



Dundee City Council

Community Safety and Public Protection Committee

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1 July 2020 – 30 September 2020

**Report No 295-2020 by Chief Superintendent Andrew Todd
Police Scotland D Division (Tayside)**

1. RECOMMENDATION

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

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The purpose of this report (Appendix A) is to provide information to the Committee regarding the performance of Police Scotland to facilitate local scrutiny.

2.2 Appendix A will provide information in relation to some of the work which has taken place within Dundee Local Policing Area.

2.3 The content in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

3. PERFORMANCE

3.1 Appendix A will provide updates on:

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

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

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

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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

7. SUMMARY

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

8. COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

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



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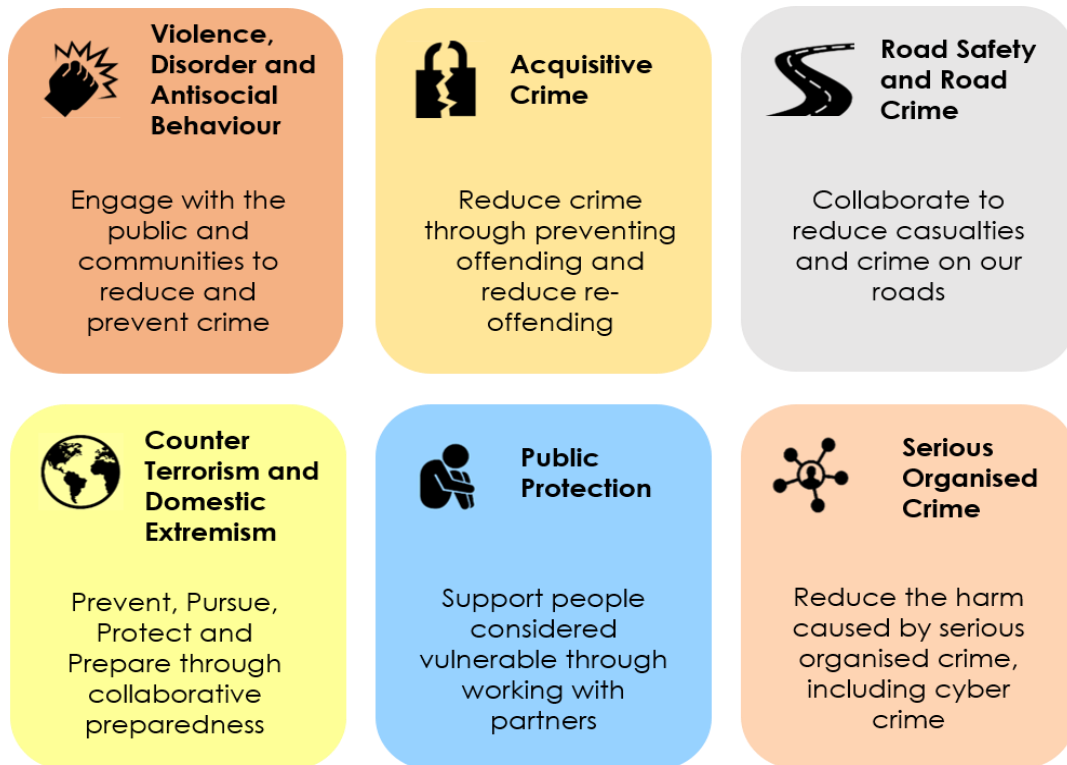
Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Dundee City Council and will report to the Community Safety and Public Protection/Neighbourhood Services Committee.

Performance in relation to the identified policing objectives and outcomes is monitored and reviewed at the monthly Tasking and Delivery Meeting. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee City Council at the Community Safety and Public Protection/Neighbourhood Services Committee. This report covers the period from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019 and 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.

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

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



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



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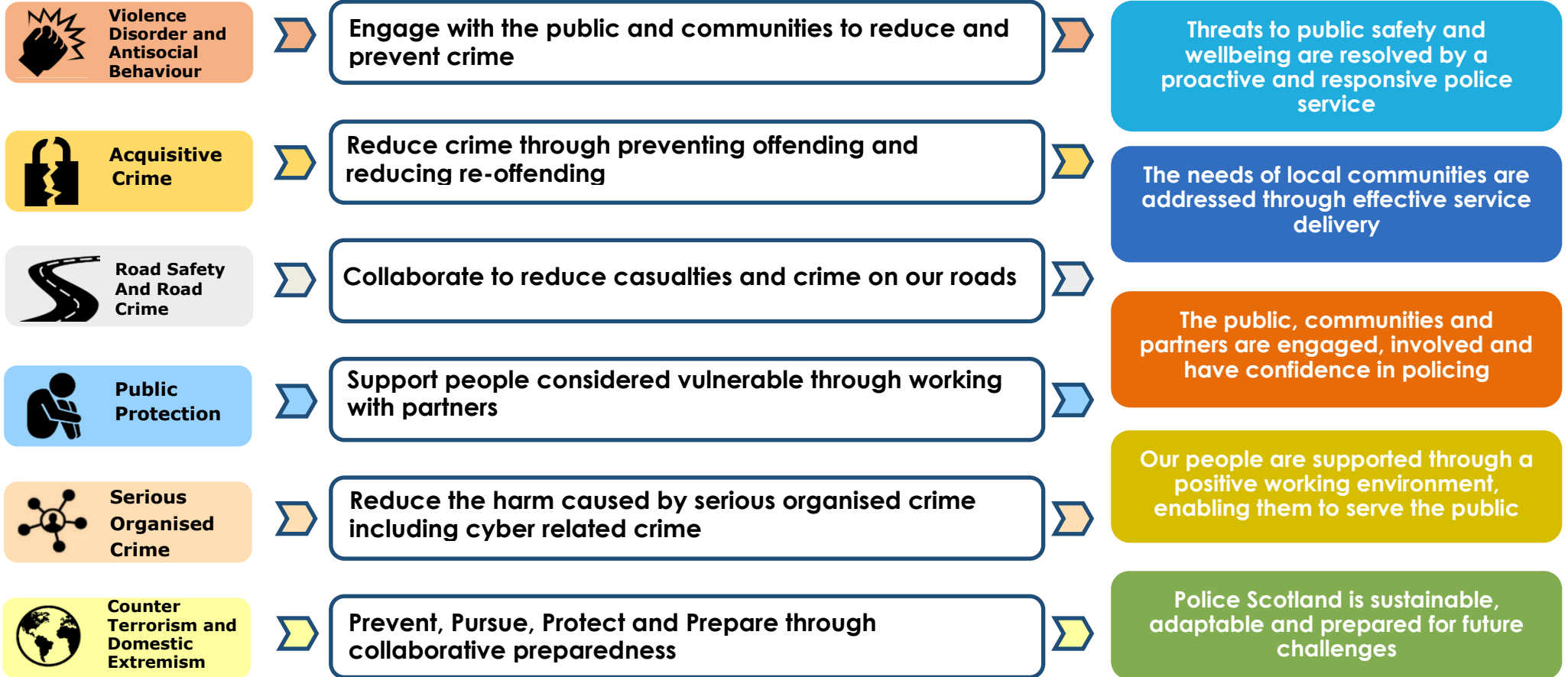
Plan on a Page – Dundee City Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

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 2020 to 30th September 2020

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

Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour		
Serious Assault			Robbery Inc Intent			Common Assault		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
19/20	77	79	19/20	74	72	19/20	1155	68
20/21	69	78	20/21	83	77	20/21	1302	65
% +/-	↓ 10	↓ 1%	% +/-	↑ 12 %	↑ 5 %	% +/-	↑ 13 %	↓ 3 %
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			Acquisitive Crime			Acquisitive Crime		
Emergency Services Assault			Housebreakings - Dwellings			Motor Vehicle Crime		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
19/20	152	100	19/20	109	23	19/20	344	32
20/21	170	100	20/21	115	17	20/21	305	39
% +/-	↑ 12 %	0 %	% +/-	↑ 6 %	↓ 6 %	% +/-	↓ 11 %	↑ 7 %
Acquisitive Crime			Road Safety and Road Crime			Road Safety and Road Crime		
Fraud			Speeding			Drink/ Drug Driving		
	Crimes	Detect %		Off.	Detect %		Off.	Detect %
19/20	207	39	19/20	560	100	19/20	125	98
20/21	277	26	20/21	539	100	20/21	172	85
% +/-	↑ 34 %	↓ 13 %	% +/-	↓ 4 %	0 %	% +/-	↑ 38 %	↓ 13 %
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 %
19/20	0	N/A	19/20	19	N/A	19/20	68	43
20/21	0	N/A	20/21	21	N/A	20/21	89	58
% +/-	/	/	% +/-	↑ 11%	/	% +/-	↑ 31 %	↑ 15 %
Public Protection			Serious Organised Crime			Serious Organised Crime		
Group 2 Sexual Crimes			Drug Supply			Drug Possession		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
19/20	347	62	19/20	70	94	19/20	637	98
20/21	342	60	20/21	89	92	20/21	647	97
% +/-	↓ 1 %	↓ 2 %	% +/-	↑ 27%	↓ 2 %	% +/-	↑ 2%	↓ 1 %

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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:

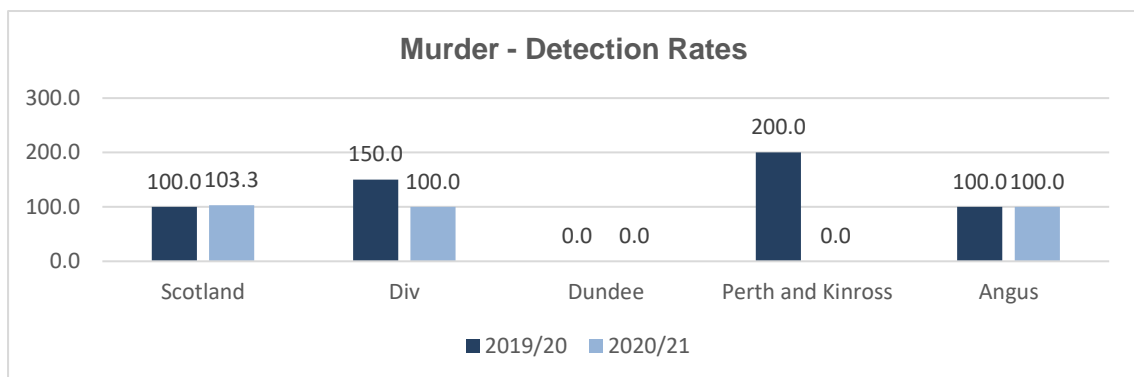
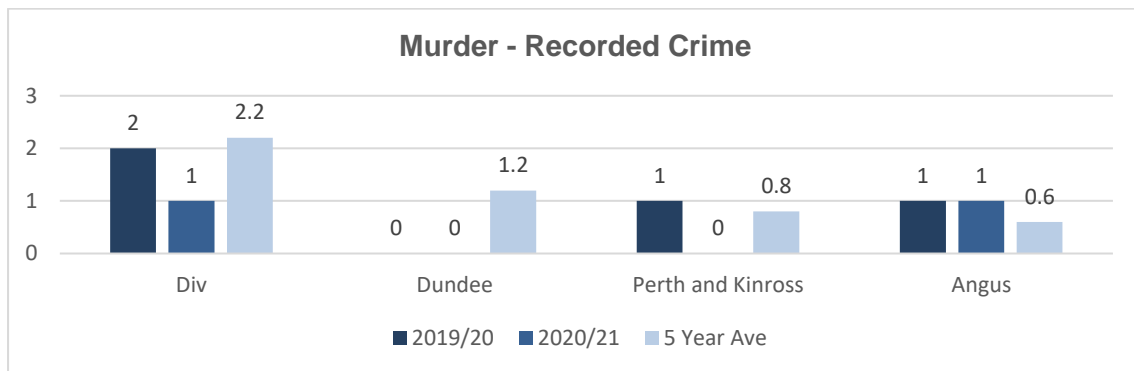
- Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service

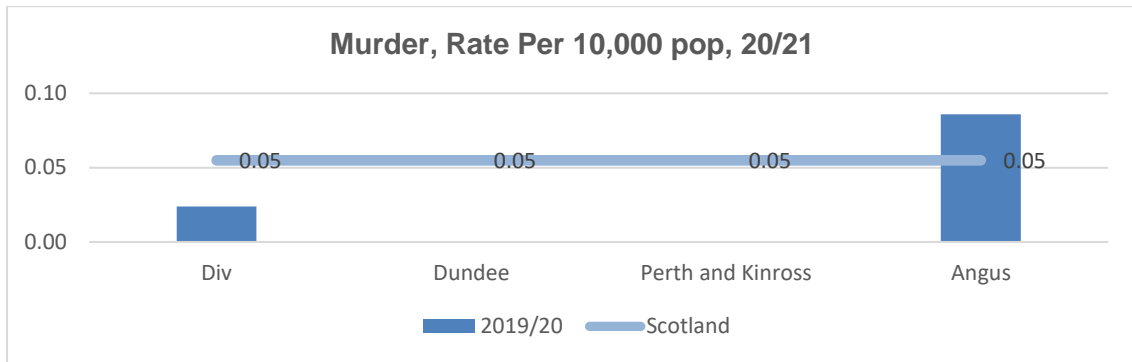
Operating Context

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

Measure – Murder

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





Measure – Attempt Murder

Activity

The Violence Prevention Board continues to explore emerging trends, and collaborative opportunities to reduce violence and drug related crime.

Action plans have been developed for specific activity in the MMW's of Strathmartine and Lochee. These will be progressed further with partners in coming months with a view to providing reassurance, confidence and preventing crime.

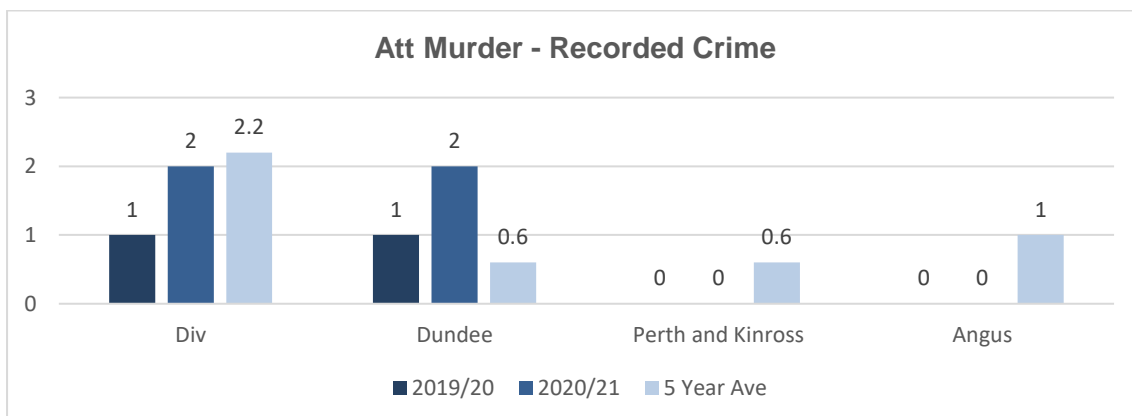
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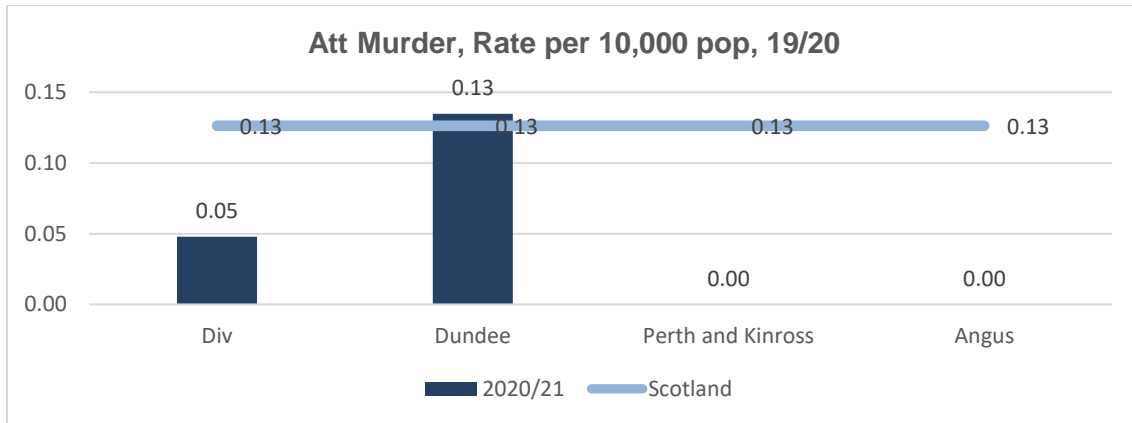
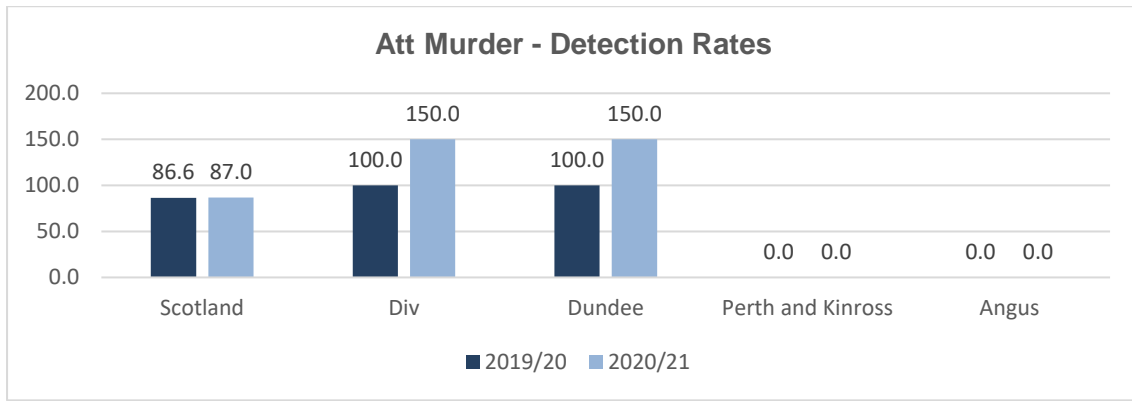
There have been two recorded attempted murders in Dundee during the reporting period.

One of the incidents involved persons who were known to each other and weapons.

Challenges

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





Measure – Serious Assault

Activity

Crime levels in the early part of the year started off relatively low compared to historic levels but quickly increased up to early July, all the while remaining lower than the 5 year average.

However, since August, crime in the last six weeks has increased above the 5 year average. Some of this is linked to the easing of lockdown measures surrounding licensed premises.

In the year to date there is a 50/50 split for serious assaults occurring in a public place compared to private premises. Overall, there are fewer assaults in the public place where as those indoors remain level. 40% of all serious assaults record alcohol or drugs as a contributory factor. Around one fifth were domestic related.

Results

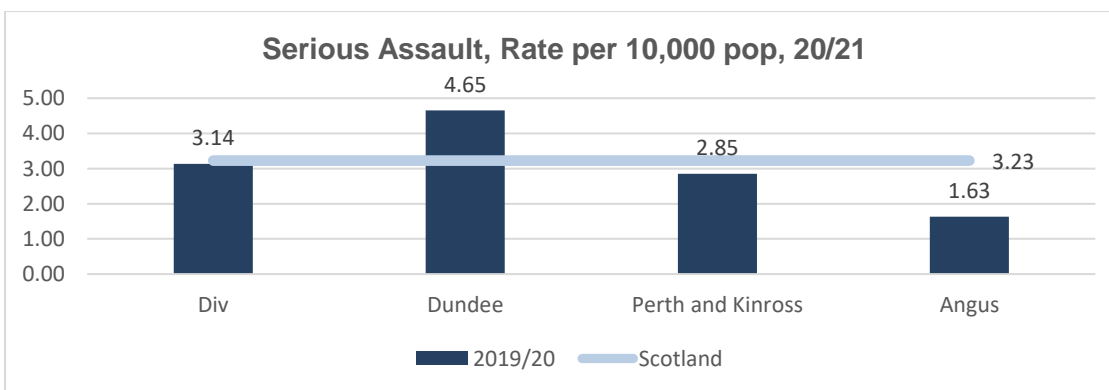
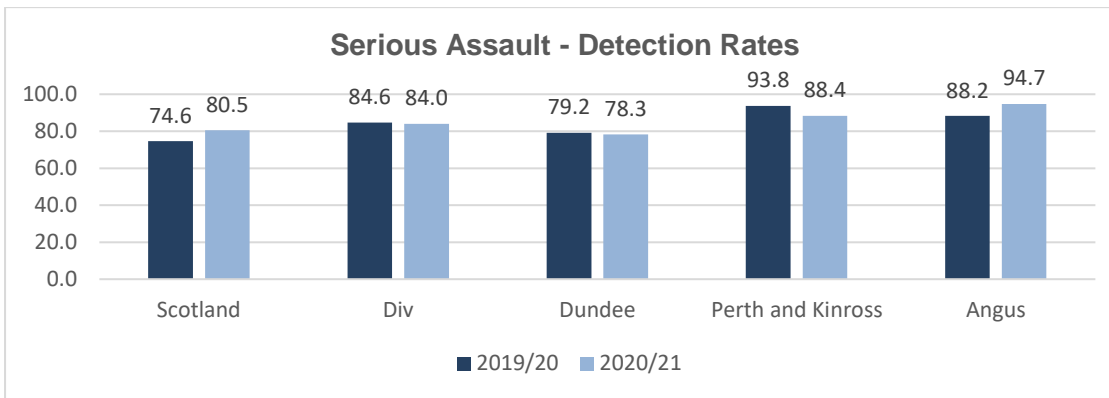
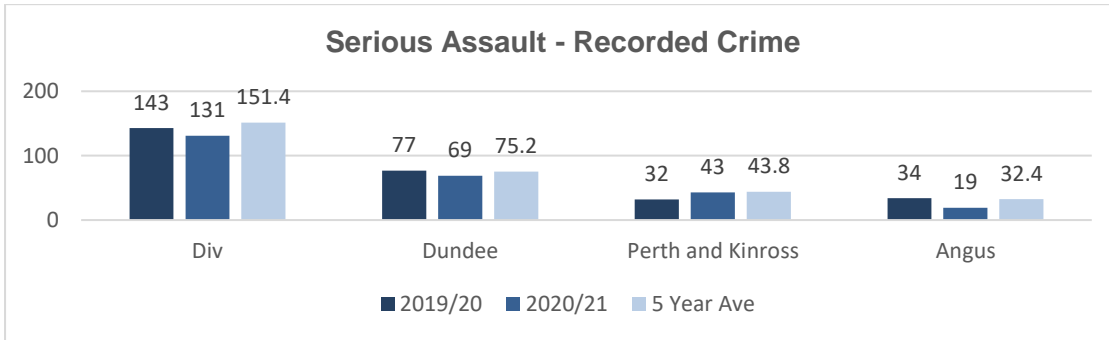
During this reporting period 69 serious assaults were recorded. This is a reduction of 8 crimes when compared to the same period last year and is also below the 5 year average. There have been 41 serious assaults in the last quarter compared to 28 in the first quarter.

The detection rate has reduced slightly compared to the same period last year to 78.3%.

Challenges

Investigations into these crimes can often be challenging and complex. Victims of crime and witnesses can on occasions be reluctant to engage with enquiries.

Many of these instances have not involved serious violence or the use of weapons; it has been the nature of the injury, for instance an injury that requires to be glued and resulted in the crime classification.



Measure – Common Assault

Activity

Dundee has experienced a significant increase in the level of common assaults with higher levels of crime felt in the last two weeks of July and the first and last weeks of August.

The highest number of assaults were recorded in July during the two week period of 13th to 26th July 2020, which incorporated the reopening of bars and restaurants on the 15th July 2020 in line with lockdown restrictions easing.

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In recent weeks the increase has levelled off but in general 60% of assaults occur in a public place as opposed to 40% in a private place.

27% of common assaults record alcohol/drugs as a contributory factor.

170 emergency services workers were assaulted in the course of their duties while providing a service to the community.

Across the country, the increase in violence towards staff has been recognised by the Chief Constable who has issued a pledge that the service will respond and ensure staff have the necessary tools to keep them safe at work. This includes additional training.

Results

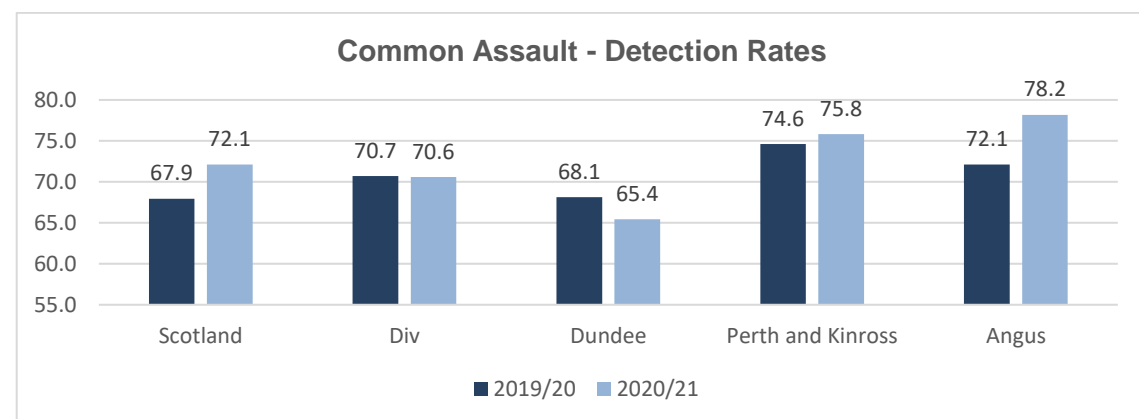
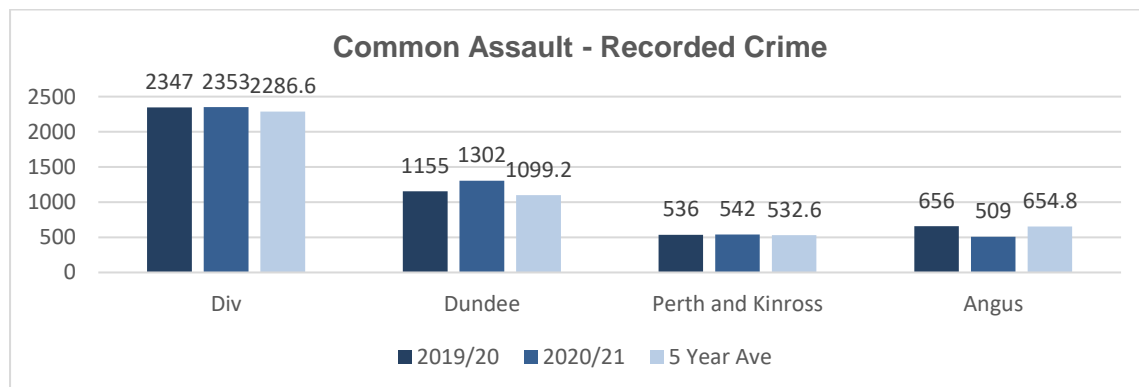
During the reporting period 1302 assaults were recorded compared to 1155 in the previous year. This is a rise of 147 crimes.

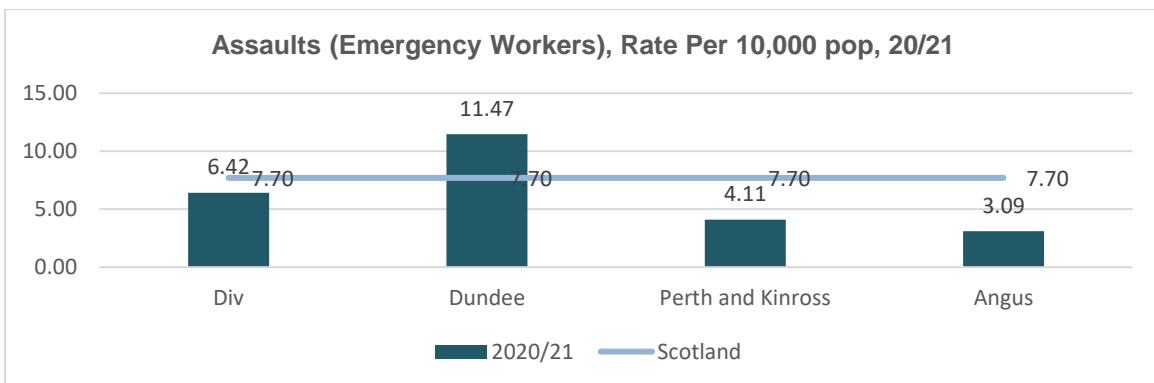
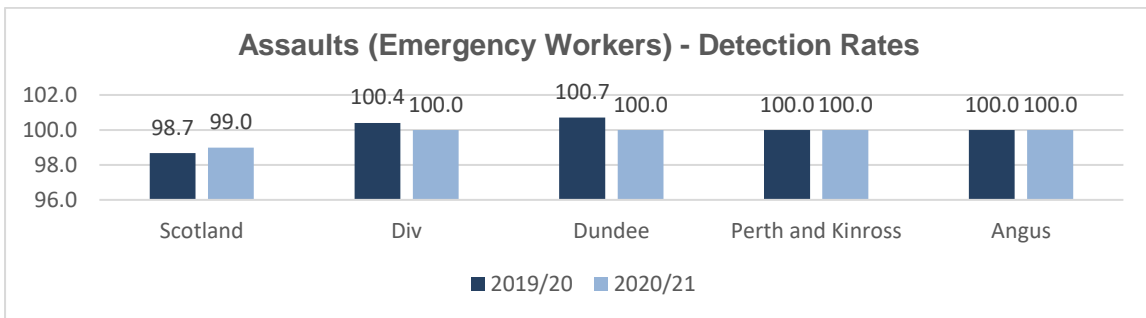
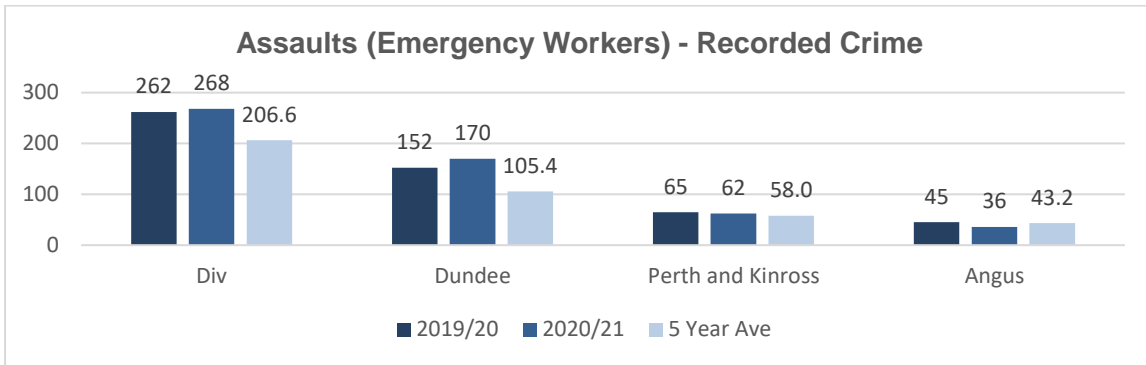
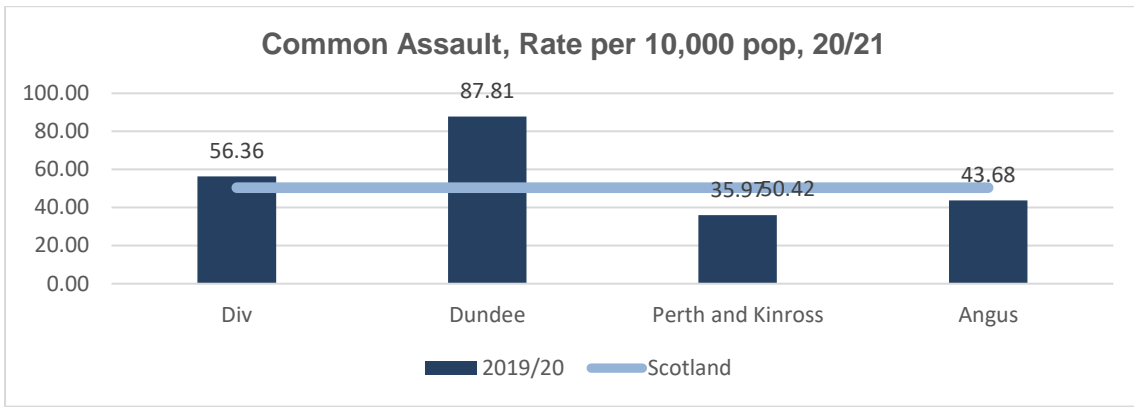
The detection rate has decreased by 2.7% to 65.4 %.

Challenges

Victims and offenders were known to each other in just over a third of all crimes.

The number of common assaults in Dundee gives an indication of underlying level of violence in Dundee which is in excess of the Scottish average as is the level of violence exhibited towards emergency service workers.





Measure – Robbery

Activity

This section includes crimes of Robbery, Assault and Robbery and assault with intent to rob.

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

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Our partnership, interventions and preventions team have been working with victims to target harden and prevent them becoming repeat victims.

We continue to use media appeals to identify CCTV footage and witness opportunities.

Results

The overall number of robberies recorded in Dundee for the reported period has increased to 83 from 74 compared to last year. An increase of 9 crimes.

The detection rate has increased by 5.5% to 77.1 %.

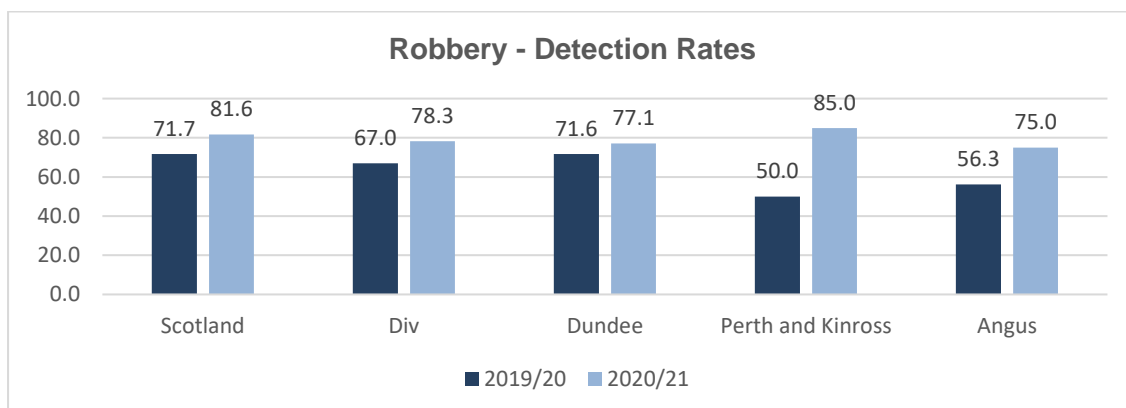
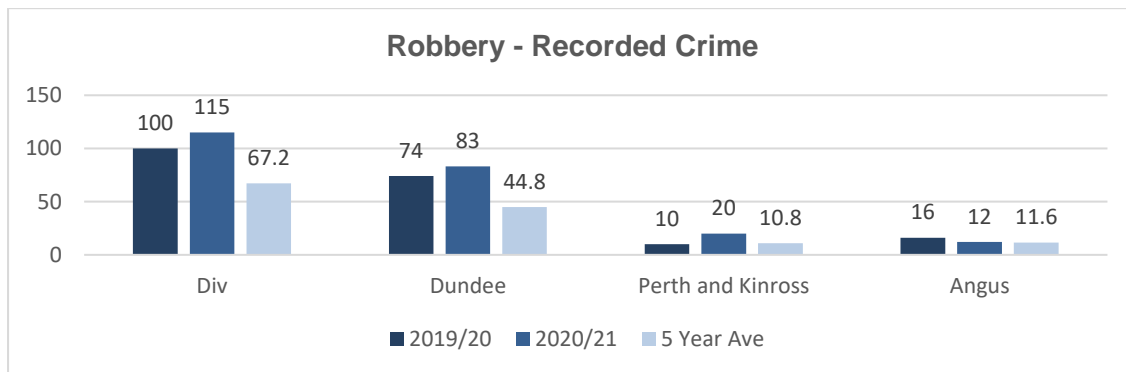
In the last quarter there were 43 reported robberies compared to 40 in the first quarter.

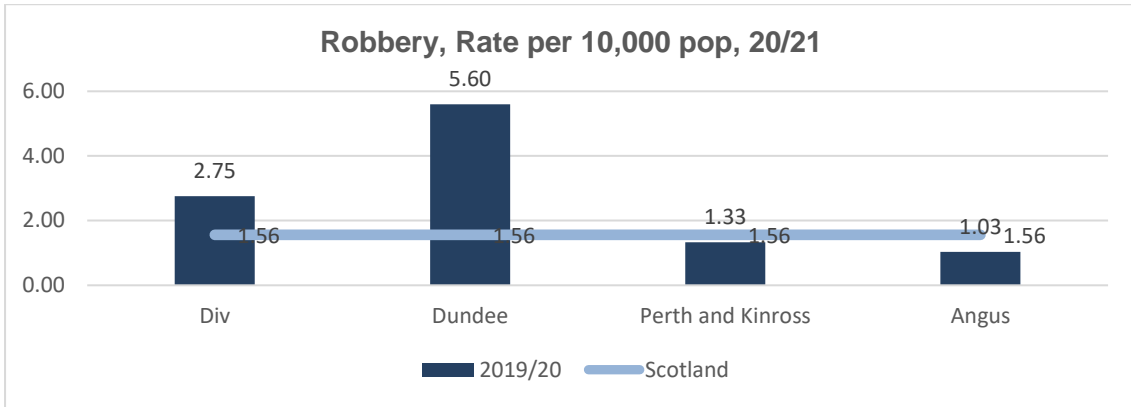
Challenges

The ratio of robberies conducted in a private place compared to a public place is 60:40. The victims and offenders were known to each other in around 40% of the cases.

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

During this period we have also investigated a number of Robberies, that are not reflected in the figures, which have proven to be falsely reported. In the main this has been linked to financial hardship.





Measure – Vandalism

Activity

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

Over the last quarter, reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) has increased to 9536 from 7505 the previous year. This is an increase of 2031 incidents on the same period last year equating to a rise of 27 %.

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

Results

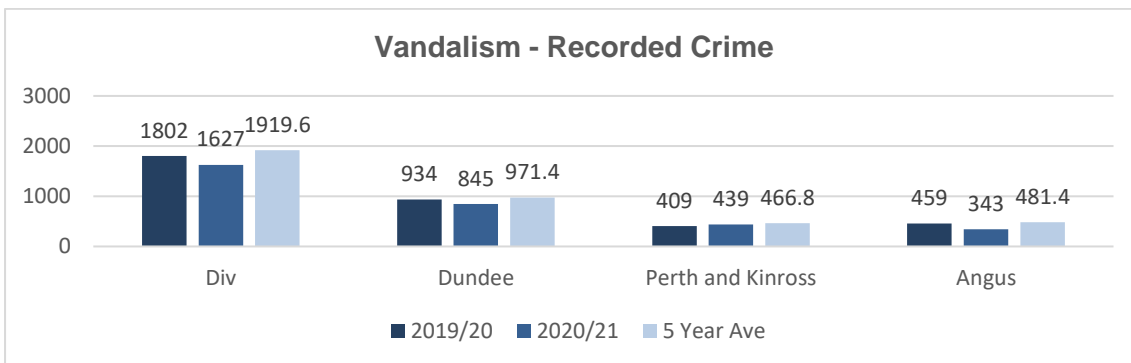
The number of vandalisms reported during the period was 845. This represents a significant reduction on the previous year aligned to an increased detection rate of 45.3 %.

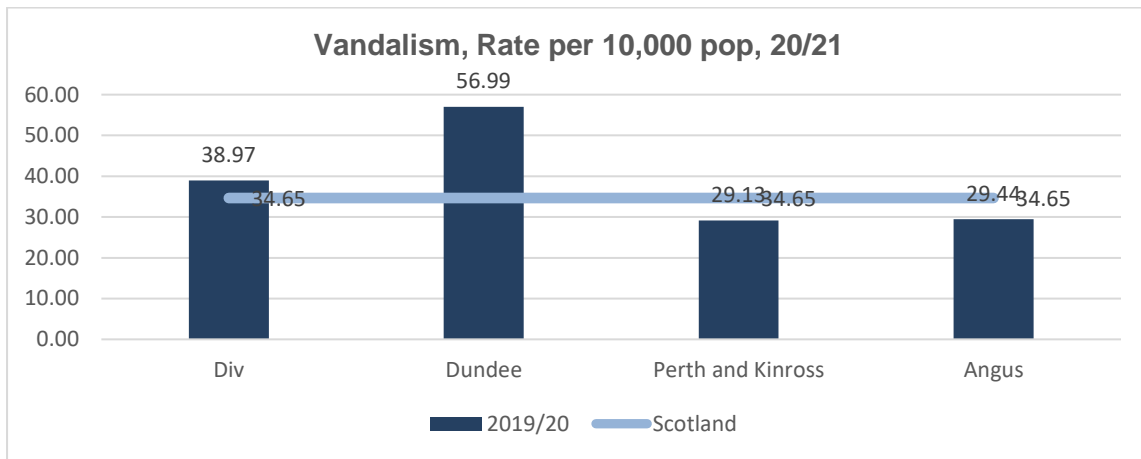
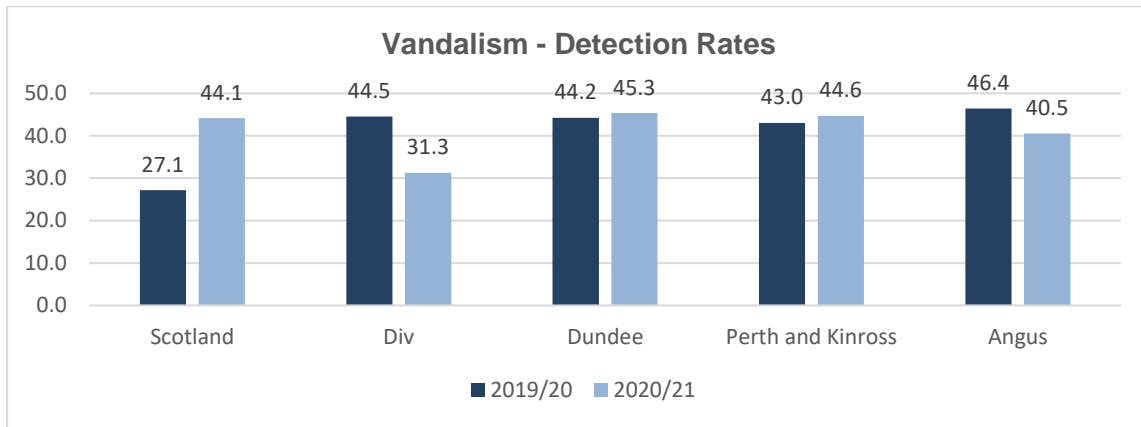
In the last quarter there were 466 recorded vandalisms which was an increase on those recorded in the first quarter (379).

However, this increase is expected in line with the loosening of restrictions and remains well below the 5 year average

Challenges

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





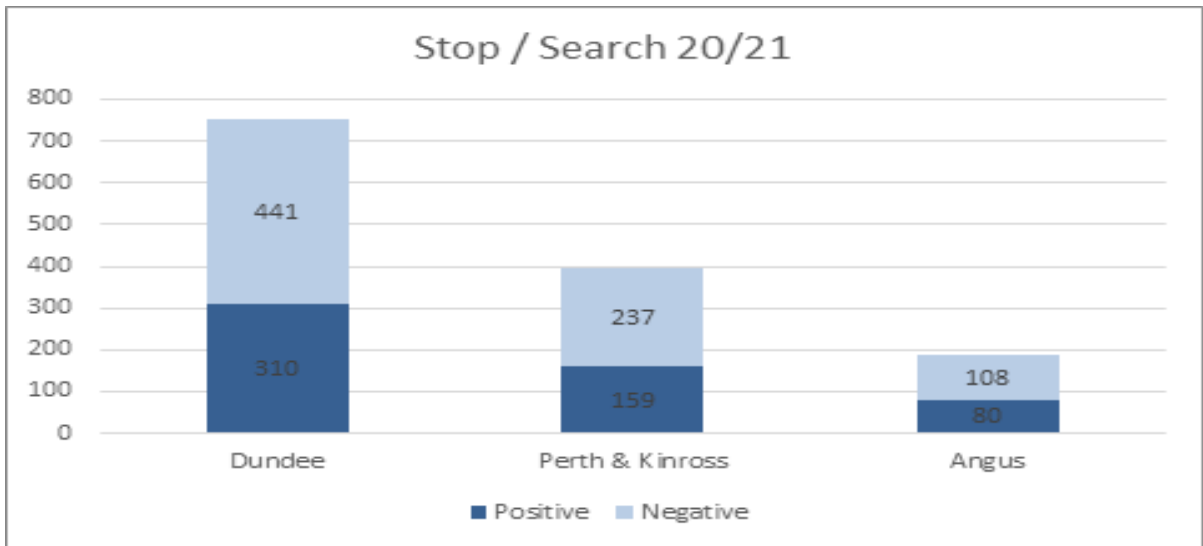
Measure – Stop Search

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 is committed to ensuring that when it is necessary to stop and search a person it is carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

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

In the reporting period 751 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 310 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 41%.

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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*

Operating Context

Measure – Domestic Housebreaking

The overall number of crimes of dishonesty in the City has decreased by 7.4 % over the first quarter. Within the period there have been some decreases and increase in which are reflected in this report.

Overall there have been 2056 recorded crimes of dishonesty in Dundee compared to 2220 last year. A reduction of 164 crimes on the same period last year.

Activity

There has been an overall increase in all types of domestic housebreaking from 109 crimes last year to 115 this year (increase of 6). This is a small increase of around 6 %.

This is a considerable improvement from the first quarter which returned figures of 107 compared to 80. An increase of 27 crimes.

Break-ins to commercial premises have reduced during the period from 60 crimes last year to 52 crimes this year. These crimes have a detection rate of 44.2 %.

Break-ins to sheds or other types of out building has also decreased and is now below the level from last year.

Results

The detection rate for domestic HBs shows a decrease compared last year and is approximately 17.4%.

An important contextual factor here is that 43 of the recorded crimes in this category relate to attempted domestic property break-ins which are traditionally more difficult to detect.

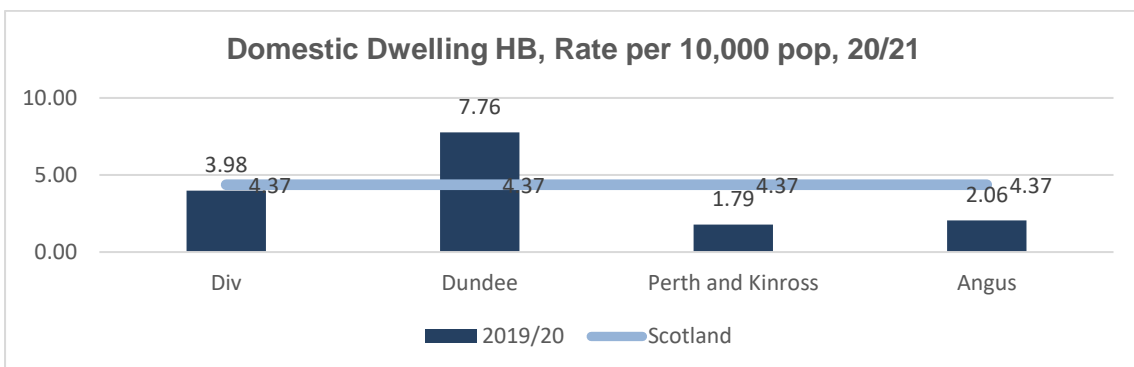
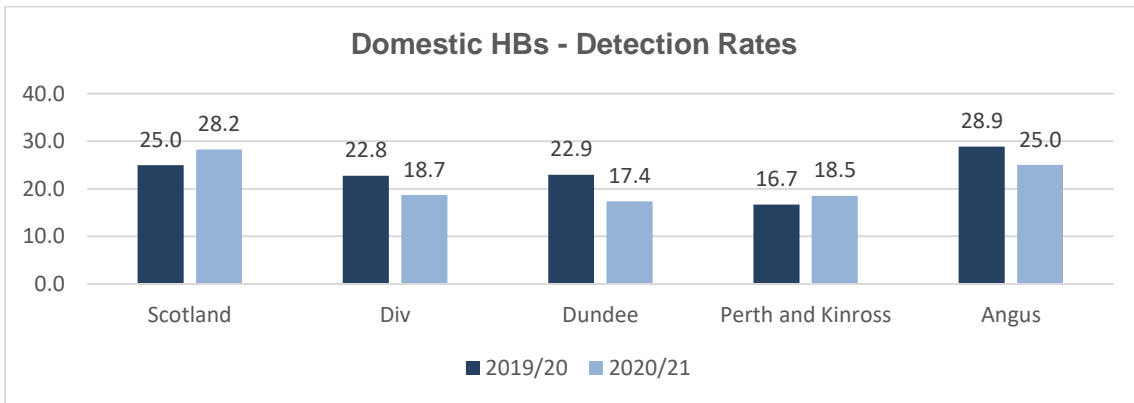
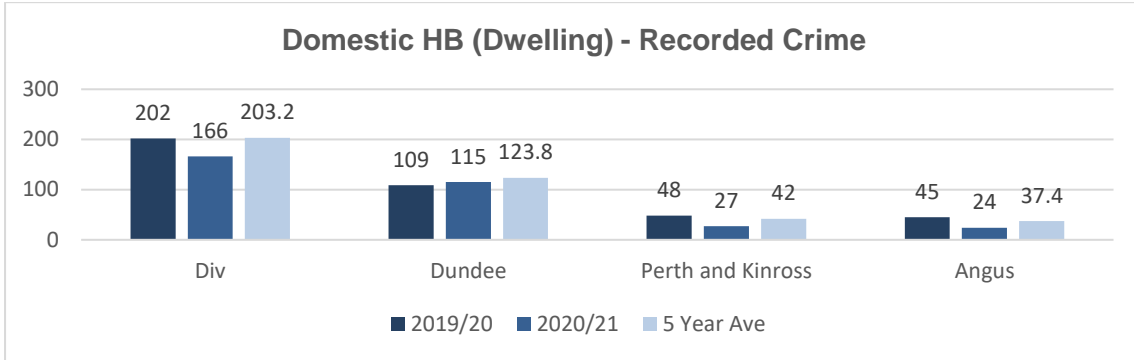
The Community Investigation Unit (CIU) arrested a male responsible for breaking into the Mercantile Bar. In doing so they recovered a large amount of property from other crimes. The CIU also conducted a successful investigation into the break in to the Pillars Bar, arresting the male responsible

Challenges

It is interesting that more domestic housebreakings (including attempts) were reported during lockdown as opposed to this quarter when restrictions have been relaxed.

Work is ongoing in an attempt to understand any social demographic and COVID-19 factors contributing to this position.

Enquiries will continue to receive dedicated attention from the Community Investigation Unit (CIU).



Measure – Fraud

Activity

We continue to raise awareness of Scams through our Social Media Platforms, with each week a new type of Scam coming to our attention.

Work with Trading Standards is ongoing to ensure all legislative frameworks are considered.

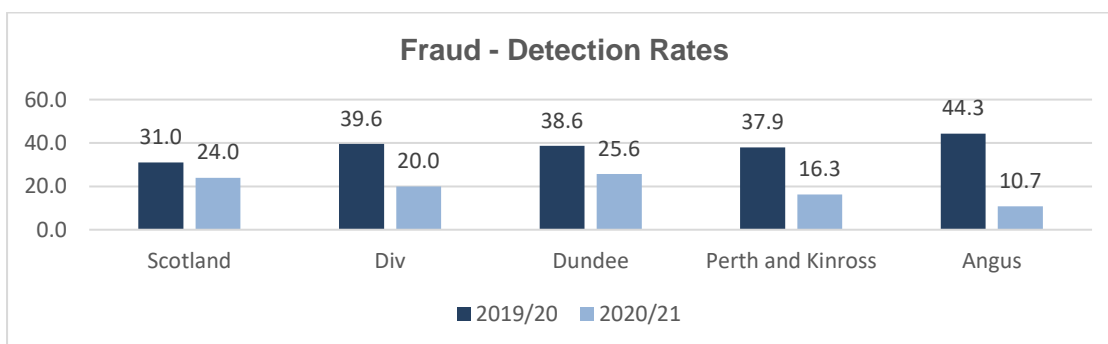
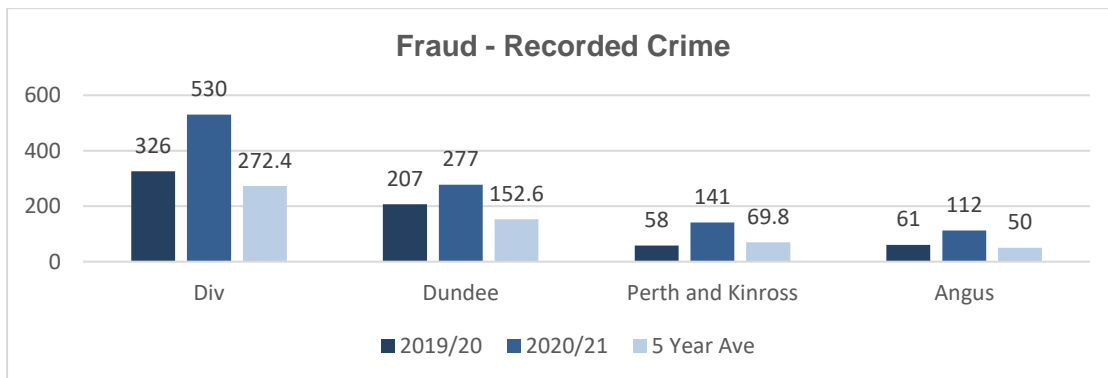
We continue to work with partners to identify vulnerable people who may be targeted to ensure measures are put in place to prevent them becoming victims of this type of crime

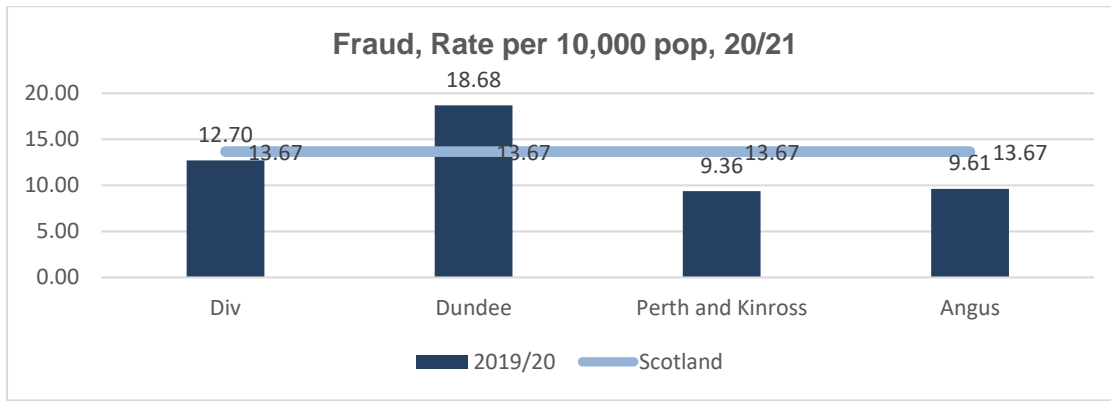
Results

It is not uncommon for detection rates to remain low when crime rates are high, investigations are complex and as is the case in many of these instances the point of gain is difficult to establish.

Challenges

Reports of Fraud continue to increase at a rapid rate, many are cyber enabled crimes. Scams are becoming extremely sophisticated and they are hard to detect meaning more people are becoming victims. COVID-19 has increased opportunities for Organised Crime Groups who are involved in this type of activity





Measure – Theft by Shoplifting

Activity

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

Results

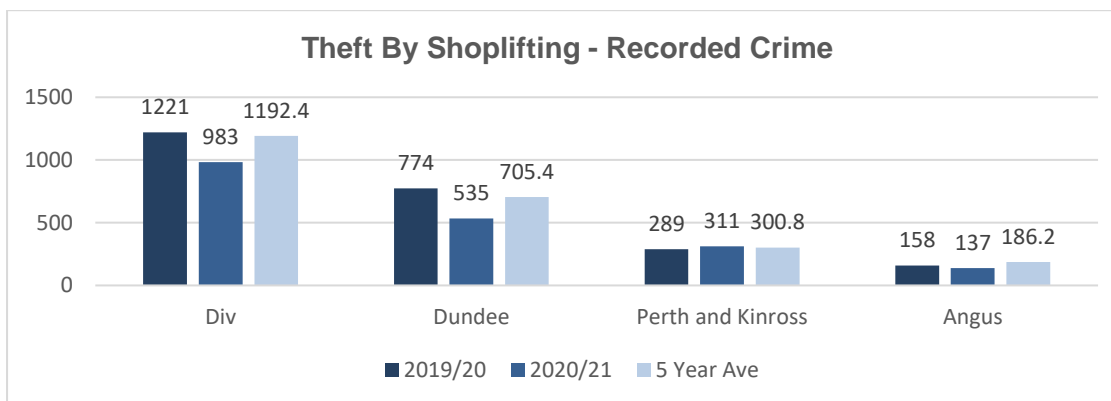
During the first quarter there was a considerable reduction in the number of reported crimes. From 378 last year to 270, a reduction of 108 crimes.

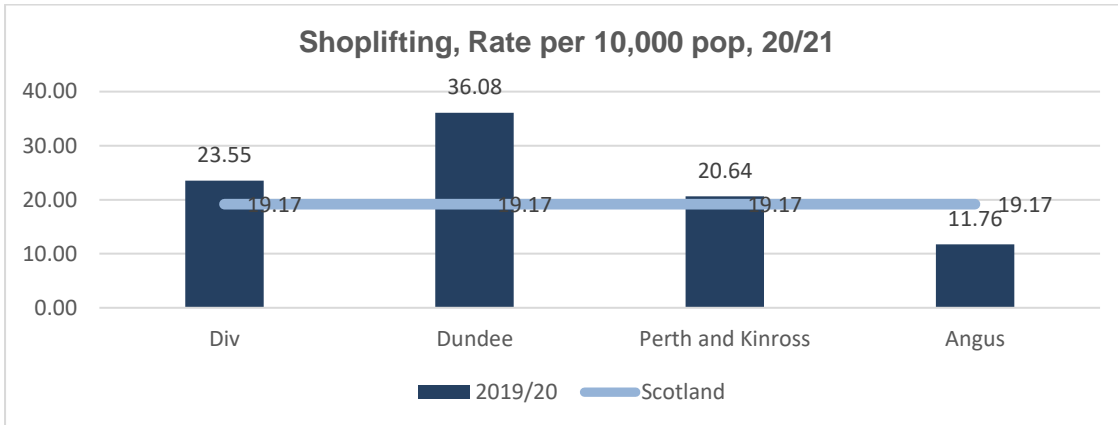
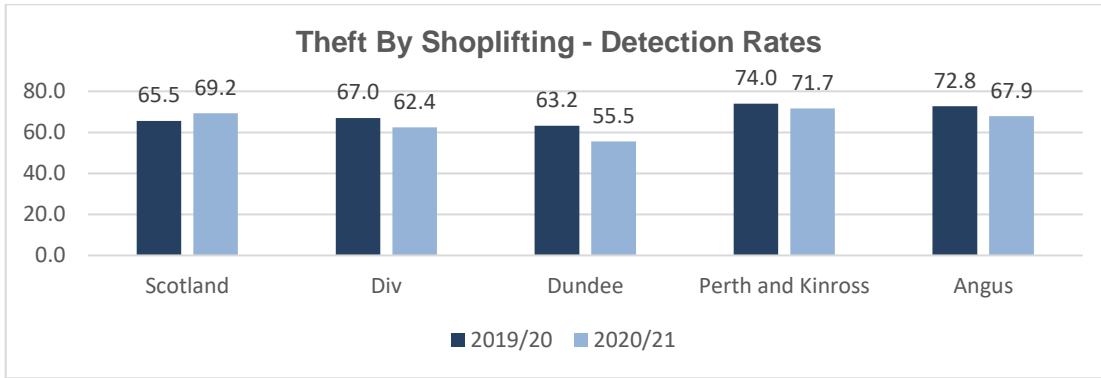
It is a similar picture for this quarter, with overall figures 535 compared to 774 for this period. This is an overall reduction of 239 crimes with the decrease continuing to grow.

Challenges

As highlighted there are currently less opportunities for offenders to shoplift.

Although representing a significant reduction the rate per head of population in Dundee is in excess of the rest of Tayside and Scotland.





Measure – Motor Vehicle Crime

Activity

Overall vehicle crime in Dundee has decreased in Dundee by 39 crimes from 344 crimes last year to 305 crimes for this period.

Results

Opportunistic thefts of property remains a key issue in this and driver of this crime type. It is especially important when there are seemingly less acquisitive crime opportunities for individuals elsewhere in the city (shoplifting).

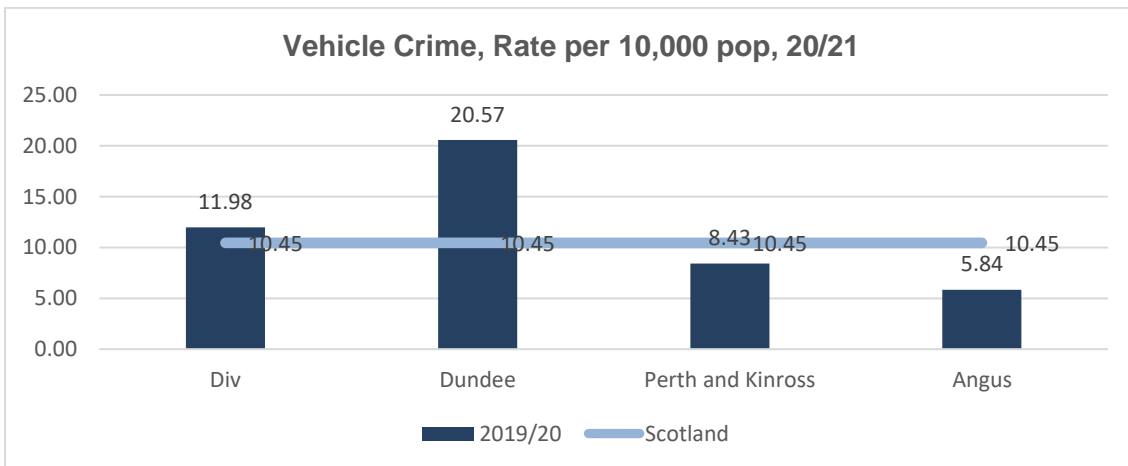
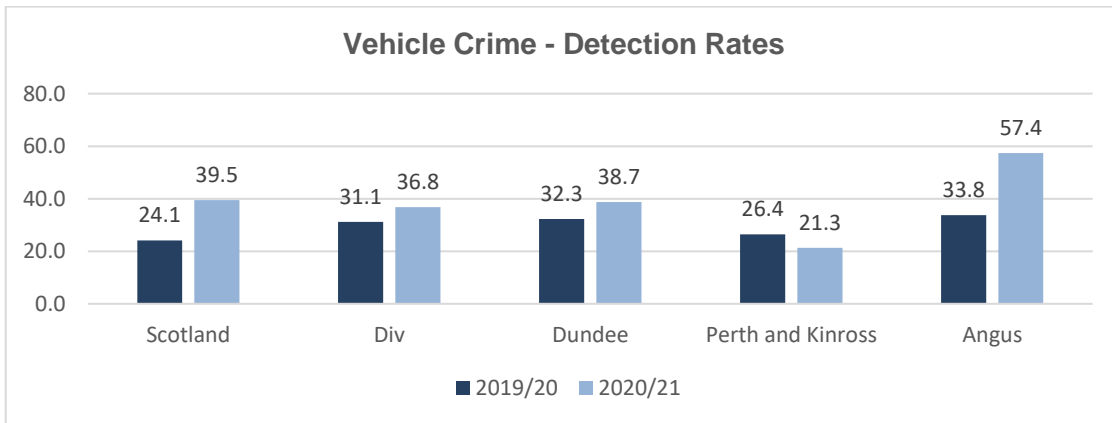
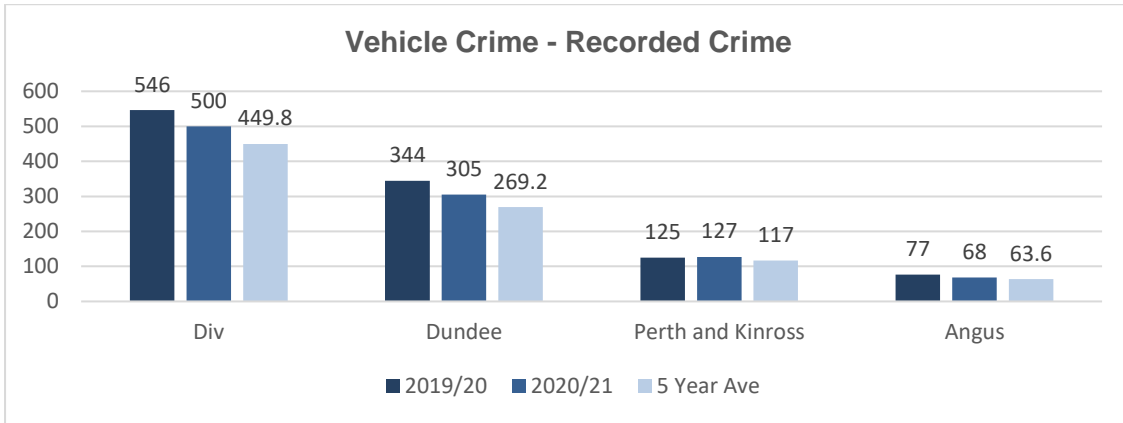
A considerable amount of preventive patrols have been conducted in hot spot areas resulting in a number of individuals being identified and arrested for a number of these crimes.

These results are reflected in the increase in detection rate to 38.7 %.

Challenges

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

Although these figures represent a reduction and an improving picture, the per-head of population figure, is well above elsewhere in the country.



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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*

Operating Context

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

Operation CEDAR

The principles of Operation CEDAR will be applied in the following ways across Tayside, linked to priority areas of focus:

Challenge

Build effective partnership working and methods to develop new and innovative ways to improve road safety. Improve information sharing and analysis to support an evidence-led approach

Educate

Deliver and evaluate educational initiatives to driver and road user behaviour, making effective use of media opportunities to highlight CEDAR and the work of the forum

Detect

Provide an intelligence-led and multi-agency approach to enforcement, supported by analytical products, to make the best use of available resources

Reduce

Ensure all road safety education, engineering and enforcement activity is focused on having the maximum positive impact on reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured

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

Tragically Tayside Division had one adult fatality for the period under review which occurred in Angus LPA.

On the 22 August 2020 on the A92 near to Montrose, a 53 year old male car driver lost his life when an insecure load fell from a lorry and landed on the vehicle.

Tayside Division had 78 persons seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions, which is a 9% decrease for the same period last year where we experienced 86.

Tayside Division had 160 persons slightly injured as a result of road traffic collisions, this unfortunately is a 20% increase for the same period last year where we experienced 133.

Tayside Division have had 4 child casualties who were seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions, this is a 56% decrease on the same period last year which saw 9 children injured.

Dundee LPA specifically saw 21 persons seriously injured in road traffic collisions, this is a 10.5% increase for the same period last year where we experienced 19.

Similarly, Dundee LPA saw 2 children seriously injured which is a 100% increase on the year previous where we only experienced 1 child casualty.

Whilst slightly injured persons remained consistent with 56 for this period and the same figure the previous year in Dundee LPA.

Activity

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

July 2020 - summer drink/Drug Drive campaign

July 2020 – Motorcycle campaign

August 2020 – Seatbelt/speed/mobile phone days of action

August 2020 - Project EDWARD (European Day without A Road Death)

August 2020 – Vulnerable Road Users Campaign

All of the aforementioned campaigns were successful in respect of public engagement, awareness, education and enforcement. Effective use of media campaigns were also utilised for the aforementioned campaigns which were well received.

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

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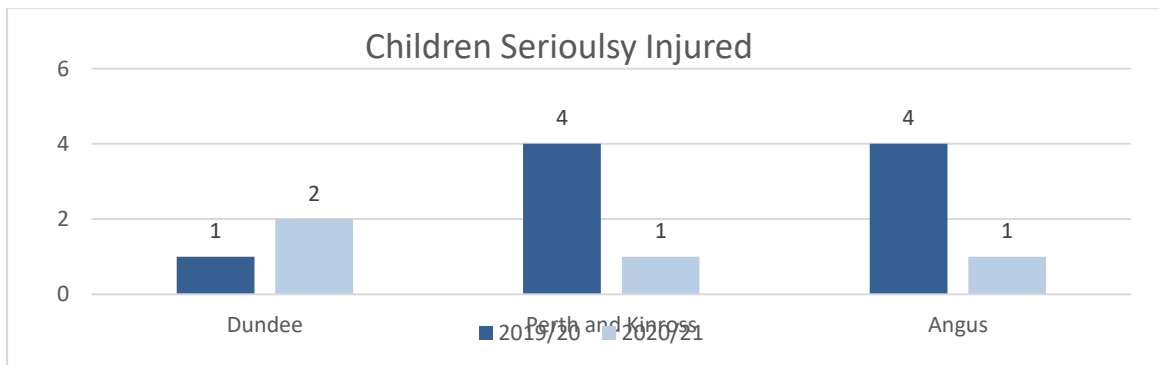
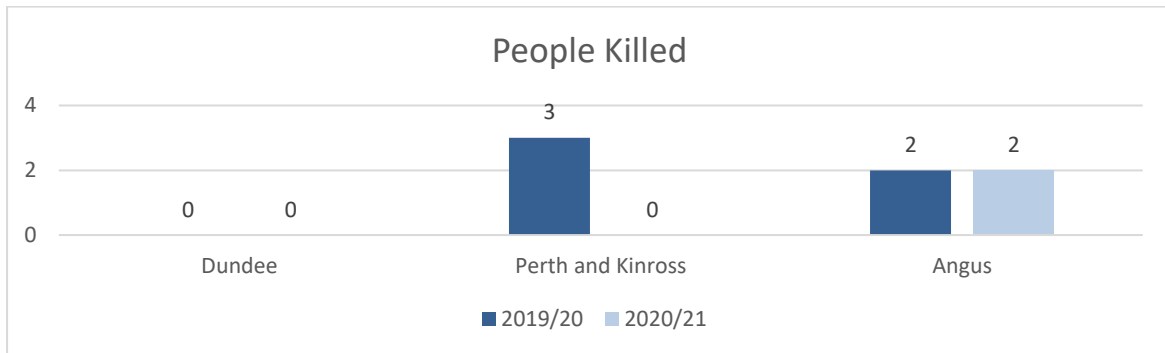
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Local Policing and RPU Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on a wide range of driving behaviours including dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving to name but a few.

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

For the period under review a total of 6816 vehicles were stopped in the Tayside division with a number of offences being detected and reported whilst a number of offenders were warned in respect of other road traffic contraventions.

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



Measure – Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Dundee LPA overall have decreased by 3.75%. 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.

Activity

Although speed detection falls in to the remit of daily business for Road Policing, in the months of August and September 2020 Police Scotland held numerous specific “Speed days of action” which focussed not only on the Priority routes but also on roads which have been brought to the attention through varying mediums.

During activity officers from both the Road Policing Unit, Safety camera Unit and divisional officers who specifically targeted road users who contravene legislation.

Working closely with Dundee City Council, we also saw traffic monitoring equipment fitted to a number of locations to establish traffic flow/volume and average speed of motorists.

Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour.

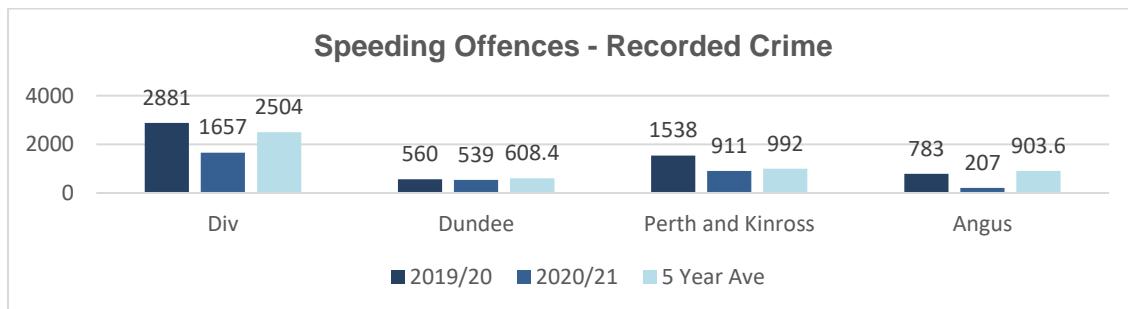
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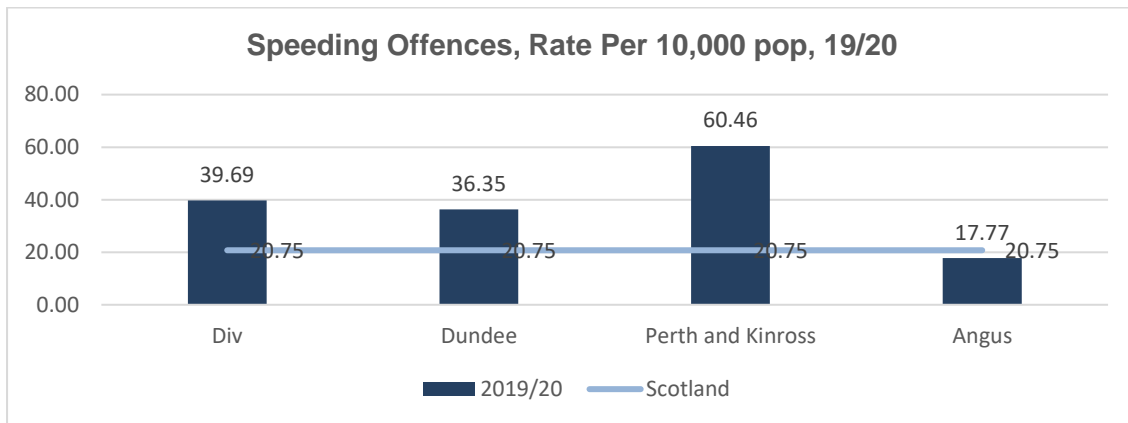
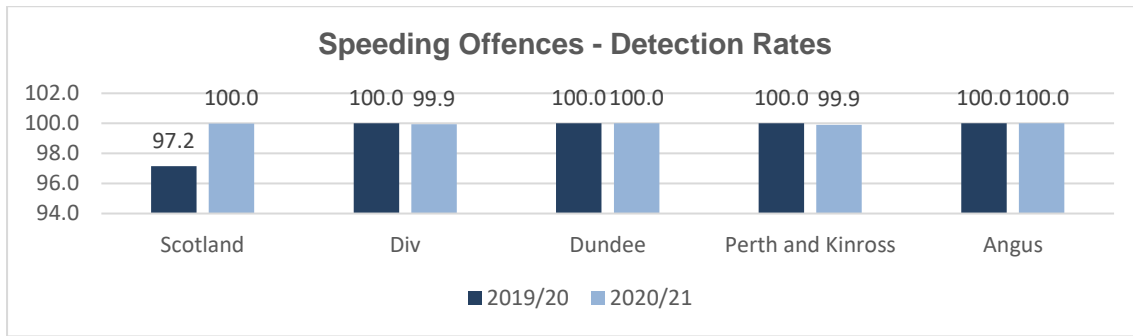
During this period under review 539 speeding offences were detected in Dundee LPA.

Challenges

Police resources are being challenged by an increasing number of complaints received in relation to road users exceeding the speed limit. As a result of any complaint Police will carry out a percentile speed check to establish if there is indeed an issue.

Unfortunately a vast number of these checks highlight the perception of speed is the issue rather than road users exceeding the speed limit. The perception of speed can also be attributed to modified vehicles which are significantly louder than a standard motor vehicle.





Measure – Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Dundee LPA overall has increased by 37.6% compared to the same period of last year.

Activity

In the month of July 2020, Police Scotland held The Summer Drink & Drug Drive Campaign which saw dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit and divisional officers specifically target road users who drive whilst under the influence.

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.

Throughout the period under review and the challenges raised by COVID-19, effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour

The new drug wipe testing kit featured heavily in the media and was prevalent throughout the duration of this campaign, it will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving with a considerable number of positive wipes throughout Tayside Division.

Results

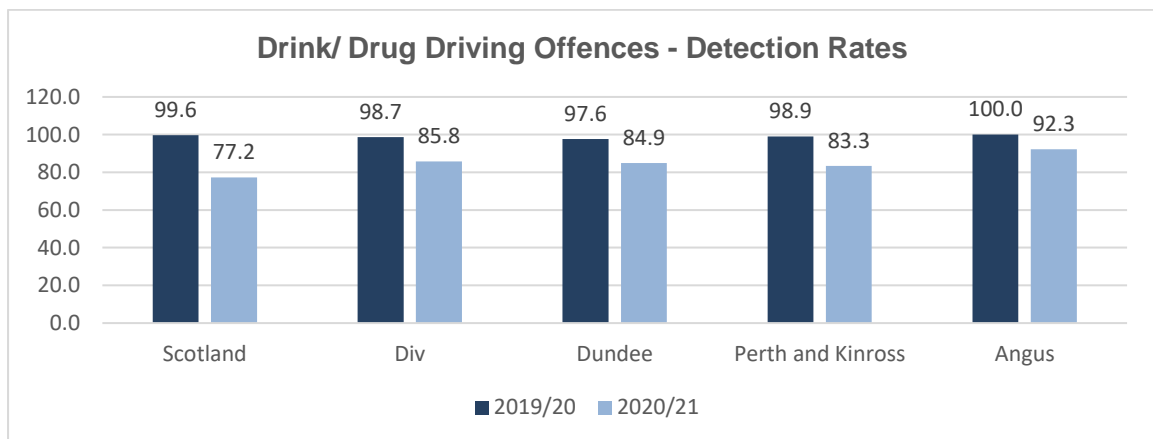
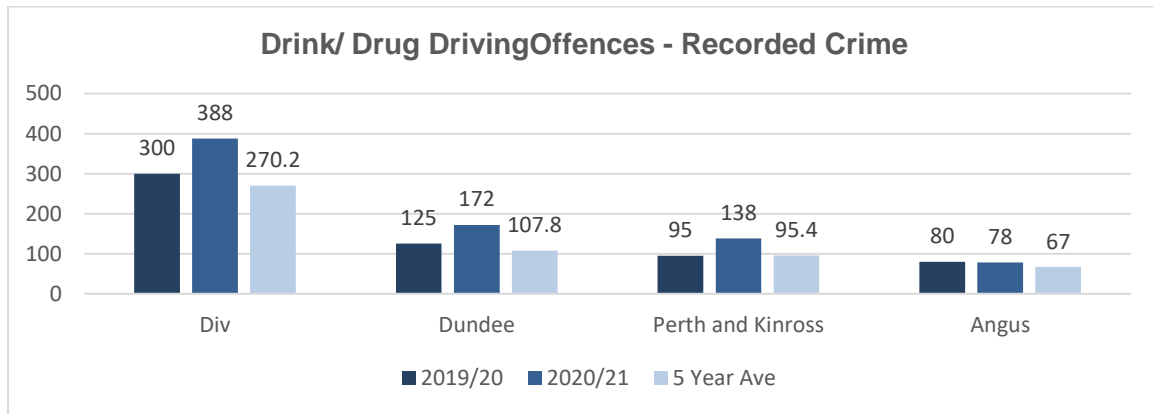
During the period under review Tayside Division excelled with a total 1895 breath specimens recorded throughout the Division, a total of 172 drink/drug drive offences detected within Dundee LPA, all of which were reported to the Procurator fiscal for the consideration of prosecution. It should be noted these figure include drivers who failed to provide a specimen for analysis.

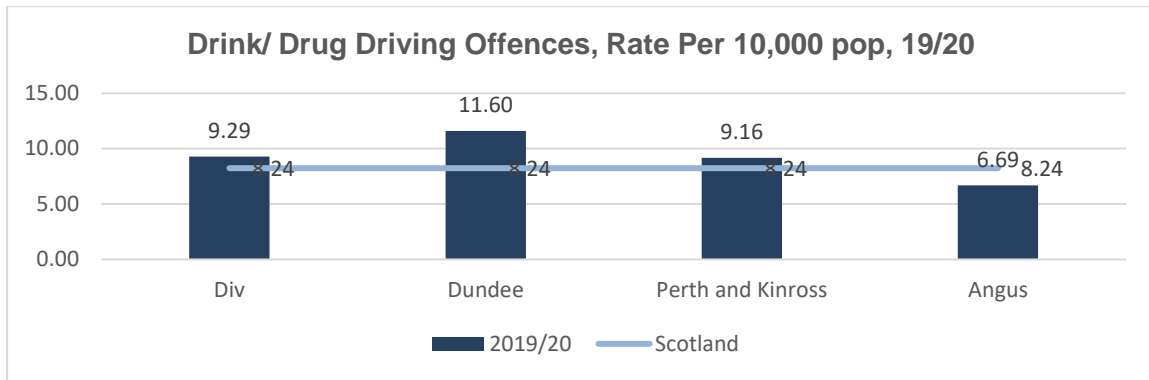
Challenges

The analytical data highlights a 37.6% increase for the period under review compared to 2019/20.

However, as highlighted above the use of the new drug wipe and road side testing kits was not available or used previously and is impacting figures.

Campaigns, reinforcement and education through varying mediums, will continue, in an attempt to drive home the message that continuing to drive whilst under the influence of drink or drugs which is completely unacceptable





Measure – Careless Driving

Careless driving across Tayside Division has decreased by 8.2% with the total number of offenders being detected at 313 compared with 341 the previous year.

Dundee LPA specifically has increased slightly by 0.9% with a total of 115 offenders being detected compared to 114 the previous year.

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

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

Activity

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

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

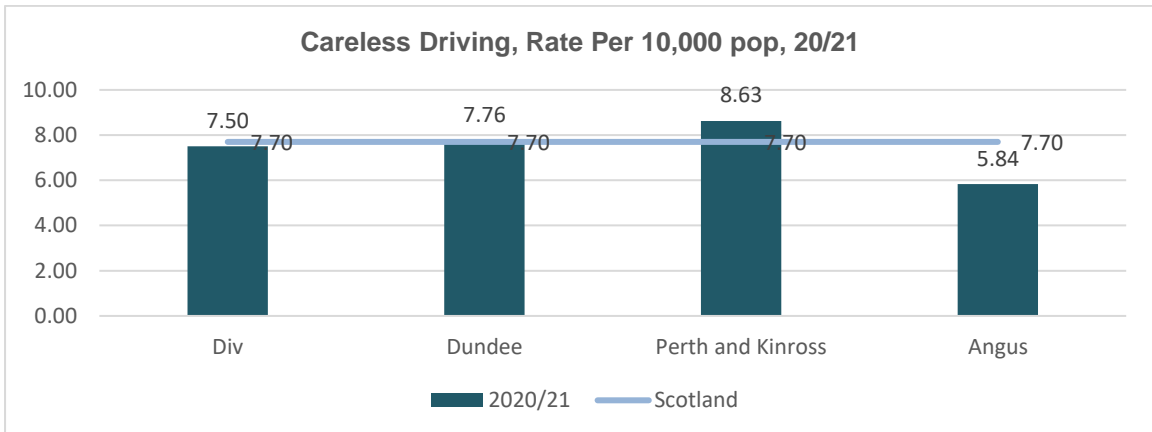
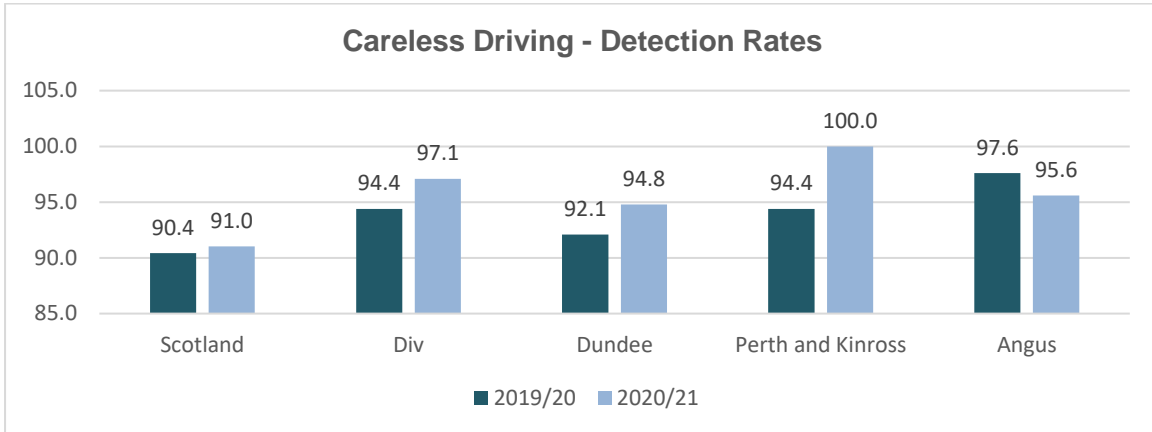
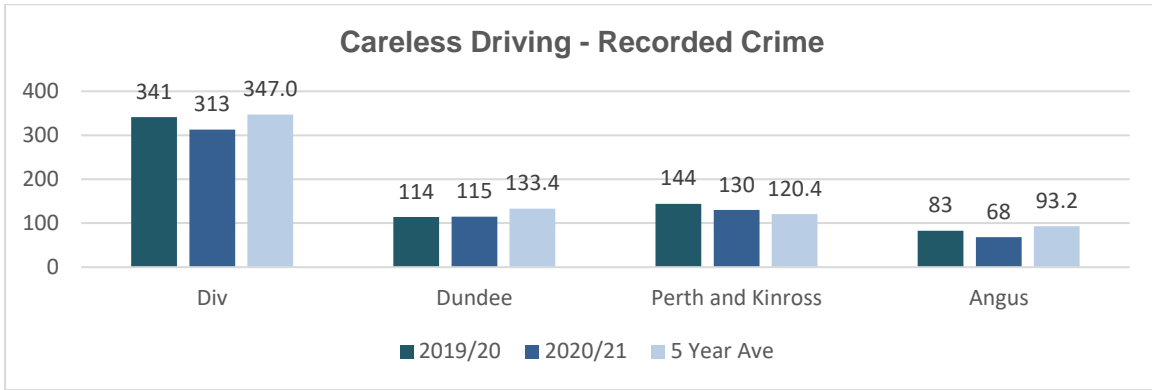
Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Dundee.

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.

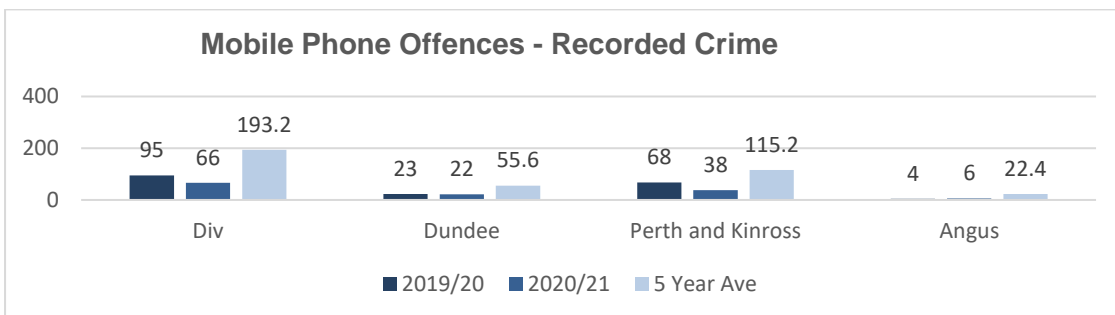
As is with all our operations, they are supported by partner agencies and road operating companies which maximises potential.

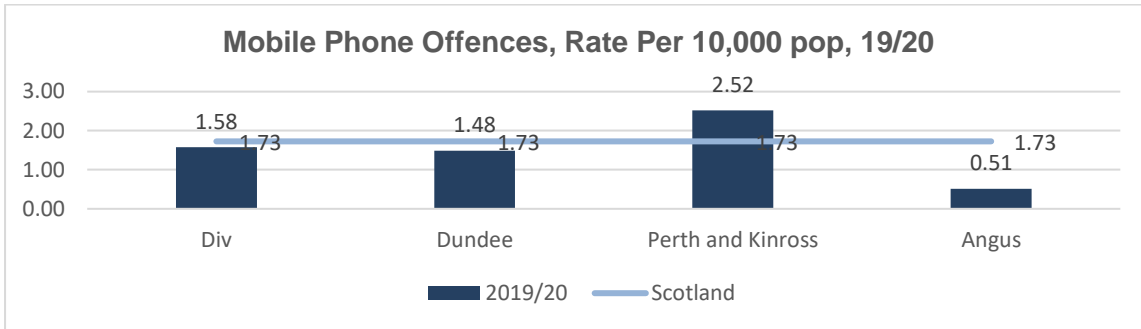
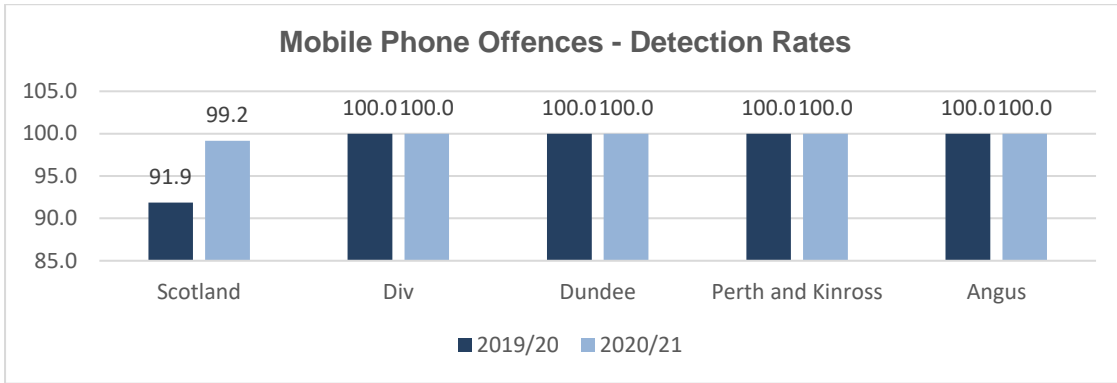
Challenges

Younger drivers are especially a challenge given their inexperience behind the wheel accompanied by peer pressure from their passengers. This has been compounded significantly due to COVID-19 restrictions which have forced annual education programmes such as 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' to be postponed. This in essence is a lost opportunity to influence younger driver behaviour which will never be regained.

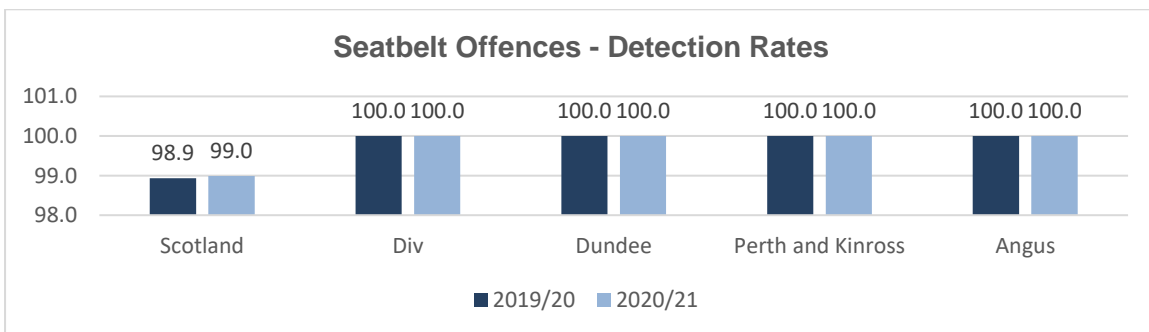
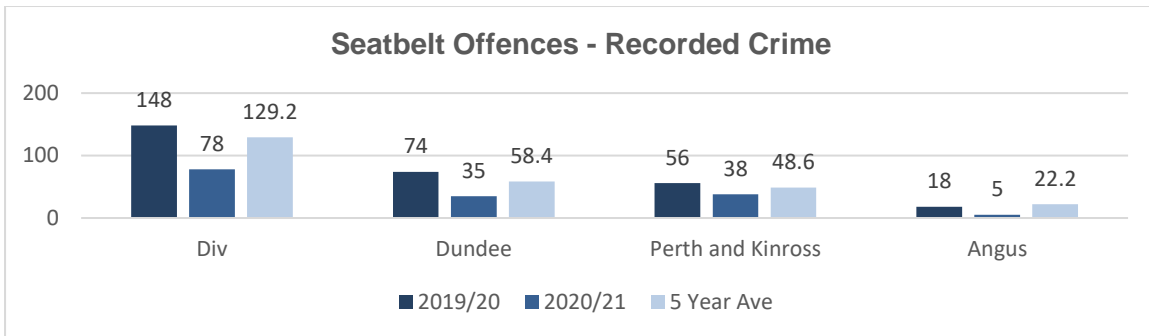


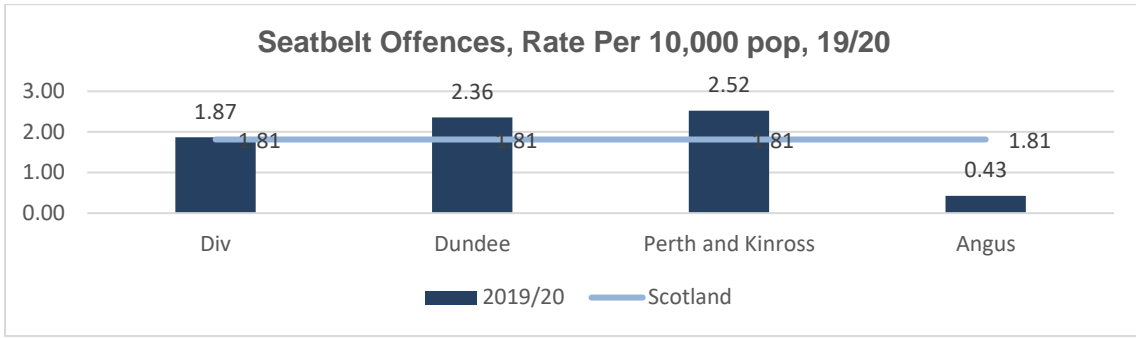
Measure – Mobile Phone Offences





Measure – Seatbelt Offences





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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*

Operating Context

Occurrence rates for reported sexual crimes remains slightly below those of 2019/20 and it is assessed that this reduction is attributable to the social restrictions imposed during lockdown.

That said, we are returning to pre COVID-19 levels of activity in this area and it remains a key focus of improvement work to identify potential victims and perpetrators with partners in order to prevent and detect criminality.

Measure – Domestic Abuse

The crime rates represented in the table below represents crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018. The five year average is of less relevance given the recent enactment of this legislation, however it is worth noting that recording of DASA offences in Dundee is significantly higher than other areas of Tayside and is also higher than the national average.

Activity

Domestic Abuse remains a priority for the Division and all Domestic incidents in Dundee are subject to daily management scrutiny. Priority is given to the arrest of any outstanding perpetrators, who are routinely traced and arrested within the first 24/48 of a reported crime to allow appropriate safety measures for victims to be activated.

In September 2020 officers in Dundee LPA, supported by colleagues from specialist Divisional and National Public Protection Teams, mounted a week long campaign to address domestic offending. During this campaign 19 High Risk perpetrators were arrested for a variety of offences, ranging from Vandalism to Rape. In addition one perpetrator, targeted due to his domestic offending was arrested for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs highlighting the fact that Police Scotland will use all available means to target and disrupt those who pose a risk to vulnerable members of our Community.

A number of these perpetrators were remanded in custody awaiting trial and victims were supported by partner agencies, including MIA, Womens Aid and Barnardo's.

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The overall number of domestic incidents has increased from 1214 to 1360 for this period.

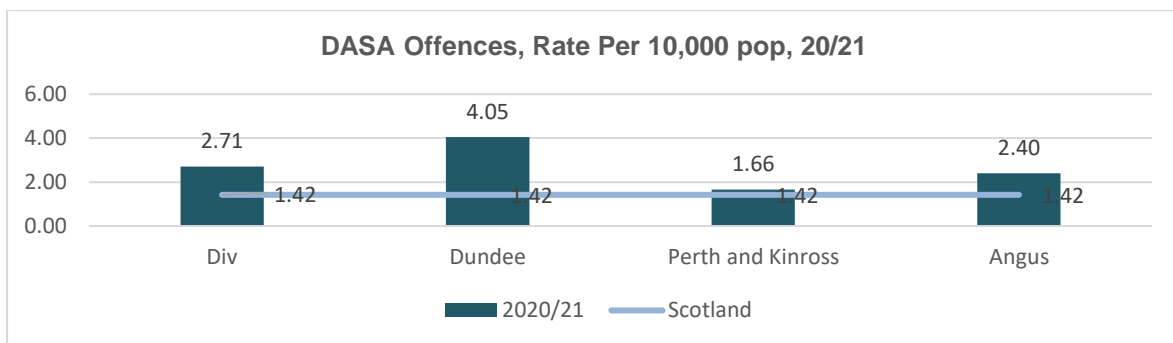
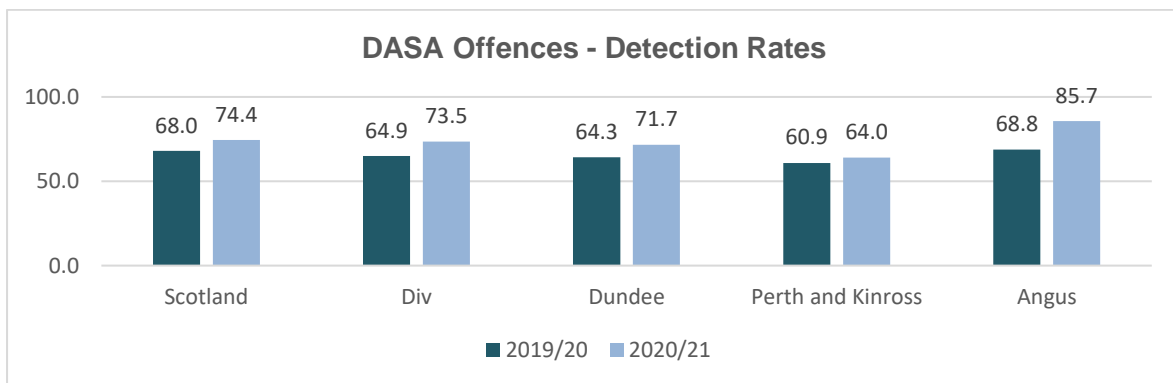
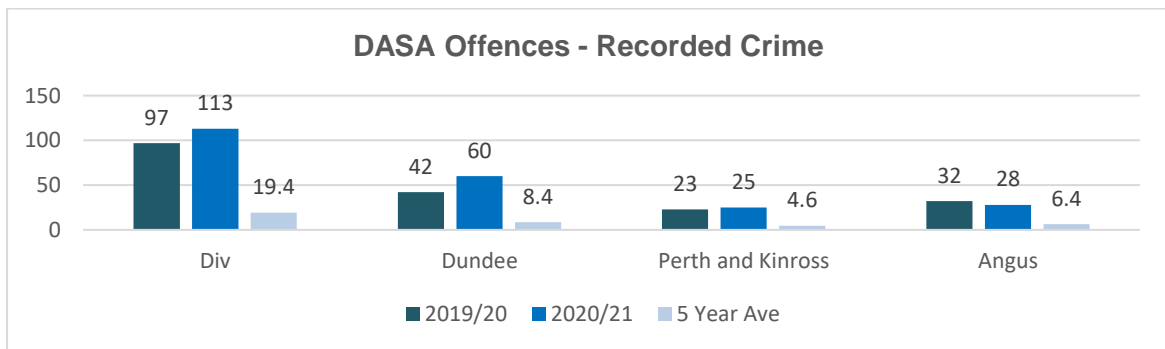
The overall number of domestic incidents where a crime has been recorded has also increased from 580 to 663.

The specific DASA offences are highlighted below but the overall number of domestic related crime has increased from 850 last year to 969 for the same period this year.

The overall detection rate for all domestic crime is 64.9%

Challenges

The overall number of domestic crimes continue to rise. Enquiries and associated safety planning is often complex but necessary to keep people safe.



Measure - Safeguarding

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In relation to safeguarding; specific safety plans are put in place to ensure the victims of domestic and other crimes remain safe.

This is a two-fold activity to provide reassurance and confidence but also to prevent other incidents and keep people safe.

Activity

A considerable number of both victim and perpetrator checks are conducted in this area of business. Much of this activity is unseen and not captured in any specific data set.

Results

The number of offenders arrested for Breaching Domestic related bail conditions has increased from 43 last year to 70 arrests for the same period this year.

Measure – Hate Crime

Activity

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

A daily review is carried out of hate crimes/incidents to assist with identifying emerging trends. This allows 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.

Results

The national hate crime awareness campaign has been driven locally using electronic material. Material has been shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres. Hate awareness was included in information packs distributed to new students at both of Dundee's Universities as well as Dundee and Angus College.

All centres completed a survey and the results showed a need to retrain organisations. An online training video was developed locally to address these training needs. This video was distributed to the centres with their feedback and questions encouraged. Once this short video has been viewed by the work force everyone should feel competent in their participation as a valued centre.

All Keep Safe premises in Tayside have been contacted to see which are still able to be utilised by vulnerable people in crisis. Support has been offered by way of new materials and online training videos.

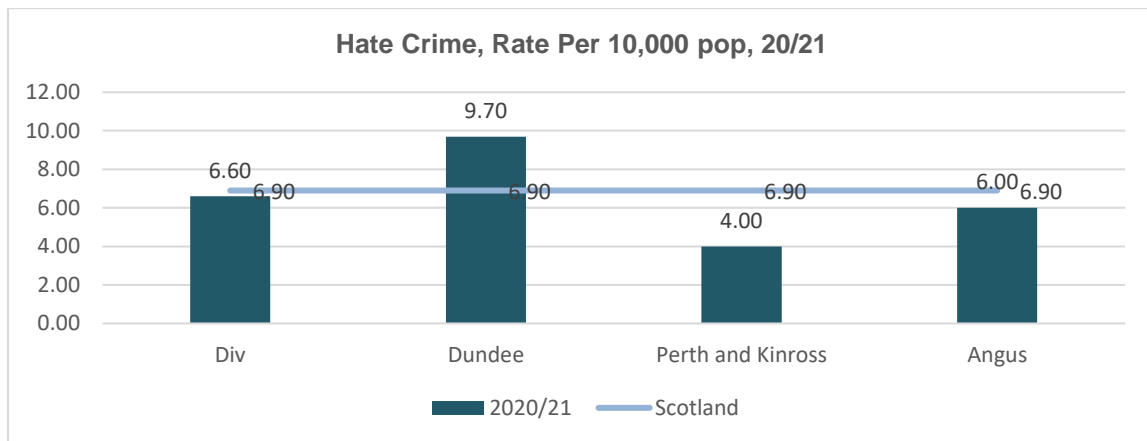
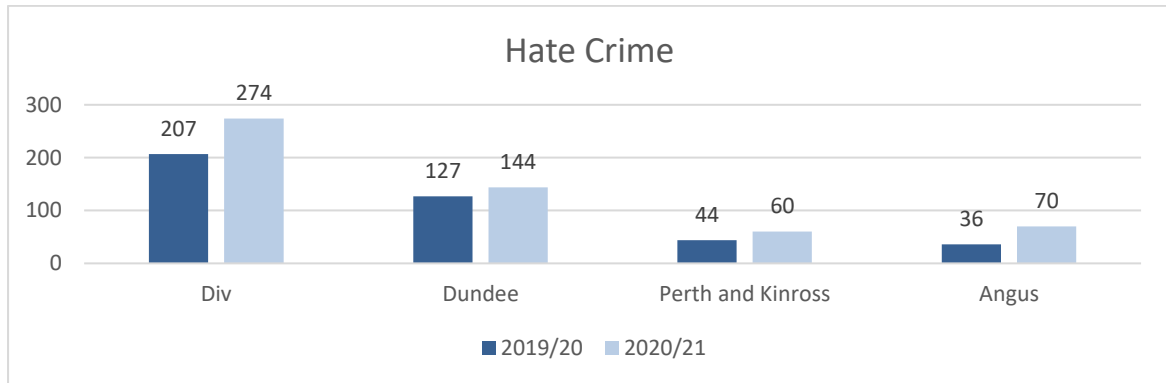
Overall there has been an increase in hate crimes recorded. 144 for this reported period compared to 127 for last year. An increase of 17 crimes.

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Crimes of racially aggravated conduct/harassment has increased by 11 crimes from 42 last year to 53 recorded for this period. The detection rate for these crimes is 86.8% which is an increase on last year's figure.

Challenges

Groups who met regularly prior to COVID-19 were not meeting as often, if at all. This was a challenge for sharing online material which was a substitute for the face to face meetings.



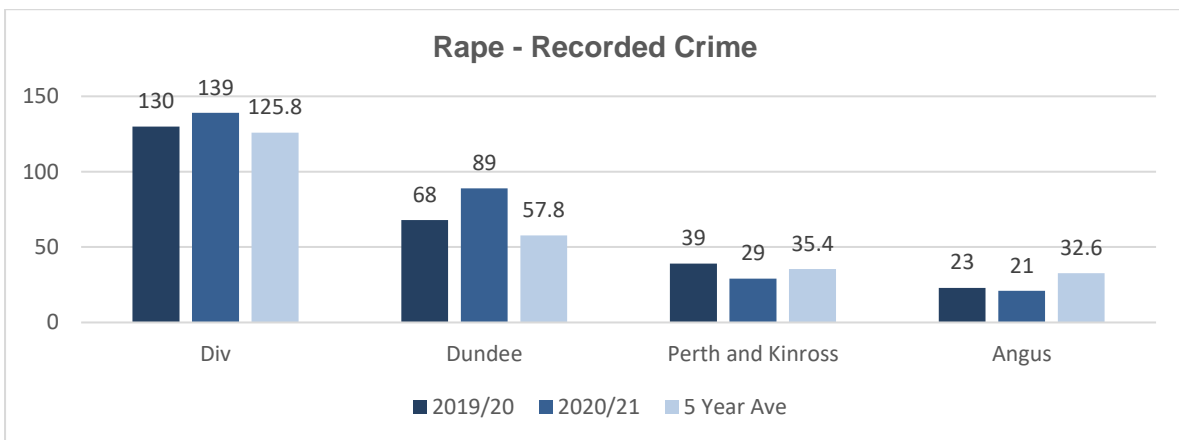
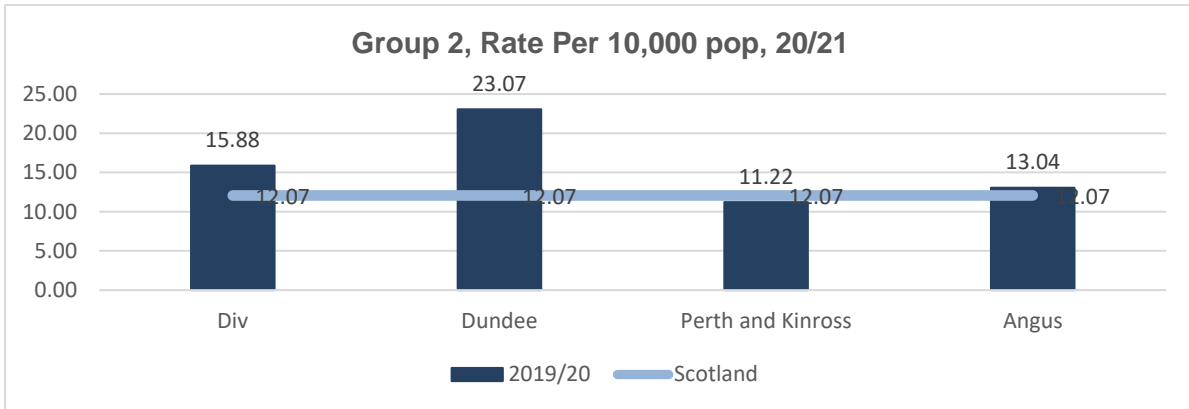
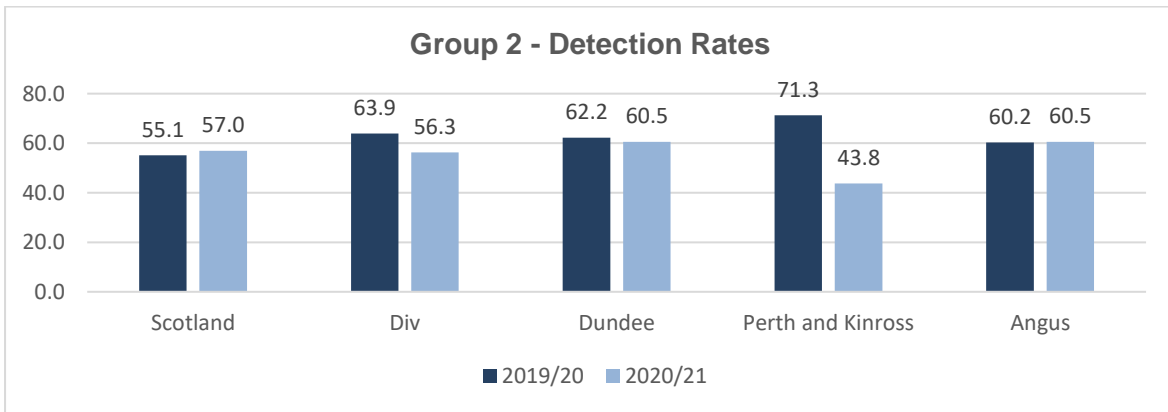
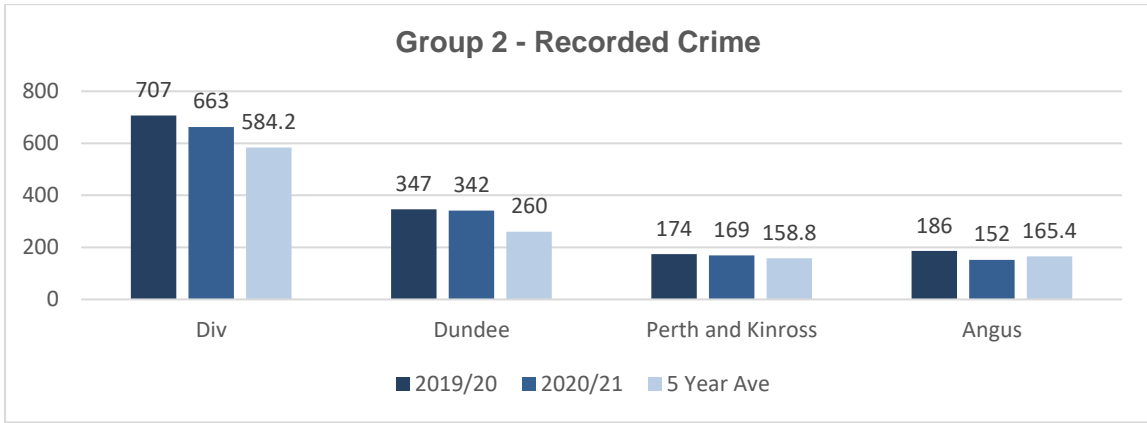
Measure – Sexual Crime

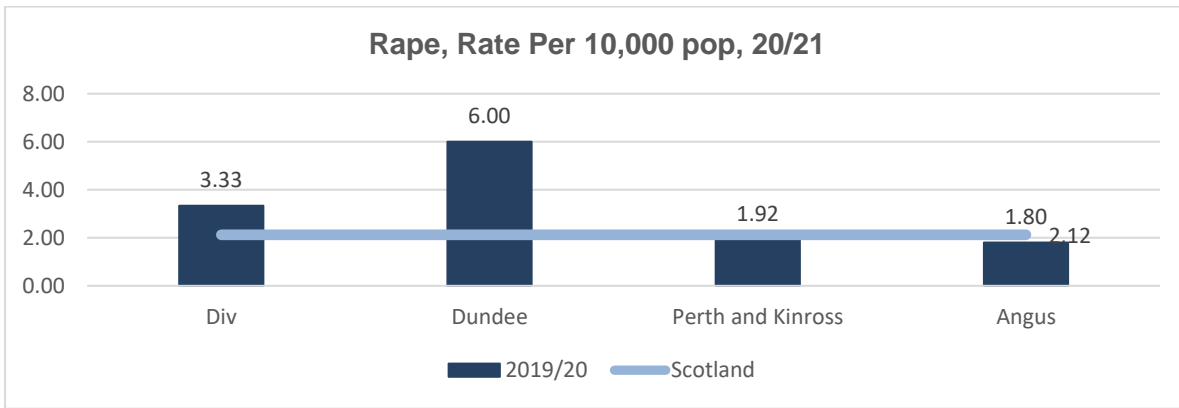
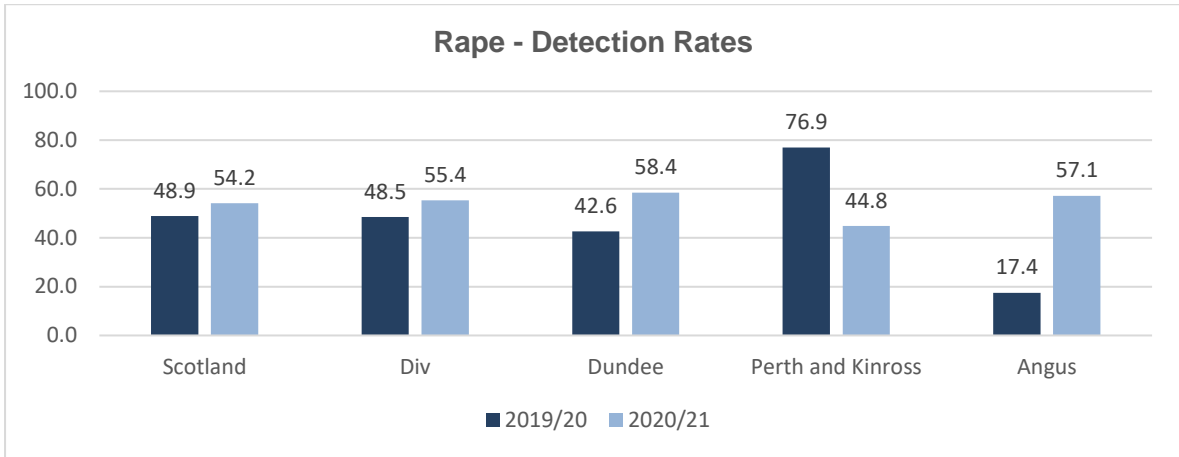
Occurrence rates of reported sexual crime remain slightly below those of 2019/20.

Increases towards the end of the quarter are evident and are assessed as being attributable to the easing of lockdown restrictions.

Detection rates for sexual crime is slightly lower than in 2019/20, however it should be noted that around 30% of recorded sexual crimes are non-recent, that is occurring over a year before report. These investigations can take some time, can involve multiple victims across Scotland and the UK and are always out with the window for securing forensic evidence.

Child victims are notably in around half of reported crime and in the vast majority of cases reported crime involve a victim and perpetrator who are known to each other, making stranger incidents extremely rare.







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*

Operating Context

Measure – Possession of Drugs

Activity

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

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

Where possible we seek to not only detect offences but also disrupt their ability to commit crime.

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

Results

For the reporting period there were 647 recorded drugs possessions cases in Dundee. This is an increase of 10 cases from the previous year.

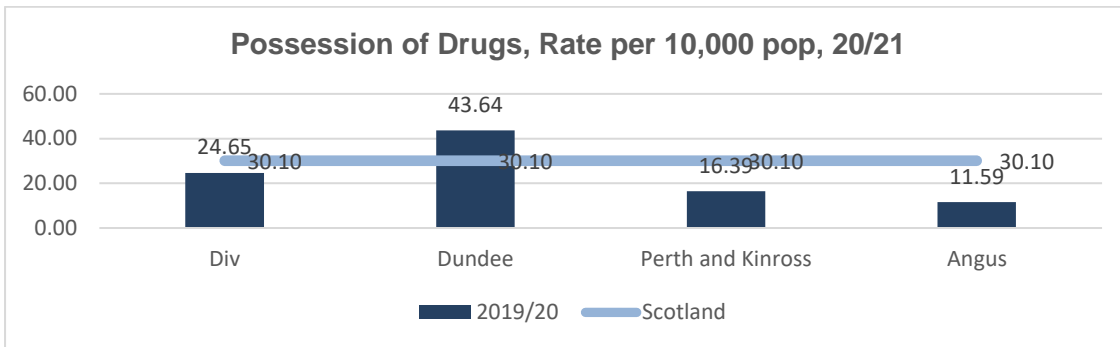
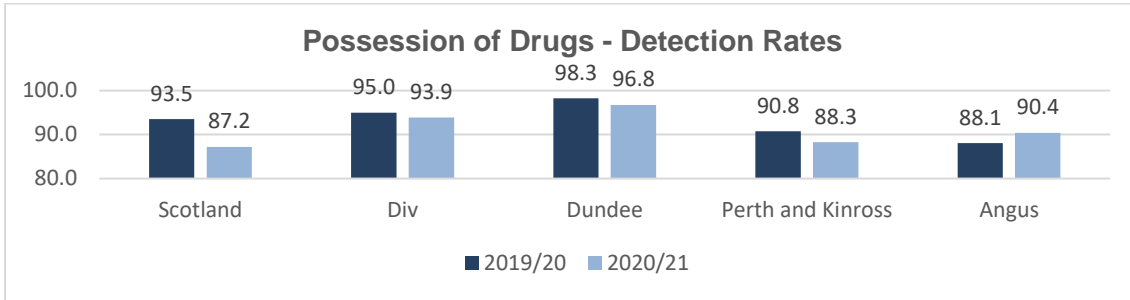
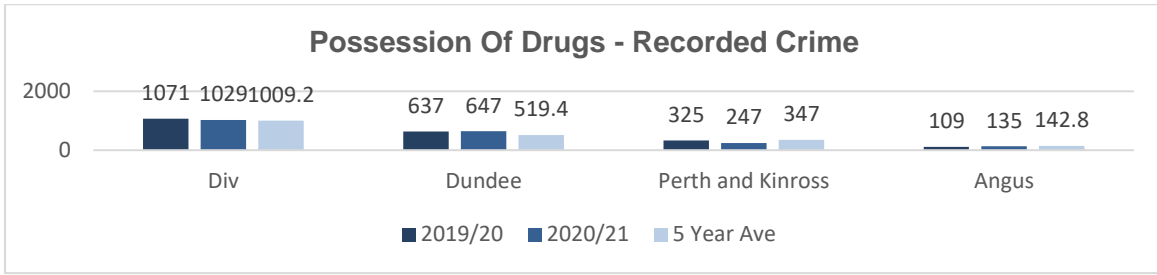
In August 2020, there was day of action in relation to Op Batey, targeting those involved in county lines and cuckooing in Dundee.

In September 2020, the Community Investigation Unit led a day of action where six premises were targetted simultaneously. A significant amount of drugs and £11,000 was recovered. This work also provided some other investigative opportunities and enquiry is ongoing.

Officers also targeted an individual residing in Dundee. A male was arrested and 1000 Etizolam tablets recovered.

Challenges

We continue to work with partners to provide support to those caught up in a chaotic lifestyle. Some of these individuals are some of the most vulnerable in the community and are often repeat victims of crime.



Measure – Supply of Drugs

Activity

We continue to receive support from Serious Crime Division to investigate those involved in Serious and Organised Crime.

One group under investigation is involved in county line and cuckooing activity with others being involved in the large scale distribution of controlled drugs and another assessed to be involved in Human Trafficking.

Officers from local policing, Criminal Investigation Department, Operational Support Division and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit took part in intensification activity around those involved in County Lines, this led to a number of safeguarding visits being carried out and warrant enforcement at a number of addresses across the city.

Officers were interviewed by STV news to raise awareness of this type of activity and to promote the work that is being undertaken with partners.

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

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

Results

The number of individuals arrested and reported for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs has increased from 70 last year to 89 for this reporting period. This is an increase of 19 crimes. Activity is intelligence lead and focused.

The following are examples of recent recoveries:

In August 2020, as a result of specific intelligence led operations; 71 183 Etizolam Tablets (£35,591), around £10,308 worth of heroin and £5,480 of cocaine was recovered as a result of pro-active activity.

On 3rd September 2020; persons were arrested and £4,750 of cocaine, £575 of Heroin and £175 of cannabis was recovered.

On 16th September 2020; a person was arrested and £3,560 cocaine and 700 heroin was recovered.

On 20th September 2020, an individual was arrested and 1.3 kgs of tablets and £2,708 Heroin was recovered.

On 23rd September 2020, persons were arrested and £34,000 of crack cocaine and £6,280 of heroin recovered.

On 26th September 2020, individuals were arrested and £4,800 of crack cocaine recovered.

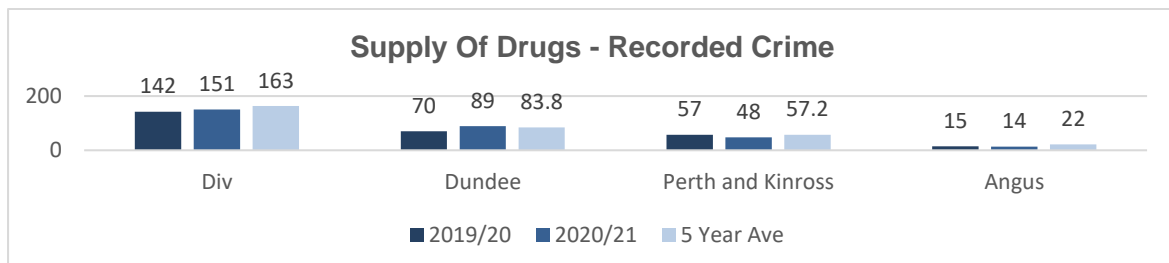
A female from Dundee who fled to Bulgaria was sentenced to 5 years and 11 months at the High Court in Glasgow during this reporting period for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

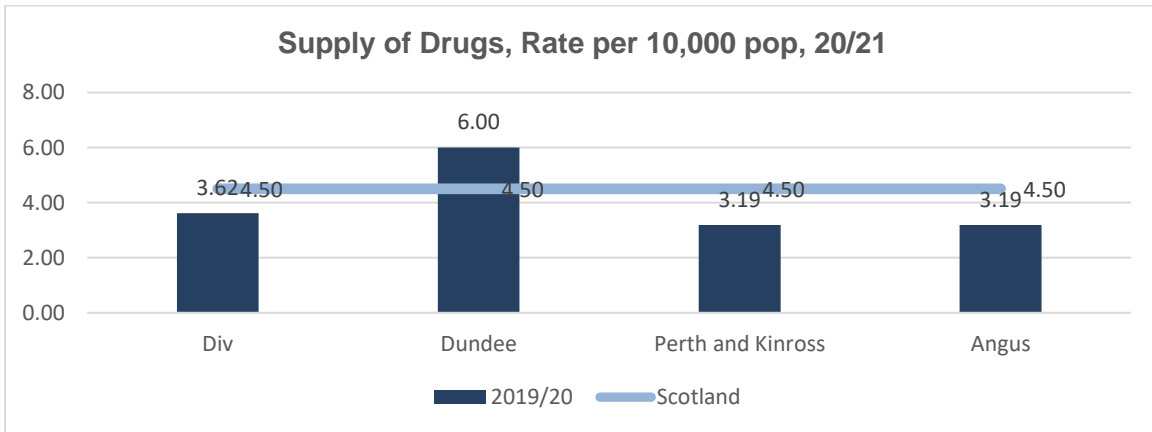
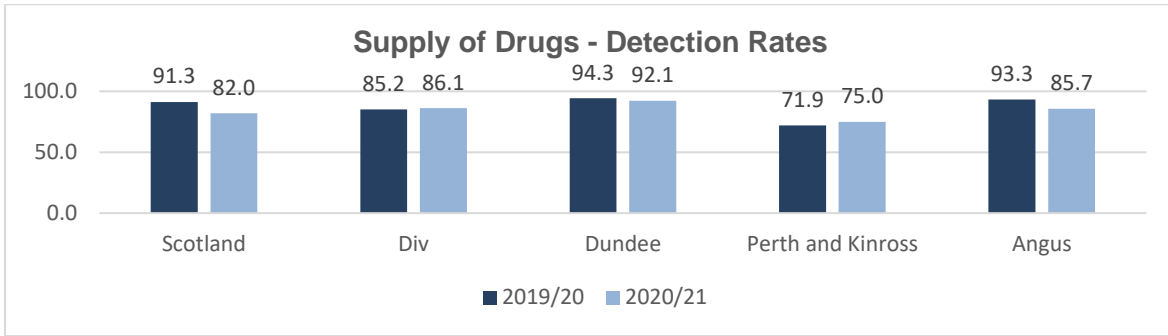
Challenges

We routinely seek solutions to mitigate risks to the wider community and officers through our policing activities. Directed, risk based, intelligence lead activity supports this area of work.

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

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





Measure – Proceeds of Crime

Activity

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

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

Results

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

- Civil Cash Seizures £ 23,803.55
- Expedited Civil Recovery £ N/A
- Assets for Restraint £21,144.50

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Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
preparedness

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

- *Community Safety and Justice*

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

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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.

Operating Context

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

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

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

Activity

ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) briefings provided to frontline officers across the Division to highlight the significance that each and every role plays a part in countering terrorism.

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D Division officers continue to support partners and organisations in various CONTEST related matters including advice on security and protection of premises and the mitigation of both physical and cyber-attacks.

Events

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

Demand

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

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

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

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

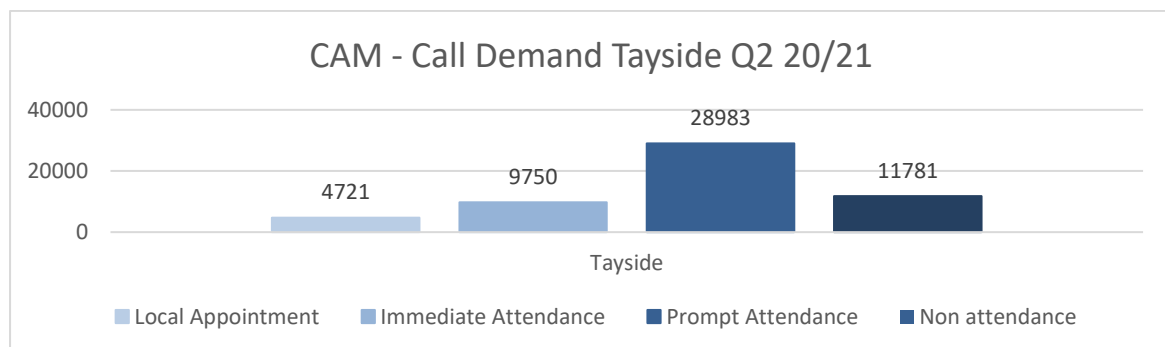
This went live within Tayside on the 21st April 2020 and calls are now graded as follows;

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

Prompt: where a response within 4 hours is required.

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

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



Other Key Activity

Tayside Division continue to experience significant demand as a result of COVID-19 related incidents. This demand ranges from significant numbers of requests from the public for advice and guidance, monitoring and responding to changes in legislation, working collaboratively with partners to limit the impact of the pandemic and responding to incidents where apparent breaches have occurred. Tayside

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Division has also delivered a clear internal focus on health and safety, prioritising the well-being of our people, whilst maintaining a safe and resilient operating model.

The vast majority of our community members continue to comply with the COVID-19 legislation, adhering to social distancing and avoiding gatherings which are currently prohibited. However, there remains a small minority who have breached the rules, resulting in Police intervention using the 4 Es approach of Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce.

The vast majority of incidents where a breach of the legislation has been reported have related to gatherings in private houses and gardens, with small numbers of complaints linked to lax practices within licensed premises. Despite the recent focus on Tayside's student populations, it is clear that as a demographic they maintain very high levels of compliance. To provide some context, the following snap-shot offers recent statistics pertinent to the period between 01.09.2020 to 14.10.2020, which coincides with the resurgence of infection rates across Tayside Division.

COVID-19 Incidents	Number of Incidents	% Breakdown
Total Incidents Reported	548	NA
Private Homes	475	86.7
Private Gardens	17	3.1
Licensed Premises	31	5.6
Other (Streets/public spaces)	25	4.6
4 Es	Number of Incidents	% Breakdown
No Breach	327	59.7
Engage, Explain or Encourage	134	24.5
Warning Issued	79	14.3
FPN / Report or Arrest	8	1.5

These statistics demonstrate that Tayside Division has pursued a proportionate, graduated and well considered approach to enforcement, with retaining public confidence and cooperation being at the heart of our approach. Despite this, there has been no hesitation in taking action where incidents have been in flagrant breach of legislation with the potential to pose a danger to public health.

Appendix

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

	Reporting Period ³				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons) ²				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016
FORCE / SCOTLAND	5 327 700	5 347 600	5 373 000	5 404 700	5 404 700
Tayside	412 160	413 800	415 040	415 470	415 470
Angus	116 290	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 520
Dundee City	148 100	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 270
Perth & Kinross	147 770	148 930	149 930	150 680	150 680

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

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

