure victim welfare is paramount. 8 welfare visits have been carried out to ensure victims are identified, supported and referred to appropriate services. Engagement with Local Authority teams including Housing and Anti-Social Behaviour Teams has facilitated joint visits, shared awareness and evidential capture. Significant work remains ongoing, including liaison with national operations including Operation Pippali, a Borders Force initiative to disrupt trafficking before victims arrive in the UK.

Operation Argonite continued to deliver a focus on county lines, cuckooing and safeguarding those vulnerable to exploitation due to drug addiction. This is delivered through working collaboratively with our Divisional Intelligence Unit, Preventions, Interventions and Partnerships and a broad range of partner agencies carrying out welfare visits to victims which maximise safeguarding opportunities, develop the intelligence picture and reduce overall risk.

During this quarter, 16 persons were identified by the team as vulnerable through possible cuckooing and crimes of violence linked to the supply of drugs. Many of these identified individuals received several visits by Operation Argonite and referrals to PIP colleagues, who subsequently addressed vulnerabilities in conjunction with partner agencies. This delivers a holistic approach to care, well-being and safeguarding.

Operation Argonite instigated one such visit to an address in the north of the city where it was suspected that the occupier was being cuckooed. He was traced safe and well. PIP carried out a safety visit and discussed support options. He agreed to a joint visit with PIP and a Positive Steps outreach worker. He engaged well from the outset and disclosed his substance misuse struggles. Harm reduction and safety advice was provided and he agreed to engage longer term.

Another visit was instigated to an address in Lochee. The occupier was recently released from prison and was previously the victim of cuckooing by persons linked to an OCG from the Birmingham area. A separate County Lines group attempted to initiate contact with the female on her release from prison, requesting she provide her address to them to store and supply drugs. Operation Argonite engaged with her and a robust safety plan was put in place. She was clearly vulnerable and agreed to engage with PIP and other support services. She was issued with a mobile phone, home security assessment, personal alarm and ring doorbell to improve security and alleviate her personal safety concerns. She was provided with reassurance through continued joint Police/support worker visits to reduce risk around exploitation, substance misuse and overdose. Further support elements were progressed including providing a food parcel to her.

Two English males previously known for drugs and cuckooing offences were identified by Operation Argonite as being linked to these addresses. One of these males was arrested in relation to road traffic offences. He was subject to bail conditions not to

enter Scotland and after appearing at Court, returned to England. To date, there has been no information that this OCG are back in Dundee.

In terms of enforcement, the team has been instrumental in the investigation of multiple incidents linked to cuckooing/county lines activity, making a number of arrests and drug/cash recoveries. Two indicative examples are;

1 female arrested for concern in the supply. £5930 worth of heroin recovered.

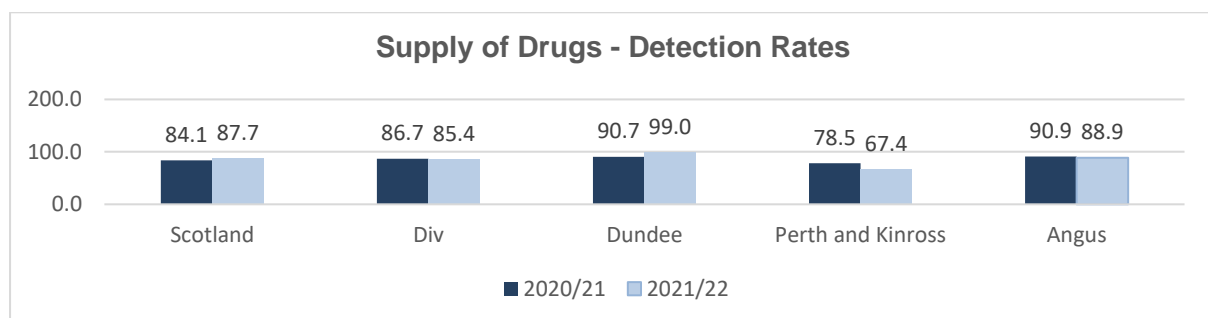
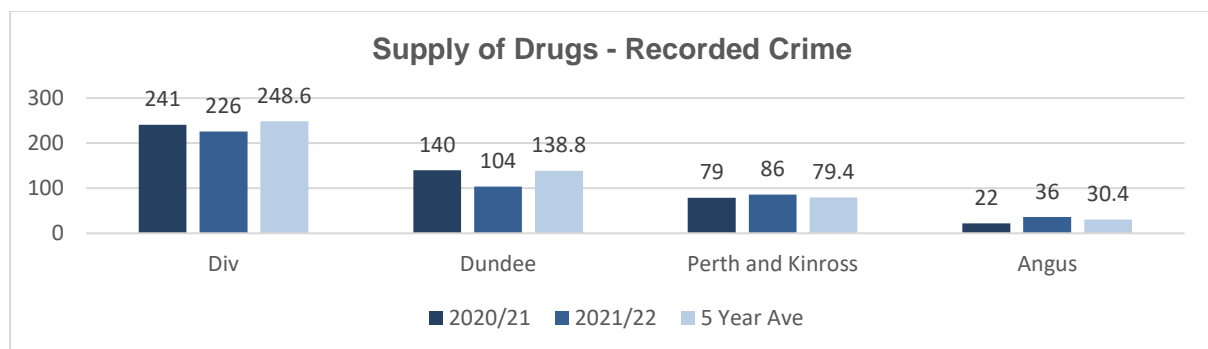
1 male and 1 female arrested for concern in the supply. £6740 crack cocaine recovered along with over £7000 in cash.

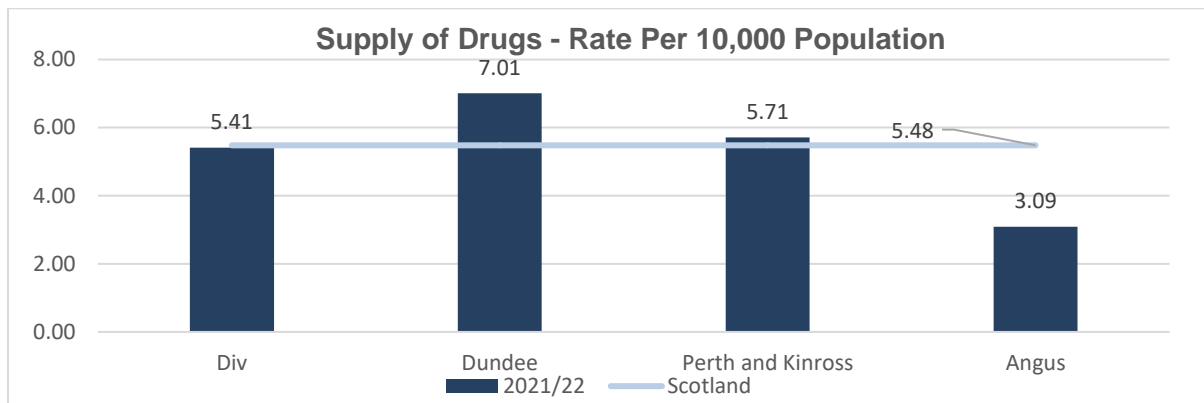
Results

There have been 104 Drug Supply offences recorded YTD, an increase of 1 offence in comparison to LYTD. Detection rates are 99%.

Challenges

As is reflected on in the earlier part of the report, the prevalence of drug use and supply continues to be a driving factor across all crimes types and in respect of reports of Anti-Social Behaviour. Higher levels of drug use and supply remain closely linked to a plethora of social and economic causes, requiring persistent, well directed multi-agency activity.





Proceeds of Crime

Results

Civil Cash Seizures - £8,622.73

Expedited Civil Recovery – No cases

Assets for Restraint - £87, 942.72



**Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
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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 SEVERE this means that an attack is highly likely. Due to restrictions over the previous quarter, contact has been maintained predominately with businesses and partners by electronic briefings and online meetings.

During Q3, 7 new Local Contest Liaison Officers (LCLO'S) attended a training day and were provided inputs in relation to CONTEST and Pursue, Prevent, Protect and Prepare. This allows for delivery of the CONTEST strategy throughout the community as part of daily business. This brings the LCLO cadre to 24 spread over the 3 areas of D Division. LCLO'S were supplied with a Border Policing Command North Briefing and 2 LCLO'S assisted Border Policing Command with two days of action at Ports/Airports boarding vessels and carrying out checks.

Police Scotland are represented at the multi-agency CONTEST Board and quarterly meetings are held with representation from Local Authorities, SFRS, Scottish Government, SPS, Forth Port, SAS and Education to work on the Tayside Local Contest Delivery Plan. PROTECT briefing documents, Prevent article, CPNI Protective Security Briefings and CyberScotland bulletins were shared with CONTEST partners and LCLO's. During the quarter, officers engaged with MSP's (OP Sandbed) and MP's (OP Bridger), carrying out visits to constituency offices and also completed security surveys for MSP's and councillors constituency offices and home addresses. CONTEST members were briefed by CTLO at CONTEST with regard to OP Bridger and OP Sandbed activity.

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Tayside Division had one Op Sandbed incident which resulted in one male being arrested, charged and released on UTA conditions. In addition, there was one Op Bridger incident which resulted in intelligence being submitted.

Planning meetings were held in relation to Safe Steeple 2, a multi-agency table-top counter terrorism exercise to be delivered in March, 2022. This exercise will involve CONTEST members and other partners in Angus, Dundee and Perth and Kinross and will test their response to a terrorist incident based in Dundee. This will provide learning in relation to Police responses (Pursue) and also test partner's preparedness for a CT incident and subsequent consequence management.

CT Governance group meetings were held with representatives from all Tayside Division Police Scotland strands of CONTEST and CT Intelligence / Investigations, CTSA's, PDU and CT Planning.

Tayside Division had an enquiry in relation to bomb threats made to an educational establishment where an adult male was identified, charged and has been remanded in custody.

Other Key Activity

Spiking Incidents

The last quarter of 2021 saw an increase in media reporting surrounding instances of “spiking” linked to commentary surrounding Violence Against Women and Girls.

These incidents were reported in the form of both spiking by injection and of drink, and in the main were confined to licensed premises within the city. In response to the increase in reporting, Police Scotland implemented a Gold Command structure to coordinate our activity and assess the scale of the issue.

Strategic oversight was provided nationally by an Assistant Chief Constable with all local investigative activity managed by senior Detective Officers. CID officers investigate all reports of “spikings” to ensure a consistent approach to each. All victims are signposted to support agencies.

A national proactive prevention strategy was developed. Locally we continued engagement with all our licensed premises promoting the Bystander awareness training and providing support where necessary to ensure the matter is recognised and enforcement opportunities taken.

High visibility patrols continue to monitor key city centre areas in order to assist with the management of queues outside venues such as nightclubs and provide support and guidance to the members of the Security Industry Authority attributed to these premises.

We have also engaged with Student Services across the city's Universities and Colleges raising awareness of the issue and promoting the early reporting of such incidents.

Over and above working with the licensing sector, we work hand in hand with a range of agencies, such as Street Wardens and Dundee City Council to do all we can collectively, to make Dundee a safe place to visit and enjoy.

Violence Against Women and Girls was a central consideration in our Festive Policing Planning. The Lead Officer (Protecting People Team), along with the Service Manager (Strategy & Performance) from Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership joined officers and were escorted throughout a late night Dundee Centre Safe operation during the festive period.

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	417	412	-1.2%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	673	632	-6.1%
Off Duty Allegations	4	1	-75.0%
On Duty Allegations	578	422	-27.0%
Quality of Service Allegations	91	209	129.7%

¹ Data is correct as at 31/12/2021.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 1.2% YTD compared to the LYTD. This includes a decrease in complaints specific to Dundee of 17.0%

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased by 6.1%. This includes a decrease within Dundee of 13.6%.

Please note that the data above covers all complaints and allegations against Tayside Division. Therefore, this does not include resources from Specialist Divisions which provide services within the area (e.g. Contact, Command and Control).

Appendix

Rate 1 per 10,000 figures are based on the following population data:

Reporting Period³

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons)²					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FORCE / SCOTLAND	5 347 600	5 373 000	5 404 700	5 424 800	5 438 100	5 463 300
Tayside	413 800	415 040	415 470	416 090	416 080	417 470
Angus	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 280	116 040	116 200
Dundee City	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 710	148 750	149 320
Perth & Kinross	148 930	149 930	150 680	151 100	151 290	151 950

2 - Mid-year population data based on extracts from National Records for Scotland (<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>), as at April 2016.

3 - Due to when population data are published it is necessary to use earlier mid-year estimates in some calculations. As soon as more current population data are available, the above table will be updated.

