



Dundee City Council

Community Safety and Public Protection

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1 January 2022 – 31 March 2022

**Report No 219-2022 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

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- 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 4 ending 31st March 2022
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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 January 2022 to 31 March 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

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

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

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

 <p>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</p> <p>Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime</p>	 <p>Acquisitive Crime</p> <p>Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending</p>	 <p>Road Safety and Road Crime</p> <p>Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads</p>
 <p>Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism</p> <p>Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness</p>	 <p>Public Protection</p> <p>Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners</p>	 <p>Serious Organised Crime</p> <p>Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime, including cyber crime</p>



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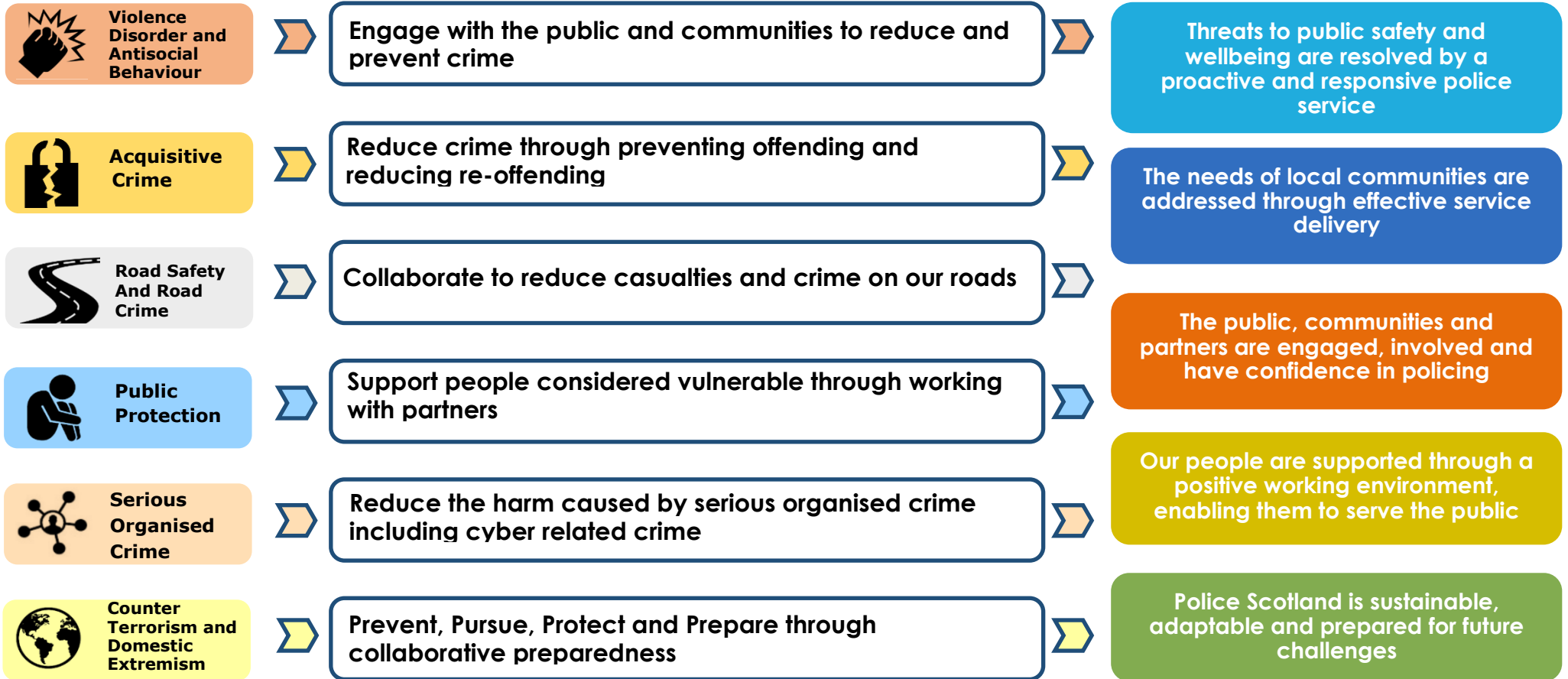
Plan on a Page – Dundee City Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

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 March 2022

The table below provides a summary of this year to date Vs last year to date figures for this quarter in relation to crimes reported and crimes detected. This is an indication of the current position and further detail and indicators are provided in the full scrutiny report.

Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
Serious Assault	Robbery Inc Intent	Common Assault - Total
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 124 75.8	20/21 162 73.5	20/21 2385 69.1
21/22 143 73.4	21/22 139 72.7	21/22 2416 67.5
% +/- +15.3% -2.4%	% +/- -14.2% -0.8%	% +/- +1.3% -1.6%
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Acquisitive Crime	Acquisitive Crime
Emergency Services Assault	Housebreakings - Dwellings	Motor Vehicle Crime
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 331 98.5	20/21 221 18.6	20/21 538 40.7
21/22 359 98.3	21/22 248 25.0	21/22 735 22.3
% +/- +8.5% -0.2%	% +/- +12.2% +6.4%	% +/- +36.6% -18.4%
Acquisitive Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes Detect %	Off. Detect %	Off. Detect %
20/21 510 22.0	20/21 1105 100.0	20/21 326 89.3
21/22 618 13.8	21/22 856 100.0	21/22 292 93.8
% +/- +21.2% -8.2%	% +/- -22.5% /	% +/- -10.4% +4.6%
Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Public Protection
Road Deaths - All	Serious Injury - All	Rape Inc Assault With Intent
Deaths Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 1 N/A	20/21 42 N/A	20/21 146 59.6
21/22 0 N/A	21/22 41 N/A	21/22 106 56.6
% +/- / /	% +/- -2.4% /	% +/- -27.4% -3.0%
Public Protection	Serious Organised Crime	Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 644 57.9	20/21 190 88.4	20/21 1061 101.8
21/22 581 53.0	21/22 123 100.8	21/22 700 97.6
% +/- -9.8% -4.9%	% +/- -35.3% +12.4%	% +/- -34.0% -4.2%

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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:

- 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

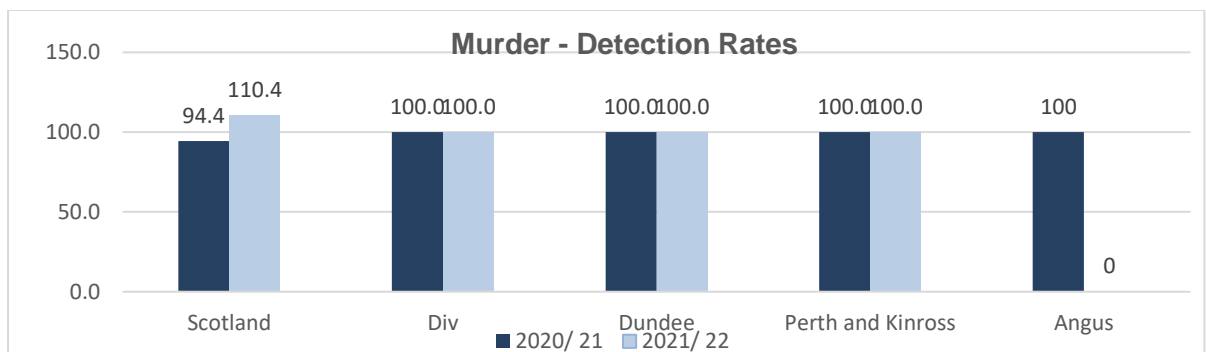
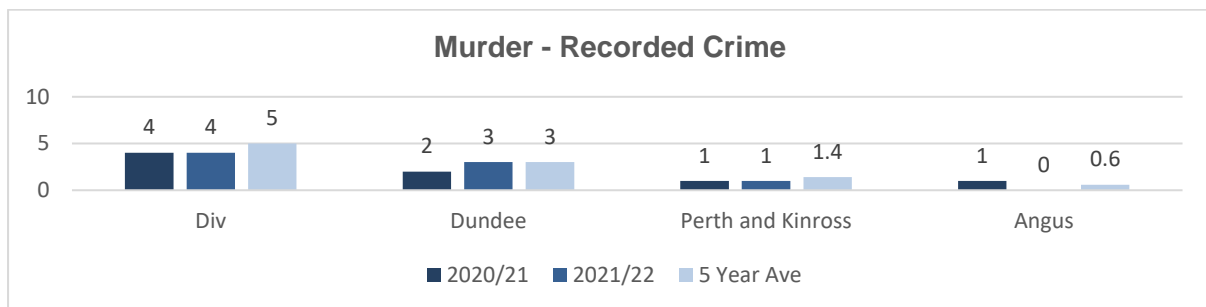
Murder

There was one murder recorded during the reporting period. This took place in March, 2022 within the Whitfield area of the city. This involved a male victim who was found fatally injured within the home address of the female perpetrator.

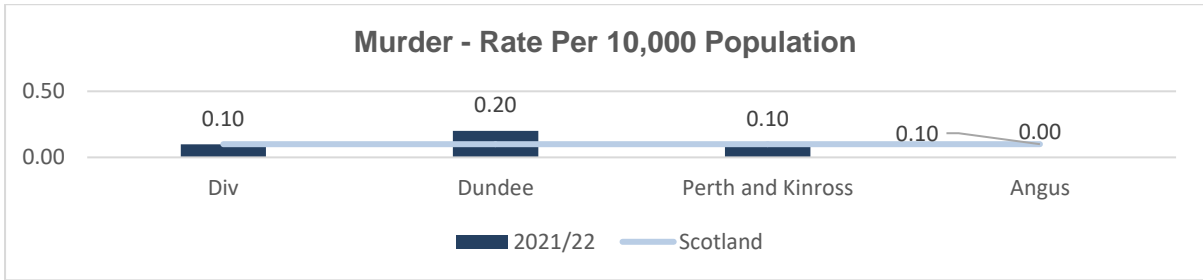
The female perpetrator was quickly identified, arrested and later charged with the crime. She was later released on bail with conditions following her appearance at court. She currently awaits trial for Murder. Those community members most directly impacted by police activity were supported throughout the police deployment.

Results

The above offence remains subject to ongoing court proceedings.



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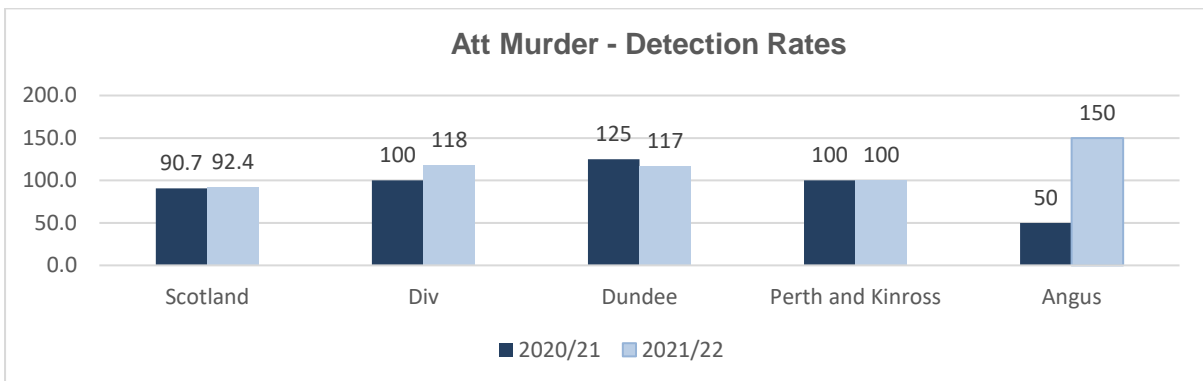
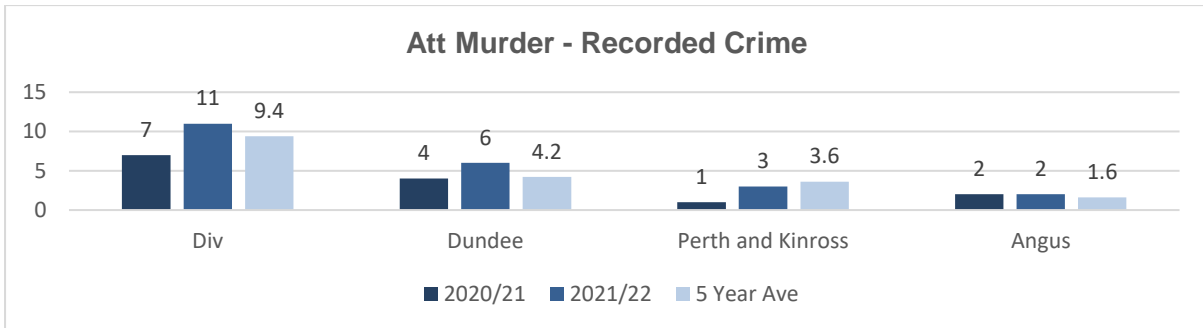
Attempted Murder

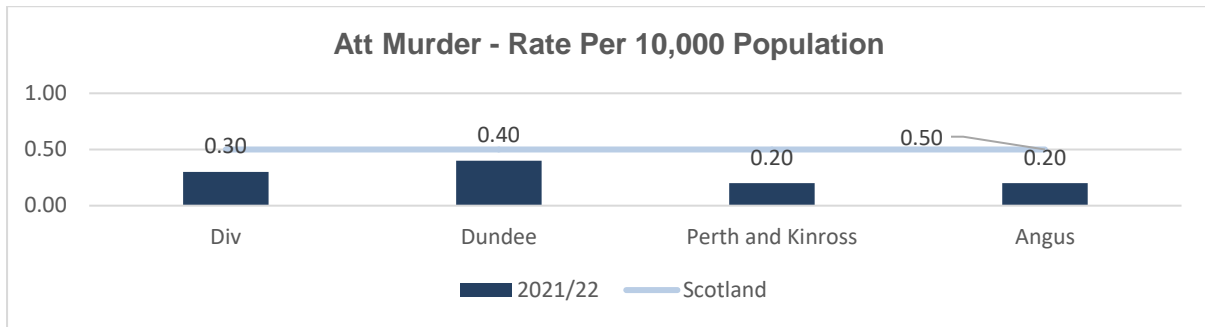
Activity

There were four crimes of Attempted Murder recorded during the reporting period.

Two of these crimes related to the same incident which took place within an address in the Coldside area of Dundee during March, 2022. Despite the crimes being recorded as an Attempted Murder, the two victims sustained very minor injuries as a result of the attack. The accused was identified, arrested and charged soon after the incident. Both victims and accused were known to each other and the crime is believed to be linked to the supply of controlled drugs.

The two further recorded crimes were committed in Broughty Ferry and the West End of Dundee. Both incidents took place within residential addresses with the victim and offender known to each other. All offenders were identified, arrested and charged accordingly. Each incident is subject to ongoing court proceedings.





Serious Assault

Activity

There have been 35 Serious Assaults committed within the Q4 reporting period, compared to 31 within Q3.

Of these crimes, there was a broadly even split in terms of those committed in public spaces with those committed in private dwellings. 5% of the crimes were recorded as taking place near to or within licensed premises. Offences within licensed premises have seen a significant reduction during this period.

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, with significant numbers of offences being recorded where either the perpetrator, victim or both were under the influence of drink or drugs. A large number of the serious assaults recorded in Q4 also showed a continuation of the pattern where offenders and victims involved are known to each other prior to the crime taking place.

Of the crimes committed in Q4, weapons were used in 51% (18 crimes) of crimes recorded with a knife or sharp bladed implement being used in the majority of this figure. At this time, 18 crimes (51%) are detected with the remainder having existing lines of enquiry to pursue.

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

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

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

Looking forward, a Divisional re-structure has allowed the addition of a Dundee LPA Detective Inspector, who will report directly to both the Area Commander and Detective Chief Inspector, CID. This role will have a firm focus on violent crime across the city and is a welcome addition to the Dundee LPA management structure.

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Results

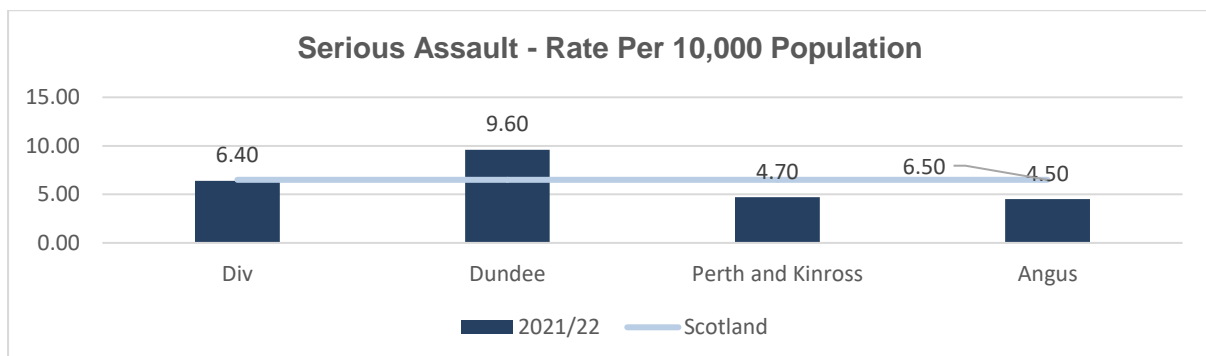
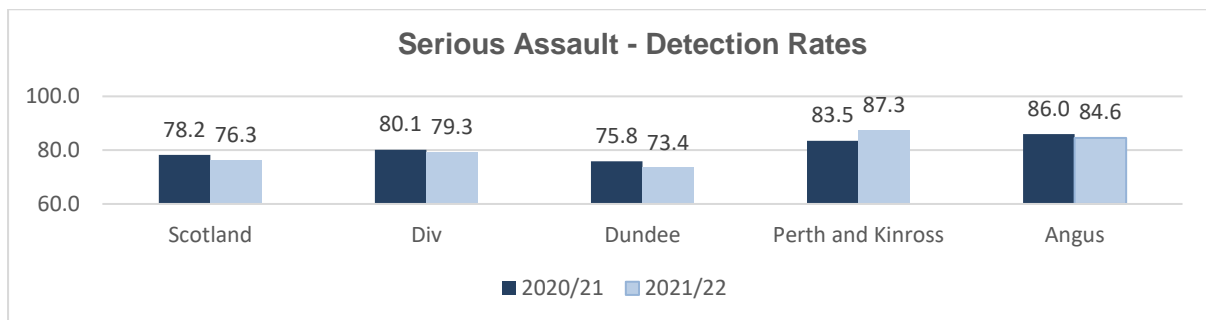
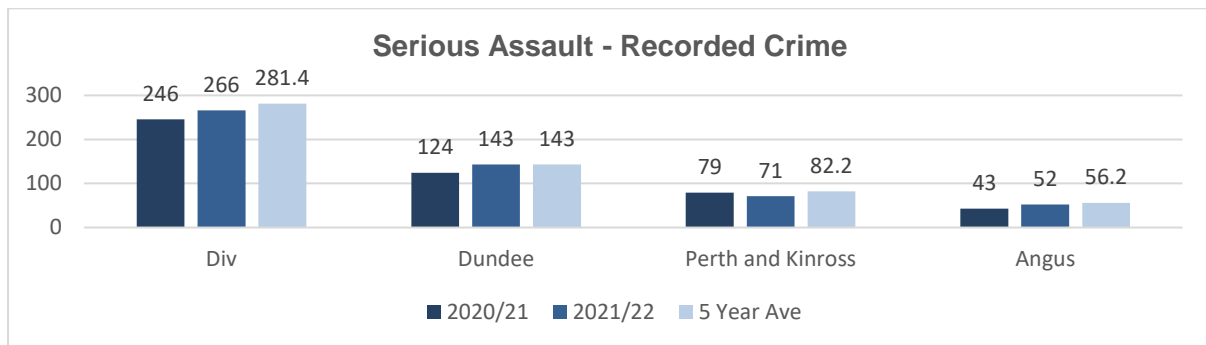
Serious assaults have risen by 15% in comparison to last year although remain consistent with the five year average. The impact of the COVID19 pandemic has impacted last year to date figures, particularly due to the significantly reduced night time economy. The detection rates remain positive at 73.4% although slightly down on the previous year. There remain live investigations ongoing which may improve the detection rate further.

The detection rate for this crime type at the end of Q4 was 73.4% down from 75.8% the previous year.

Challenges

The link between the use of drugs and alcohol remains clear within the above analysis and until cultural change in approach to the use of disinhibiting substances occurs, then violent crime will still be seen.

A high number of these crimes are committed by perpetrators and victims that are known to each other. Challenges remain with securing the engagement of those victims who know the perpetrators, due to fear of further reprisal. We continue to overcome these fears through robust safety planning and victim reassurance.



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Common Assault

Activity

Common assaults (including Assaults against Emergency Workers) have seen an increase of 3.24% in comparison to LYTD.

There are similarities to the factors involved with Common Assaults and Serious Assaults, whereby the presence of alcohol is a factor in a large number of crimes. The vast majority of these crimes remain sporadic and unplanned in nature.

The increased occurrence rates are largely driven by a more significant increase in assaults of Emergency Workers (+8.5%) with Assaults against members of the public increasing by a much smaller margin (+1.3%).

Of all of the Common Assaults recorded just over 25% related to domestic offending.

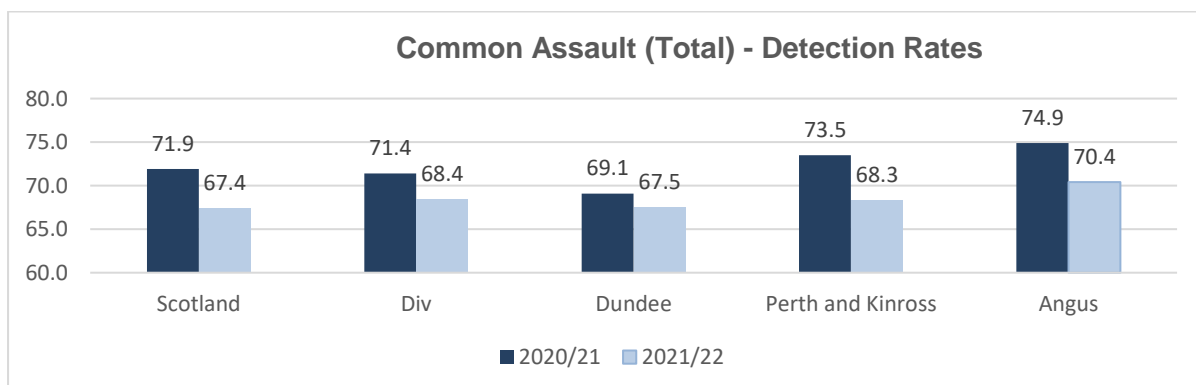
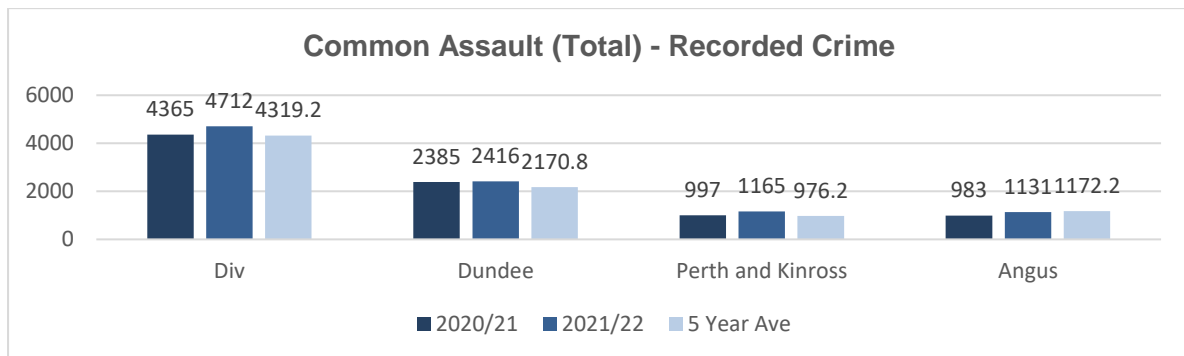
Results

In Q4 there was 708 Common Assaults (including Assaults against Emergency Workers) committed as opposed to 554 in Q3, which is a 27.8% increase. The detection rate in Q4 is slightly higher than Q3 with 66.81% being detected in Q4 as opposed to 65.52% being detected in Q3. This is a 1.29% increase.

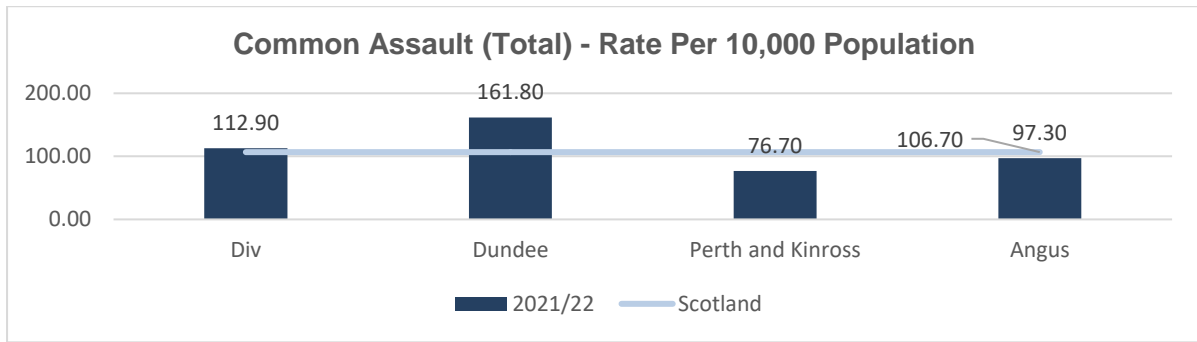
Overall the detection rate is slightly lower than the last year to date at 67.5%, however it continues to compare favourably against national averages.

Challenges

Similarly to Serious Assaults, Common Assaults are sporadic and unplanned in nature. It is clear that the abuse of alcohol and drugs remains a strong factor in driving the prevalence of this type of crime.



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Robbery

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.

Activity

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 investigative input from the outset with the majority of these investigations being progressed by Detective Officers. A Robbery Toolkit has been developed to ensure consistency of investigative practice and provision of support to victims.

An increasing focus has been placed on preventative work and a pilot custody referral scheme has commenced which brings together Positive Steps, Police Scotland, NHS Tayside and Dundee's Criminal Justice Service. It is hoped that this collaborative approach will contribute to reduced occurrence rates, as the criteria for the scheme fits the profile of Robbery offenders.

Results

This quarter has recorded a decrease in Robberies committed in Dundee with 23 reported in Q4, in comparison to 39 crimes during Q3. Although the total number remains higher than the 5 year average, it continues to track lower (15%) against last year to date figures.

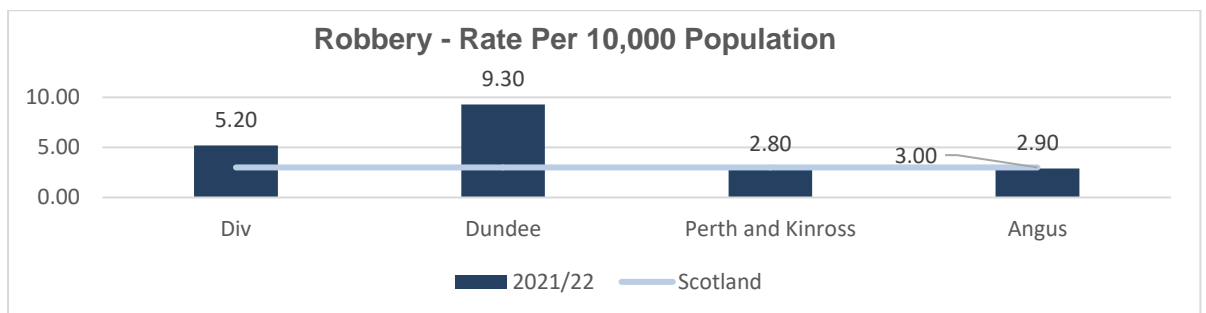
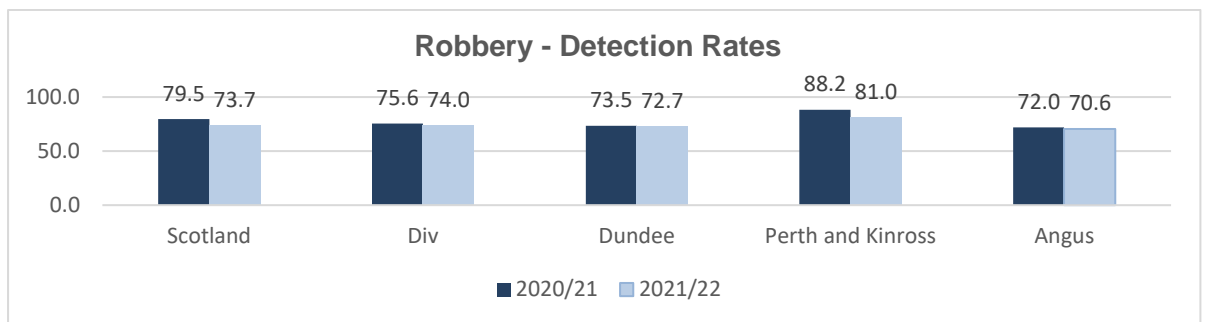
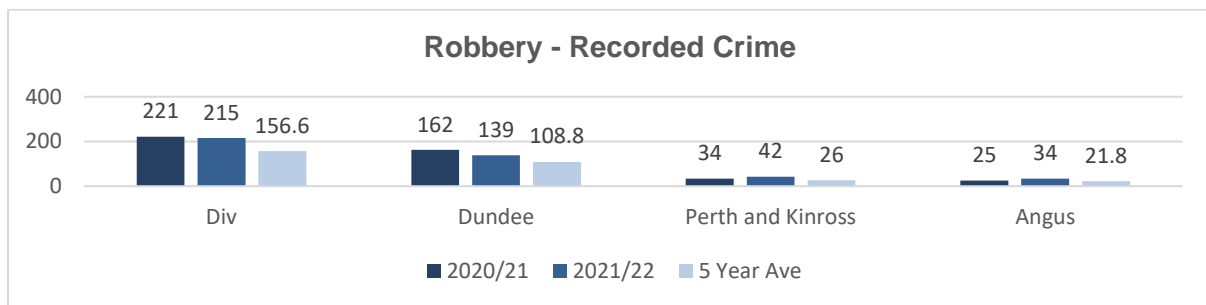
Analysis of the incidents reported within this period shows 30% of crimes involved the use of a weapon, 61% were committed within private dwellings and 35% within a public place. 65% of these crimes are recorded as showing a direct link between perpetrator and victim.

The detection rate in respect of this crime at the end of Q4 remained positive at 72.7%, which is less than 1% below last year to date figures. There remain a number of live investigations ongoing and it is predicted that the actual figure will demonstrate a slight improvement on detection rates once all Q4 investigations are fully concluded.

Challenges

The challenges associated with these offences have not changed, in that the majority of crimes are closely linked to drug supply and use. However, the significant reduction in occurrence rates in respect of this crime type in comparison to last year are welcome and we hope to build on our approach to preventing Robberies into the new performance year.

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. We continue to tackle ASB in a proportionate way with our key strategic partners utilising

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a range of tactical options such as enforcement, diversion, education and environmental enhancements.

The High Street in Lochee was a particular area of focus for the local Community Policing Team over the relevant time period due to the high levels of ASB in that area.

High Visibility Patrols were consistently delivered, pro-active engagement with young people prioritised and those found to be involved in ASB being subject to appropriate interventions dependent upon the circumstances.

Local businesses within the High Street were routinely visited and suitable advice and reassurance provided. Two stores were identified as being vulnerable to proxy sales (now involved with the ongoing national proxy sales campaign) and staff were spoken with and engaged well with officers. Positive Innkeeper entries were submitted, with staff encouraged to continue conducting correct ID checks and highlighting any repeat youths outside the store involved in this activity. CCTV images were obtained in respect of youths involved in the purchase of alcohol, they were visited at home, warned and suitable parental responses were received. A number of fake identification cards were also seized as part of this activity.

Successful traffic initiatives were carried out at Forthill Primary School with fines being issued to people parking on zigzag lines outside the school. Council staff, traffic wardens and blue badge authority were all in attendance and contributed to tackling the issue. Further initiatives are being arranged when schools reconvene.

Maryfield Community Team engaged with staff at Xplore buses due to the increase of Anti-social behaviour and violence across the bus network within various localities. A joint initiative has been created and implemented city wide, previously called the Safer Travel Initiative. The initiative has been re-introduced and has seen Bus Inspectors working alongside Community Police Officers on some of the busiest routes where problems have been identified. This also includes re-acting to ongoing incidents on local buses. Not only does this show support and provide re-assurance for the bus drivers and Inspectors but also ensures that all persons travelling on the bus network can do so safely and with confidence.

It should be noted that significant engagement has been carried out with large groups of youths and this has been positive in terms of sharing information, general conversation and forging links between Community Officers and youths within their own localities. Plans for the future will continue with joint patrols, focus groups and continued engagement with ASB Youth Officers in relation to repeat offenders.

During the relevant time period, Tesco South Road saw repeated complaints regards Youth ASB in the Lochee area. As a result, the Lochee Community Team held meetings with the Store Manager and Area Security Manager and developed a plan of agreed actions which would be completed by Police, Tesco Stores and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team (ASBT).

There were two distinct problems namely ASB by youths and ASB by younger people congregating in their vehicles within the underground car park. A number of periods of enforcement were carried out including High Visibility patrols, patrols by Community Wardens and deployment of the mobile CCTV van.

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25 youths identified and seven repeat offenders were jointly visited by Community Officer and ASBT at their home addresses. A number of Youth Notices were issued. 14 drivers were identified, visited and warned. The number of calls made between December, 2021 and February, 2022 to the Police on this issue was 50. The number of calls the following month, following the above directed activity was 7.

Operation Challenge continues to be delivered, dealing with the anti-social use of motorbikes, eBikes and eScooters. While this is mostly an issue in the outlying areas of the city, it does occasionally spill into the city centre. In the past two months, 3 electric bikes and 3 electric scooters have been seized in the city centre and their riders charged with relevant road traffic offences. While it is not always possible to catch those using these types of transport wrongly at the time, enquiries are made from CCTV footage and intelligence obtained from various sources in order to deal with offenders appropriately.

In terms of Youth ASB in the city centre area, our City Centre Policing Teams are working closely with a range of partners to reduce complaints and educate young people. We are currently working with The Hot Chocolate Club, McDonald's, Xplore Dundee, the Scottish Football Association and Street Soccer, along with the City Centre Manager and ambassadors in order to take a holistic approach to tackling youth anti-social behaviour.

As a collective we are exploring ways to positively engage with the young people coming into Dundee City Centre, in an effort to get them to take responsibility for their environment and their actions.

During Q4 we have been working closely with Action for Children, Arthurstone Terrace, Dundee which provides young people aged 16 – 25 years who have been within care or are in the process of leaving care support services and accommodation. The service raised concerns surrounding the behaviour or potential behaviour of some of the residents who were due to move on from the service to less supported accommodation. This includes risk of criminality, CSE, substance misuse etc. Officers attended a session with the residents which they aptly named 'Pizza with the Polis' whereby positive engagement was had with identified residents to try and mitigate the risk of this occurring. The residents engaged well and some of these children have had previous experience with the police which was in times of crisis and/or trauma and this provided an opportunity to try and change the opinions they hold and improvement engagement.

Maryfield Community Policing Team have forged a link with CLD which is Community Learning and Development Youth Team who deliver learning opportunities for children with a view to them becoming effective citizens. This is achieved by a youth group which is within the Maryfield locality, focused around a diversionary football programme.

Youths attend on a Friday night and participate within football related activities. This has resulted in CLD now employing some youths as workers within the programme. Officers have regular meetings with CLD to discuss any concerns around youths within the locality, often they are already known to CLD and this fosters opportunities to divert youths from negative behaviours into the programme. Whilst on patrol officers continue to drop into the project, engage with youths, and promote the program as widely as possible. Officers are scheduled to be involved within the 2022 summer

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transition programme whereby the children transitioning between Primary and secondary school have a summer programme throughout the school holidays whereby they participate in activities alongside Police, Support Worker's, Teachers and Youth workers.

There has been ongoing contact with Dundee International Women's Centre during Q4. Aware of the diverse community within the Maryfield locality and the need to improve engagement with seldom heard communities, Community officers have attended and provided an input into hate crime/third party reporting and had general engagement with the women. Reaching out to this group has provided a direct link to the Community Policing Team and information and leaflets were given regarding aforementioned topics ensuring they are fully aware of police processes, to encourage reporting. These inputs are to be repeated with all new intakes at the Centre whereby we can over time encourage links to be forged with other groups within the locality which have similar aims and would promote inclusivity.

A Violence Reduction Operation has been commenced in respect of a recent rise in Serious Assaults and Robberies within the Maryfield area. This has involved the implementation of targeted patrols specific to ongoing issues that have been identified within the section, daily pro-active and high visibility focussed patrols in priority locations and problematic areas that relate to violence and disorder.

A broad use of other tactics is also being delivered, including targeting repeat offenders and those wanted on warrant where an index offence of violence or drug misuse is shown. Tasked deployments of mobile CCTV as a visual deterrent to criminality and to detect offenders. Engagement with Partner agencies, Community Wardens, local residents and businesses to identify intervention opportunities and prevent and detect crime. This operation not only provides re-assurance to our community that we are committed to preventing and detecting violent crime but identifies the most vulnerable persons whom we can whilst collaboratively working alongside partners engage to provide support and mitigate the risk they present to not only members of the public but prevent the risk they pose of re-offending.

ASB 2021/22 compared to the previous year:

ASB Type	2020/21	2021/22	Change	%Change
Public Nuisance	6448	3568	-2880	-44.7%
Disturbance	4240	3963	-277	-6.5%
Noise	3620	2668	-952	-26.3%
Drinking In Public	7	4	-3	-42.9%
Neighbour Dispute	1190	968	-222	-18.7%
Communications	1872	1809	-63	-3.4%
Damage	1224	1378	+154	+12.6%
Total	18601	14358	-4243	-22.8%

A total of 18,601 ASB incidents were recorded in Dundee LPA in 2021/22 up to the end of Q4. This is a 22.8% decrease from the previous year, driven by a decrease in Public Nuisance incidents.

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In 2020/21 Public Nuisance was regularly used to record incidents relating to COVID19, such as persons suspected of not adhering to guidelines/ restrictions. Damage is the only incident type to see an increase, with 154 more incidents (+12.6%) recorded in 2021/22 than the previous year.

2021/22 Q4 compared to Q3:

ASB Type	Q3	Q4	Change	%Change
Public Nuisance	842	703	-139	-16.5%
Disturbance	963	941	-22	-2.3%
Noise	635	597	-38	-6.0%
Drinking In Public	1	1	0	0.0%
Neighbour Dispute	171	173	+2	+1.2%
Communications	430	441	+11	+2.6%
Damage	378	328	-50	-13.2%
Total	3420	3184	-236	-6.9%

In Q4 of 2021/22 there were 236 fewer ASB incidents than in Q3 (-6.9%), and 1359 fewer (-29.9%) compared to Q4 of the previous year. There were small increases in Communications (+11, +2.6%) and Neighbour Dispute (+2, +1.2%) incidents, and Drinking in Public remained unchanged (with only one incident recorded in each quarter). All other incident types saw decreases, most notably Public Nuisance with a 16.5% decrease (139 fewer incidents in Q4 than Q3).

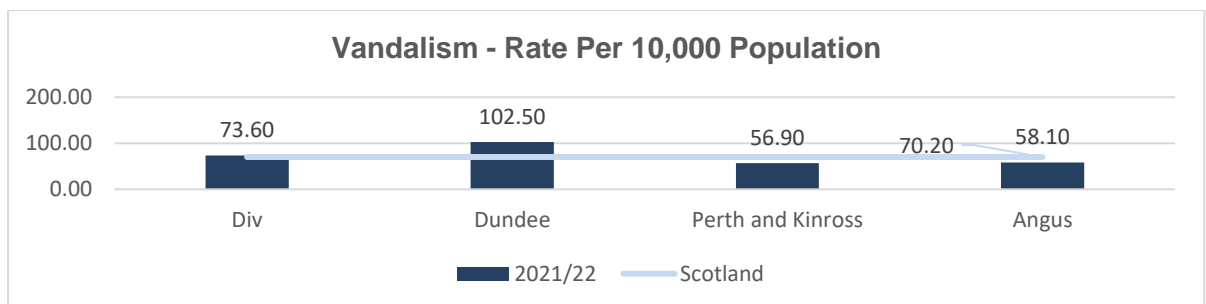
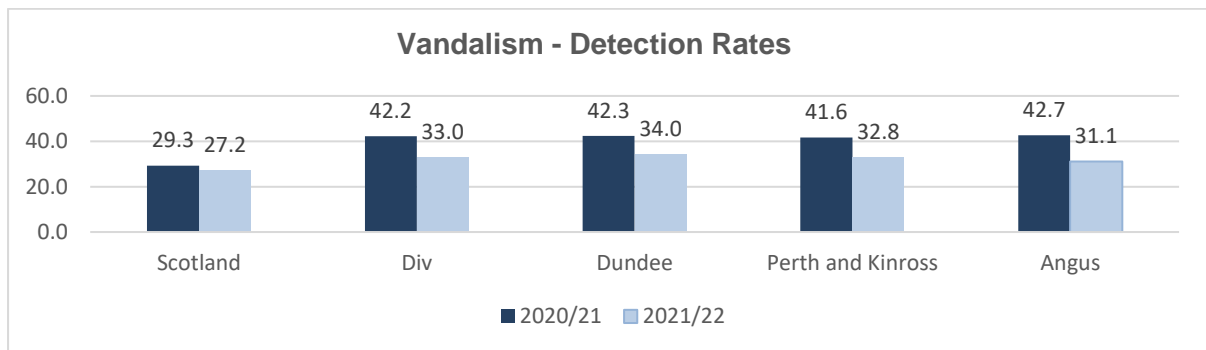
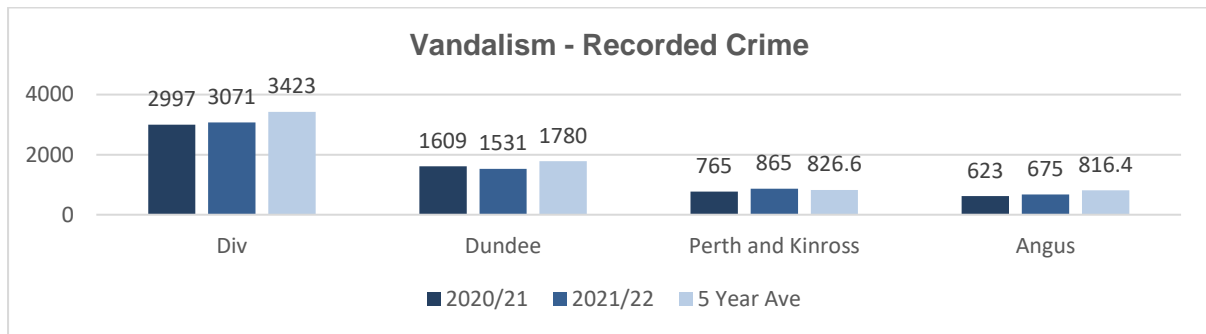
ASB 2021/22 compared to the previous year by Multi-Member Ward:

MMW	2020/21	2021/22	Change	% Change
Coldside	3477	2482	-995	-28.6%
East End	2757	1950	-807	-29.3%
Lochee	3302	2362	-940	-28.5%
Maryfield	2933	2501	-432	-14.7%
North East	1408	1135	-273	-19.4%
Strathmartine	1930	1527	-403	-20.9%
The Ferry	784	714	-70	-8.9%
West End	1997	1617	-380	-19.0%
Not recorded	13	70	+57	+438.5%
Total	18601	14358	-4243	-22.8%

All multi-member wards saw a decrease in ASB incidents up to the end of Q4 in 2021/22 compared with the same period of the previous year. Most wards saw sizable decreases, in particular Coldside, Lochee and East End which all saw reductions of more than one-quarter compared to the previous year. The Ferry saw the smallest decrease with 70 fewer incidents (-8.9%), but continues to have significantly lower incident levels than any other ward, accounting for 5.0% of the Dundee City total.

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Damage was the only ASB incident type to increase over this period; all wards with the exceptions of Lochee and West End saw an increase year to date to end of Q4 2021/22 compared to the previous year, with the largest increases seen in North East (+53 incidents, +51.5%) and Maryfield (+47 incidents, +26.7%). The Ferry continues to have the lowest number of Damage incidents (97 up to end of 2021/22) but saw the largest proportional increase with 35 more incidents recorded than the previous year (+56.5%).



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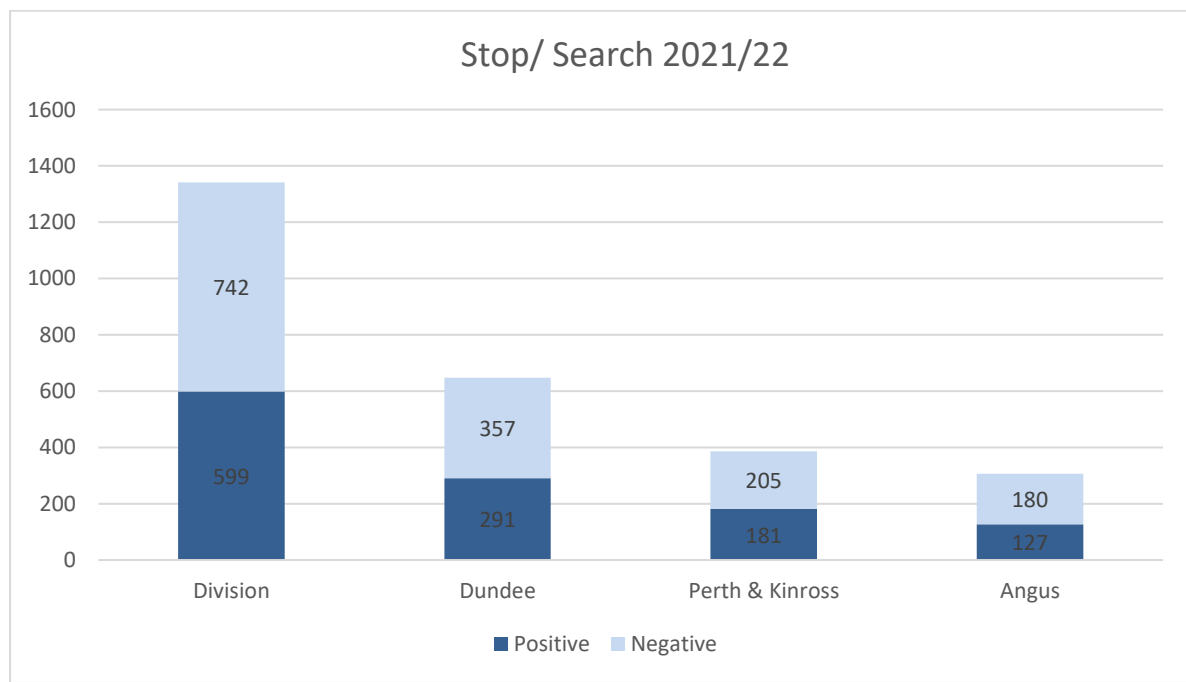
Measure – Stop Search

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 648 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 291 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 44.9%.

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.



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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:

- *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*

Domestic Housebreaking

Activity

Operation Virion is the national response to an increase in acquisitive crime where Asian households are believed to have been targeted by organised criminals travelling from both the west of Scotland and England.

Although rare in Tayside Division, several incidents fitting the profile of these crimes were identified as having been committed in the North of Scotland, including Dundee. The organised criminals are forensically aware and take measures in order to conceal their forensic footprint. Focused investigative work on these crimes has led to several individuals being identified and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Our Preventions Officers have engaged with Dundee's Asian community in order to provide preventative advice and support to avoid becoming victim to such criminality.

Operation Hatpin is the national response to high value frauds evidently committed by an Organised Crime Group based in the West of Scotland. Police in Tayside have led the way in delivering successful enforcement activity in respect of this group. 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.

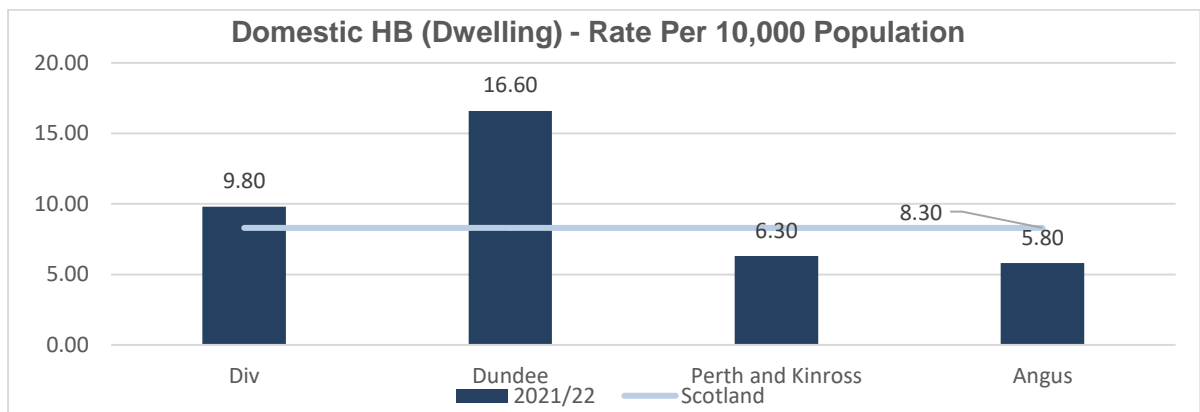
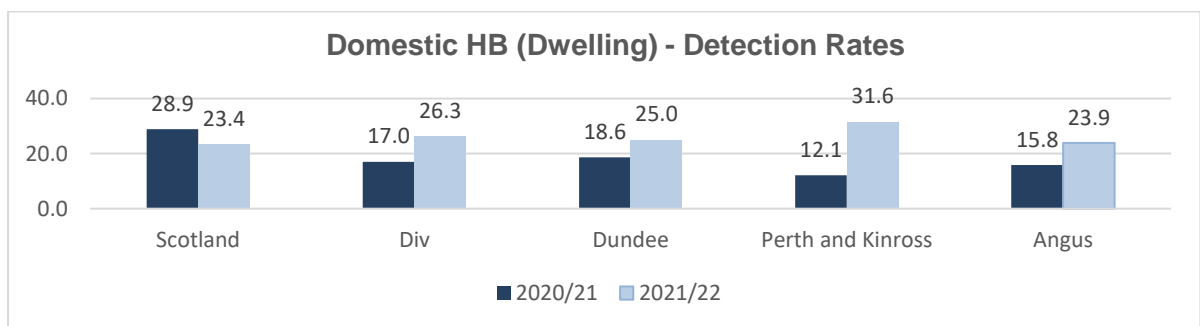
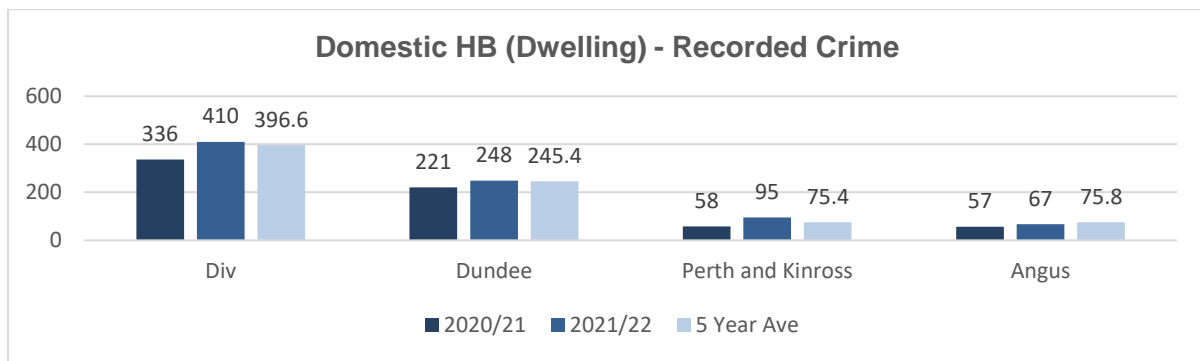
Results

Levels of Domestic Housebreaking have increased by 12.2% in comparison to last year to date figures. This is in keeping with a national trend in respect of the increase in levels of acquisitive crime. Positively, the work of local officers, including our Community Investigation Unit, have also seen detection rates increase by 6.4%

Challenges

A high percentage of acquisitive crime has been recorded against a small number of known repeat offenders resident in the Dundee area. Despite the good work carried out to bring offenders before the court, the broader use of preventative bail conditions rather than remand, has impacted upon our ability to suppress re-offending across the acquisitive crime area, with that small number of determined repeat offenders remaining intent on committing crime and choosing to ignore any preventative conditions imposed upon their release.

It is assessed that the cost of living crisis will continue to impact on occurrence rates right across the acquisitive crime types, as households feel the effects of greater financial pressures.



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Fraud

Activity

Fraud continues to increase in line with both the Divisional and National picture. As reported in previous submissions, reports of fraud have risen significantly since initial lockdown measures were introduced in 2020 following the COVID19 pandemic.

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.

Detection rates unfortunately 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. Scams committed online become more sophisticated in their perpetration with criminals able to conceal their digital footprint.

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.

In an attempt to tackle the growing issue with Fraud, the Division formed a Fraud Working Group 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 and public events in an attempt to reach a wider audience and those harder to reach demographics.

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.

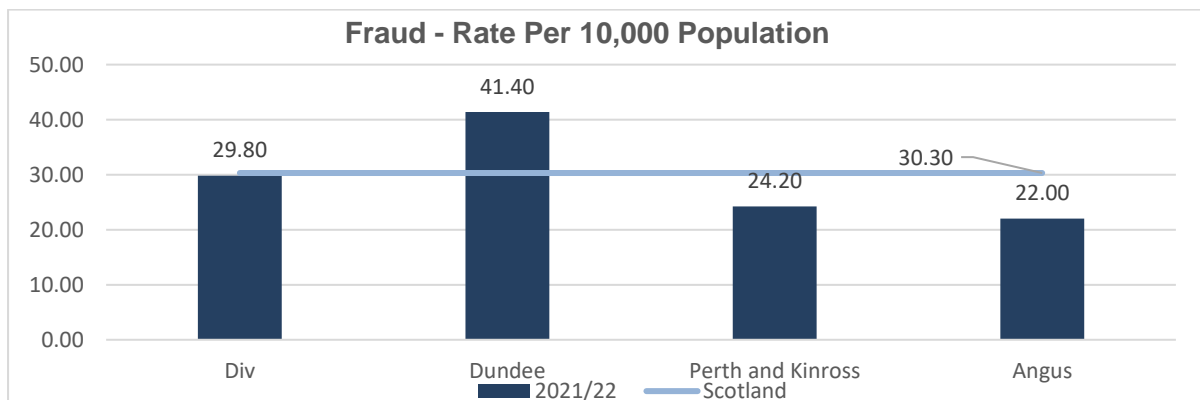
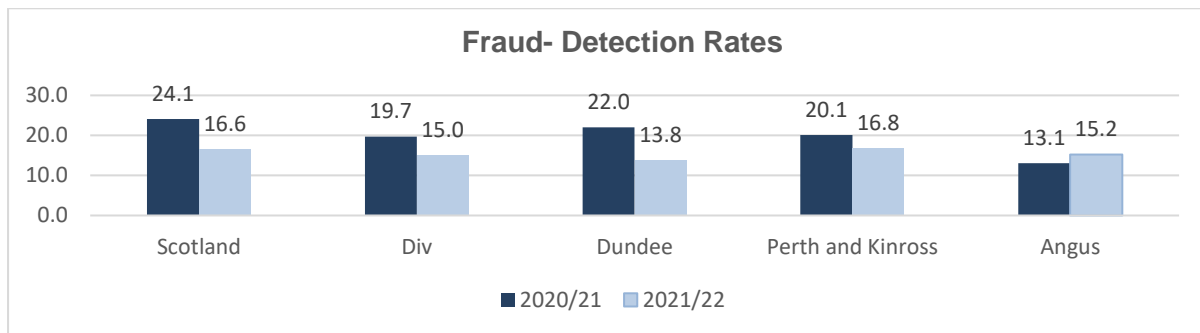
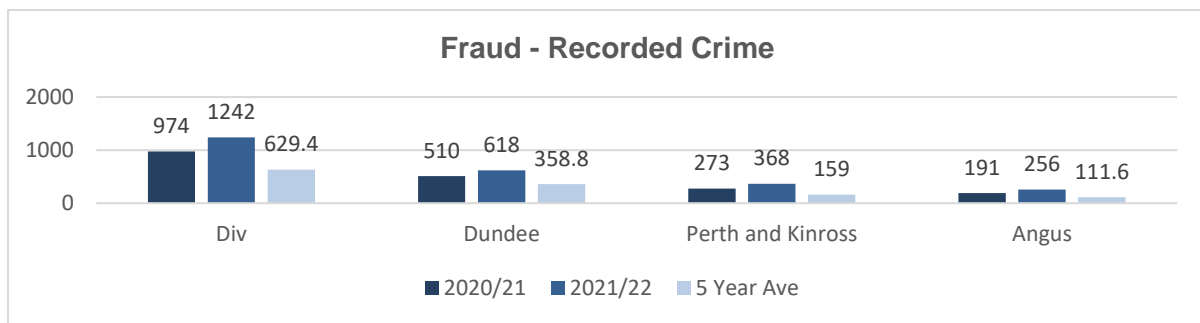
Results

There have been 163 Fraud's reported during Q4, a decrease from 178 crimes in comparison to Q3, but up 21% from late year to date figures. The current detection rate is 13.8% down from 22% last year.

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. This specific challenge is recognised by Police Scotland and a new Strategy for Policing in a Digital World has been developed and will inform future approaches to tackling crime in this area.

We continue to work hard to educate and inform our local communities in respect of the numerous current scams which are being seen. We work with the most vulnerable to improve their online security. We continue to work closely with the Local Authority and 3rd sector agencies to increase reach and attempt to reduce the number of victims of Fraud.



Theft by Shoplifting

In Q4 a total of 283 crimes of Theft by Shoplifting were recorded during the reporting period with 123 (32%) of these currently recorded as detected. However, overall this

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performance year has seen an increase in occurrence rates in Theft by Shoplifting in comparison to the previous year of 23.6%. The comparison should be treated with some caution, due to the impact on previous year's statistics due to COVID19, however this is indicative of national increases seen recently as financial pressures on local households have increased.

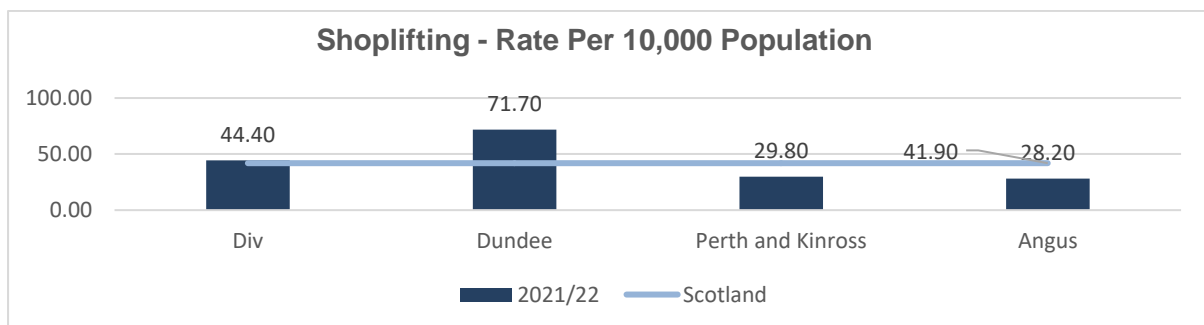
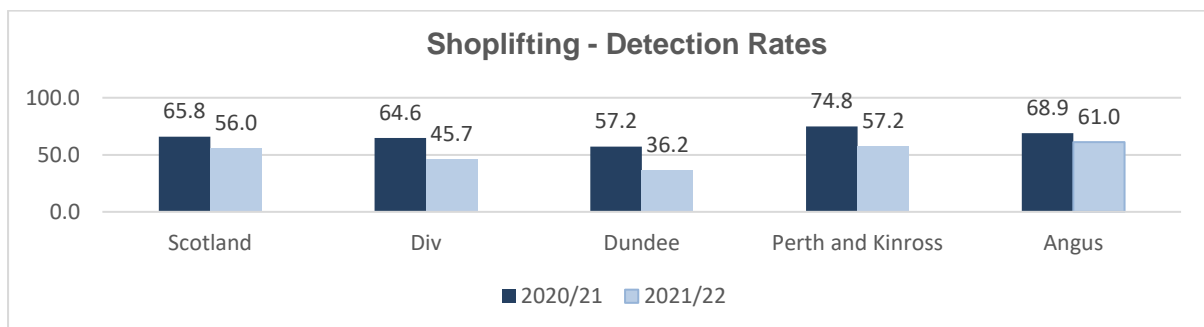
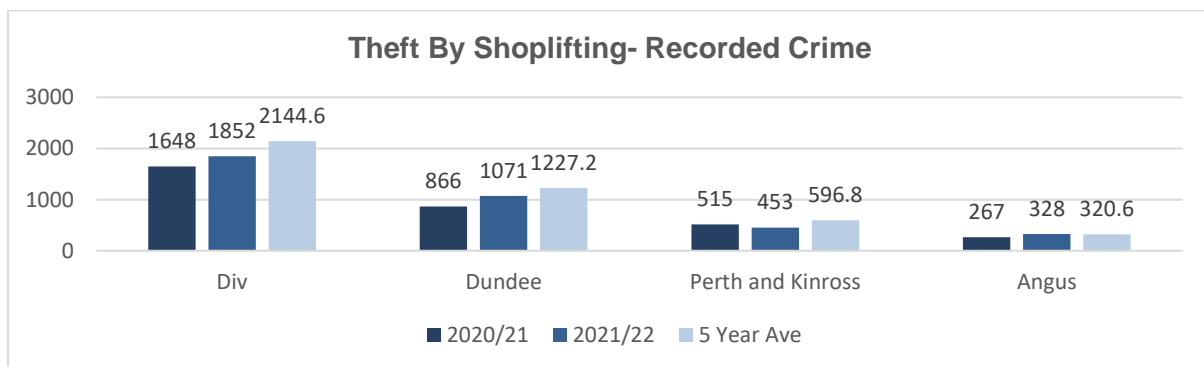
Across Dundee, our larger retail outlets remain the most frequently targeted locations.

Results

As reported above occurrence rates have increased this year, but notably remain below the 5 year average. Detection rates in respect of this particular crime type are currently challenged and require further analysis to identify and address those barriers that are impacting upon performance in this area.

Challenges

Those items which are predominantly being targeted remain consistent, in that they are alcohol, toiletries, food stuffs and clothing. Some of these items are targeted due to the fact that they are difficult to identify as stolen property once removed from the store, but similarly also indicate aspects of the increased occurrence rates are linked to cost of living issues.



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Motor Vehicle Crime

There have been 178 crimes recorded involving Theft of or Theft from a Motor Vehicle (including attempts) across Dundee during Q4. This continues a trend of increasing numbers of vehicle crimes being committed across the city, resulting in an increase in vehicle crime of 36% in comparison to last year to date figures.

There have been a number of distinct crime series associated with these increases, with commercial garages targeted and true keys for vehicles stolen from private premises then used in the commission of additional crimes.

Significant resource and activity has been directed towards this issue, with the Theft of Motor Vehicles, being linked to other offences such as Theft HB, Breach of Bail Orders and Road Traffic offences. Additionally, an emphasis has been placed on crime prevention messaging, as it is clear that high numbers of these crimes could have been avoided if vehicles were properly secured, high value items were not left on display in vehicles overnight and the security of car keys was more fully considered.

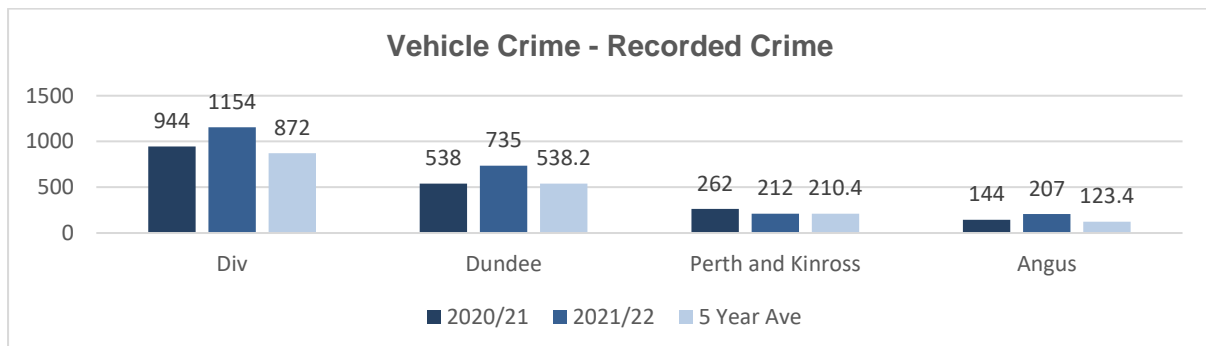
In order to provide some substance to those remarks linked to the impact of repeat offenders, I can report that some 157 crimes and offences have been detected to 19 individuals across the city. Large numbers of these offences relate to motor vehicle crime. Currently, CID officers are coordinating activity right across the Division in order to continue to focus on those small numbers of individuals that are unrelenting in their efforts to steal vehicles and property.

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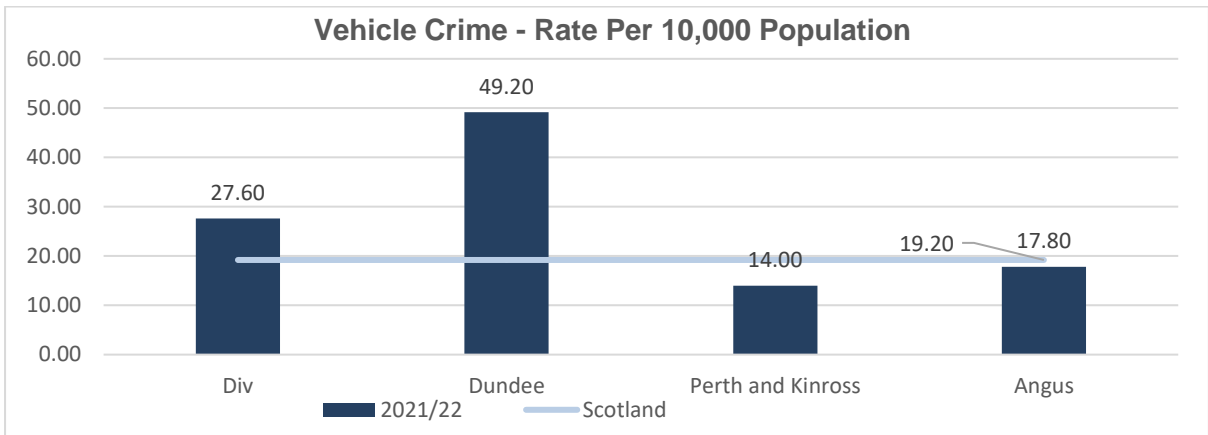
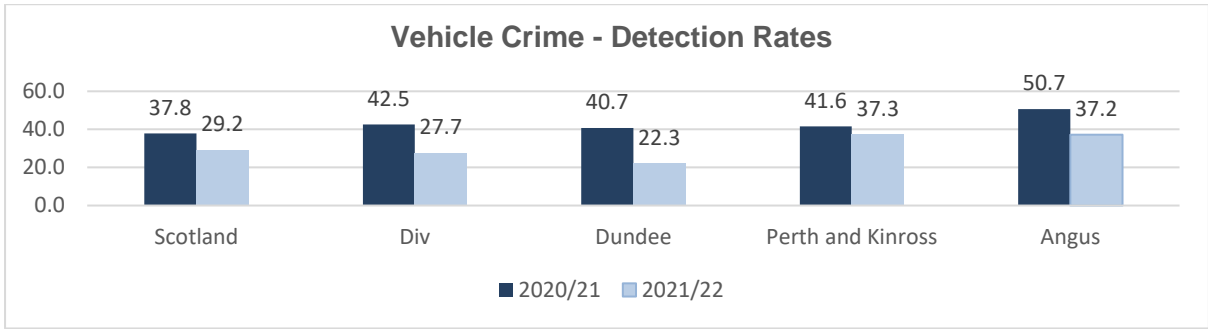
As stated above occurrence rates both locally and nationally have increased through-out the course of the performance year. The detection rate at the end of Q4 was 22.3%, but following the focussed activity reported above has recovered to 29.3% bringing it in line with national averages.

Challenges

The challenges in this area continue to be repeat offenders carrying out multiple offences, which are facilitated by the use of stolen vehicles.



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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:

- *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*

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.

Tayside Division have not suffered any fatalities for the period under review.

Positively Dundee LPA has not suffered any road traffic fatalities for 2021/22, however Tayside Division as a whole have had 7 road traffic fatalities from year to date.

Dundee LPA have had 41 persons seriously injured as a result of collisions which is a 2% decrease comparable with the same period last year where we saw 42 persons seriously injured.

There have been 89 slight injury collisions which is a significant decrease of 18% increase comparable with the same period last year, where we saw 108 slight injury collisions.

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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 the Fatal 5 which are Dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving, Speeding, Seatbelts and mobile phones.

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

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads within the city;

A90	Dundee LPA
A923	Dundee LPA
A92	Dundee LPA

Year to date, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 24,296 motorists which is an increase of 1920 based on last year's figures.

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

January 24th – 30th	National speeding campaign
February 21st – 27th	National mobile phone campaign
March 14th – 20th	Commercial vehicle week

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

- 62 mph exceed 40mph limit
- 60 mph exceed 40mph limit
- 55 mph exceed 30 mph limit
- 51 mph exceed 30 mph limit

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

Police resources continue to be targeted towards vulnerable road users. We are committed to working effectively with partners locally to address emerging issues through education, enforcement, engineering, encouragement and evaluation

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all of which are delivered successfully through a number of mediums and campaigns.

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

The following operations are scheduled for delivery over coming months

Older driver Driver Engagement North

Younger driver's New driver Scheme

Motorcyclists Rider Refinement North

The New driver Scheme (NDS) will be implemented within Tayside Division in 2022. The NDS is a hard-hitting presentations to raise awareness of road safety issues.

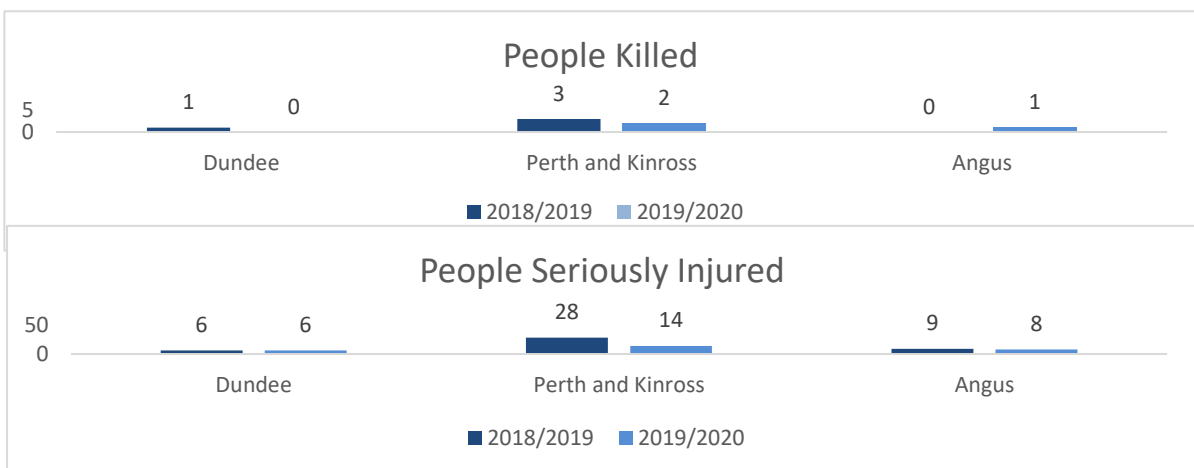
The joint presentations, delivered by Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue service, will provide a solid reminder of the individual responsibilities that the driver has, both for themselves and for other road users.

Officer training has been completed and we are in consultation with Skills Development Scotland and Local Authorities in relation to a delivery plan.

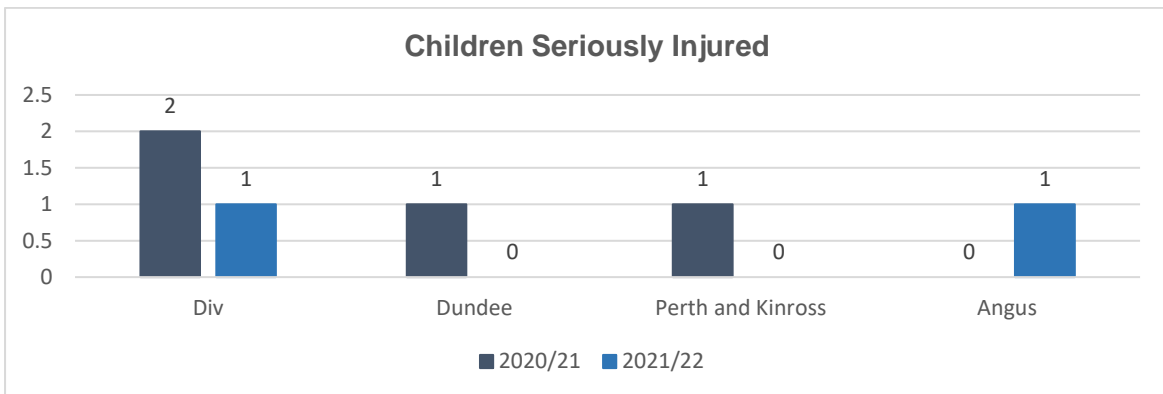
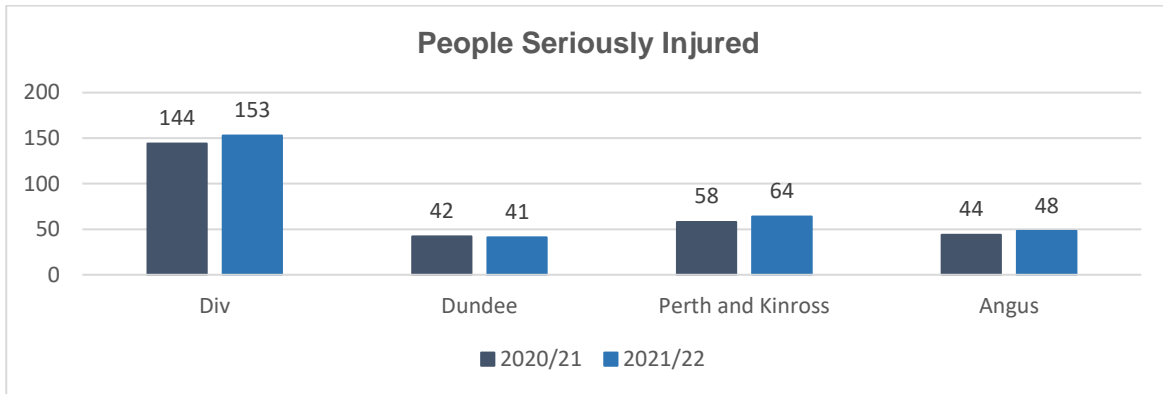
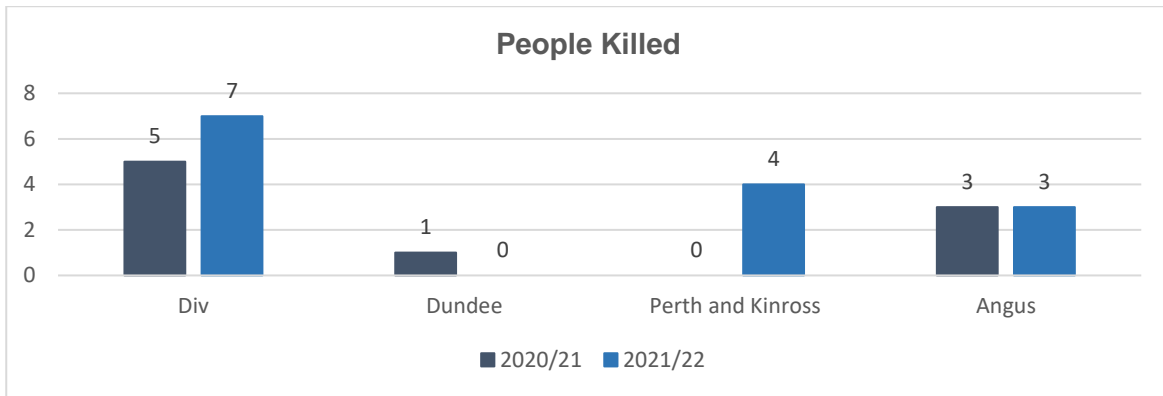
Rider Refinement North (RRN)

Similarly to SDSA, RRN has been postponed throughout Covid19. RRN has been refreshed and will be delivered in Perth on the 21st May, a number of future dates have also been planned throughout the motorcycle season 2022.

Roads policing officers have again been active running Operation Closepass within Dundee. The purpose of Op Closepass is to ensure drivers provide cyclists sufficient space to travel safely on our roads, additionally it promotes cooperative use of road space and educates drivers.



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Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Dundee LPA have significantly decreased by 22.5%. 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.

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

Divisionally Tayside have experienced a slight decrease with a total of 4067 offenders detected, this equates to a 0.75% reduction compared to the same period the previous year.

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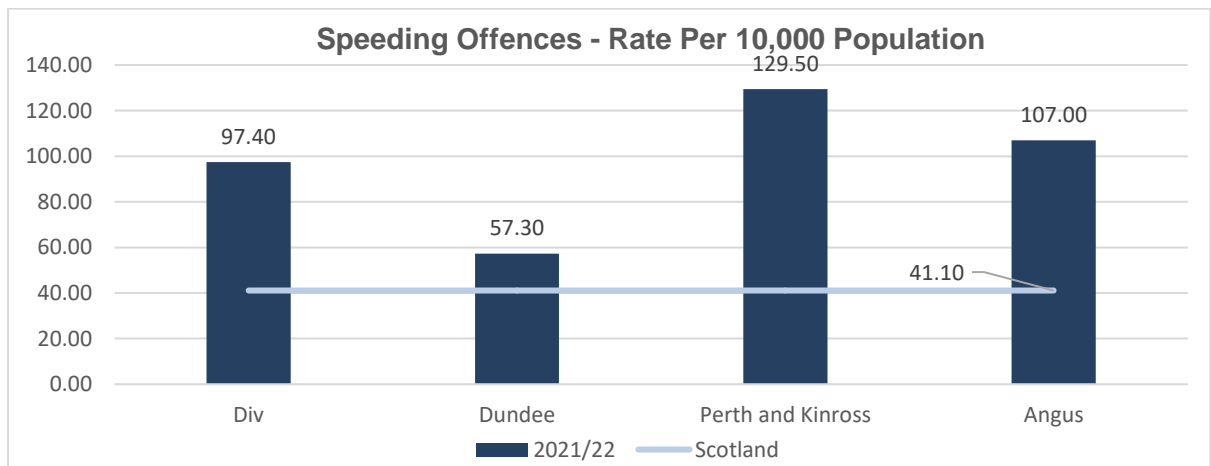
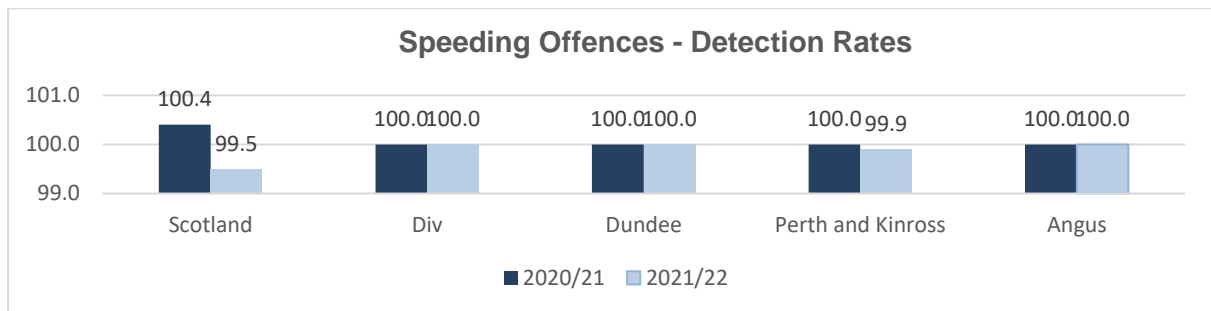
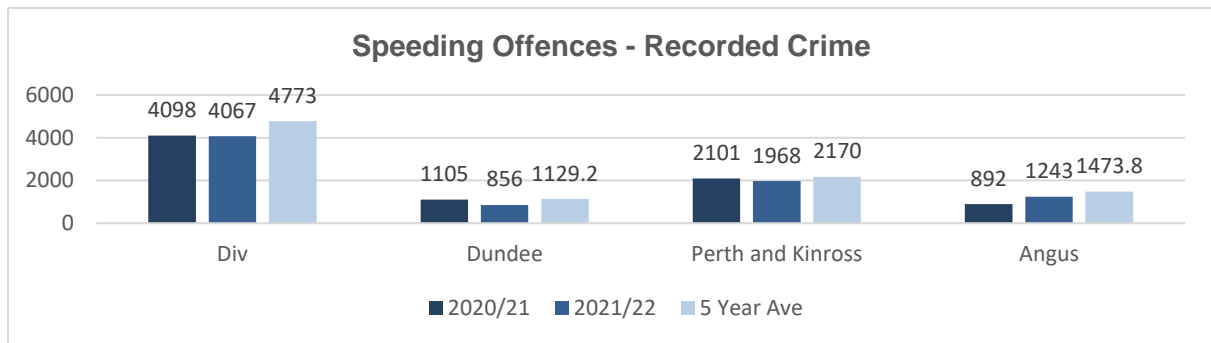
The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing Officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

Close working relationships continue with neighbouring Local Policing Divisions, 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 856 speeding offences were detected in Dundee, which is a decrease compared to the year previous, this figure remains significantly below the 5 year average.



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Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Dundee have experienced a 10.5% decrease compared to the same period of last year. 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 606 Drink/drug drivers were detected for the period under review, this is a significant decrease of 14.8% comparable to the data from the previous year.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 2440 breath tests year to date and conducted 294 drug wipes, 137 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.

Activity

The detection of drivers who are impaired through either Alcohol or Drugs falls in to the daily business for Road Policing.

January saw the conclusion of the Winter Drink/Drug Drive campaign with a number of offenders detected over the festive period.

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

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

As we can see from the breakdown above, the drug wipe testing kit will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving with a considerable number of positive wipes throughout Tayside Division.

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.

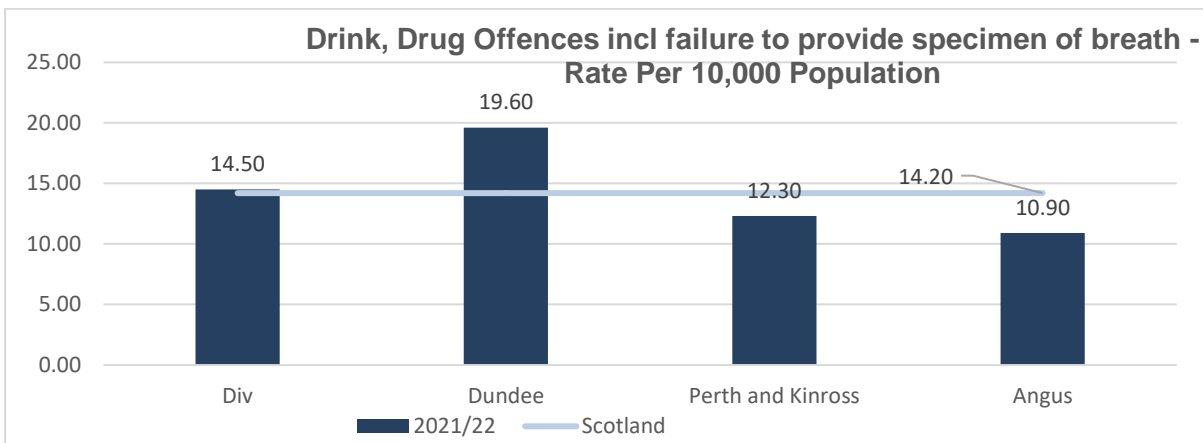
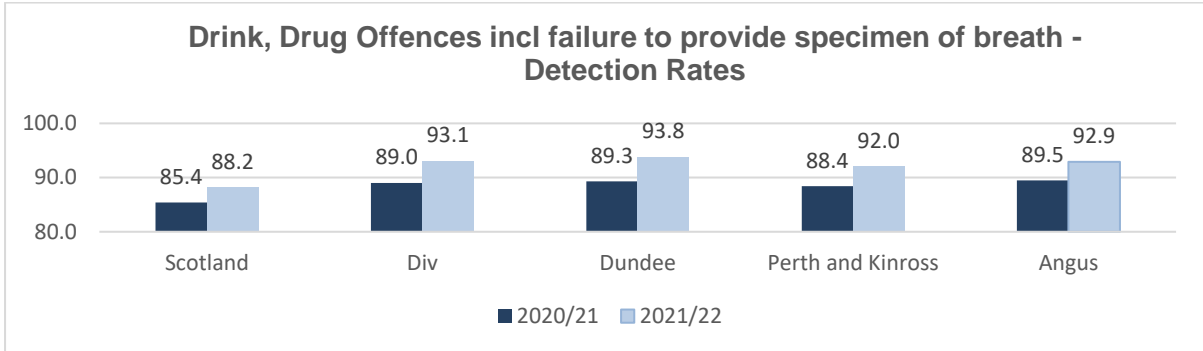
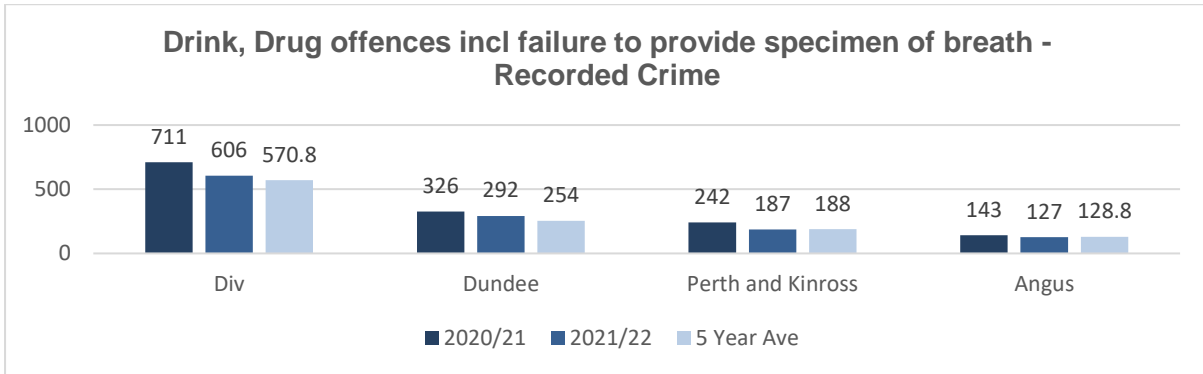
Results

During the period under review 292 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Dundee area. This is a significant decrease of 10.5% compared to the previous year.

Challenges

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

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Careless Driving

Dundee experienced a 5.2% decrease in Careless driving compared to the same period last year.

Tayside Division experienced a very slight increase in Careless Driving with 634 offenders being detected, this is a 0.63% increase from the same period the year previous.

However, 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 to the slight increase.

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

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

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will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

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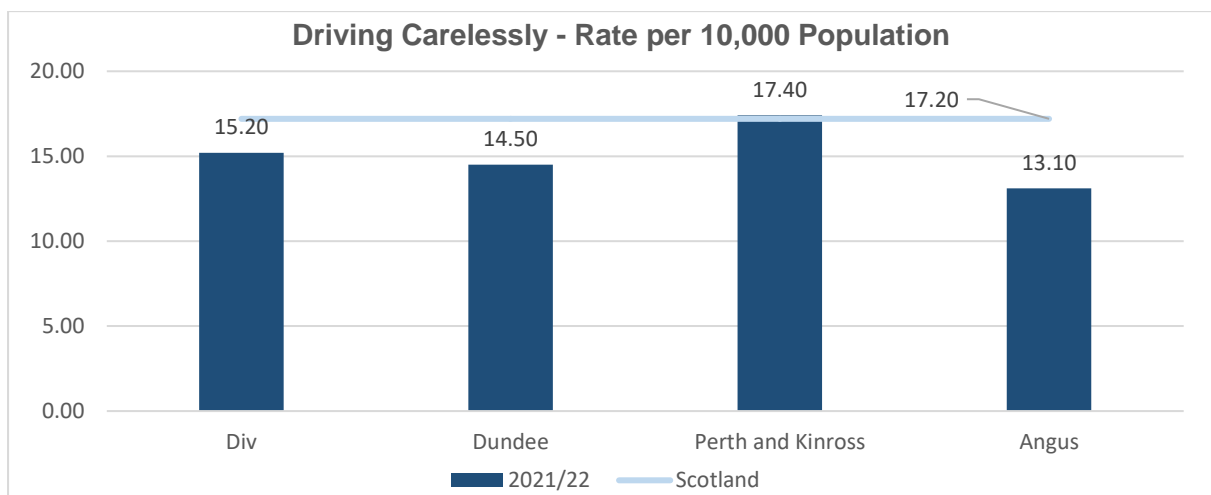
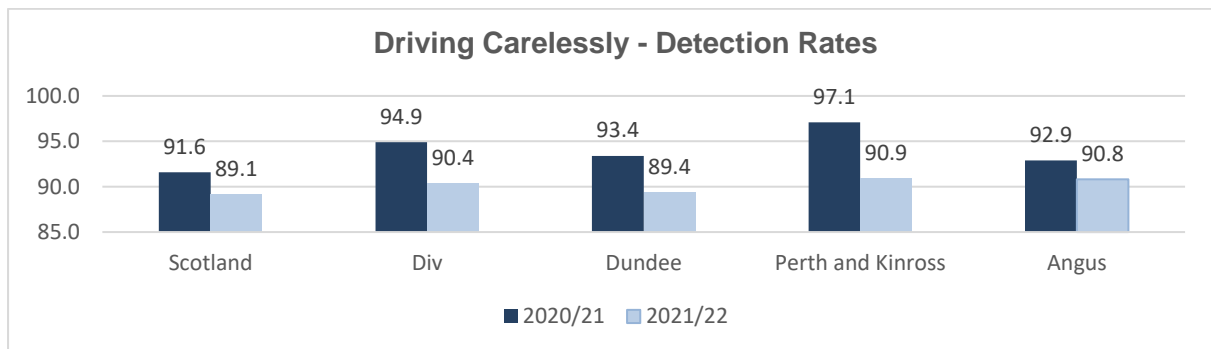
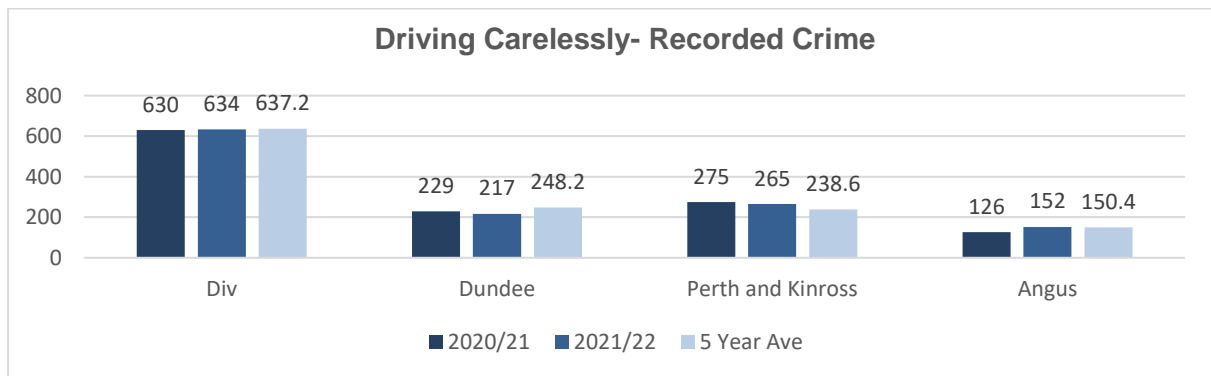
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

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

Many of the aforementioned priority routes running 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.



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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 a very slight increase in the number of DASA offences recorded, however there has been a reduction of 17% in Dundee with 17 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.

Preparation and training took place in Q4 for the launch of Dundee ASSIST Court Advocacy Project which launched on 1st April, 2022.

Results

It is positive that detection rates for DASA offences continue to improve with rates in Dundee higher than the Divisional rate. 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.

We continue to promote the full 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

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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.

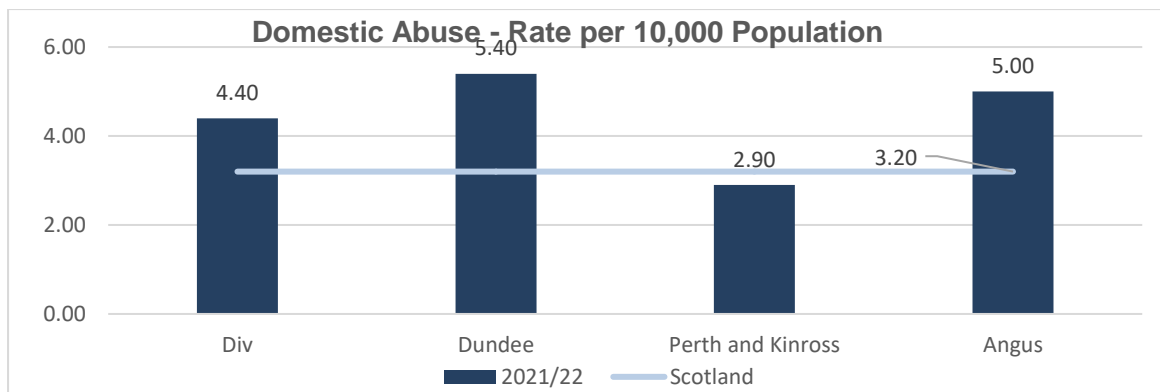
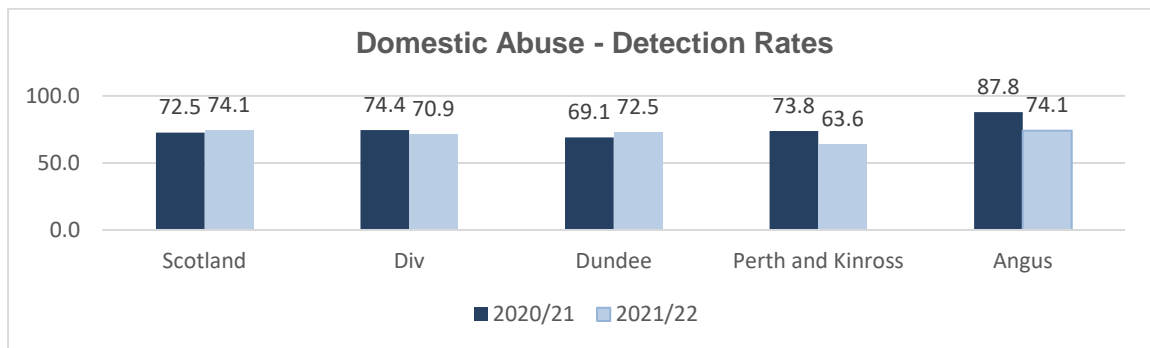
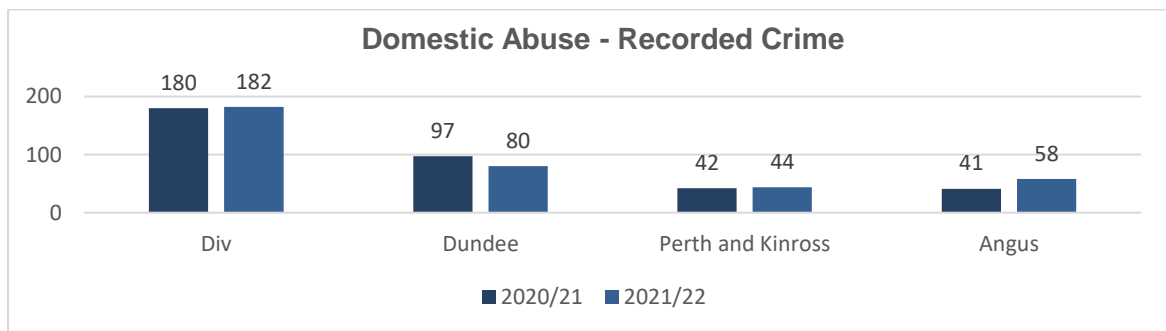
There were 22 disclosures carried out under the scheme in Dundee during Q4 alone.

During the reporting period there were nine active MATAc investigations in Dundee.

Challenges

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.



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Hate Crime

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

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

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

A Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions Sergeant continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting 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.

Over the period a number of Hate Crime inputs were delivered at primary and secondary school within Dundee that included Q&A, signposting to support services and touched on third party reporting mechanisms.

Late March saw initial roll out of National Hate Crime Awareness Campaign materials and posters being distributed across the division in conjunction with Safer Communities Teams.

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

Results

National Hate Crime awareness continues to be been driven locally with an emphasis on community engagement sessions as opposed to electronic delivery that was relied on during COVID19. Material has been shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres.

There were 324 crimes recorded in Dundee LPA in 2021/22 up to the end of quarter 4 with a hate crime aggravator; a slight increase compared to the previous year (+19 crimes, +6.2%). The detection rate for 2021/22 was 61.4%; a decrease of 6.8% points from 2020/21.

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HATE CRIMES BY AGGRAVATOR TYPE

Aggravator	2020/21	2021/22	Change	% Change
Disability	28	43	+15	+53.6%
Racial	209	200	-9	-4.3%
Religious	10	6	-4	-40.0%
Sexual Orientation	70	85	+15	+21.4%
Transgender	2	2	0	0.0%
Total	319	336	+17	+5.3%

TABLE 1: HATE CRIME AGGRAVATORS IN DUNDEE LPA, FULL YEAR (Q1-Q4)

Racial continues to be the most commonly applied aggravator, appearing on 59.5% of Dundee LPA hate crimes in 2021/22, despite a small decrease from the previous year (nine fewer crimes, -4.3%). Disability saw the largest increase, with 15 more crimes recorded in 2021/22 (+53.6%), with Sexual Orientation seeing the same increase of 15 crimes, but a smaller proportion increase (+21.4%). Twelve crimes had two different hate aggravators applied in 2021/22; the most common combination was Racial + Sexual Orientation (7 crimes).

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HATE CRIMES BY AGGRAVATOR TYPE Q3 / Q4 COMPARISON

Aggravator	Q3	Q4	Change	% Change
Disability	16	12	-4	-25.0%
Racial	50	42	-8	-16.0%
Religious	2	3	+1	+50.0%
Sexual Orientation	18	22	+4	+22.2%
Transgender	0	2	+2	-
Total	86	81	-5	-5.8%

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

Quarter 4 of 2021/22 saw 81 hate crimes recorded; the same amount as the previous quarter (+/-0%). Racial aggravators saw the largest decrease with eight fewer crimes recorded, whilst Sexual Orientation saw the largest increase with four more crimes. Two Transgender aggravators were recorded in Q4; none had been recorded since Q1.

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HATE CRIMES BY OFFENCE TYPE

Row Labels	2020/21	2021/22	Change	% Change
Threatening or Abusive Behaviour	101	118	+17	+16.8%
Racially Aggravated Conduct	87	72	-15	-17.2%
Petty Assault	43	50	+7	+16.3%
Communications Offences	26	23	-3	-11.5%
Vandalism	10	9	-1	-10.0%
Assault of Police Officer	6	8	+2	+33.3%

TABLE 3: THE MOST COMMONLY RECORDED OFFENCE TYPES OF HATE CRIMES IN DUNDEE LPA, FULL YEAR (Q1-Q4).

Threatening or Abusive Behaviour remains the most commonly recorded offence type accounting for 36.47% of hate crimes. There were 118 Threatening or Abusive Behaviour hate crimes recorded in 2021/22; a 16.8% increase from 2020/21 (+17 crimes). Racially Aggravated Conduct/ Act in Racially Aggravated Manner saw the largest decrease with 15 fewer crimes in 2021/22 (-17.2%).

HATE CRIMES BY MULTI-MEMBER WARD

MMW	2020/21	2021/22	Change	% Change
Coldside	43	55	+12	+27.9%
East End	39	27	-12	-30.8%
Lochee	38	34	-4	-10.5%
Maryfield	81	102	+21	+25.9%
North East	12	16	+4	+33.3%
Strathmartine	41	28	-13	-31.7%
The Ferry	12	13	+1	+8.3%
West End	39	49	+10	+25.6%
Total	305	324	+19	+6.2%

TABLE 4: HATE CRIMES BY MMW, FULL YEAR (Q1-Q4).

MMW	Q3	Q4	Change	% Change
Coldside	23	9	-14	-60.9%
East End	4	9	+5	+125.0%
Lochee	6	4	-2	-33.3%
Maryfield	20	31	+11	+55.0%
North East	3	3	0	0.0%
Strathmartine	8	6	-2	-25.0%
The Ferry	1	5	+4	+400.0%
West End	16	14	-2	-12.5%
Total	81	81	0	0.0%

TABLE 5: HATE CRIMES BY MMW 2021/22.

Increases were seen in 5 of the 8 Dundee MMW compared to the previous year. The largest changes were to Maryfield (+21 crimes) and Strathmartine (-13 crimes).

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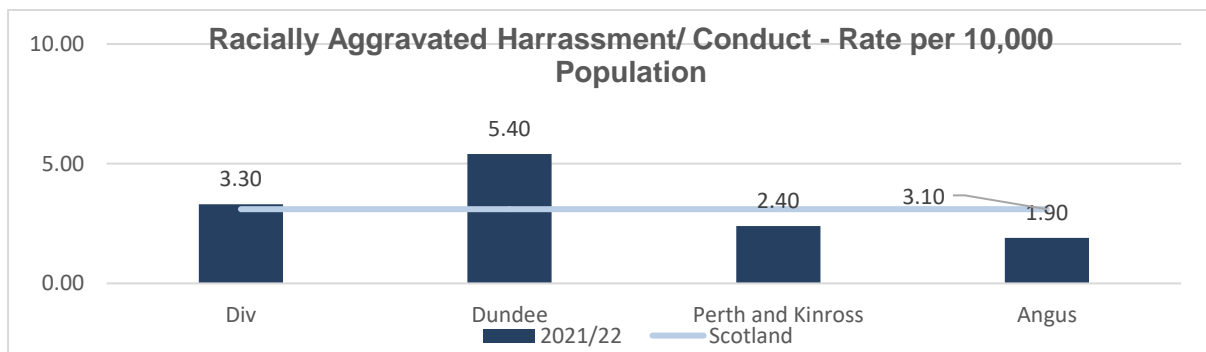
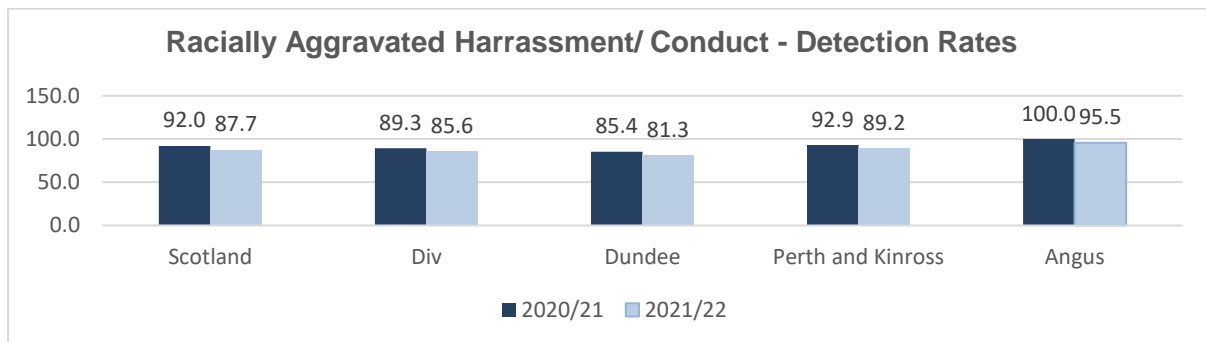
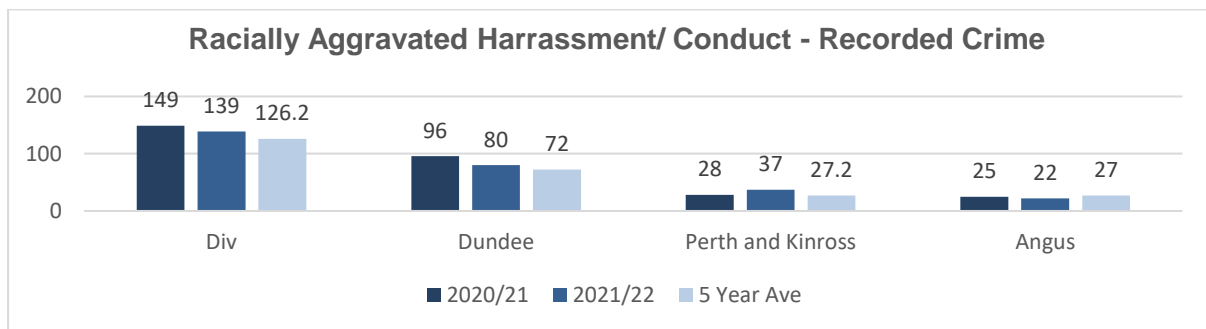
Half of the wards saw decreases in Q4 compared to Q3 2021/22, and 3 of the 8 wards saw increase, with no change in the North East. Maryfield recorded the most crimes in Q4 (38.3% of total), whilst Coldside saw a large decrease during this period.

Challenges

Omicron variant COVID19 outbreaks limited opportunities to carry out face to face engagement at the turn of the year. This issue has reduced as COVID protocols have eased.

Future campaigns

The national 6 week Hate Crime Awareness Campaign was launched 28th March 2022 and will continue into next quarter.



Sexual Crime

Activity

There were 63 fewer sexual crimes recorded in Dundee in comparison to 2020/2021 levels, a reduction of almost 10%, however this is still above the 5 year average.

The level of recorded crime for Rape and Attempted Rape is also significantly lower than 2020/2021 with 40 fewer crimes recorded, a reduction of 27% which is below the 5 year average.

As per previous reports, many of these offences have occurred significantly out with the reporting period and are classed as non-recent (i.e. the offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to Police). 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.

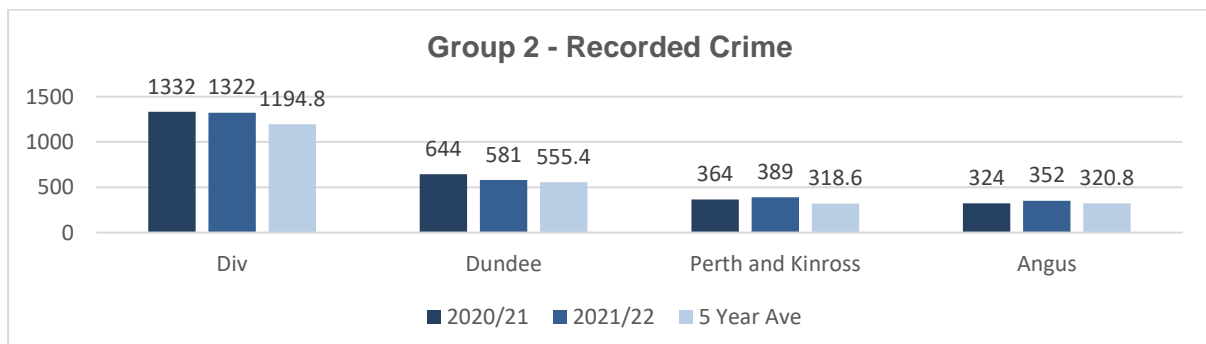
Results

The detection rate for sexual crime is lower than 2020/2021, however is above the divisional rate and broadly in line with the national average. At the end of Q4 the detection rate was 53%. 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.

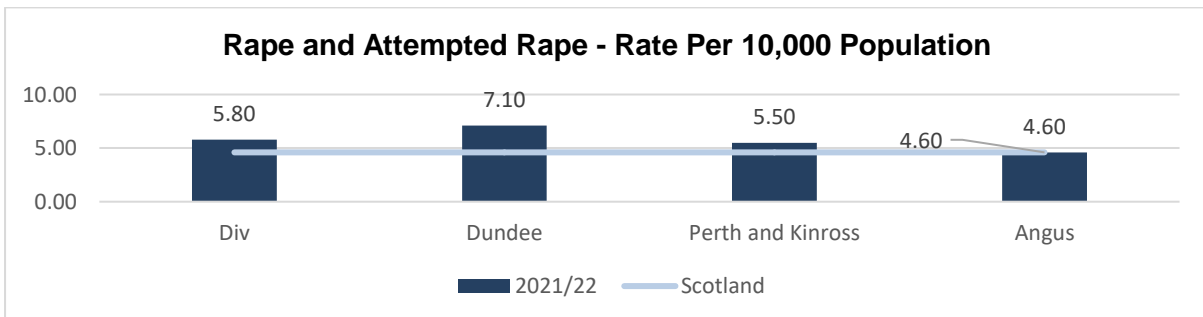
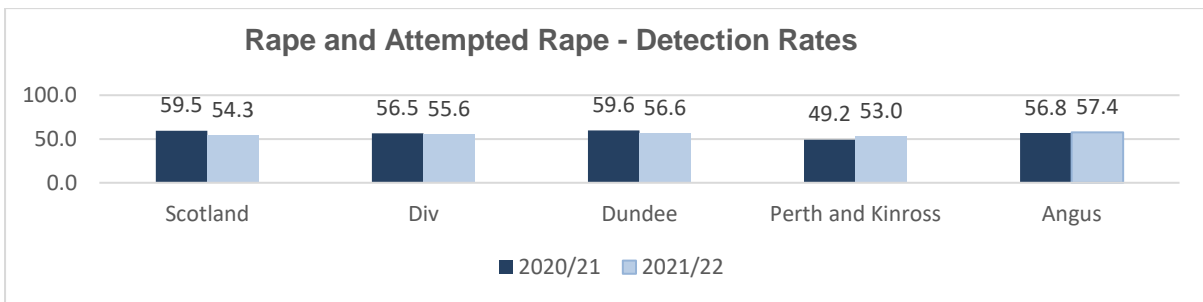
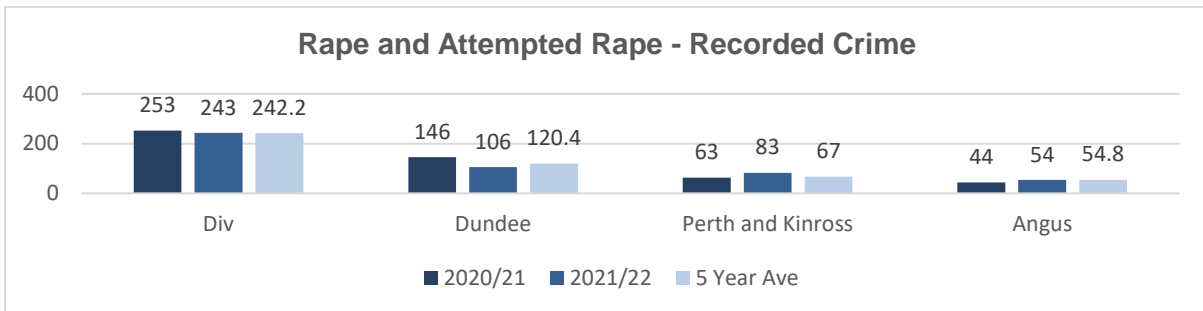
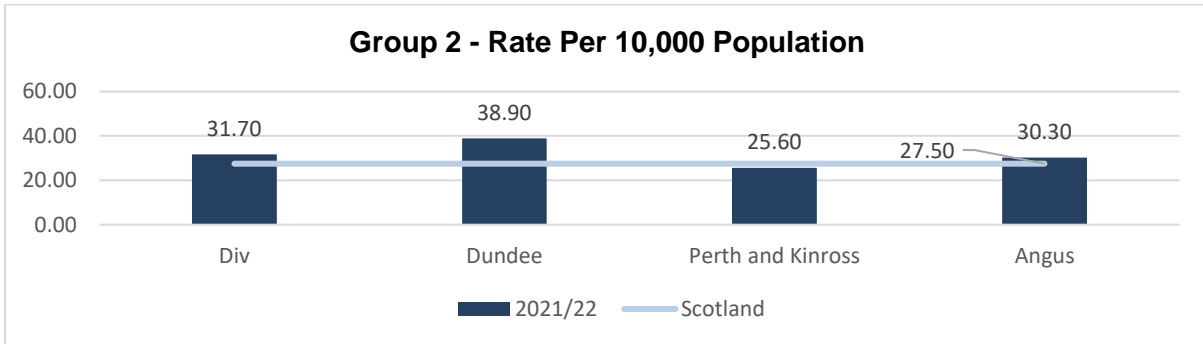
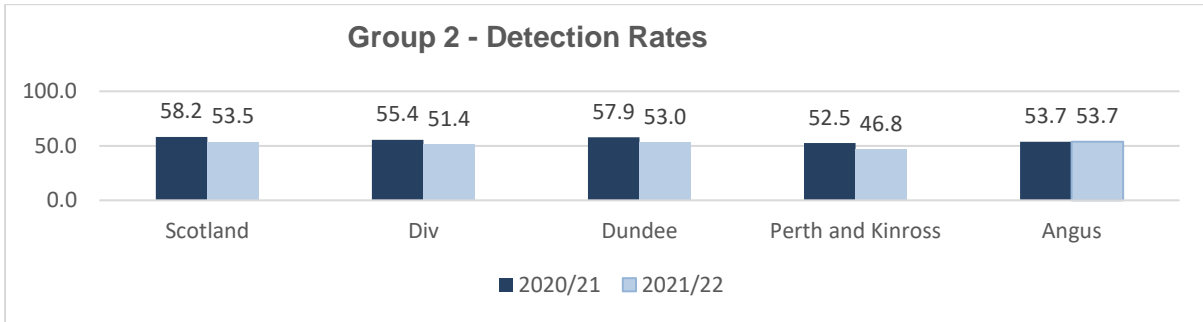
The detection rate for Rape and Attempted Rape is lower than 2020/2021 at 56.6%, however is above the divisional and national averages.

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.



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Missing Persons

During 2021/22, the number of Missing Person/ Absconder investigations increased, with 46 more investigations completed in comparison to 2020/21.

Incident Type	2020/21	2021/22	Change	% Change
Missing Person/ Absconder	674	720	+46	+6.8

The following table illustrates the categories of missing persons and provides confirmation of the ratio of reports relevant to adults, adults missing or absconding from care, children and looked after children.

Dundee City MisPers 2021/22 (01/04/21-31/03/22)	
Missing from	Total
Home Address	315
Residential Children's Homes	196
Foster Care Placement	33
NHS Establishment	82
Adult Supported Accommodation	25
School	9
Other	67
Total	720

Missing Persons investigations are often complex and require the deployment of significant resource, however have not previously been a focus of scrutiny.

Concern for Persons Calls

Concern for Persons Calls cover a very broad range of Police activity, however can be generally categorised as those calls from individuals in crisis, requiring the support of services when at time of greatest need.

We have seen a steady increase in relation to these call types in recent years and that is reflected on here.

Police Scotland have an ethos of providing the best possible service to those in need, rather than a simplistic focus on those more traditional aspects of Police work, such as crime investigation.

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As such, we routinely respond to calls from those in mental health crisis, or in crisis driven by life events, addiction issues or those feeling vulnerable and isolated within our communities.

This work is delivered in conjunction with partners, with Police Scotland often being community member's first option for support, particularly out of hours, when immediate support and assistance is required.

The following table provides detail of the numbers of Concern for Persons Calls received this year, in comparison to last year to date figures.

Incident Type	2020/21	2021/22	Change	% Change
Concern for Person	5143	5193	+50	+1.0

Spiking Incidents

Following a small but notable increase in reporting at the end of 2021, there were no crimes recorded in Q4 relating to incidents of spiking.



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

The pursuit of individuals involved in drug related serious and organised crime across Dundee remains a priority. We are aware of the national issues associated with County Lines and Cuckooing and take all available steps to reduce the harm this presents to the most vulnerable in our communities. This type of practice is closely monitored through the Divisions Cuckooing Operations Group.

Our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions team augment the good work carried out by local officers and continue to work with key partners to support victims who are being targeted and exploited. We take every possible opportunity to identify and arrest those individuals involved in County Lines and Cuckooing behaviour. We continue to apply our resilient response to any such report of these activities seeking to drive these offenders out of our communities.

The availability of controlled drugs within Dundee continues as 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.

Results

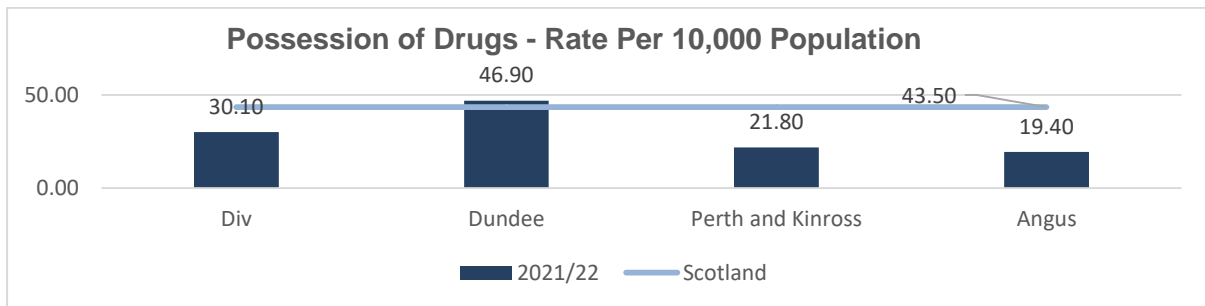
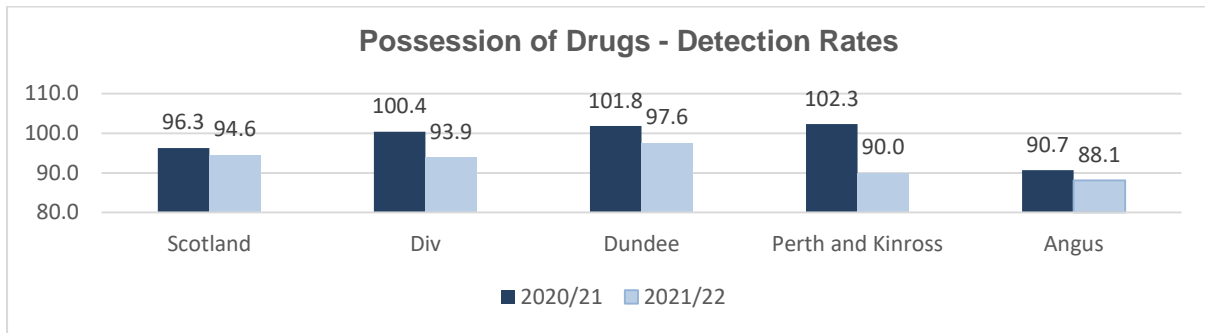
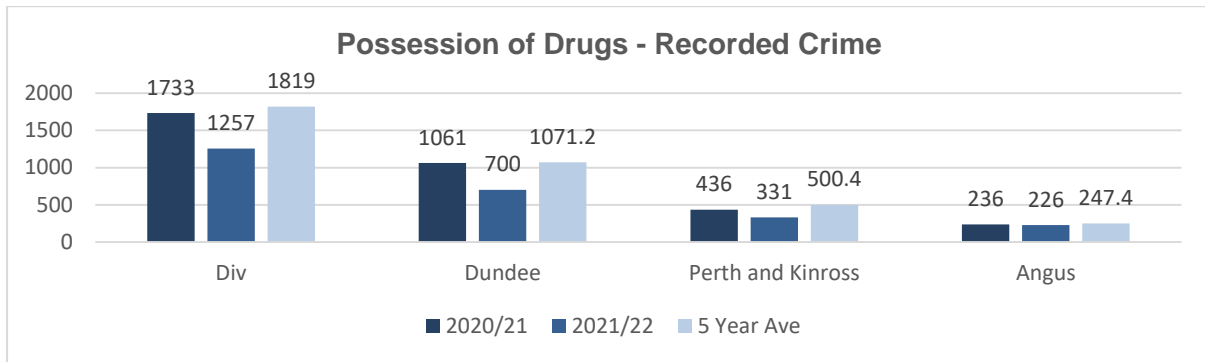
There have been 700 possession of drugs cases reported year to date. This is a significant reduction in comparison to last year's figures and indeed the 5 year average.

Challenges

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It is expected that recorded detections will rise further, as forensic examination results are received. Cannabis, Heroin, Cocaine and "Street Valium" continue to be recovered from individuals in Dundee.

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Supply of Drugs

Activity

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. Arrests continue to be made in an effort to deter and disrupt drugs being supplied in Dundee.

Operation Greenshank is a Divisional led enquiry into the increasing trend of the supply of controlled drugs over social media platforms. This trend became apparent during the pandemic related national lockdown. Various social media platforms are used to

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advertise the sale of controlled drugs which often prove difficult for police to identify perpetrators and locations.

This operation is targeted across the Division and although some early arrests have been made, it remains under development to fully understand the scale of the issue.

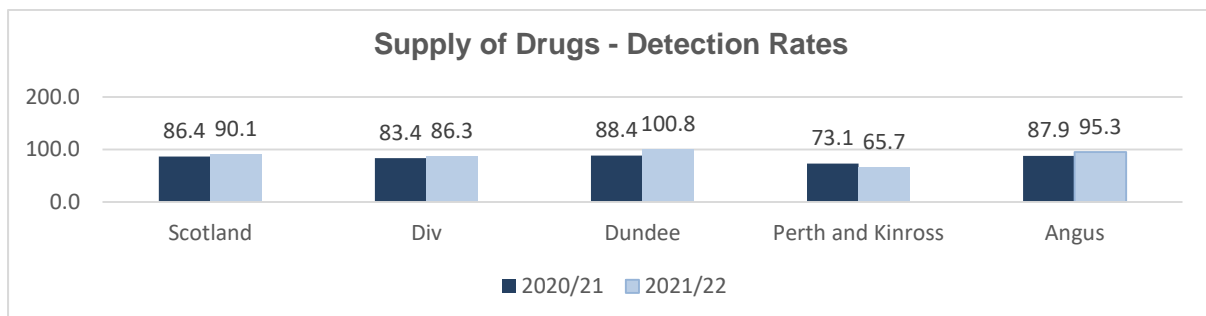
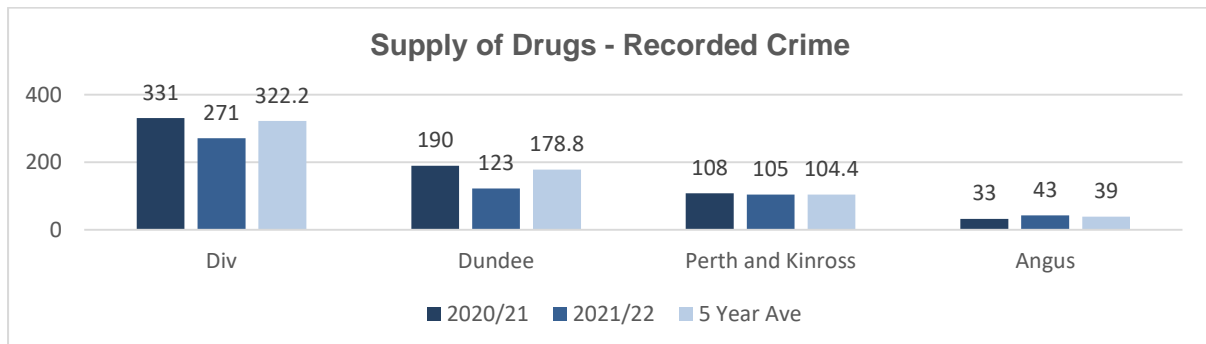
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There have been 123 Drug Supply offences recorded YTD which is a decrease of 35% in comparison to LYTD and well below the five year average. Detection rates are 100%.

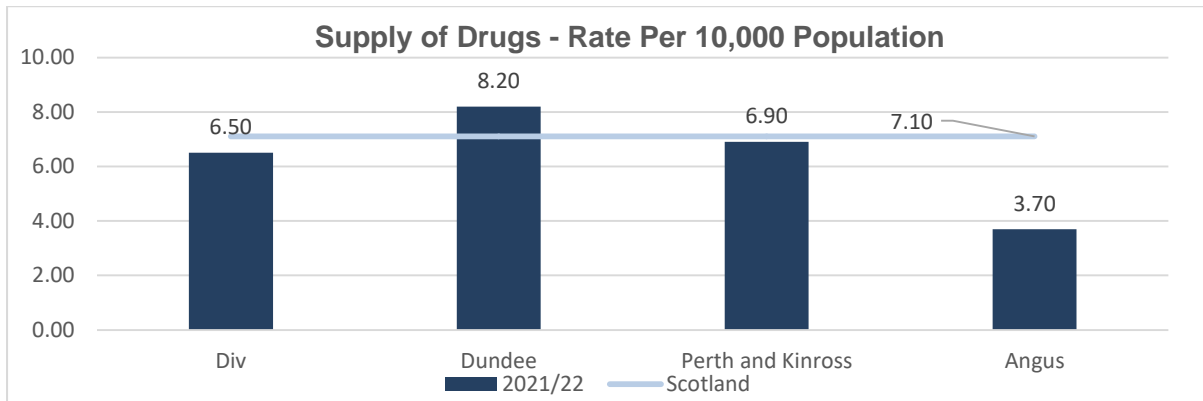
Challenges

As 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.

Recent months have seen an increase in Dundee of those from out with Scotland for the purposes of the sale and supply of controlled drugs. Weekly, local officers are responding to reports of individuals who had been targeted due to their own vulnerability with substance abuse.



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Operation Argonite

Operation Argonite continue to support local initiatives and have the lead in tackling issues around cuckooing and county lines.

The team work collaboratively with Divisional Intelligence Unit, Preventions, Interventions and Partnerships and partner agencies carrying out welfare visits to victims which maximise safeguarding opportunities, encourage partner engagement, develop the intelligence picture and reduce overall risk.

In addition the team investigate crimes of violence by targeting prolific offenders and protecting those most vulnerable in society. They carry out high visibility reassurance patrols and leaflet drops in areas of concern.

Operation Argonite continue to work with both internal, statutory and 3rd sector agencies to identify and address vulnerability with their mission being to suppress crimes of violence including Serious Assault and Robberies across the city.

During this quarter, 12 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 Preventions colleagues, who subsequently addressed vulnerabilities in conjunction with partner agencies. This delivers a holistic approach to care, well-being and safeguarding.

Human Trafficking

As reported in Q3, Operation Reclor is a local response to intelligence suggesting human trafficking and sexual exploitation is ongoing within Dundee. During Q4, responding to intelligence, police attended an address in Dundee city centre where a Romanian male was traced in connection with brothel keeping. This male was identified as a principal of Op Reclor and was arrested and charged with Human Trafficking offences. He was initially remanded in prison although has since been released on bail from the court.

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.

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Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash seizures

£27,917.52

Expedited Civil Recovery

No cases

Assets for Restraint

£63,481.23



**Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
preparedness

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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 SUBSTANTIAL this means it is deemed an attack is likely.

Due to restrictions over the previous quarter, contact has been maintained predominately with businesses and partners by electronic briefings and online meetings.

During the reporting period the CT Governance group met with representatives from all D Division Police Scotland strands of CONTEST and CT Intelligence/Investigations, CTSA's, PDU and CT Planning.

There have been a number of enquiries in relation to Operation Bridger incidents, there were local enquiry in relation to a male making threats to an MSP, Divisional enquiry into a bomb threat made to a local football club, enquiry into a suspicious incident at a city centre retail outlet and enquiry following a number of items being recovered within a city centre customer services premises.

Staff have attended schools in the Dundee area and held discussions regarding future presentations of the ACT NOW input.

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The Safe Steeple 2 multi agency exercise was carried out on 9th March, 2022 and was attended by 94 representatives from P&K Council, DCC, Angus Council, Fife Council, Police Scotland, SFRS, NHS Tayside, Bear Scotland, Abertay University, University of Dundee, Coastguard, Visit Scotland, Forth Ports, Angus Tourism, RAF Liaison, Perth College UHI, Scotrail, North of Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership, Scottish Government, Tay Road Bridge, V&A, Dundee Woman's Aid and British Red Cross. The event was well received by attendees and Safe Steeple 2 is now being rolled out to A & N Division to complete. The exercise report is currently being prepared.

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-Mar) ¹

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	544	523	-3.9%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	904	831	-8.1%
Off Duty Allegations	4	2	-50.0%
On Duty Allegations	776	550	-29.1%
Quality of Service Allegations	124	279	125%

¹ Data is correct as at 31/03/2022.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 3.9% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by increases in Angus of 39.2% and Perth & Kinross of 1.3%. However, a decrease was identified within Dundee City of 21.7%

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased by 8.1%. This is determined by an increase in Angus of 45.8%. However, a decrease was identified within Perth & Kinross of 19.2% and within Dundee City of 19.3%

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