



Dundee City Council

Community Safety and Public Protection

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1 April 2020 – 30 June 2020

**Report No 191-2020 by Chief Superintendent Andrew Todd
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:

- Putting Victims at the Heart of What We Do
- Tackling Crime and Antisocial Behaviour
- Protecting Vulnerable People
- Maintaining Public Safety

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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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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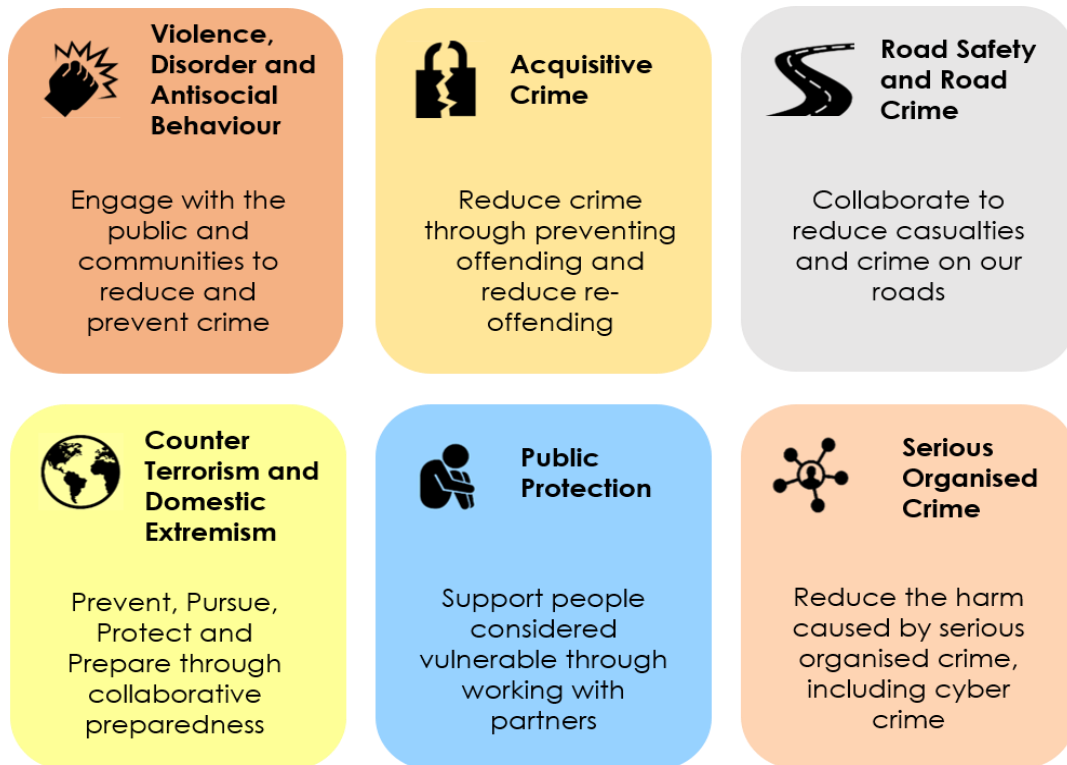
Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

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 April 2020 to 30 June 2020, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019 and 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.

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

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



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



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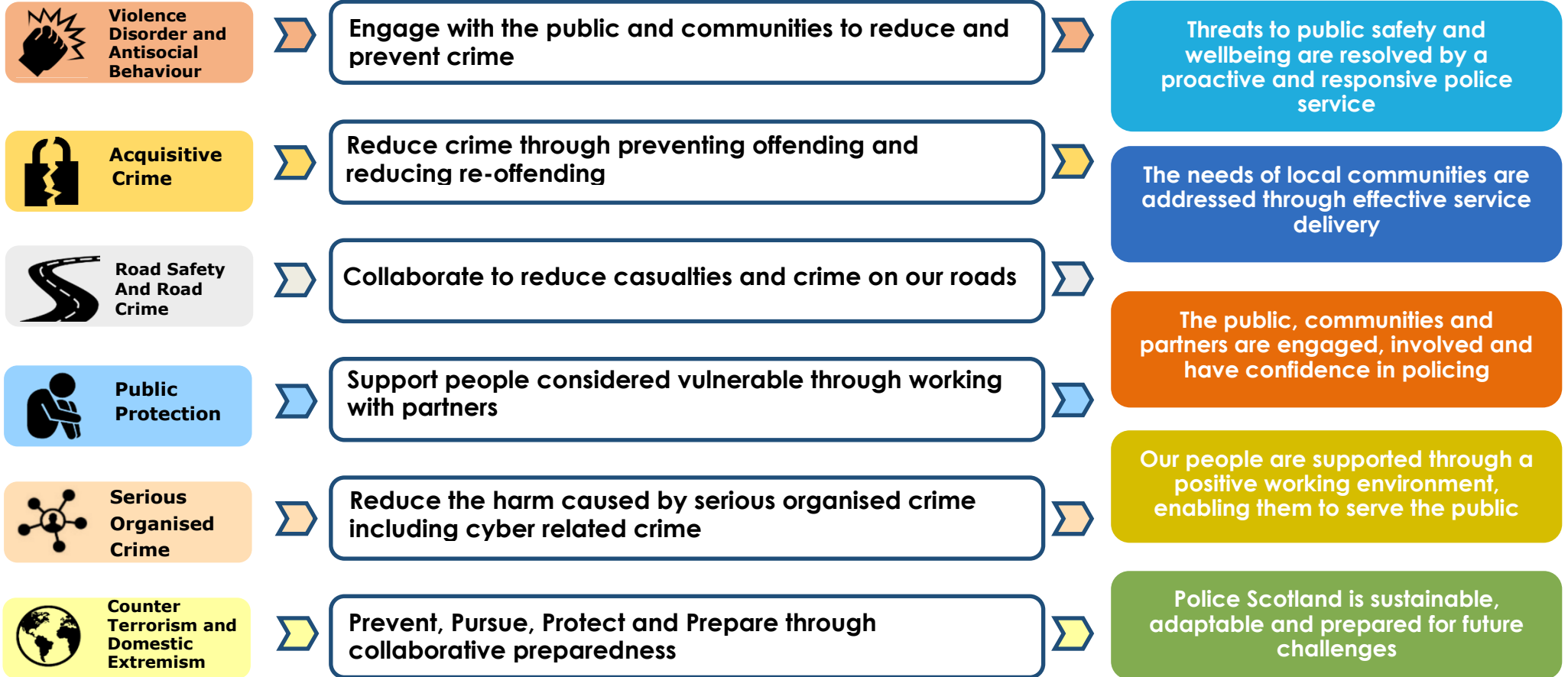
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Our vision		Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Dundee City
Our purpose		Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Dundee City
Our Values		Fairness Integrity Respect Human Rights

Local Priorities

Objectives

Outcomes



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Summary Report Dundee City LPA

1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020

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.

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Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime

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- Children and Families
- Community Safety and Justice
- Building Stronger Communities

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

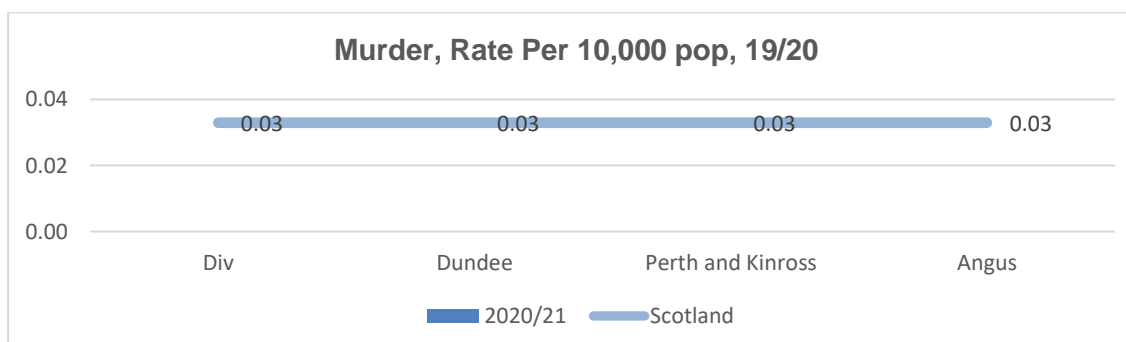
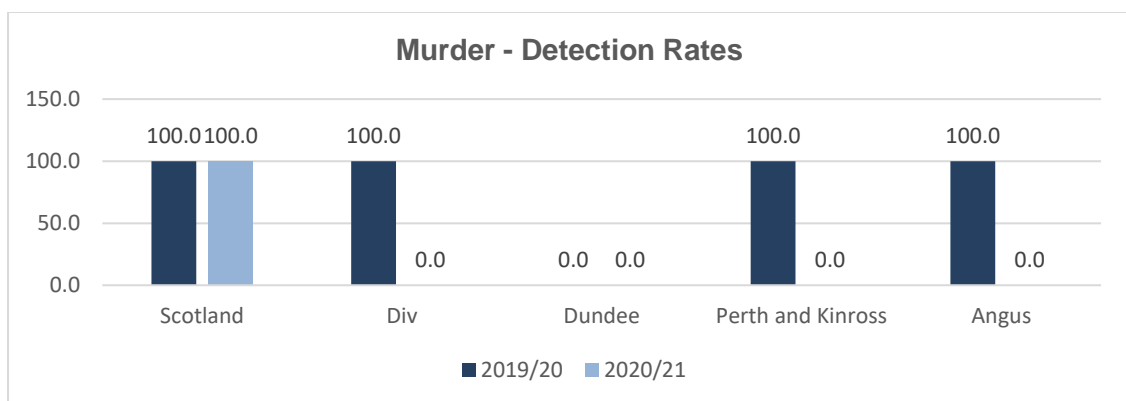
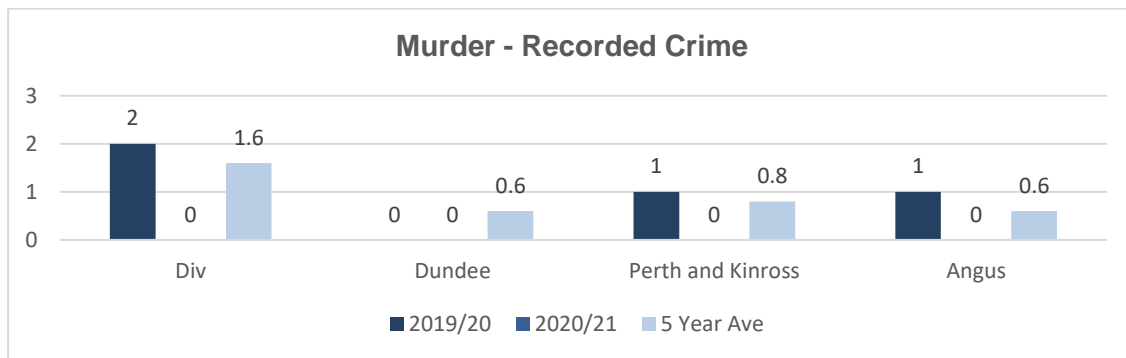
- Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service

Operating Context

It is recognised that through early intervention and an early response we can prevent escalation and crime occurring. Work with partners is critical to achieve this.

Measure – Murder

There have been no murders committed in Dundee during this reporting period.



Measure – Attempt Murder

Activity

In June 2020, Operation Quest, the Divisional violence reduction response, ran for a week across Dundee, this resulted in a number of arrests and recoveries of weapons and drugs gaining some positive local media coverage and interest.

The division continues to investigate a mapped Serious and Organised Crime Group who are involved in county line and cuckooing activity predominantly in Dundee, it was this intelligence flow that led to the identification of those involved for the attempted murder in April 2020. The first incident in April 2020 related to two English individuals who were assessed to be involved in cuckooing in Dundee, using violence to enforce a drugs related debt.

The recently formed Violence Prevention Board continues to explore emerging trends, and collaborative opportunities to reduce violence and drug related crime. Action plans are being developed for specific activity in the MMW's of Strathmartine and Lochee to address violence these will be progresses in the coming months.

Results

Two crimes have been recorded during the reporting period although above the YTD figure this is on par with our 5 year average figures for this crime type.

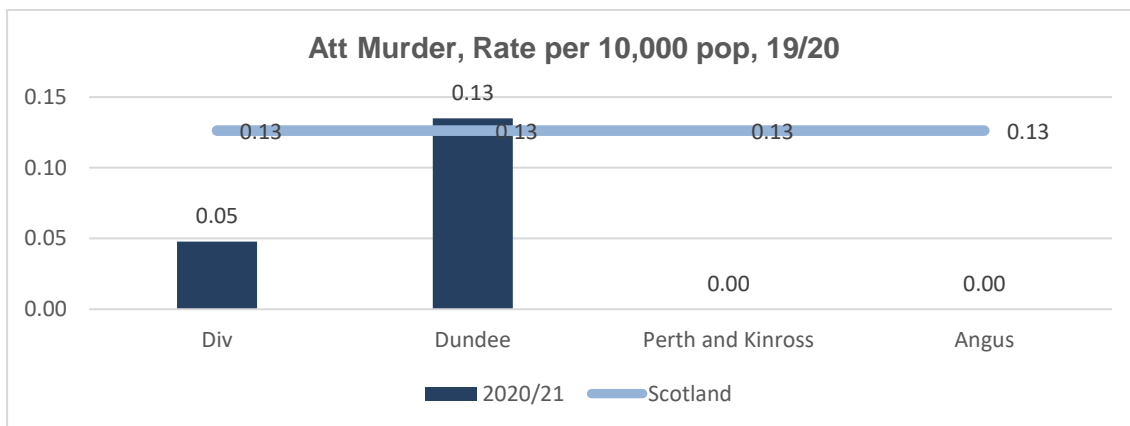
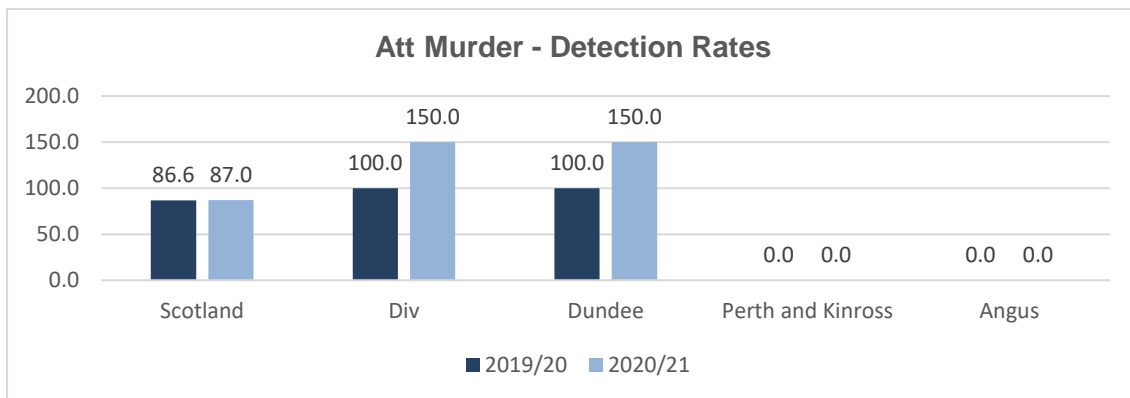
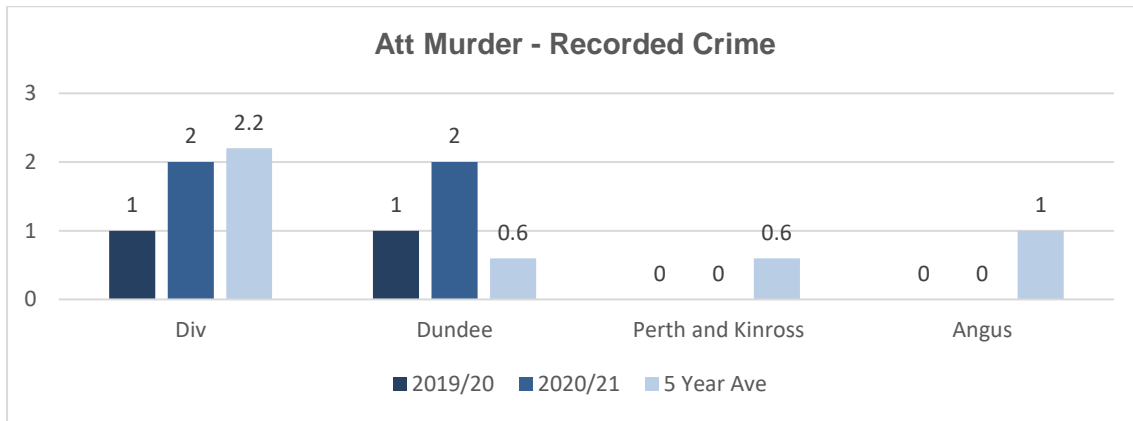
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The second in June 2020, involved two persons who were known to each other and friends, becoming involved in an altercation within one of their addresses that was fuelled by drugs, resulting in violence involving the use of a household knife.

Although the causation factors for both are linked to controlled drugs, there is no direct link between the two incidents.

Challenges

Investigations of these nature continue to be challenging, complex and time consuming. Some persons are often not willing to detail what happened to them for fear of reprisals. Many of the victims can be vulnerable by virtue of their lifestyle with overall partnership support being a key aspect to creating an effective safety plan, preventing and reducing the likelihood of further instances.



Measure – Serious Assault

Activity

28 Serious assaults were recorded during this reporting period, this is a reduction of 18 crimes compared to the same period last year. In the last quarter there were 28 serious assaults committed.

In June 2020; Operation Quest. A one week violence reduction operation was run in Dundee. This was successful and received considerable positive comment providing reassurance and increasing public confidence.

In total 116 persons were arrested; including 56 for violent crime, 21 for domestic incidents, 6 on arrest warrants and a further 9 persons for being in possession of knives /offensive weapons.

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Through social media engagement, 34200 persons were reached with 3493 acknowledging/making a positive comment.

We continue to monitor intelligence and information in respect of those suspected to be involved in violence, where appropriate we carry out proactive visits and where necessary issue personal safety warnings or disruption notices.

Work continues to prioritise the checks of those released on bail and who are subject to curfews who have a history of violence to ensure the conditions set by the court are being adhered to.

Results

The detection rate has improved to 85.7 % which is consistent with the national average for crimes of this type.

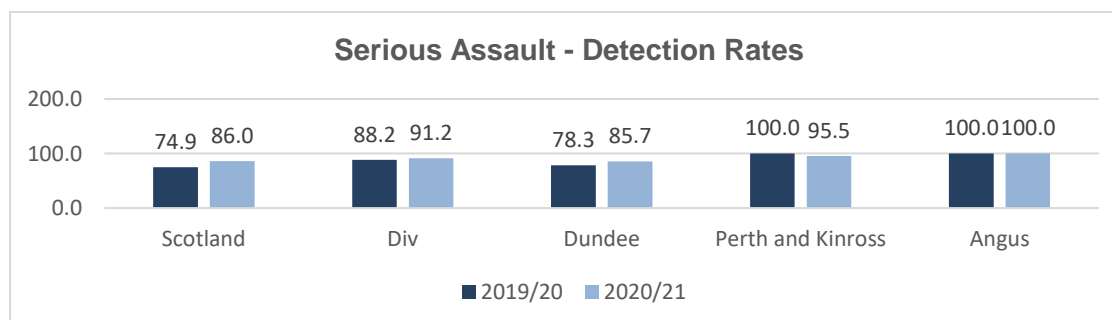
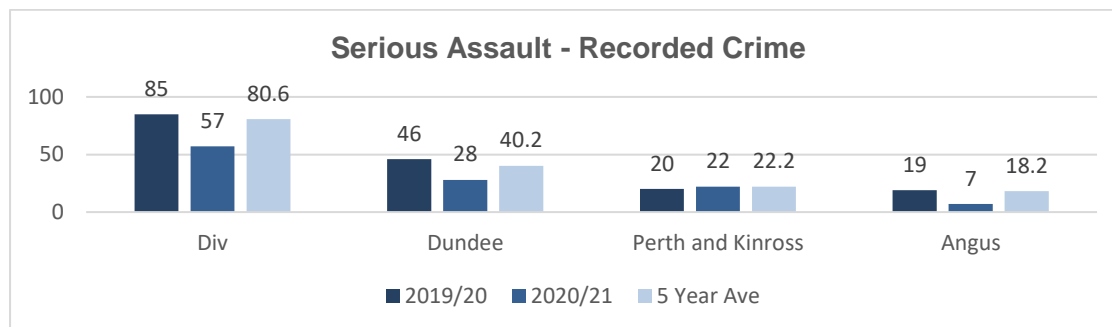
All undetected serious assault enquiries continue to be reviewed by both local policing and CID supervisors to confirm all relevant lines of enquiry have been considered.

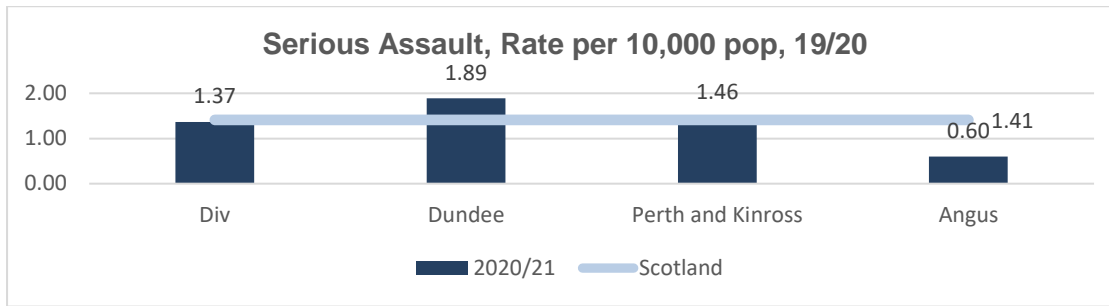
Challenges

Although this period represents a welcome reduction in this type of criminality compared to previous years. The overall level per head of population remains in excess of that elsewhere in the country.

As with the previous section, investigations of these nature can be challenging, complex and time consuming.

Again many of the victims are vulnerable by virtue of their lifestyle with overall partnership support is a key aspect to creating an effective safety plan, preventing and reducing the likelihood of further instances.





Measure – Common Assault

Assaults in Dundee City continue to attract and demand a high level of policing activity. On a daily basis officers target offenders, provide reassurance to victims and engage in pro-active / preventative activity.

Activity

During violence reduction activity in Operation Quest officers conducted multiple high visibility pro-active foot and mobile patrols in identified hotspot areas throughout the city.

These areas had altered to a degree during the COVID-19 restrictions/lockdown period but focus and emphasis remained on locations known for violence and drugs abuse.

Other preventative activity is routinely conducted by officers in their respective localities and managed through a Directed Policing Plan (DPP) coordinated by the Locality Inspector and Community Sergeants.

Examples of this and to tackle specific issues, identified in and around Elders Court and Adamson Court, there has been planned operations utilising plain clothes officers and high visibility officers to target those that are involved in criminality.

High visibility patrols have also been carried out in identified areas of the city in order to prevent any violence from occurring. Preventative doorstep visits have also been carried out to ensure bail conditions are being complied with and if not, the individuals have been reported to COPFS.

Results

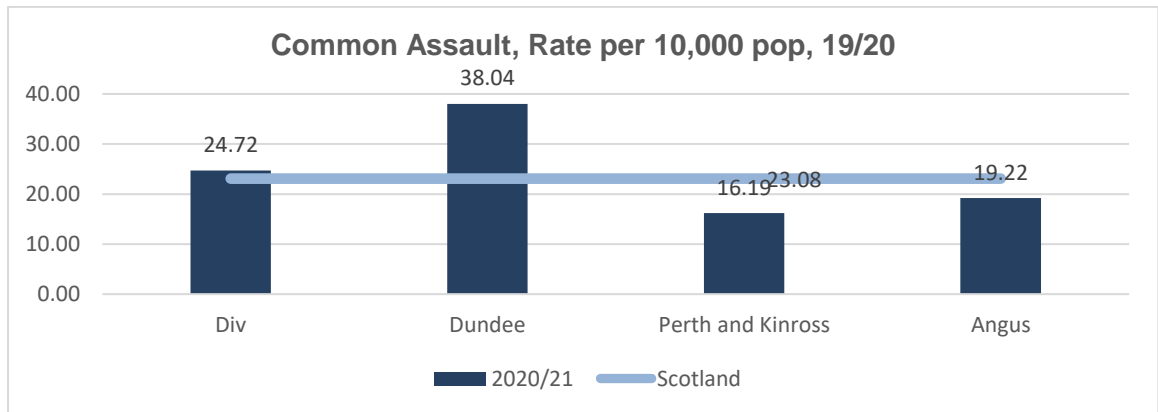
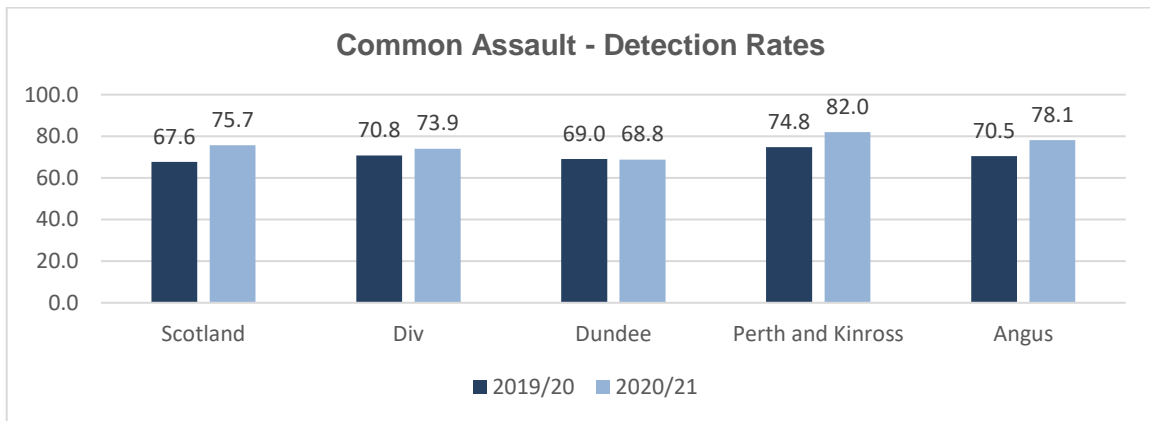
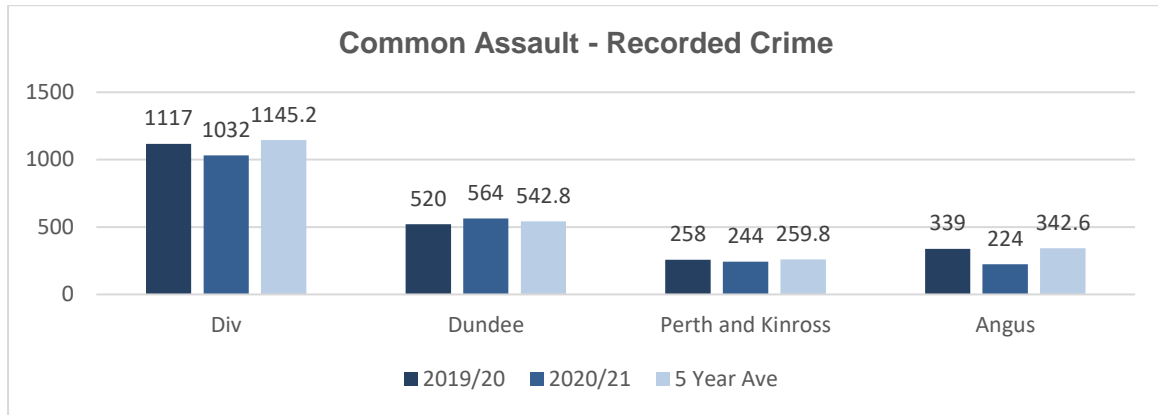
During the reporting period 564 assaults were reported compared to the 520 the previous year. This is a rise of 44 crimes with a detection rate almost the same as last year.

Within the last quarter 75 police officers were assaulted which represents an increase of 67% compared to last year. This presented a particular issue during the COVID-19 lockdown period.

It can be seen that the level of violence within the city per head of population is considerably above other areas in the country.

Challenges

Domestic abuse and other indoor violence continues to present a challenge in Dundee. As would be expected this has continued within the covid-19 and lockdown periods.



Measure – Robbery

Activity

As with those linked to other serious crimes we continue to look for opportunities to disrupt and target individuals based upon the recency, frequency and gravity of offending.

Results

The crime of robbery covers not only robberies but also assault with intent to rob, therefore not all crimes have resulted in the loss of property or the use of violence. The

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mere threat or inference of violence is sufficient for incidents to be recorded as robbery where the aim is to deprive the victim of property.

Around half of these instances have involved persons known to each other and have occurred indoors. The main items targeted by perpetrators has been cash and mobile telephone and only a few have involved the presentation of weapons.

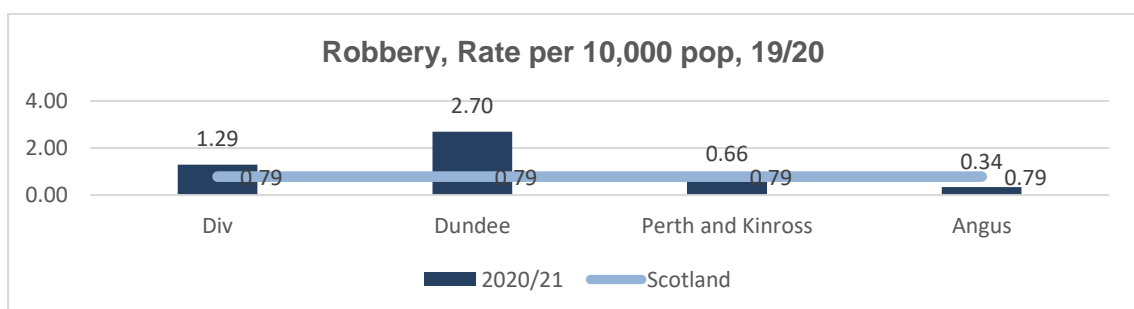
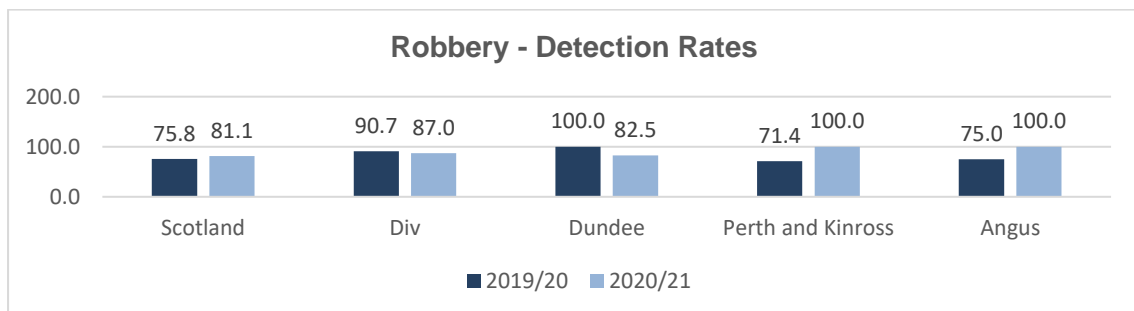
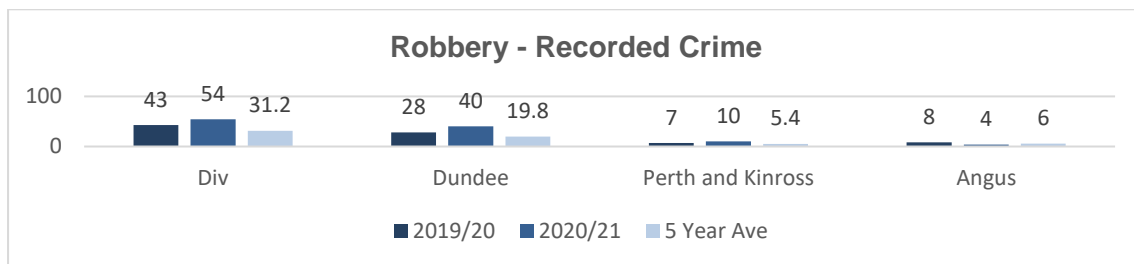
It is assessed that some of this increase will be as a direct result of reduced opportunities around other crimes types such as Theft by Shoplifting due to COVID-19 restrictions and persons being within their homes again linked to COVID-19 restrictions.

Challenges

The volume of these instances has been challenging to manage as this has placed significant demand upon our investigative resources and has often involved extensive CCTV reviews, House to House activity and media appeals.

As stated, many of these crimes have involved person known to each other, in some instances this has led to victims disengaging with police and refusing to provide statements or cooperate with the police investigation.

During this period we have also investigated a number of Robberies that are not reflected in the figures that have been falsely reported, in the main this has been linked to financial hardship, where appropriate individuals have been reported for wasting police time.



Measure – Vandalism

Activity

Reported incidents of vandalism are often linked to reports of Anti-social behaviour.

Over the last quarter, reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) has increased to 5695 from 3490 the previous year. This is an increase of 2205 incidents on the same period last year equating to a rise of 63%.

However, certain COVID-19 restriction calls are also included in this category and does not provide a true reflection of what would 'normally' be considered ASB and reported in this section.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the number of persons moving or congregating outside significantly reduced which will have impacted these underlying levels of traditional activity aligned to considerable high profile / reassurance policing.

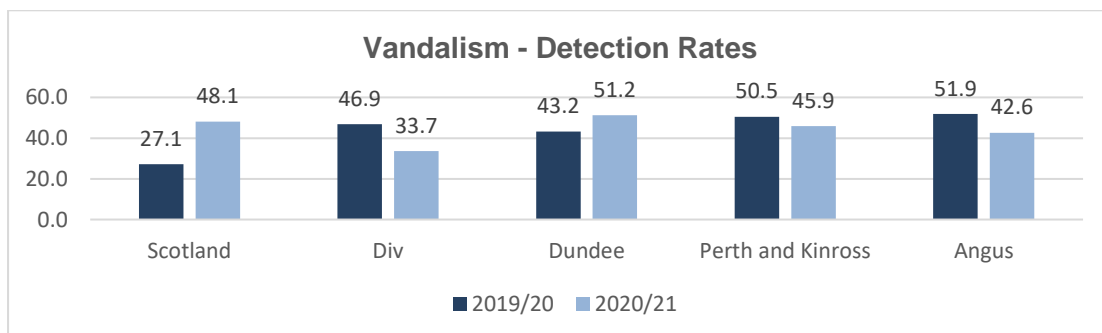
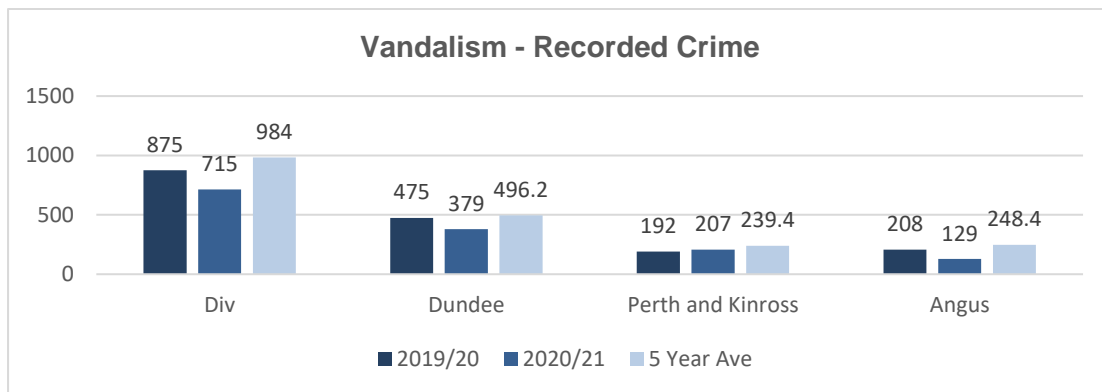
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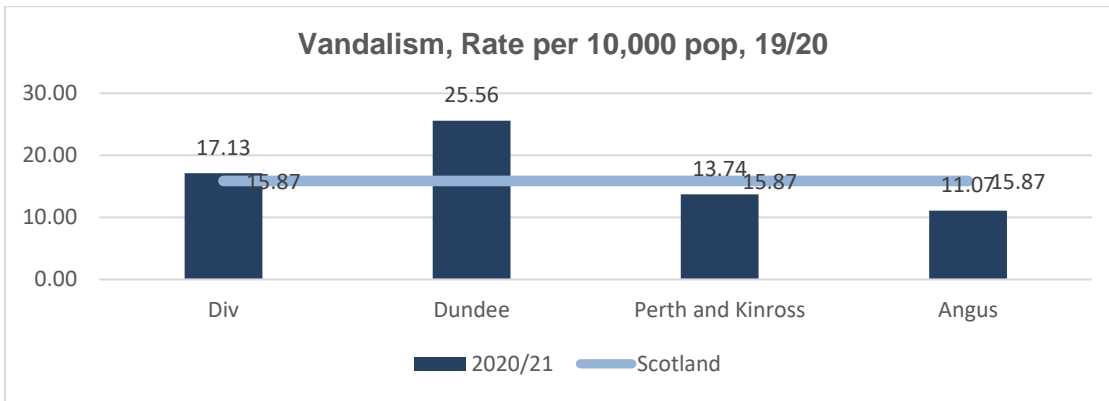
The number of vandalisms reported during the period was 379. This represents a significant reduction on the previous year aligned to an increased detection rate of 51.2%. This reduction is consistent with the COVID-19 restrictions

Challenges

Due to the reasons highlighted above it will be challenging to maintain this lower level and increased detection rate moving forward and will impact comparison in future quarters and performance years.

The overall number of recorded ASBs incidents in the first quarters gives a flavour of the increased demand and activity for officers in Dundee during the COVID-19 period.



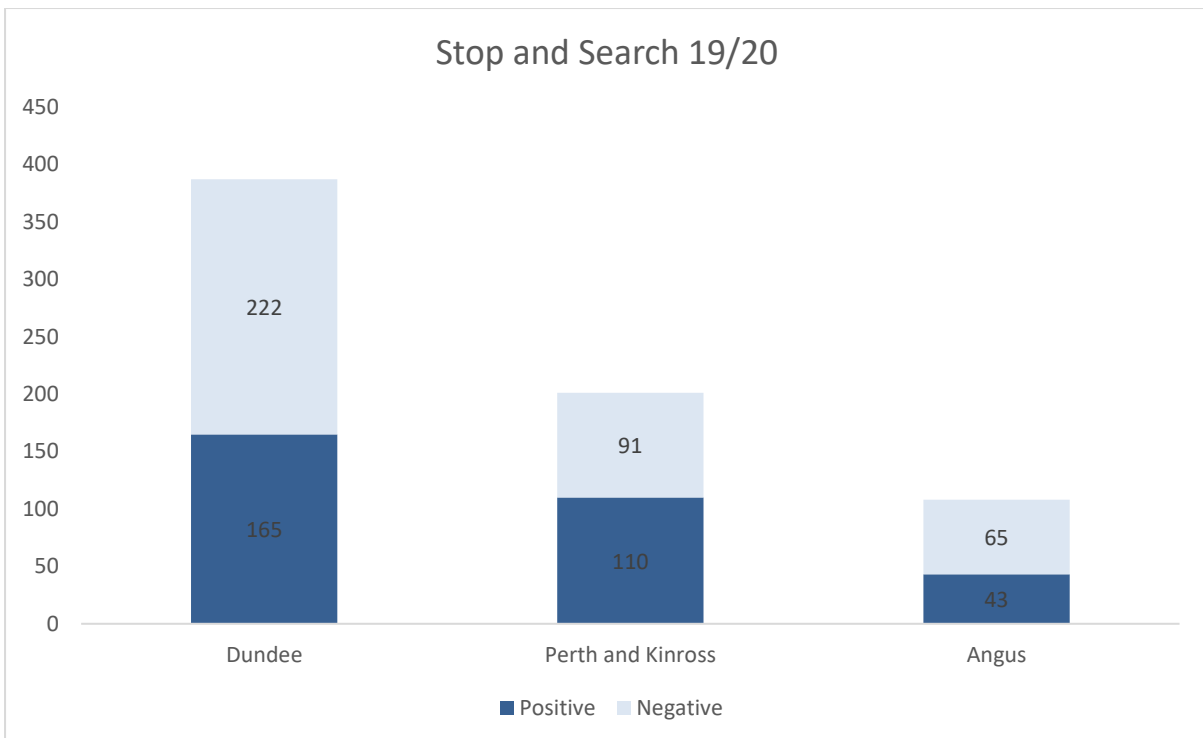


Measure – Stop Search

Stop and Search as 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 is 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, 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 108 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 43 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 39.8%.





**Acquisitive
Crime**

Reduce crime
through preventing
offending and
reduce re-
offending

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

- *Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities*
- *An inclusive and sustainable economy*

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

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

Operating Context

The overall number of crimes of dishonesty in the City has decreased by 2.2% over the first quarter. Within the COVID-19 period there have been some decreases and increase in reported crime, attributable to this period, which are reflected in the following updates.

Measure – Domestic Housebreaking

Activity

During the COVID-19 period, there has been an overall increase in all types of housebreaking from 80 crimes last year to 107 this year. This is an increase of around 33%.

Interestingly break-ins to commercial premises have reduced during the period from 35 crimes last year to 32 crimes this year. These crimes have a detection rate of 46.9%.

The Community Investigation Unit with support from the Pro-Active Team, CID are leading on a series of break-ins to Care Homes in the Tayside Area. Two in Dundee and one in Forfar. The persons responsible are travelling criminals and work in this area has identified and detected them for other offences nationally. A case has been submitted to the COPFs.

Break-ins to sheds or other types of out building has increased to 8 crimes last year to 15 for the last quarter.

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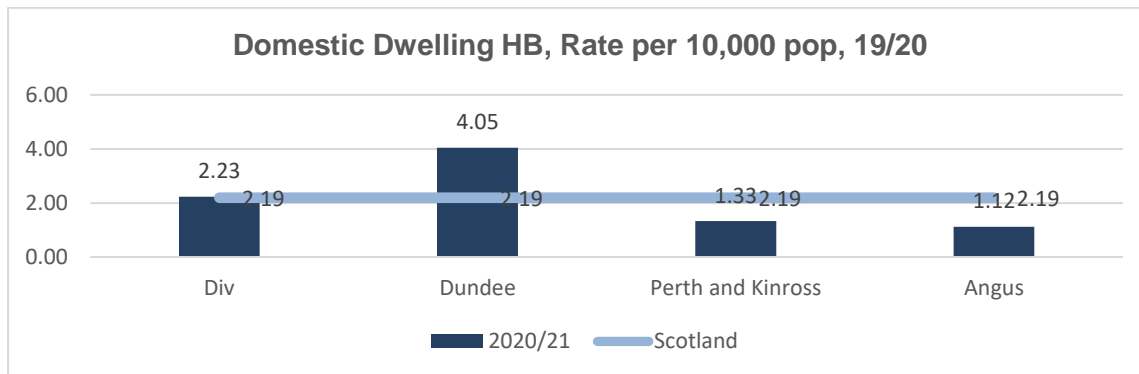
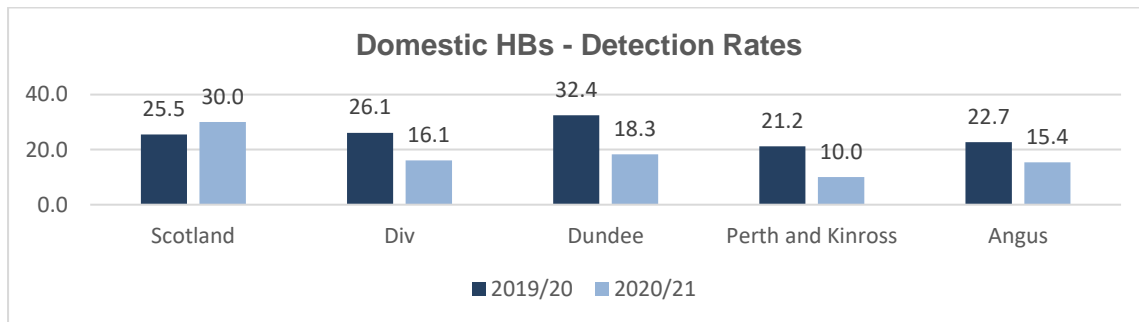
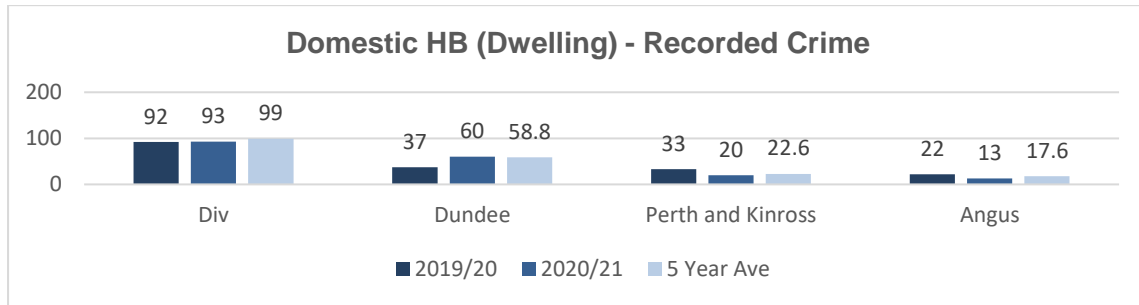
In relation to domestic housebreaking there has been an increase from the 37 crimes reported last year to 60 crimes recorded this year. This is an increase of 62.2%.

The detection rate for these crimes has reduced to 18.3%, being directly impacted by some COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing measures. These same factors did not present the same challenge when investigating largely empty commercial premises.

It is notable that during the last quarter 41 of the 60 crimes related to attempted domestic housebreaking with intent to steal which is also counted in this category.

Challenges

Work will be conducted to understand any social demographic and COVID-19 factors contributing to the overall position. Enquiries will continue to receive dedicated attention from the Community Investigation Unit (CIU).



Measure – Fraud

Activity

We continue to raise awareness through our and partners social media platforms of know scams as they come to our attention. Scams are now extremely sophisticated and it is very difficult for people to recognise that texts and emails are not for official organisations. Over recent months we have seen scams around access to benefits, HMRC and Amazon accounts to name but a few.

The Shut out Scammers operation ran in June 2020, however due to COVID- 19 the associated activity that would normally be undertaken in conjunction with partners was greatly reduced with much of the activity being online.

The Preventions Interventions and Partnership team now carry out follow up visits to many of the victims of doorstep and bogus caller crimes to ensure the services of Victims Support Scotland are fully understood and with referrals being made as necessary.

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With support from Community Wardens, Community Officers have been carrying out letter drops and where appropriate have been providing advice packs to local residents and business premises to raise awareness of these crimes as they have occurred to prevent further victimisation.

We are developing training for officers who have been identified as Fraud Champions, to improve our investigative approach.

Where appropriate we share information relating to people who are assessed as vulnerable with partners to ensure appropriate safeguard measures are put in place to prevent those becoming repeat victims.

Community Officers delivered inputs to in excess of 50 persons at each of Caldrum Street, Stirling Street, Rosebank Street, Ulverston and St Columba, sheltered housing complexes. This was to warn residents regarding techniques used by fraudsters and bogus workmen.

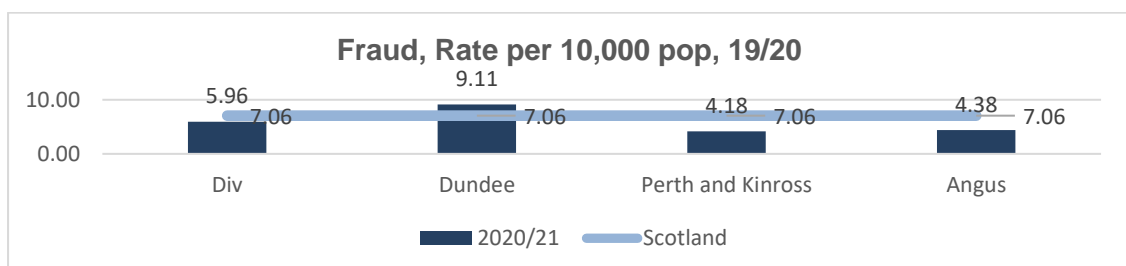
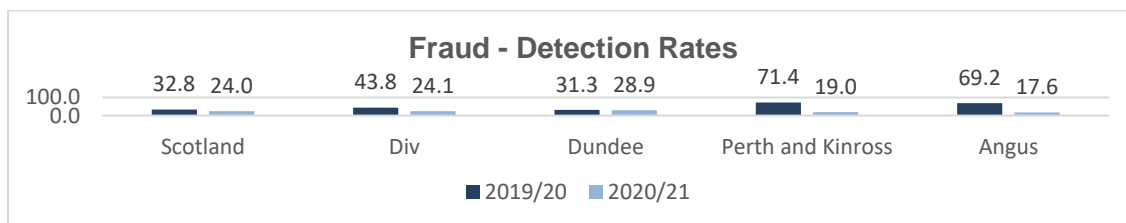
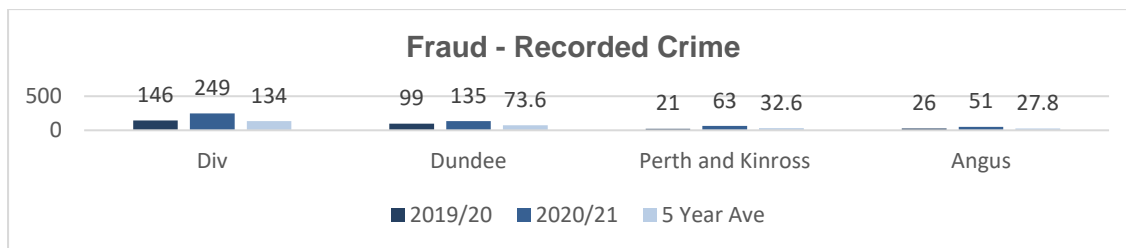
Results

There has been a reduction in detection rates, this is not uncommon when investigations are complex and as is the case in many of these instances the point of gain is difficult to establish.

Challenges

This is a fast moving and evolving crime type, the volume of fraud continues to increase across the country. The biggest increase has been seen in crimes committed online. These are particularly challenging as often the point of gain is out with Scotland.

Due to the increased online activity as a result of COVID-19, it is anticipated these crimes types will continue to increase as they become increasingly sophisticated.



Measure – Theft by Shoplifting

Activity

During the COVID-19 restrictions there have been significantly less shops open. The shops that have been open have had enhanced security and social distancing measures in operation which will have lessened the opportunities for this type of acquisitive crime.

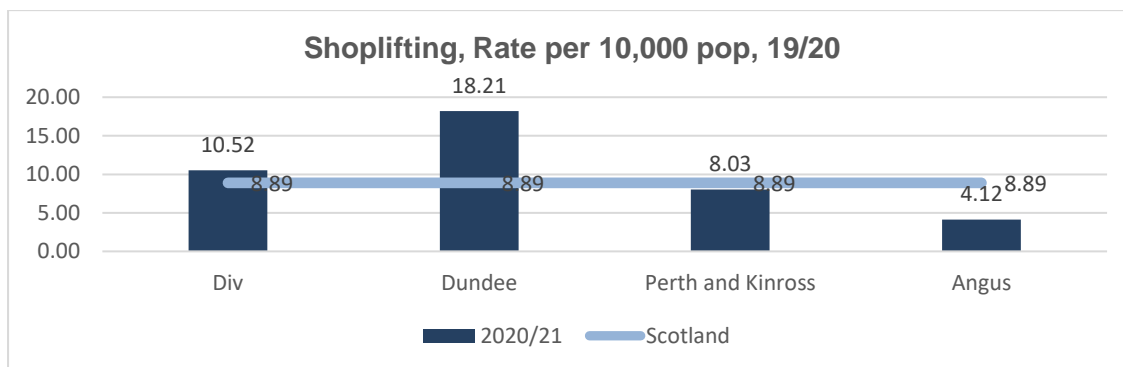
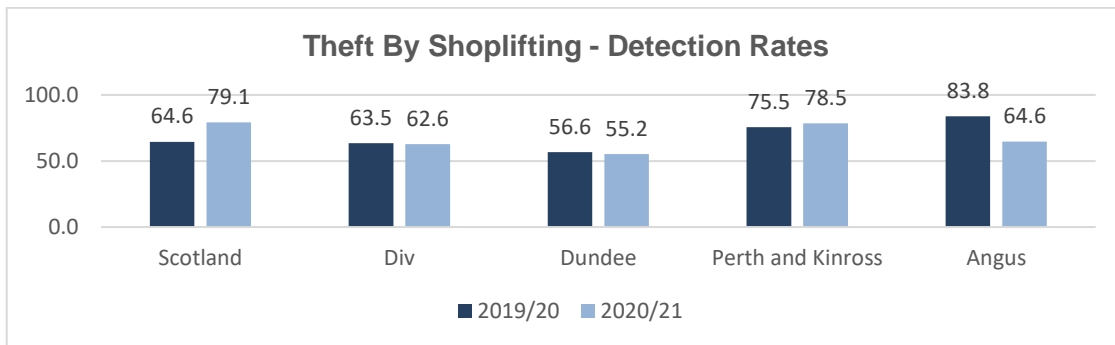
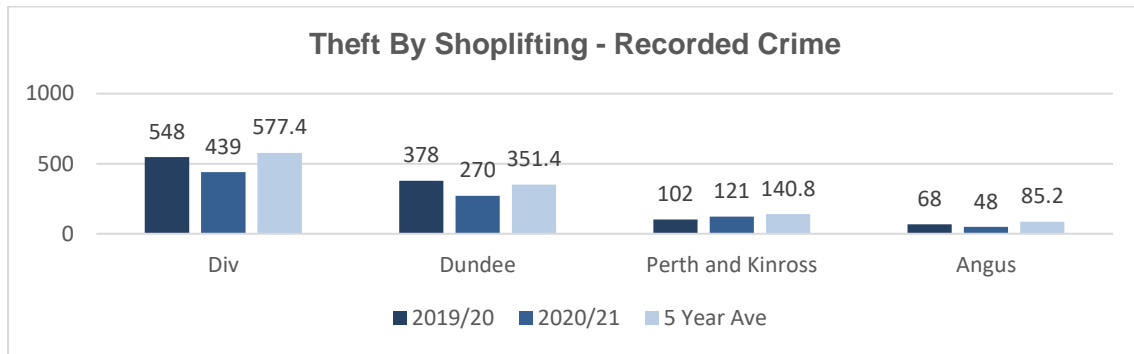
Results

During the first quarter there has been a considerable reduction in the number of reported crimes. From 378 last year to 270, a reduction of 108 crimes, for the first quarter of this year.

Challenges

Less acquisitive opportunities for offenders will have had an impact elsewhere in other crime types.

Will be challenging to maintain this level with partners moving forward.



Measure – Motor Vehicle Crime

Activity

Overall vehicle crime in Dundee has decreased slightly in Dundee by six crimes from 152 crimes last year to 146 crimes for this period.

Results

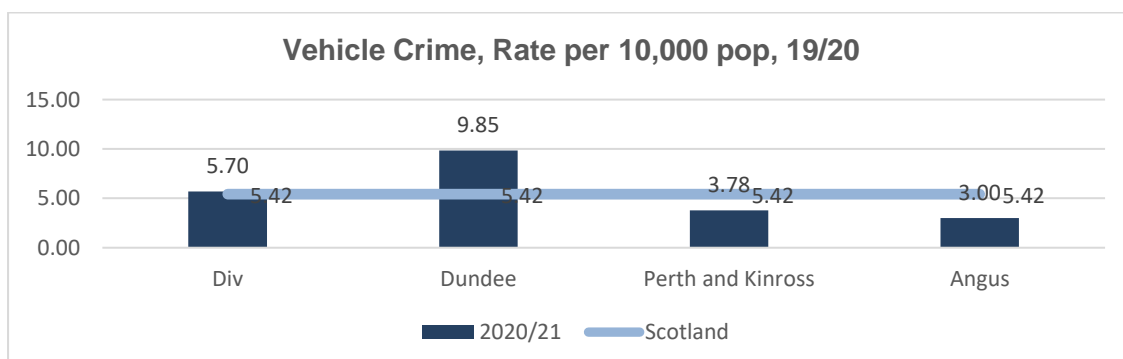
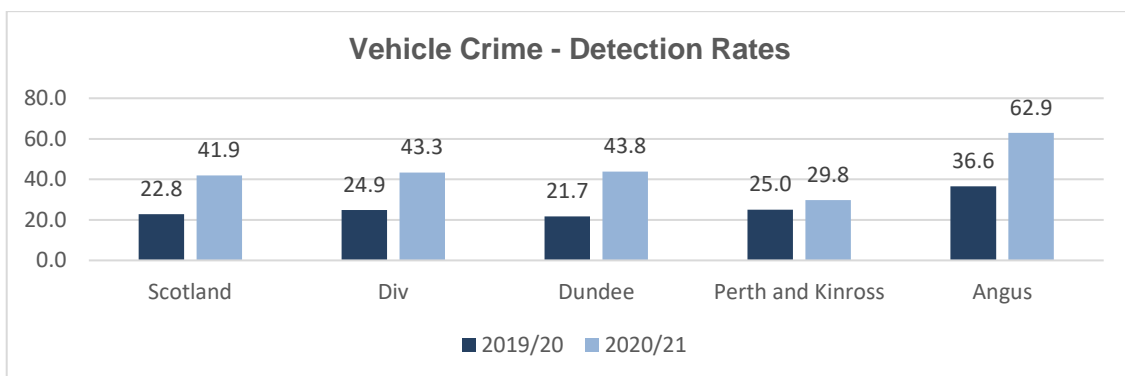
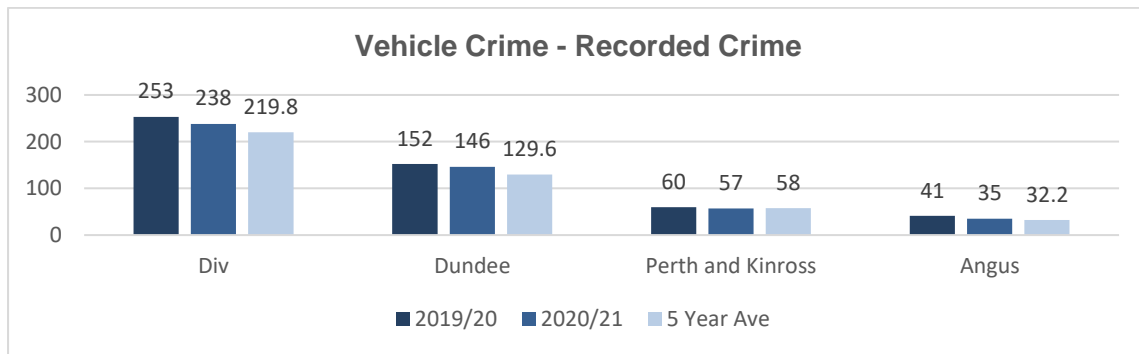
Opportunistic thefts of property remains the key issue in this category of crime when there has been seemingly less acquisitive crime opportunities for individuals elsewhere in the city.

A significant amount of pro-active and preventive patrols have been conducted in hot spot areas , resulting in a number of individuals being identified and arrested for a number of these crimes.

These results are reflected in the increase in detection rate to 43.8 %.

Challenges

Crimes of this type are often spontaneous and spread across the policing area.



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Road Safety and Road Crime

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads

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

- *Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities*
- *An inclusive and sustainable economy*

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

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

Operating Context

D Division have recently implement a fresh approach in response to Road Safety. Our efforts will be coordinated under the principles of Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce), a road safety scheme which has been successfully delivered in both the north east of Scotland and the Highlands and Islands. CEDAR will build on established road safety practices and provide a focus for agencies across Tayside to work together to make our roads safer for all.

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

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

Activity

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

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of Scotland. It will refocus our efforts to further improve safety on Tayside's roads and promote active travel.

There have been no fatalities in Dundee LPA for the period under review.

Dundee LPA have had 7 serious collisions which is a 17% increase comparable with the same period last year.

Whilst there have been 18 slight injury collisions which is a 14% reduction comparable with the same period last year.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Dundee. 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 a wide range of driving behaviours including dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving to name but a few.

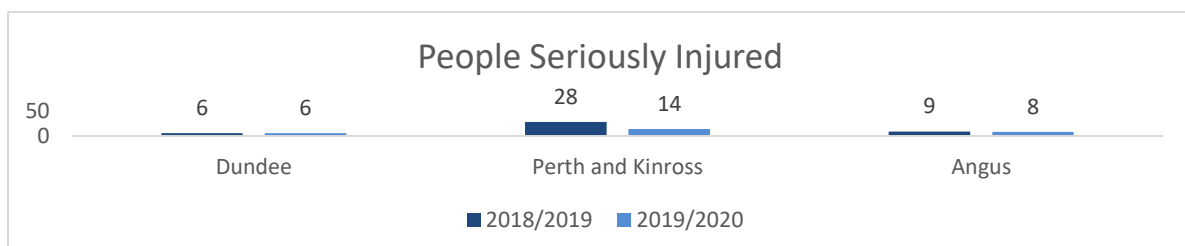
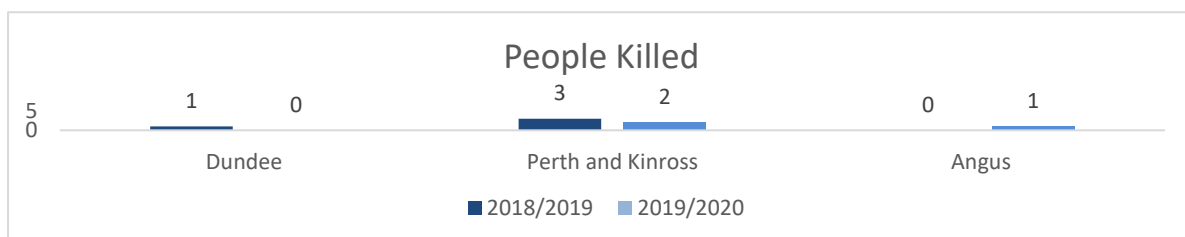
Based on strategic assessment a number of priority locations have been identified within in Dundee which were subject to focussed operational activity.

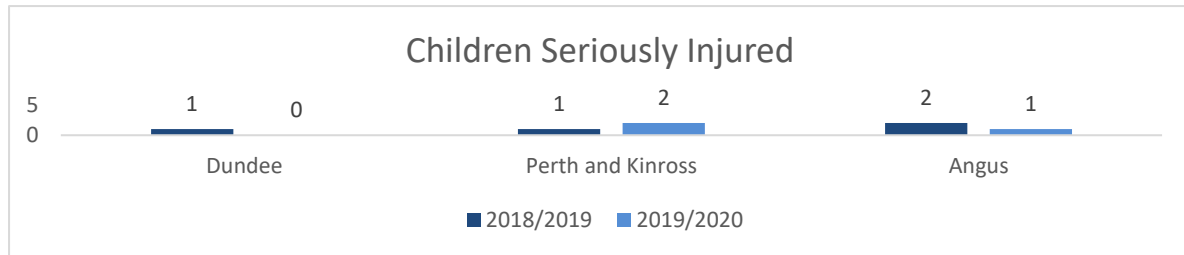
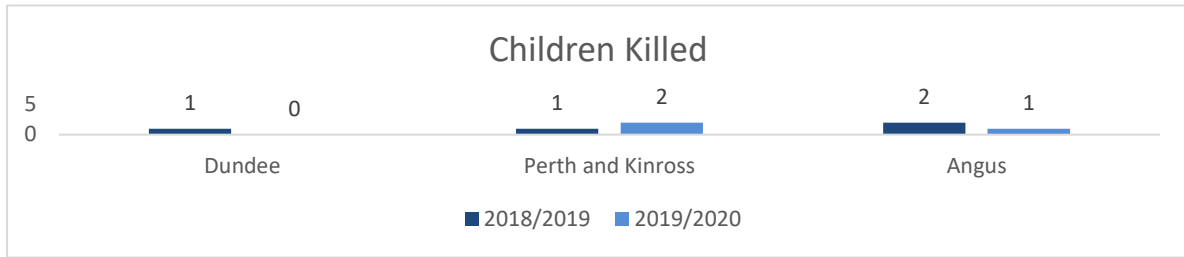
Results

For the period under review a total of 4035 vehicles were stopped in the Tayside division with a number of offences being detected and reported whilst a number of offenders were warned in respect of other road traffic contraventions.

Challenges

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.





Measure – Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Dundee LPA overall has significantly decreased by 33.1%. 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.

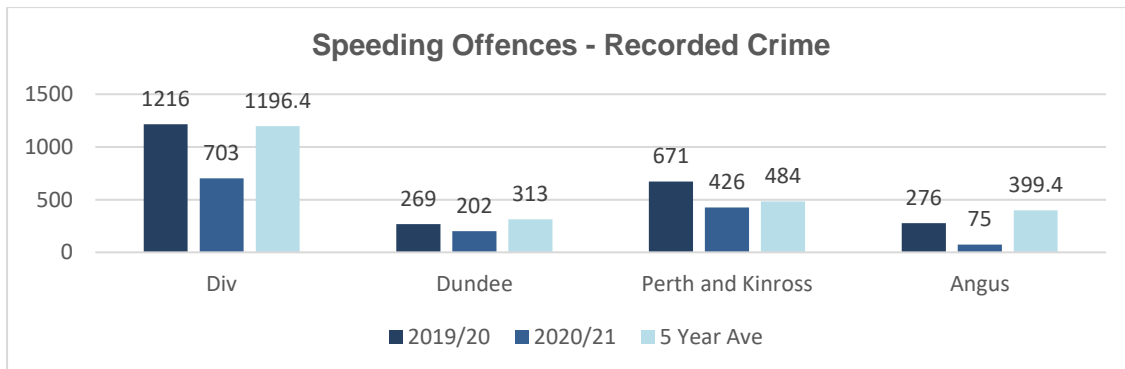
Although focused patrols are key to the reduction, the significant drop can also be partially apportioned to the Coronavirus 'lockdown' and travel restrictions.

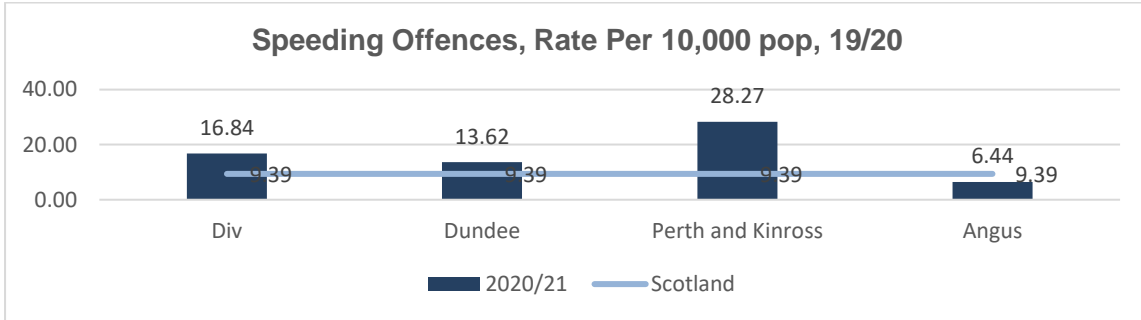
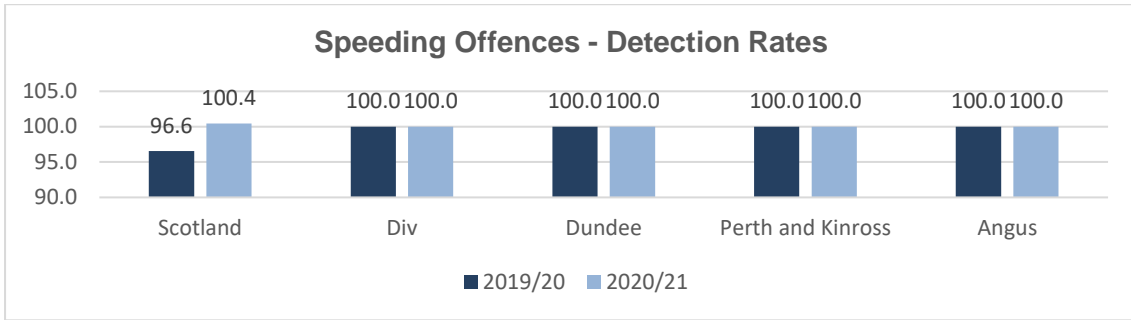
Activity

Although normal Policing patrols have been in place due to the Coronavirus 'lockdown' and travel restrictions, there limited planned activity in the first quarter, however due to the phased release of lockdown and the number of vehicles now utilising the roads network, the Campaign Calendar will now be utilised going forward.

Results

During the period under review 202 speeding offences were detected in Dundee LPA.





Measure – Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Dundee LPA has saw a 16.8% increase compared to the same period of last year.

Across Tayside Division 196 Drink/drug driver detected for the period under review, 34 of which were Drug impaired drivers which were dealt with by Road Policing Units.

Activity

Between 27 June & 9 July 2020, Police Scotland held a variation on our Summer 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 offender's drive the morning after being under the influence.

Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

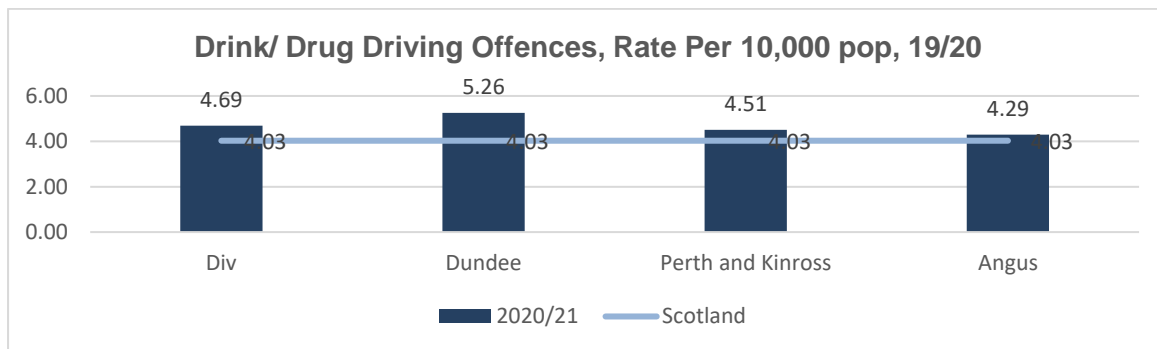
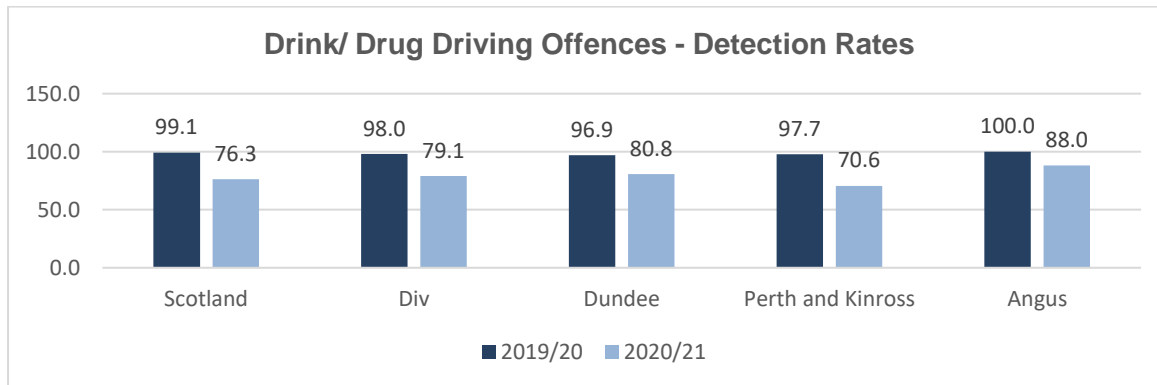
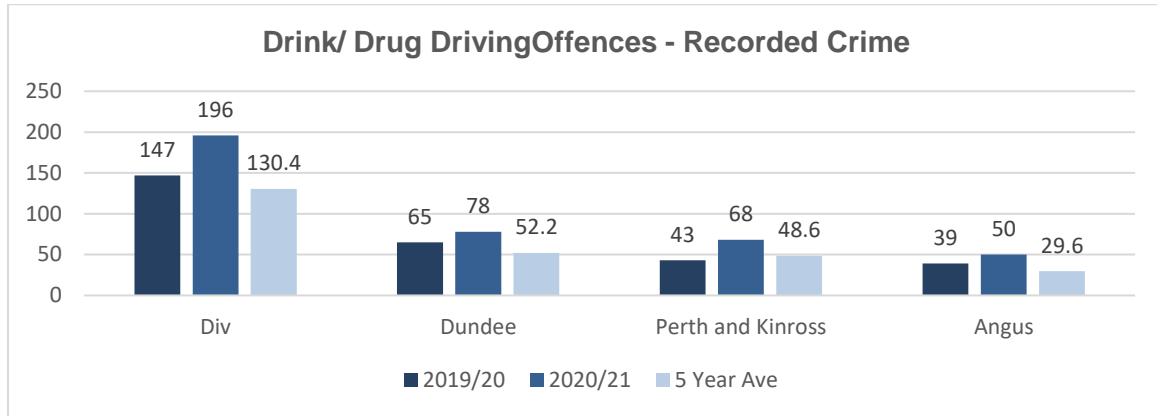
As is evident from the figures the drug wipe testing kit featured heavily in the media and was prevalent throughout the duration of this campaign, it will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving.

Results

During the period under review due to the Covid19 lockdown and distancing measures breath/drug specimens have not been required as would normally be for road traffic offences.

Challenges

Irrespective of Police campaigns and reinforcement through varying mediums, evidence suggests the message does not appear to be hitting home and road users are continuing to drive whilst under the influence which is completely unacceptable.



Measure – Careless Driving

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

By focusing on the ‘Fatal 5’ and working with partners, Tayside Division road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education activates and influence the provision of engineering solutions (3 E’s). This will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

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 the A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90. Many of these routes running through Dundee.

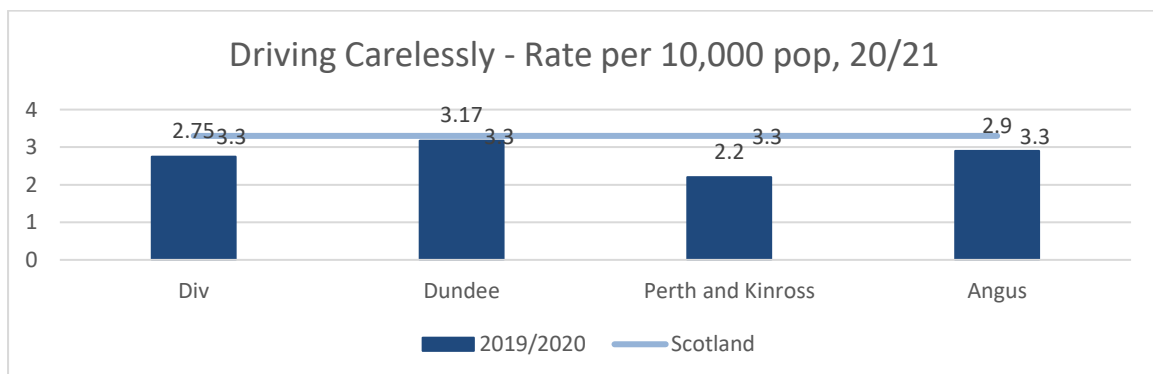
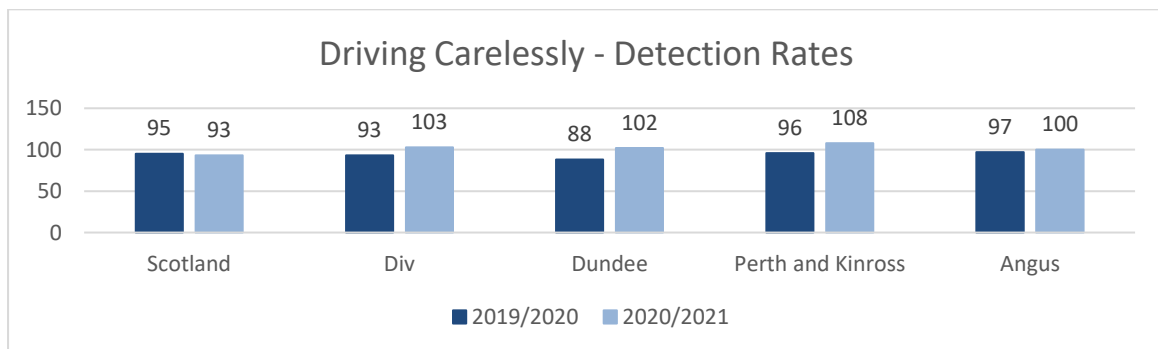
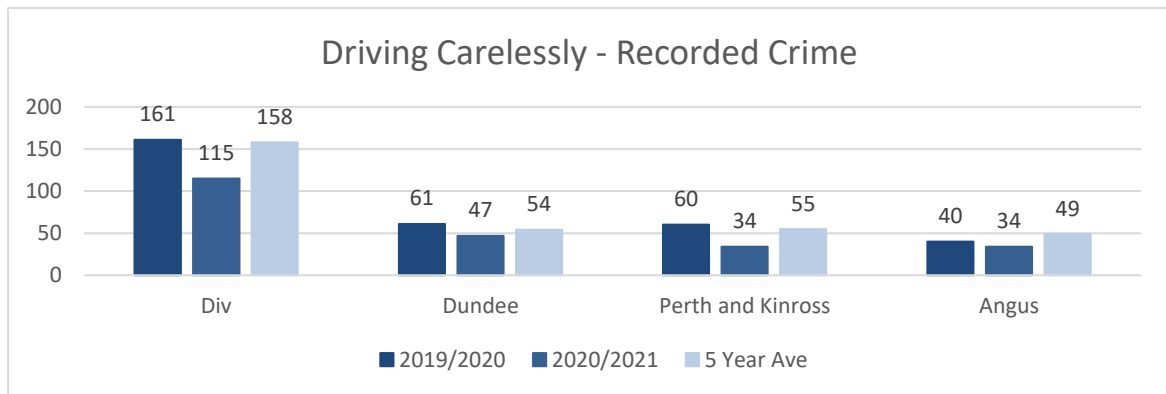
Activity is based on the previous collision data for the month and involve multiple units carrying out high visibility patrolling of the same route. Where these routes traverse multiple Divisions we utilise cross border joint operations. Operations are routinely supported by partner agencies.

Results

Dundee LPA saw a 22.9% decrease in relation to Careless driving compared to the same period last year which is encouraging.

Challenges

With COVID-19 restrictions being removed many individuals who have not driven for a considerable period or distance are expected to return to our roads. It is anticipated this will generate additional demand.





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::

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

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

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

Operating Context

Public Protection is a hugely diverse area of work involving, concern calls, vulnerability and adult and child protection. Police Scotland focuses activity to support and improve operational delivery, making Dundee and Scotland a safer place to live, work and visit.

Child protection remains a Police Scotland priority. There were concerns that this issue would continue during the COVID – 19 lockdown and issues may go unreported until young people return to alternative care/educational settings. Covid-19 public health restrictions have led to reduced opportunities to engage with children, young people and families. All agencies have continued to prioritise protection services and operate with the usual referral routes and responses, albeit with necessary adaptations given the current pandemic advice.

The response to COVID- 19 has raised a number of challenges for police and partners, all whilst trying to ensure existing practices continue to safeguard those at risk within our communities. A number of innovative practices have been developed with virtual safeguard meetings now being common place for both vulnerable children and adults.

Matching trends seen in other parts of Scotland and the UK, Police and partners are seeing a year on year increase in demand for Child Protection Services. Work is taking place within Dundee and within Tayside collaborative arrangements to identify innovative ways of meeting these anticipated increases in demand.

Measure – Domestic Abuse

As of April 2020, Domestic Abuse crimes and offences were 5% higher (year to date) than last year. This increase was in line with national trends.

Over the last quarter, incorporating the COVID 19 restriction period, the total number of reported domestic incidents has increased from 599 to 658 incidents. A rise of 9.8%.

Over the last quarter, incorporating the COVID 19 restriction period, the total number of reported domestic crimes, has increased from 268 to 304 for this reporting period. A rise of 13.4 %

Activity

The Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018, recorded 25 crimes in Dundee, an increase on 6 crimes from the same period last year. A rise of approximately 31%.

Results

The detection rate for DASA offences is 80%. The detection rate for all domestic offences in Dundee is currently 68.4 %.

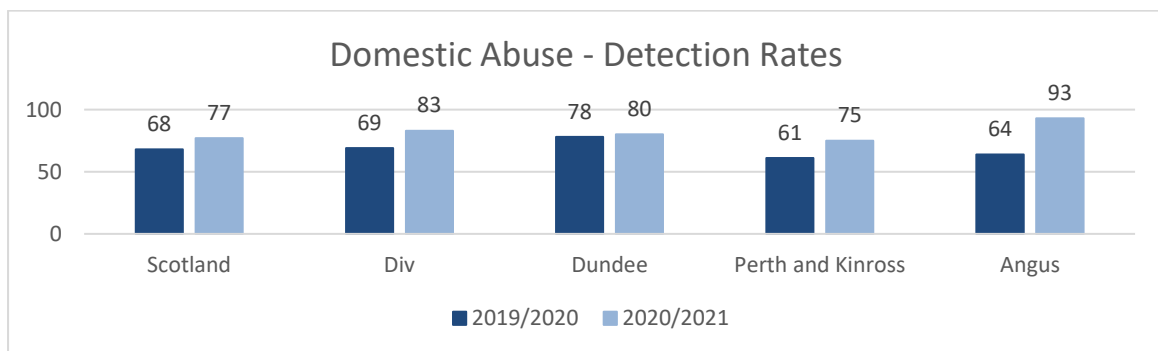
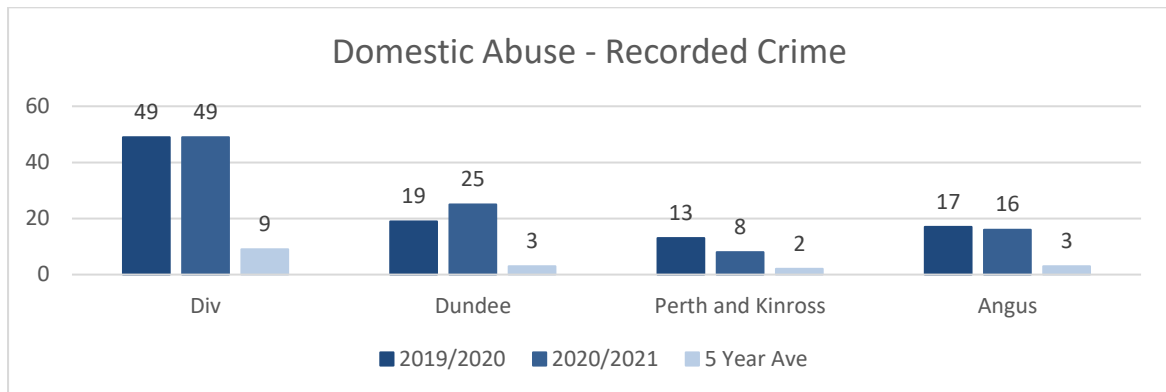
Aligned to increased proactivity and comprehensive safety plans, there has also been a considerable increase in offenders breaching their specific bail or undertaking conditions.

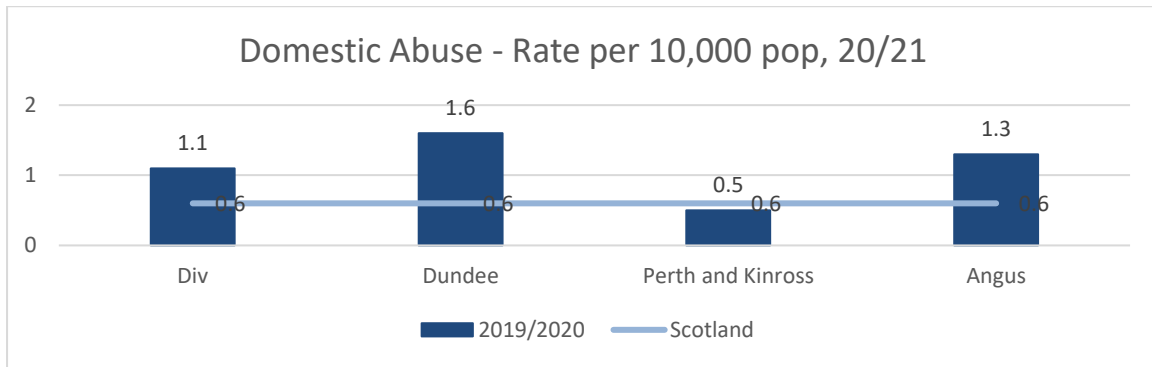
For this quarter 31 persons have been arrested compared to 17 persons last year. This is a considerable rise.

Challenges

Domestic Abuse remains a priority for Police Scotland and it would appear that this type of abuse has become more prevalent during the COVID-19 period. As restrictions continue to be relaxed further reporting of offences could be expected.

Police Scotland will continue to work with partner to focus on safeguarding victims, their families and bringing offenders to justice.





Measure - Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a hugely diverse area involving missing persons, concern calls, vulnerability and adult and child protection.

Police Scotland focuses activity to support and improve operational delivery, making Dundee and Scotland a safer place to live, work and visit.

Community and partnership relationships have been built on in the last year with an enhanced community and locality policing footprint. This has been evident across the city but particularly in the creation of the Preventions Hub which is co-located in Lochee and additional dedicated resources to police the city centre.

Activity

Preventions and Interventions staff continue to be involved in a range of work streams. The Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway represents a considerable investment for the city. Officers will continue to be committed to this important work.

Officers have also been identified to support proactive and preventative work with looked after children across the city. One officer is based within the Hub at Lochee the other within community policing. This work will continue to develop but already proving valuable in forming strong working relationships and dealing with complex cases in conjunction with partners.

Results

In total police officers in Dundee dealt with 770 reports of missing persons in the last year with 260 of these in the last quarter.

Some of the missing person enquiries can be resource intensive and supported by dedicated enquiry teams and a number of specialists from other business areas in Police Scotland.

As part of recognised safety plans for victims; proactive work is conducted to ensure perpetrators are adhering to bail conditions. In the last year 248 person were arrested for breaching their bail conditions. This is an increase of 12.2% on the previous period.

Measure – Hate Crime

Activity

Processes are still in place locally to monitor and review hate crimes/incidents to ensure these are being recognised and recorded properly.

Incidents are reviewed on a daily basis facilitating interventions and partnership work. Relevant partnership working allows for victims and communities to be signposted to support agencies and for reassurance to be provided.

There is ongoing work to increase hate awareness amongst groups and communities. Evaluate local third party reporting centres to establish best practice and training needs. Increase partnership working and establish best practice with regards to the Gypsy/Traveller community. Improve hate crime awareness and Third Party Reporting amongst the LGBT community and to overall improve the current Third Party Reporting Process.

Results

Electronic briefing material has been shared with different communities including international students at local universities. Prior to lockdown there was a report of tensions relating to international students wearing protective masks. Messages shared helped raise awareness amongst these students, should they be a victim or witness of hate crime.

There has been contact with Dundee City Council surrounding the current management of illegal encampments. Support is being given in this area of work.

Results of a partnership survey with the Terrance Higgins Trust have highlighted several areas of learning within the community. A project is being considered and how best to address the issues.

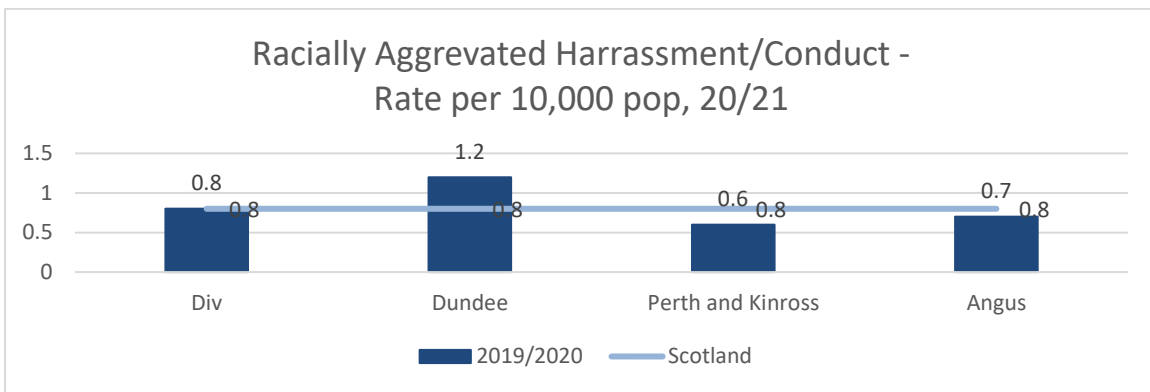
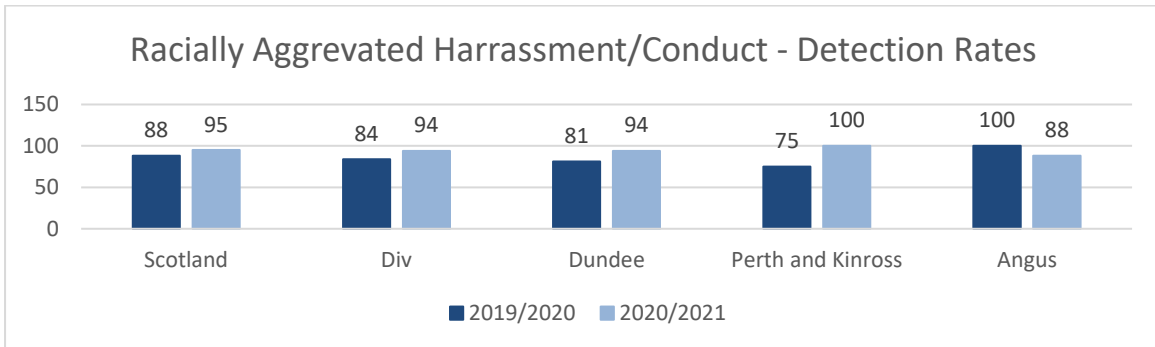
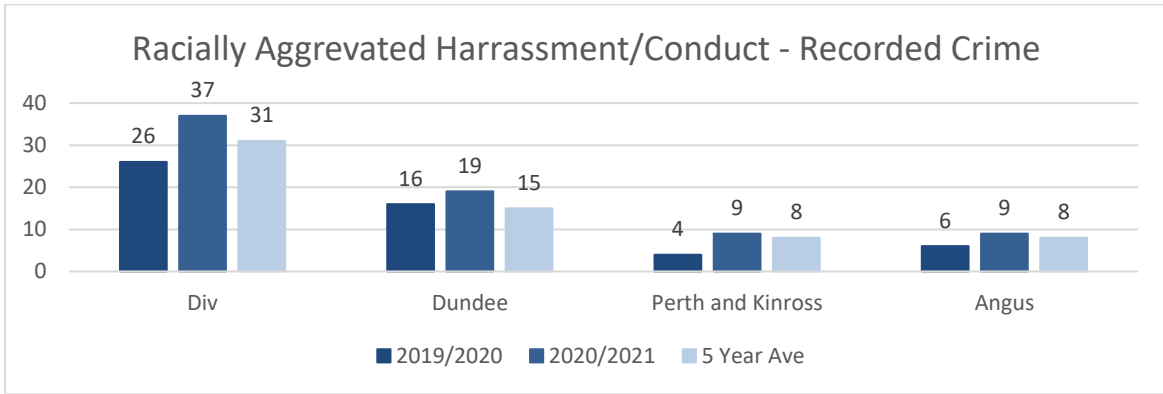
Challenges

Due to Covid-19 restriction, electronic material and online support have replaced face to face meetings with communities. Social media has been utilised to educate people about recognising and reporting incidents of hate.

The material is not always in a suitable format for every community to understand. Work is ongoing to address this but a return to appropriately social distanced, group settings will assist in this regard.

COVID-19 restrictions have produced a testing time for the management of illegal encampments. Promoting the restriction of movement have put pressure on local councils with the increased numbers of people occupying illegal encampments.

National Hate Crime Awareness Month - Wednesday 4th March – Wednesday 5th April 2020. About 90% of scheduled activities, had to be cancelled when lockdown was implemented.



Measure – Sexual Crime

Activity

During the COVID-19 restriction period there has been a continued prevalence of reported online sexual crimes, often between peer groups of older children.

Child Sexual Exploitation awareness raising continues, the focus remains on those working with young people who are identified as being at the greatest risk of harm.

Dundee has a dedicated online sexual crime team, within the criminal investigation department, they review all online sexual crimes reported and take ownership of all protracted investigations. Support is also provided from the national Cyber Unit who deal with all action files relating to those suspected of being involved in online sexual crime.

The National Child Abuse Investigation Unit are due to increase their numbers in 2020 and will have a team dedicated to the Tayside area in the near future. The implementation date has been delayed due to the Covid-19 response.

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During phase 1 of COVID-19 restrictions, Community Officers from Maryfield proactively approached street sex workers to ensure their basic welfare needs were being met, food parcels and referrals to housing and other partners were facilitated.

The Scottie Centre, working in partnership with We Are With You to deliver support to sex workers, is again operating with social distancing measures in place.

Child Sexual Exploitation awareness raising continues, the focus remaining on those working with young people, the latter of whom are identified as being at the greatest risk of harm. Crimes relating to online sexual crimes and other sexual offending against children, particularly between peer groups of older children, continues to be a priority in Dundee.

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The National Child Abuse Investigation Unit are still scheduled to form a team in 2020, based in Dundee, to cover the Tayside area. Unfortunately, the implementation date has been delayed due to the Covid-19 response.

Results

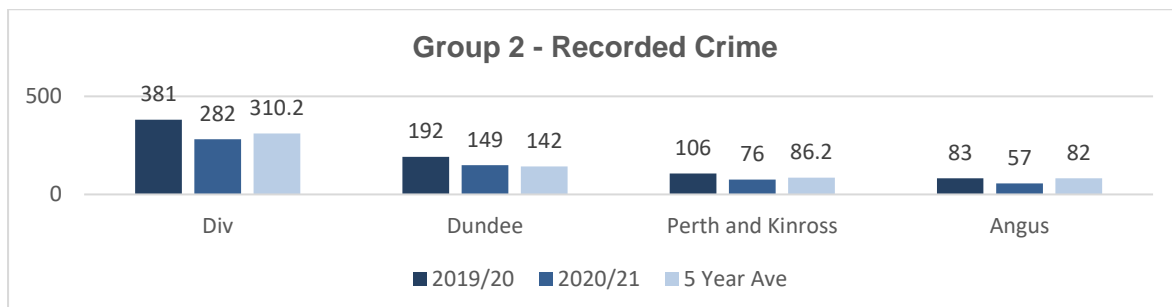
Overall reported sexual crime has decreased from 192 incidents last year to 149 incidents for this reporting period. This is a reduction of 22.4 %.

Challenges

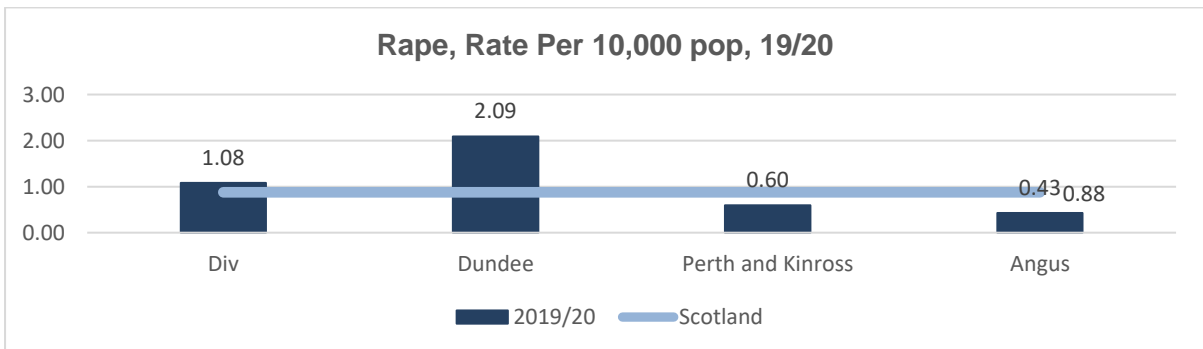
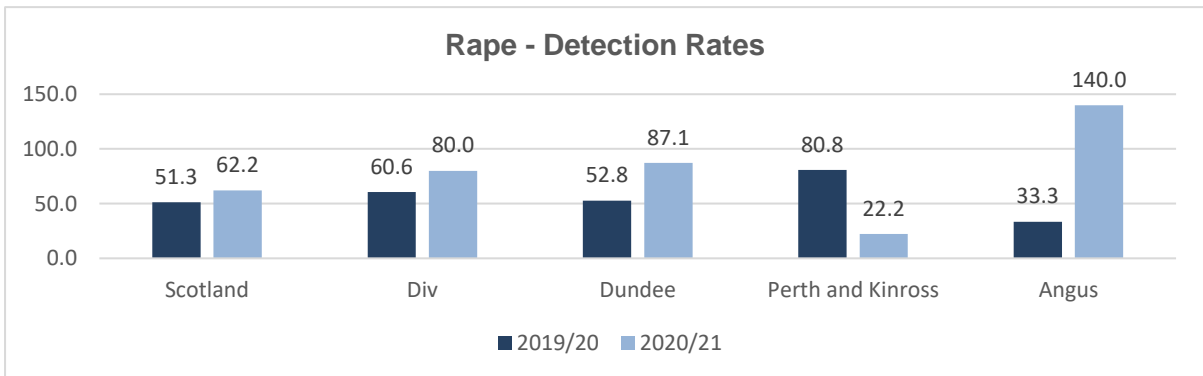
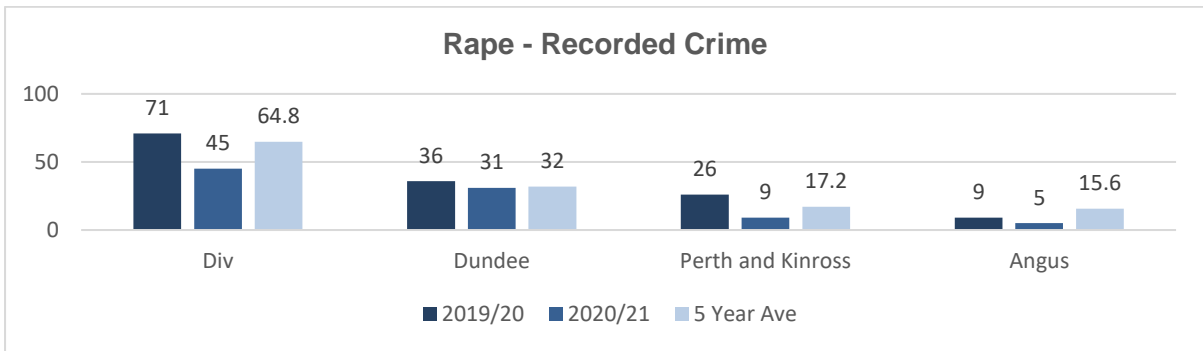
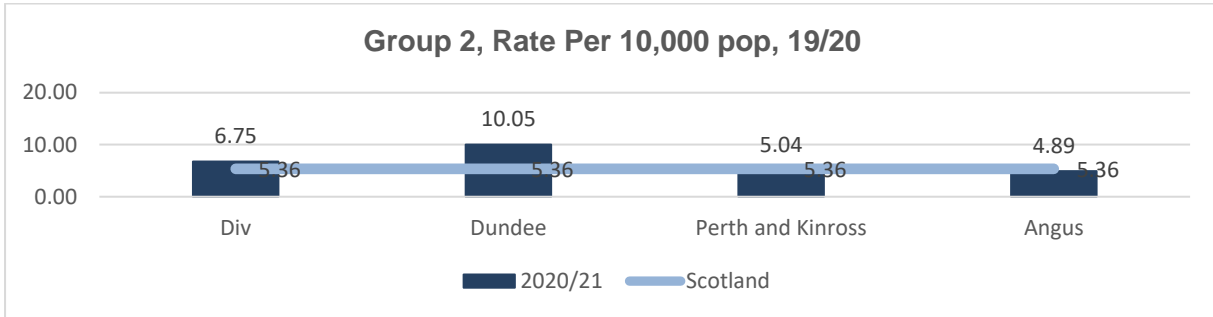
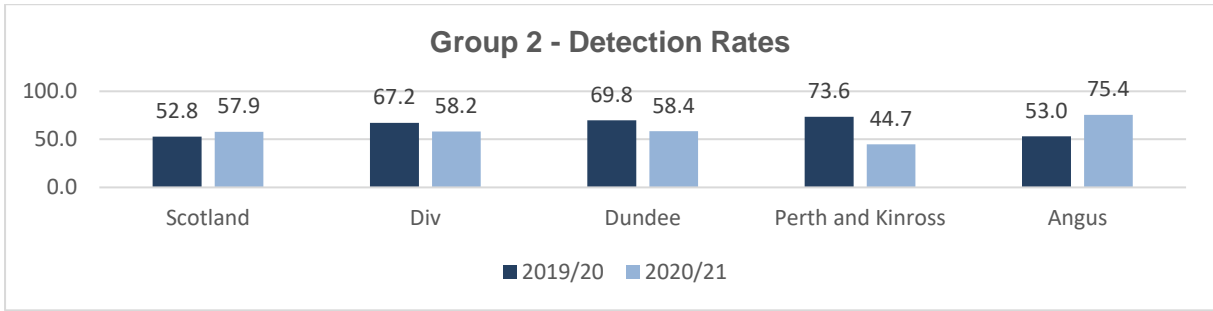
Child Sexual Abuse remains a Police Scotland priority. Concerns remain amongst the Scottish Government and partner agencies that this type of abuse will continue during COVID-19 restrictions and may go unreported until young people return to educational settings.

Police Scotland responded with an online media campaign entitled "Get Help or Get Caught" which ran from 14th April 2020 for a period of four weeks and targeted the perpetrators of online grooming.

In addition, with increased numbers of young people now accessing digital platforms more regularly, including many for the first time, we remain alert to the risk that online sexual crime may increase and that the reporting of this crime type may also be delayed.



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Serious Organised Crime

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

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- *Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities*

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

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

Operating Context

Measure – Possession of Drugs

Activity

Daily we gather, develop and utilise intelligence to target those involved in the sale and supply of controlled drugs.

We continue to respond to intelligence suggesting persons are being cuckooed or in some way intimidated / exploited by criminals gangs from England and work with partners to ensure safeguarding measures are in place.

Where possible we seek to not only detect offence but also disrupt their ability to commit crime, one such activity led to a female in Dundee having her driving licences revoked.

In April, 3 English individuals were arrested having been found in possession of around £15,000 of crack cocaine at an address in the city.

An input was provided by a Community Sergeant to over a 100 people at a Dundee Pensioners Forum warning of the dangers of young female drugs abusers befriending and exploiting elderly males. This received positive national media coverage.

Results

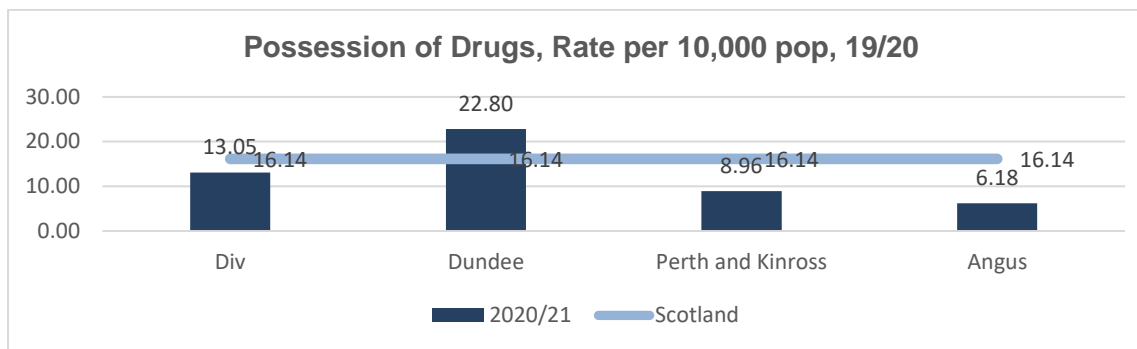
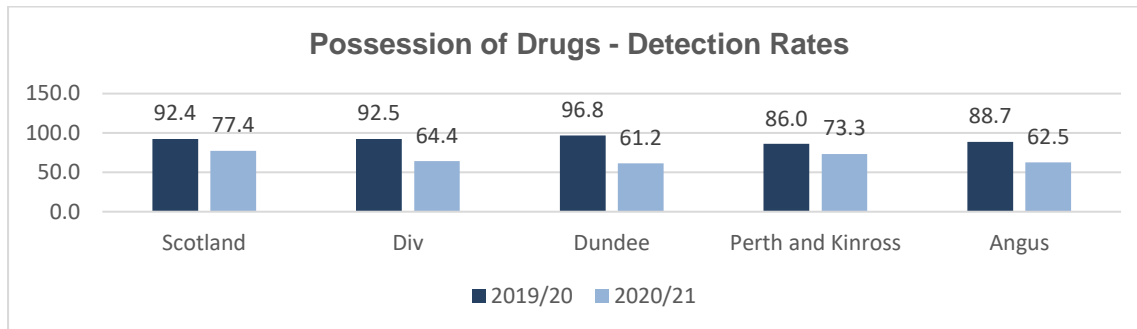
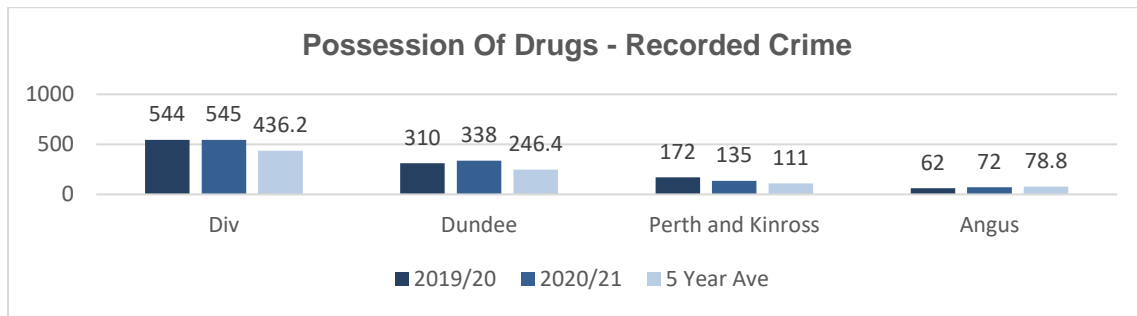
For the reporting period there were 338 recorded drugs possessions cases in Dundee. This is an increase of 28 cases and approximately 9% from the previous year. This is notable considering the COVID-19 restriction period and gives an indication of drug availability within the city.

In June 2020, Operation Quest, the violence reduction operation, targeted individuals involved the supply of drugs.

Challenges

Recent months have seen increased delays in results being received from the laboratories confirming if items seized are controlled drugs, this has created a lag in detection rates. Measures have been adopted to address this in an effort to improve this position although it is recognised this may take a number of months to recover.

Intelligence and information indicates there has been no reduction in the availability of controlled drugs during lockdown.



Measure – Supply of Drugs

Activity

We continue with support from Serious Crime Division to investigate those involved in Serious and Organised Crime. One group under investigation is involved in county line and cuckooing activity with others being involved in the large scale distribution of controlled drugs and another assessed to be involved in Human Trafficking

Preventions and Interventions staff continue to be involved in a range of work streams. The Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway represents a considerable investment for the city. Officers will continue to be committed to this important work.

Results

Although a slight reduction in the number of concern in the supply of drugs cases Drug Search Warrant activity has been undertaken across the city with the most commonly recovered drugs being heroin, cannabis, crack cocaine and diazepam.

In April 2020, we received information from the Modern Slavery Hotline regarding a Potential Victims of Human Trafficking, who was suspected of being involved in prostitution, the led to the instigation of a High Risk Missing Person investigation led by

a Senior Investigating Officer. After extensive enquiries locally, nationally and internationally the young female was traced safe and well in Aberdeen.

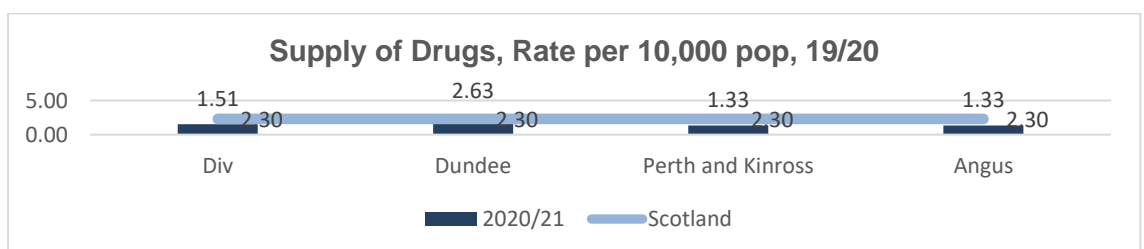
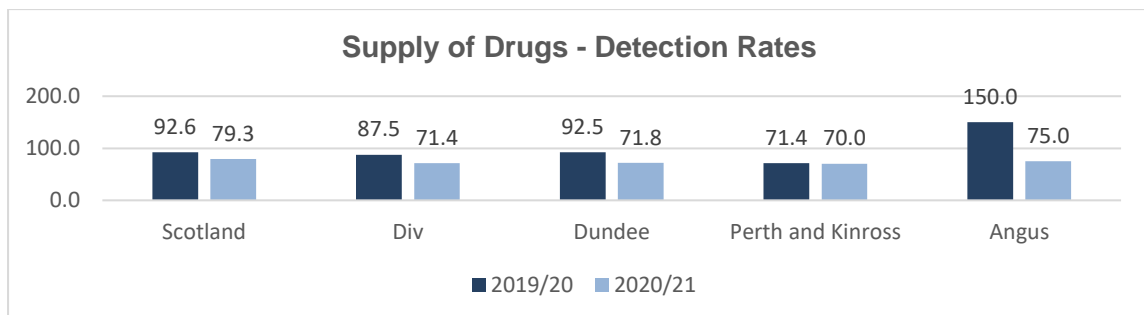
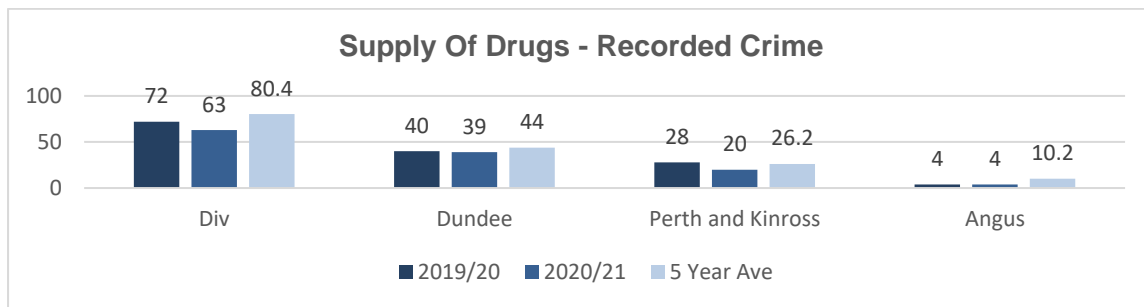
In June 2020, during Operation Quest, the divisional response to violence reduction, officers arrested 23 persons for drugs offences, executed 7 Drugs Search Warrants and recovered a quantity of controlled drugs, including; Cocaine (£380), Crack Cocaine (£2420), Cannabis (£1865), Heroin (£12,335) and Tablets (3003).

Challenges

During the initial stages of COVID-19 restrictions, we sought solutions to prevent increasing the risks to the wider community and officers through our policing activities. Directed, risk based, intelligence lead activity supported this area of work.

Much of the activity and results of this work has been shared with the media and public to provide reassurance.

Police Scotland continue to relentlessly pursue those involved in the Supply of Controlled Drugs and Serious Organised Crime.



Measure – Proceeds of Crime

Activity

Targeting the assets of those involved in criminality and Serious Organised Crime. This activity helps prevent future criminal enterprise.

During the reporting period an account freezing order £45 142.92 was issued. This related to Misuse of Drugs and money Laundering offences.

Results

In addition to the above focussed activity around the supply of drugs and other connected offences has resulted in a number of cash seizures and assets being restrained.

- Civil Cash Seizures £ 51130.86
- Expedited Civil Recovery £ N/A
- Assets for Restraint £1879



**Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
preparedness

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

- *Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities*
- *An inclusive and sustainable economy*

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

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

CONTEST is the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It was first developed by the Home Office in early 2003. The aim of the strategy is "to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence." CONTEST is split into four work streams that are known within the counter terrorism community as the 'four P's': *Prevent, Pursue, Protect, and Prepare.*

Pursue: the investigation and disruption of terrorist attacks.

Prevent: work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism or extremism.

Protect: improving our protective security to stop a terrorist attack.

Prepare: working to minimise the impact of an attack and to recover from it as quickly as possible.

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL.

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Operating Context

A number of community officers are trained to be Local CONTEST Liaison Officers (LCLOs), providing a capability to promote CONTEST. This allows delivery of the strategy throughout the Dundee community as part of daily business.

Due to lockdown procedures over the previous quarter, contact has been maintained with businesses and partners by electronic briefings and telephones contact.

Now that restrictions are easing and premises and businesses are opening and gaining crowds, work will continue to ensure that safety continues to be a priority within the community.

Other Key Activity

Events

There have been no events due to the current COVID-19 restrictions

Demand

Police Scotland has introduced a new way of assessing calls to its 101 and 999 service that will enable specially trained police officers and staff to make an enhanced assessment of threat, risk, harm and vulnerability.

They will take into account the needs and circumstances of every caller to ensure the most appropriate response is provided every time we are contacted.

If a call is non urgent, advice and guidance may be provided over the phone or through a personal appointment or through referral to a partner agency.

There is no change to the way the public contact us, they will still call 101 or 999 and the first thing we do is make sure they are safe. That won't change

This went live within Tayside on the 21st April 2020 and calls are now graded as follows;

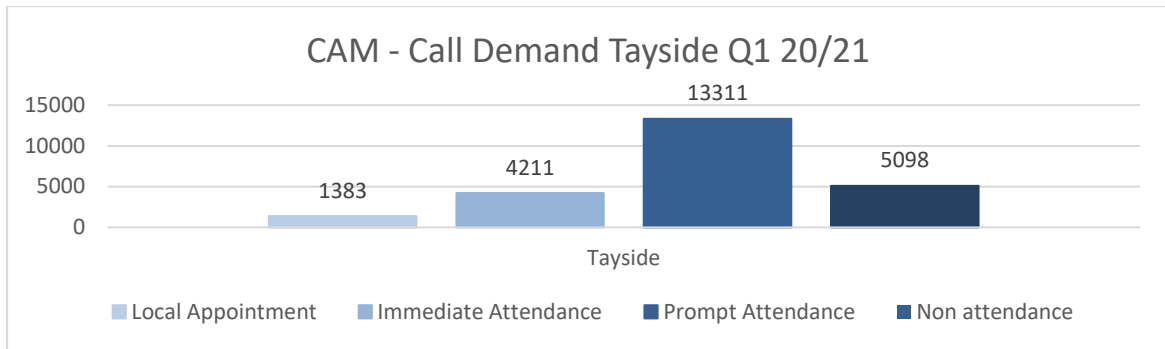
Immediate: where the circumstances dictate there is a threat to life, property or an ongoing incident that requires a dynamic police response.

Prompt: where a response within 4 hours is required.

Scheduled: where a planned attendance is appropriate through a Local Policing Appointment.

Non-attendance: which includes direct crime recording, police officer advice or referral to another agency.

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Appendix

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

	Reporting Period³				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons)²				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016
FORCE / SCOTLAND	5 327 700	5 347 600	5 373 000	5 404 700	5 404 700
Tayside	412 160	413 800	415 040	415 470	415 470
Angus	116 290	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 520
Dundee City	148 100	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 270
Perth & Kinross	147 770	148 930	149 930	150 680	150 680

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.