



Dundee City Council

Community Safety and Public Protection Committee

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1 July 2022 – 30 September 2022

**Report No 313-2022 by Chief Superintendent Phil Davison
Police Scotland D Division (Tayside)**

1. RECOMMENDATION

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

2. BACKGROUND

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

3. PERFORMANCE

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

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

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

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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

7. SUMMARY

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

8. COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

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



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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 July 2021 to 30 September 2021, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 and 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021.

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

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

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

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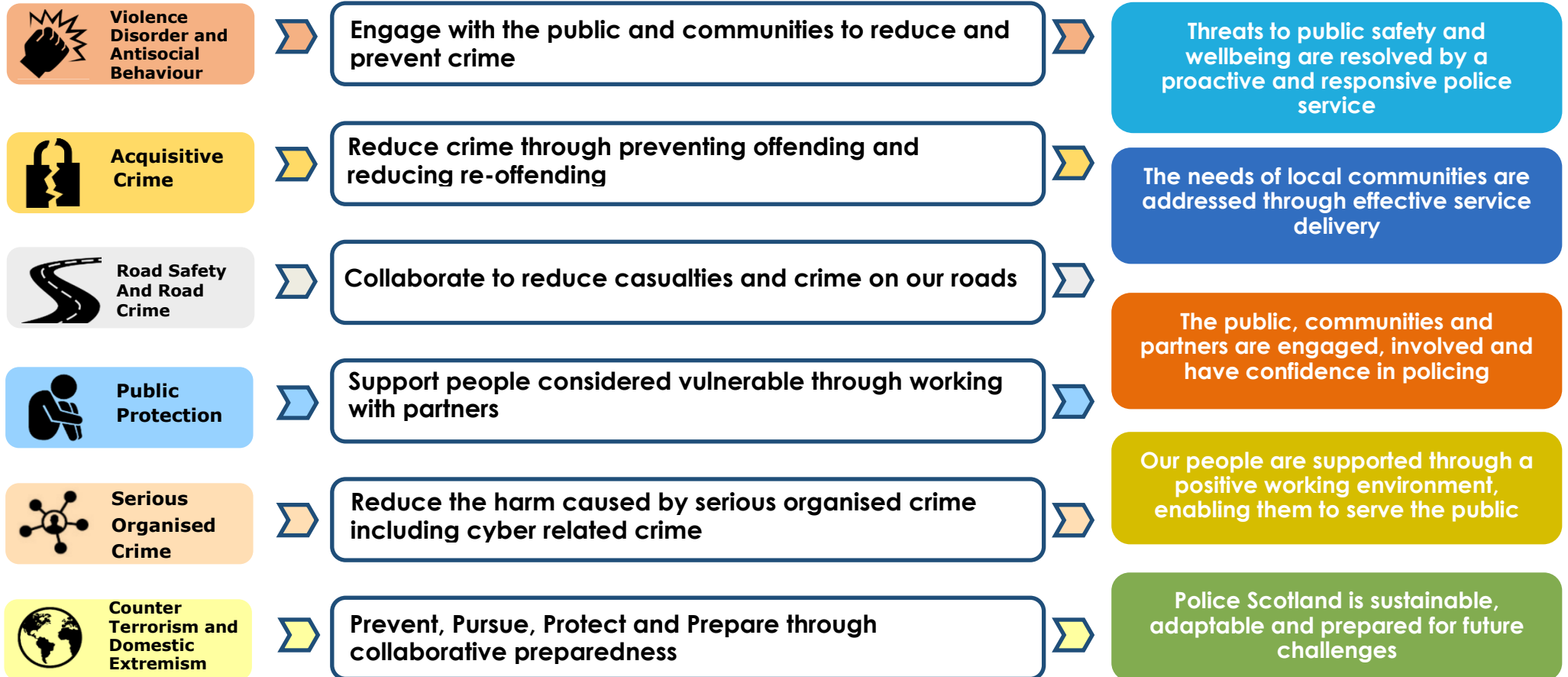
Plan on a Page – Dundee City Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

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 2022 to 30th September 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 %
21/22	69	85.5%	21/22	76	73.7%	21/22	1197	70.3%
22/23	78	79.5%	22/23	69	66.7%	22/23	1179	64.4%
% +/-	+13%	-6.0%	% +/-	-9.2%	-7.0%	% +/-	-1.5%	-5.9%
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			Acquisitive Crime			Acquisitive Crime		
Emergency Services Assault			Housebreakings - Dwellings			Motor Vehicle Crime		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	184	102.7%	21/22	131	29.8%	21/22	303	24.1%
22/23	153	95.4%	22/23	103	26.2%	22/23	464	23.1%
% +/-	-16.8%	-7.3%	% +/-	-21.4%	-3.6%	% +/-	+53.1%	-1.0%
Acquisitive Crime			Road Safety and Road Crime			Road Safety and Road Crime		
Fraud			Speeding			Drink/ Drug Driving		
	Crimes	Detect %		Off.	Detect %		Off.	Detect %
21/22	265	18.9%	21/22	598	100%	21/22	178	88.8%
22/23	405	15.3%	22/23	125	100%	22/23	103	107.8%
% +/-	+52.8%	-3.6%	% +/-	-79.1%	-	% +/-	-42.1%	+19%
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 %
21/22	0	N/A	21/22	19	N/A	21/22	41	80.5%
22/23	0	N/A	22/23	13	N/A	22/23	37	67.6%
% +/-	/	/	% +/-	-31.6%	/	% +/-	-9.8%	-12.9%
Public Protection			Serious Organised Crime			Serious Organised Crime		
Group 2 Sexual Crimes			Drug Supply			Drug Possession		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	281	57.3%	21/22	83	96.4%	21/22	425	87.1%
22/23	235	56.6%	22/23	70	100.00%	22/23	307	93.5%
% +/-	-16.4%	-0.7%	% +/-	-15.7%	+3.6%	% +/-	-27.8%	+6.4%

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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:

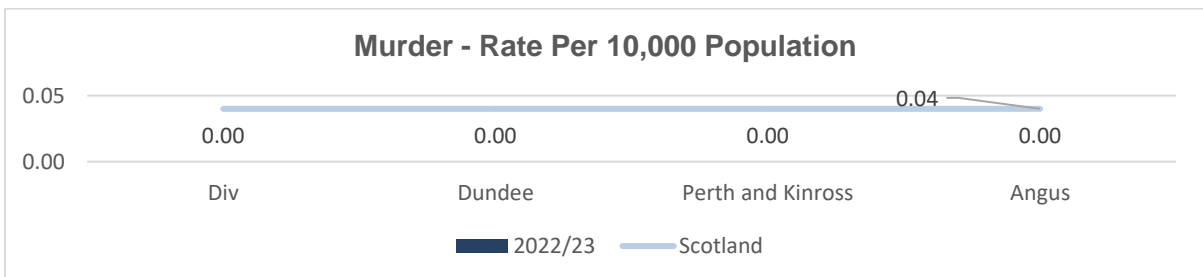
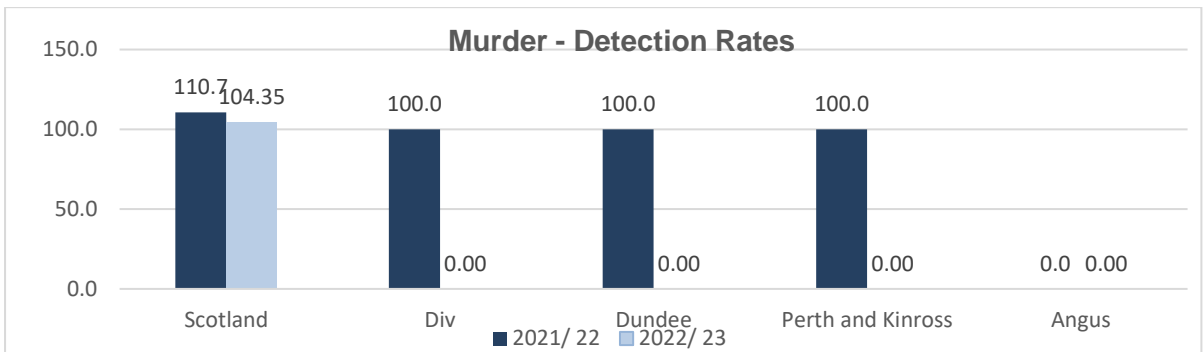
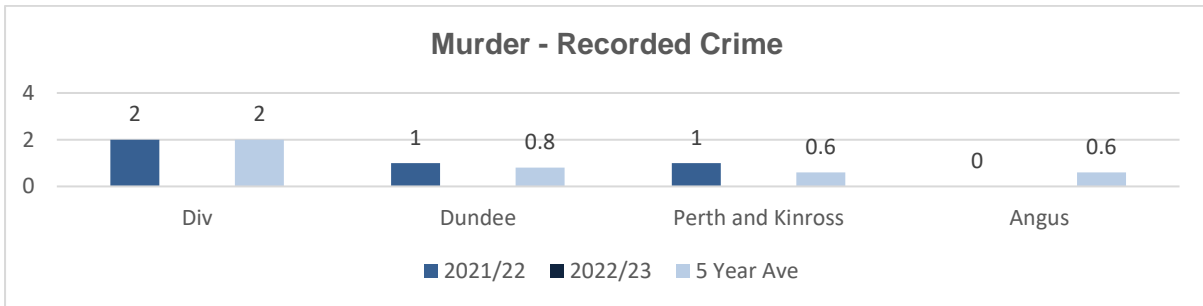
- Children and Families
- Community Safety and Justice
- Building Stronger Communities

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 were no recorded murders within Dundee during the reporting period.



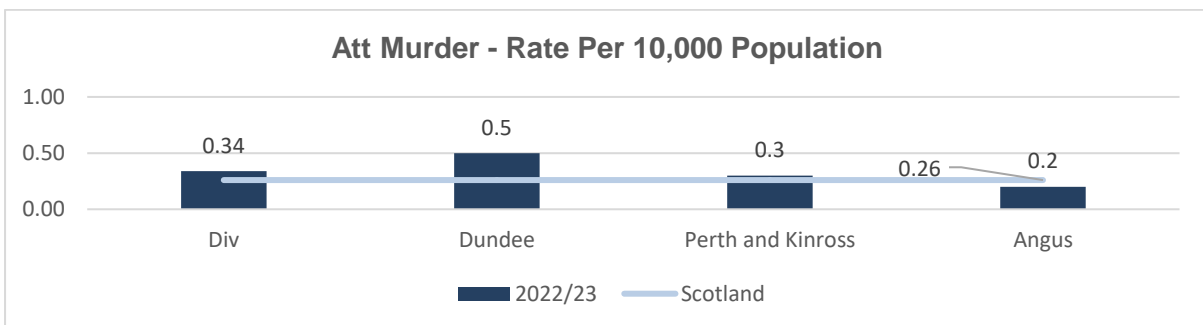
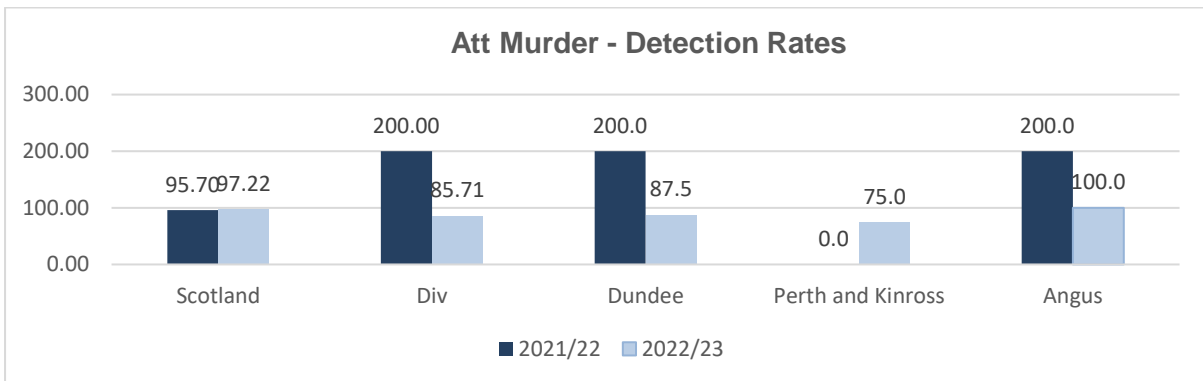
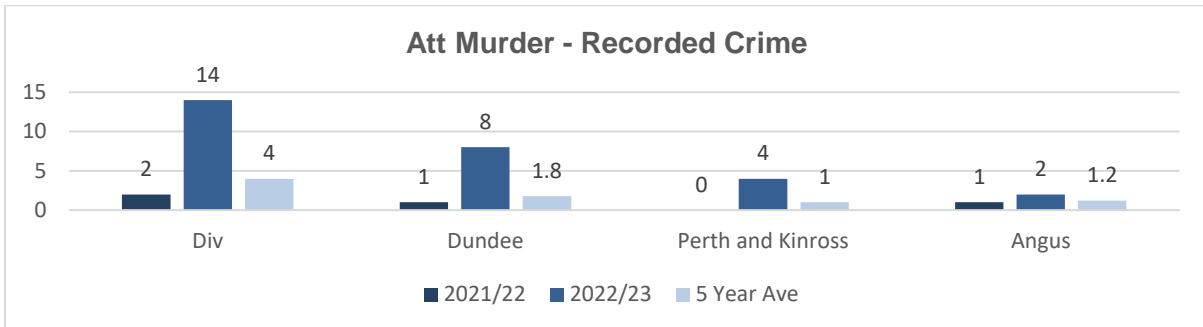
Attempted Murder

There were 2 crimes of Attempted Murder recorded during the reporting period.

These crime were not linked and were both unplanned. Both crimes occurred in public spaces.

In the first incident the victim and perpetrator were known to each other and the matter was an escalation of a prior dispute. In the second incident, the victim witnessed a road traffic collision and on attempting to intervene the driver struck them with the vehicle.

Both incidents resulted in serious injury, however both were detected quickly and early arrests were made. Both matters are subject to ongoing criminal proceedings.



Serious Assault

Activity

There were 38 reports of Serious Assault within the reporting period, compared to 40 crimes within Q1. There has been an overall increase of 9 crimes YTD when compared to LYTD figures.

It remains the case that there are a high proportion of these crimes (52%) where victims and perpetrators are known to each other prior to the commission of the crime. Similarly, analysis continues to confirm that the consumption of alcohol and / or drugs is a major factor, with substances being taken by either the victim, perpetrator or both in 41% of crimes.

The primary factor in these crimes resulting in more serious injury when compared to Common Assault, is the presence of weapons. In 56% of all Serious Assaults a weapon was used, with knives or sharp bladed implements remaining the weapon used in the vast majority of cases.

Q2 has seen a slight reduction in crimes taking place in or near to licensed premises.

The vast majority of all serious and violent crimes committed in Dundee continue to be investigated by detective officers from within CID and all crimes are subject to CID review. This brings a consistent and robust approach to maximising investigative opportunities. We continue to work hard to reduce instances of violent crime, through the deployment of the Divisional Violence Action Plan which promotes a broad spectrum of activity aligned to the education of young people, proactive targeting of high crime areas, focussing on repeat offenders and victims, the use of prohibitive court orders and close partnership working with the local authority and broader criminal justice partners.

Results

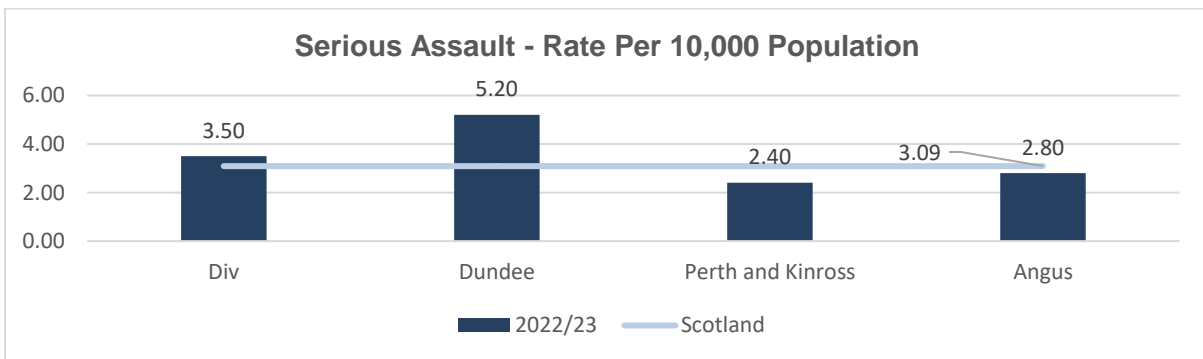
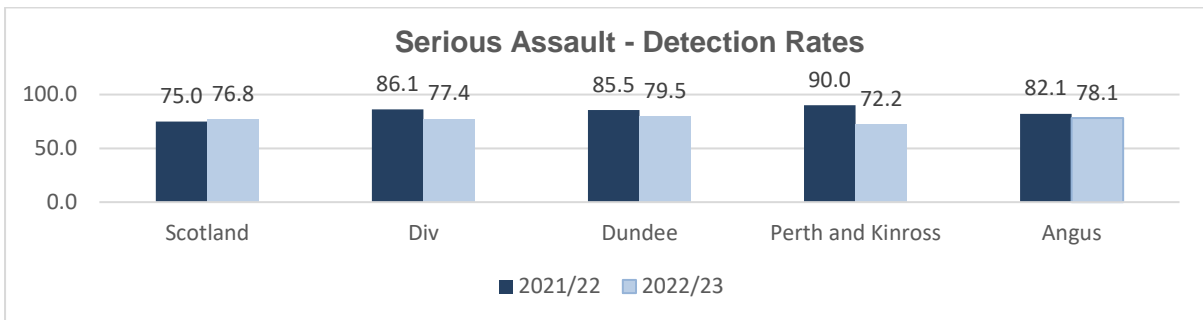
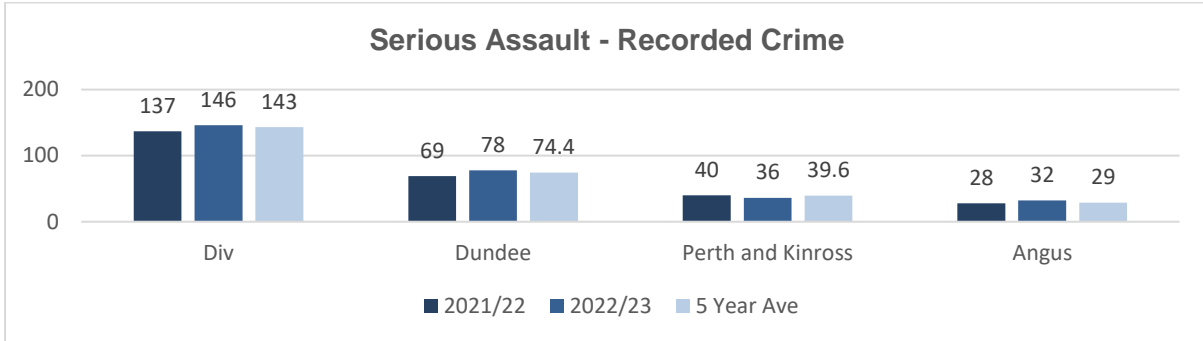
As stated, there has been an increase of 9 crimes YTD, however the current figure remains consistent with the 5 year average.

In terms of detection rates, there has been a slight reduction in detection rates from 85.5% at the end of Q1 to 79.5% at the end of Q2. It should be noted that there remain 11 active Serious Assault investigations linked to Q2 where positive lines of enquiry continue to be pursued, therefore there is confidence that the detection rate will return to previously seen levels as these investigations conclude. The current detection rate remains 3% above the national average.

Challenges

Levels of victim and witness engagement continue to be a challenge given the high proportion of crimes where they are known to the offender and where alcohol and substance misuse continue to be a contributory factor. A continued emphasis on witness reassurance continues, with safety planning a core tool in seeking engagement.

As we head into the winter months and specifically plan for the festive period, increases in night-time economy footfall may see more violent crime associated with licensed premises. A Festive Safety campaign is under development, which will see a priority given to additional high visibility patrols delivered in the city centre, to provide public reassurance and ensure the city centre remains a safe place for our communities to enjoy during the festive period.



Common Assault

Activity

The pattern of Common Assaults across the city continues to broadly mirror those seen in Serious Assaults, with many victims known to the perpetrators and substance abuse playing a significant role in the commission of violence. As indicated earlier, the reduced levels of injury associated with this crime type in comparison to Serious Assaults is largely driven by the fact that far fewer Common Assaults are committed where a weapon is used.

The work of OP Argonite has continued to be important in our efforts to suppress and detect crimes of violence including Common Assaults.

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Through-out Q2, OP Argonite have operated in support of local Community Policing Teams by providing additional investigative resources, targeting prolific offenders and protecting those most vulnerable to repeat victimisation. OP Argonite have delivered regular high visibility reassurance patrols and targeted leaflet drops across all multi member ward areas, in an attempt to reassure, prevent violent crime and increase the flow of local community intelligence in respect of those who continue to use violence.

During Q2, 14 prolific offenders were targeted and arrested by the OP Argonite Team in respect of a range of violent offences, with the vast majority being subject to remand pending trial. At time of arrest, a number of ancillary offences were pro-actively detected such as the recovery of weapons, Class A Drugs and breaches of court orders.

Operation Argonite continue to work with both internal, statutory and 3rd sector agencies to identify and address vulnerability, cognisant of the fact that the drivers behind violent crime are diverse and complex, needing a whole city approach to deliver reductions in offending.

Results

There have been 1179 crimes of Common Assault reported YTD, which is a slight reduction of 1.5% (18 crimes) in comparison to LYTD figures. This figure remains slightly higher than the 5 year average (35 crimes), however is now trending in the right direction with the increases in occurrence rates seen in Q1 having been reversed.

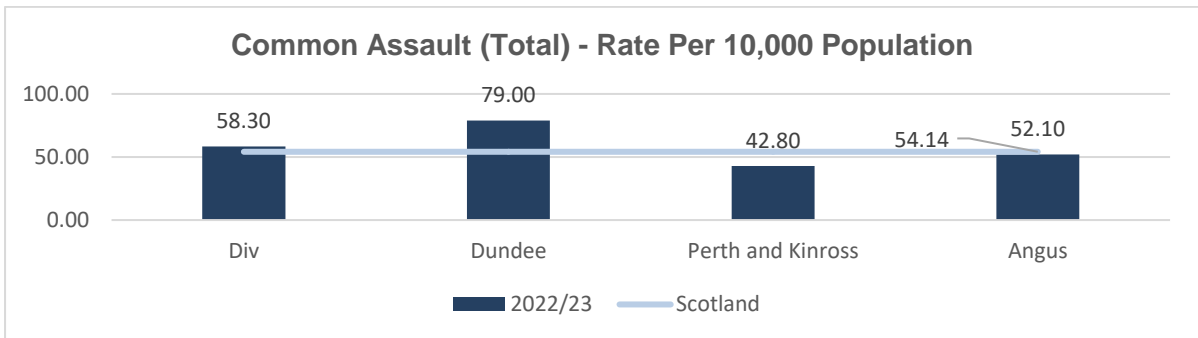
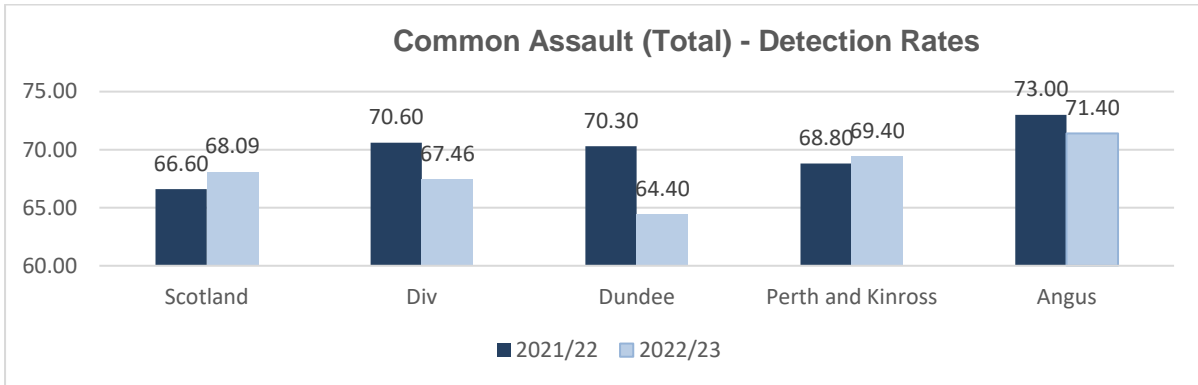
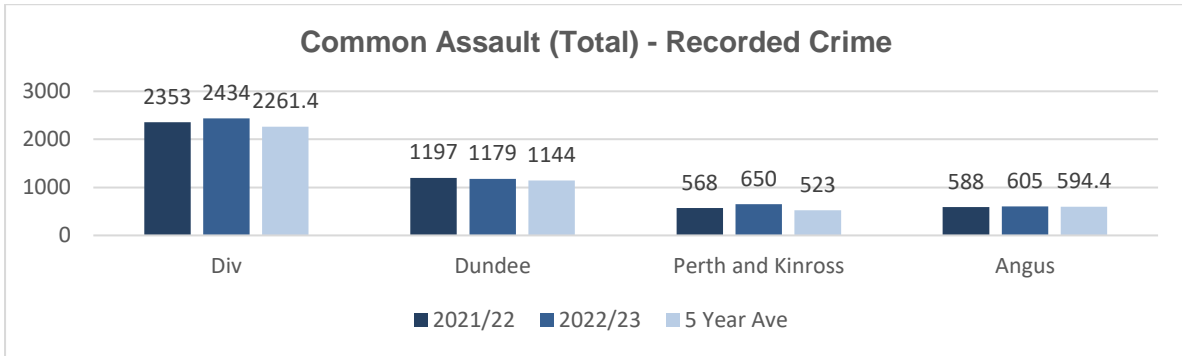
Domestic Assaults continue to account for approximately 25% of all reported Common Assaults.

There has been a reduction in detection rates of 5.9% to 64.4%, however a number of these crimes remain under active investigation.

Challenges

There remain significant challenges in impacting upon instances of Serious and Common Assault, as they continue to be driven by substance abuse and poverty, with those involved in violent crime generally suffering from a diverse range of vulnerabilities.

In keeping with Serious Assaults securing victim and witness engagement in order to support investigations and prosecutions can be challenging when perpetrators are known to their victims.



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 in keeping with the documented approach to Serious Assaults is delivered under the auspices of the Divisional Violence Action Plan. The vast majority of all Robberies are investigated by detectives from CID, under the direction of the Dundee LPA Detective Inspector.

There have been 26 recorded Robberies during Q2, which is a significant reduction on the 43 recorded in Q1. In 54% of these crimes the victim was known to the perpetrator and analysis demonstrates strong links between the commission of Robberies and the use of alcohol and / or drugs by either the victim, perpetrator or both. 46% of Robberies involved the presence of a knife, however serious injury resulting from Robbery remains rare.

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The Marfyfield Community Policing Team have brought a particular focus to this crime type during Q2 and will continue to do so. This area has seen higher numbers of Robberies than other parts of the city, with factors such as poverty, substance misuse and a generally more transient demographic being considered important factors. Preventative activity remains a focus and is delivered in keeping with the approach outlined under the Serious Assault section of the report.

Results

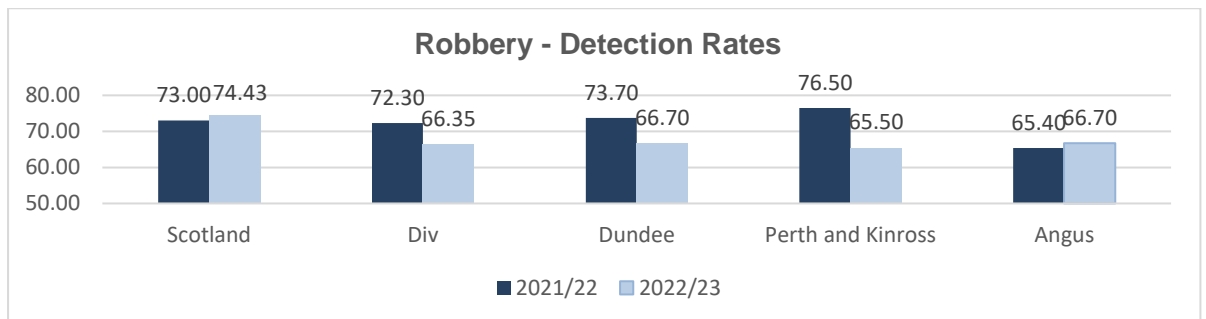
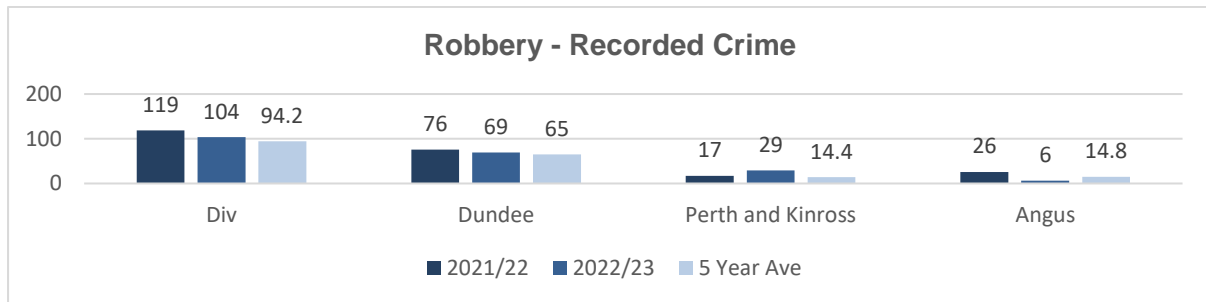
In total, there have been 69 recorded Robberies YTD, which is a 9.2% reduction on LYTD figures. This continued progress is particularly pleasing as it builds upon the 14% reduction in overall reports of Robbery delivered in the previous performance year, which ended a lengthy period of year on year increases in this type of crime. We are now within 4 recorded crimes of the 5 year average and continue to strive towards further reductions.

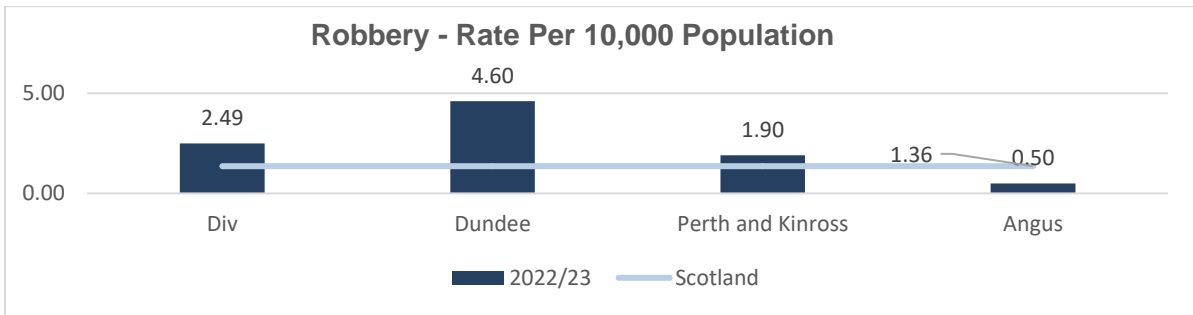
The detection rate in respect of Robberies at the end of Q2 was 66.7%, however a number of crimes remain under active investigation.

Challenges

The challenges regarding Robbery remain consistent with the other violent crime categories. A high percentage of robberies occur where the perpetrator and victim are known to one another, resulting in reduced witness cooperation and disengagement.

Robberies on the whole continue to be opportunistic and largely unplanned, meaning they are sporadic in terms of location, time of commission with few repeat offenders.





Vandalism

The crime of Vandalism is often associated with broader instances of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). I have included a range of statistics pertinent to ASB in the latter part of this section of the report, to augment the Vandalism statistics provided here.

There have been 731 recorded Vandalisms YTD. This is a reduction of 10% on LYTD figures, with current detection rates at 23.5% which is slightly lower than the national average.

ASB

Dundee has seen an increase in ASB in Q2 compared to Q1, increasing by 159 incidents (+5.9%). The ward areas which have seen the highest levels of ASB in Q2 were the West End, Coldside and Strathmartine. The report of disturbances and public nuisance have been the most prevalent categories of ASB reported in Q2.

Despite, the increased numbers when comparing Q1 to Q2, overall there remain 971 fewer ASB incidents YTD when compared to LYTD, with reductions seen in all incident types apart from Communications and Damage.

Dundee City ASB Incidents (01/04 - 30/09)				
Incident Type	2021/22	2022/23	Change	% Change
Public Nuisance	1835	1373	-462	-25.2%
Disturbance	1631	1492	-139	-8.5%
Noise	1382	1044	-338	-24.5%
Drinking in Public	0	0	0	NA
Communications	432	471	39	9.0%
Neighbour Dispute	670	509	-161	-24.0%
Damage	568	658	90	15.8%
Total	6518	5547	-971	-14.9%

The following table provides a breakdown of incidents by multi member ward areas, confirming the only multi member ward area to experience an increase in issues is the City Centre, where instances of Youth and Drug related ASB remain the most common complaint.

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Ward	2021	2022	Change	% Change
Coldside	1107	877	-230	-20.8%
East End	950	672	-278	-29.3%
Lochee	1089	1016	-73	-6.7%
City Centre	371	555	184	49.6%
Maryfield	643	580	-63	-9.8%
North East	547	380	-167	-30.5%
Strathmartine	734	643	-91	-12.4%
The Ferry	364	350	-14	-3.8%
West End	718	554	-164	-22.8%
Total	6523	5627	-896	-13.7%

Below are some indicative examples of the kind of activity which was delivered during Q2 across the city, in order to tackle community concerns and impact on occurrence rates of ASB.

Maryfield

During Q2, the Maryfield Community Policing Team have brought a focus to issues related to on street sex work, carrying out plain clothes patrols in order to effectively engage with women without the stigma of being approached by uniformed Police Officers. The team continue to promote and signpost vulnerable women to our partners 'We Are With You', who deliver invaluable work in offering support across a range of issues such as substance misuse, housing, financial issues and domestic related crime.

The team have also continued to carry out high profile patrols targeting offenders, liaising with the Anti-Social Behaviour Team regards the use of ASBOs where appropriate. High Visibility patrols continue to provide reassurance to local residents.

Broughty Ferry

Broughty Ferry Community Officers have engaged with staff and pupils at Grove Academy in relation to persisting issues related to pupils engaging in anti-social behaviour when travelling to and from school. During Q2, local retailers had made complaints in relation to school children's behaviour particularly at lunch times. Educational preventative inputs were arranged within the school and high visibility patrols have been carried out to provide reassurance within the local area.

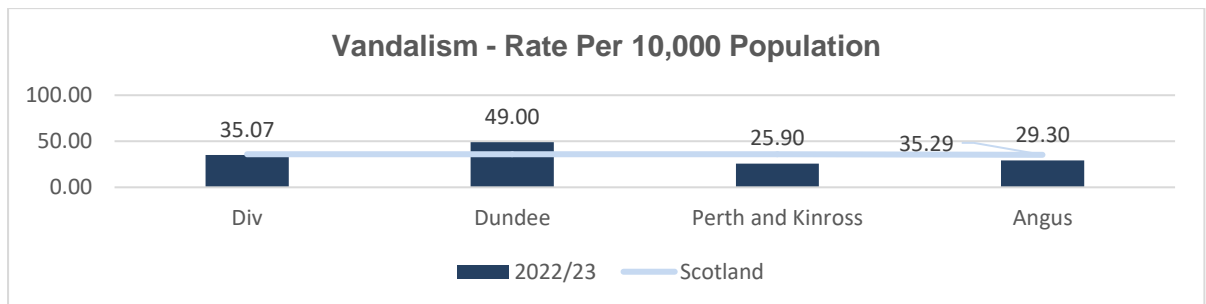
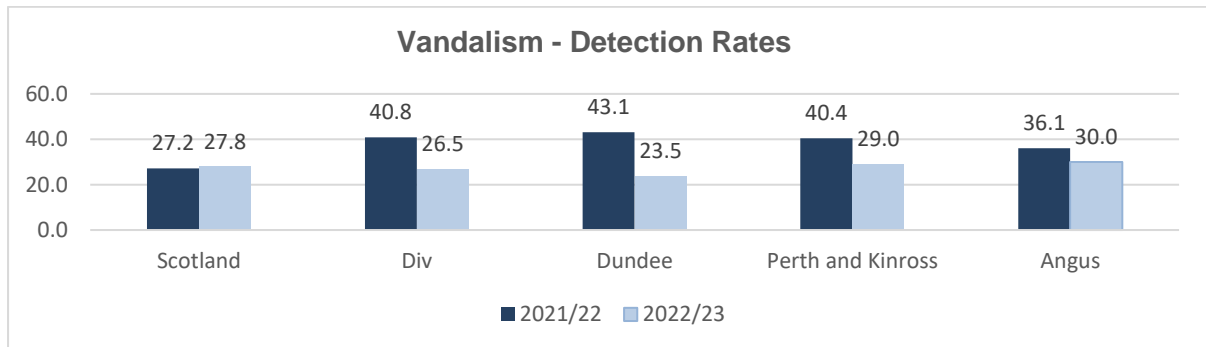
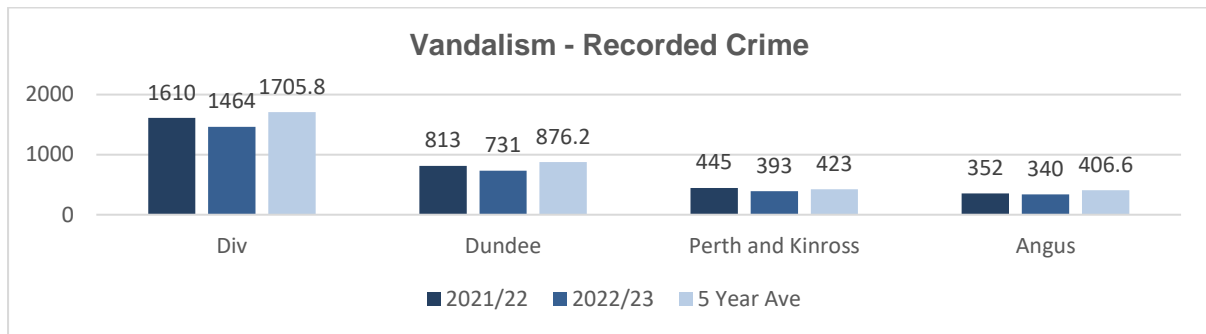
Downfield

A particular problem within this reporting period has been Youth Anti-Social behaviour at Asda, Derwent Avenue and Ryze Trampoline Park. This behaviour has caused concern to staff, customers and local residents.

Downfield Community Policing Team have engaged with retailers, promoting a more robust approach to banning the small group of persistent offenders and opening up clear channels of communication. The team have been collaborating closely with local Community Wardens and have delivered increased patrols. Issues at the locations do currently persist and a refreshed multi-agency meeting, was held earlier this month in order to bring a further focus to the issue and explore additional measures which can be taken in support of retailers and local residents.

OP Challenge

Operation Challenge continues to be delivered throughout Dundee and deals with the anti-social use of motorbikes, quads, eBikes and eScooters. Whilst this issue can be found throughout the city, it is notable within the Strathmartine Ward. In this reporting period, 3 electric bikes have been seized, with a further stolen motorbike recovered in the Strathmartine Ward, all of which have resulted in their riders being charged with relevant offences. Community Policing Teams have continued to utilise the Selecta DNA spray along with available CCTV footage to identify riders who are not traced at the material time.



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.

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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.

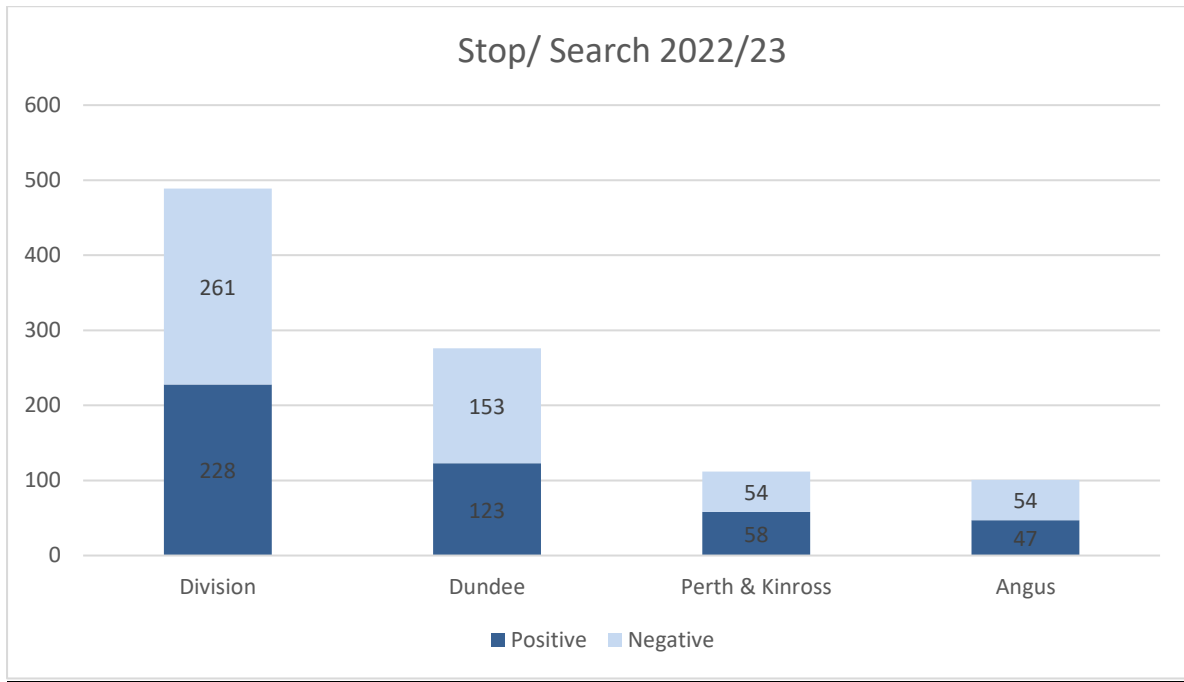
In the reporting period 276 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 123 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 44.6%. Assurance reports are provided monthly which show no disproportionate searching was carried out of persons under 18, nor did any disproportionate searching take place around minority groups.

In keeping with the Q1 report, the YTD break down of stop and search activity has been provided below –

Ethnicity Breakdown for YTD 2022/23			
Ethnicity	Negative	Positive	Total
White Scottish	135	112	247
White British Other	8	2	10
White Polish	0	2	2
White Other	4	1	5
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	1	0	1
Pakistani	2	2	4
African, African Scottish, African British	0	1	1
Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British	0	1	1
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	2	1	3
Not Provided	1	1	2
Total	153	123	276

The above provides confirmation that there is no ethnic group that has been disproportionately represented in stop and search activity. The number of searches of members of ethnic communities has been very small with 264 of the 276 searches completed occurring where an ethnicity is listed as being White (96%).

At the end of Q2, Dundee LPA had a 44.6% positive search rate, comparing to a national return of 34.1%.



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

There continues to be dedicated oversight of Domestic Housebreakings with daily scrutiny of all crimes being overseen by the Dundee Locality Detective Inspector, assisted by members of the Community Investigation Unit (CIU).

The CIU continue to prioritise investigations and have a significant knowledge of criminals and modus operandi that enhances the identification of both perpetrators and crimes series across the city. The CIU continue to link in with colleagues throughout the Division, and nationally, regarding cross border crime, further enhancing opportunities to identify cross border criminals. A Divisional Acquisitive Crime meeting occurs monthly to enhance best practice, the use of shared intelligence, identification of linked crimes and to promote further collaboration with national groups.

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In July, 2022 a male and female from the Dundee area were identified as responsible for a Theft by Housebreaking, 3 Attempt Housebreakings and a Housebreaking With Intent to Steal at commercial properties within the west of the City Centre. The male is presently remanded in custody awaiting trial.

In July, 2022 a male was identified and subsequently arrested for a series of crimes within the Strathmartine Road area to several commercial premises. A warrant was craved for his home address resulting in the recovery of the stolen property. The male was remanded in custody.

In September, 2022 a male was arrested for Theft by Housebreaking at two Dundee Garages whereby motor vehicles were stolen and then used to commit further Theft by Housebreakings to commercial business premises out with the city. Two further males were identified and arrested for their part in crime series.

We continue to focus our efforts on disrupting and arresting those most prolific offenders who are responsible for high numbers of crimes. This includes targeting their addresses in respect of property search warrants, proactive enforcement of court orders such as curfew bail, targeted vehicle stops and efforts to increase the breadth of intelligence and information submissions.

As we move into the winter months we will bring a local focus to the delivery of OP After Dark, which will focus on the delivery of focussed crime patrols, identifying vulnerable premises and providing crime prevention advice. It will be supported by the more general provision of crime prevention advice through neighbourhood leaflet drops. This activity will be coordinated via a broader national communication strategy.

Results

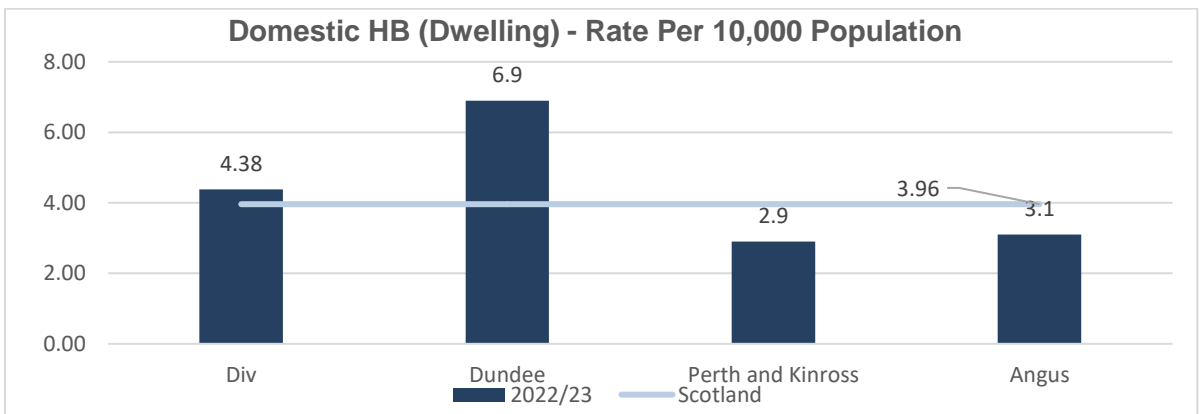
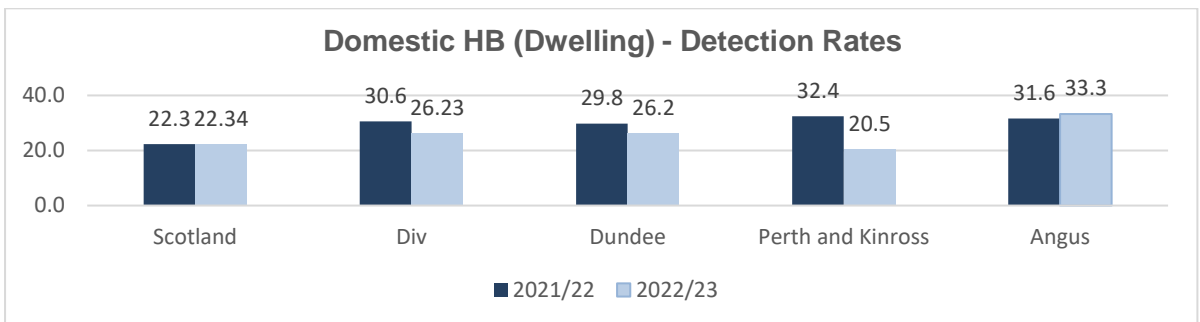
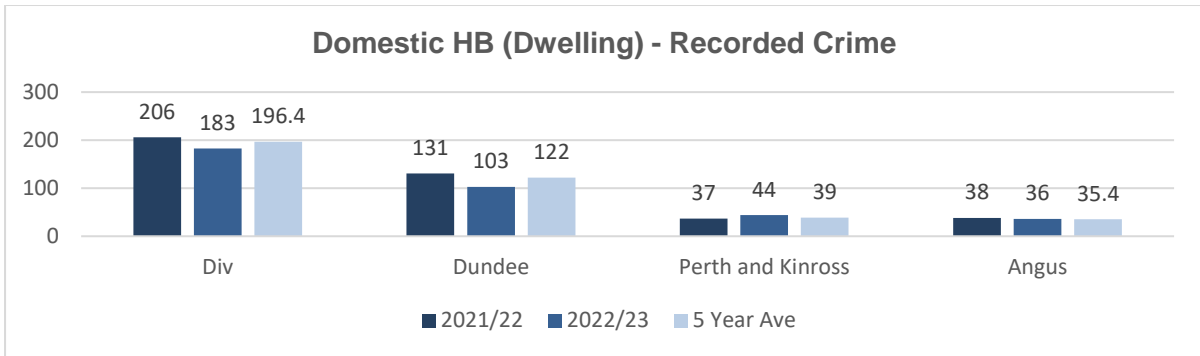
There were 48 Domestic Theft by Housebreaking crimes reported in Q2, which is a reduction from the 55 crimes reported in Q1. There have been a total of 103 crimes reported YTD, which is a 21.4% reduction on LYTD figures. The current detection rate in respect of Domestic Theft by Housebreaking is 24.6%, which remains above the national average of 23.2%. In addition, some 47% of investigations remain under live enquiry, with forensic opportunities and other investigative strands being pursued, which will enhance detection rates as those investigations conclude.

Although the reduction in Domestic Theft by Housebreakings is welcome, it is of note that we have seen comparable increases in respect of the commission of Theft by Housebreakings targeted towards Commercial premises. Our approach to the prevention and detection of those offences is a current Divisional priority.

Challenges

High numbers of Theft by Housebreaking offences and broader Acquisitive crimes continue to be committed by repeat offenders, with linked series of crimes substantively impacting upon performance figures. We have also seen crimes recorded in circumstances where organised groups from outwith the city have been responsible, which do result in more complex and lengthy investigations, requiring support from neighbouring and national Divisions.

The cost of living crisis continues to impact nationally across a range of Acquisitive Crime types, which is expected to continue through-out the rest of the performance year.



Fraud

Activity

The levels of reported Frauds continues to increase nationally, with occurrence rates in this area having become an emerging trend over the past three years particularly. Cyber related crime continues to be the main focus of criminal activity, accounting for 45% of all Fraud reports. Many of these crime are perpetrated by individuals from outwith the UK and occur using a variety of complex technological software applications and payment methods, which adds a further layer of complexity and delay in securing evidential capture.

Throughout the pandemic and associated lockdowns, crimes of Fraud increased as perpetrators exploited the increase in internet usage. To enhance prevention work

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and identification of new methods of perpetration, a monthly Fraud Working Group analyses current crime trends and feeds in to the National Fraud Working Group to share knowledge and provide early communication to front line officers and the public to reduce vulnerability.

A Crime Prevention Officer continues to contact all victims of Fraud to provide reassurance and safety advice. In addition to this Police Scotland continues to deliver prevention messaging through social media platforms and this will continue to be developed through the Divisional Communications Board.

We do continue to see traditional forms of Fraud being committed in the city. In Q2, we have seen 19 taxi frauds and 8 crimes associated with the illegal use of a bank card at an ATM.

35% of all crime occurred within a residential locus, highlighting that victims are being contacted at home through telephone or internet scams.

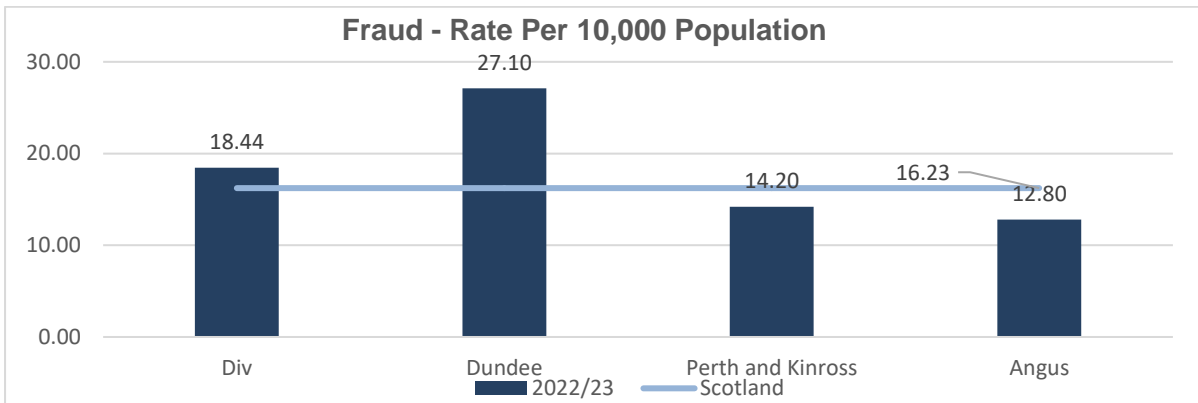
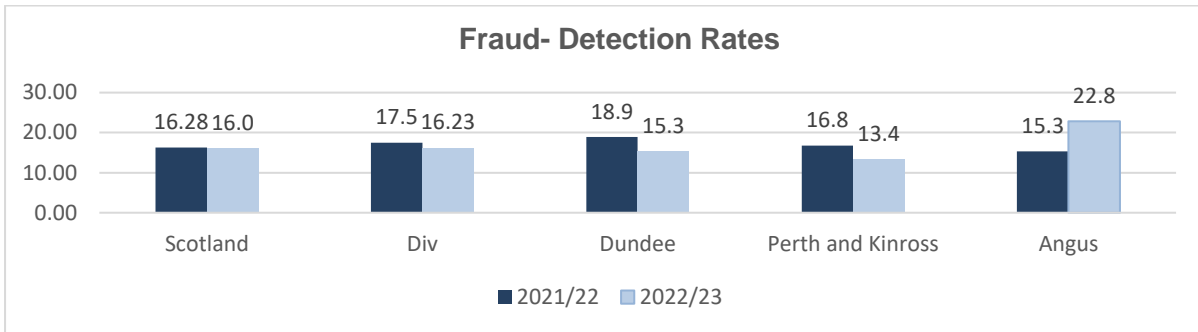
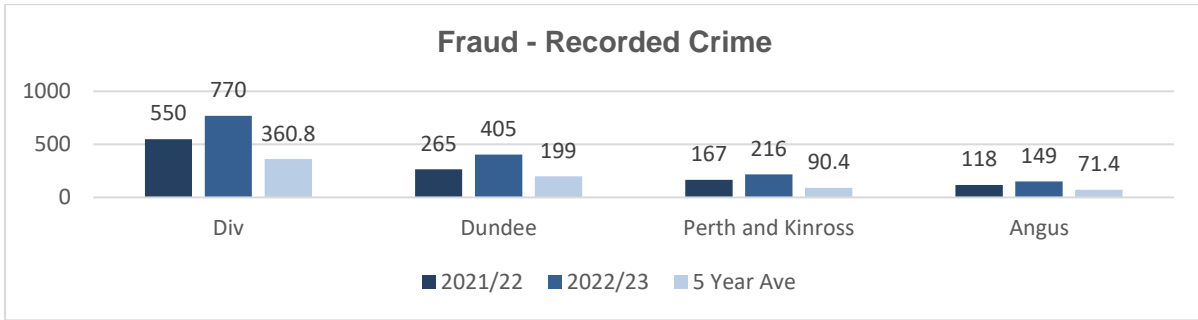
Results

There have been 184 reports of Fraud's reported during Q2, which constitutes a reduction of offences when compared to the 221 crimes committed in Q1. There have been 405 crimes committed YTD, which is a significant increase of 52.8% when compared to LYTD figures. However, the reduction in crimes this month has started to narrow the comparable gap which was reported at 67.9% at the conclusion of Q1.

The current detection rate remains consistent at 15.3%. This is comparable with the national average. Currently 59% of all reported cases remain under active investigation, meaning significant investigative opportunities continue to be pursued.

Challenges

Challenges around Fraud continue to be the focus of Police Scotland's Strategy for Policing in a Digital World with a specific emphasis on the international aspect of this crime type and current understanding of developing technology. The crime type continues to appeal to criminals given the international anonymity of perpetration and reduction in opportunity of facing prosecution.



Theft by Shoplifting

Activity

Occurrence rates in respect of Theft by Shoplifting have remained high through-out the performance year. These increases are consistent with the national picture and are believed to be largely driven by the cost of living crisis and particularly substantive rates of inflation in terms of the cost of food.

We continue to work closely with retail outlets across the city, with our Local Community Policing Teams and Crime Prevention Officers working hard to support those in the retail sector to improve security, better locate those items which are more regularly targeted and better use civil legislation in terms of cost recovery and banning orders. It remains the case that there are a relatively small number of premises which see significantly higher levels of Theft by Shoplifting crimes than others and those remain a particular focus of our activity. Larger retail outlets remain the most frequently targeted locations.

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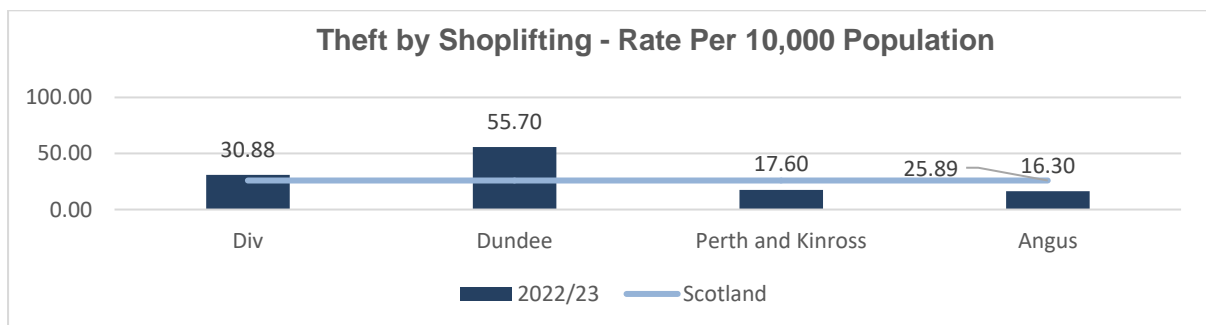
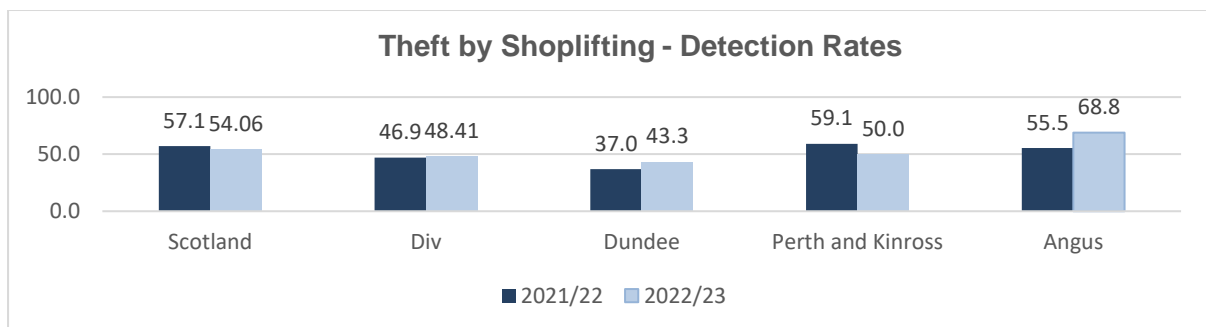
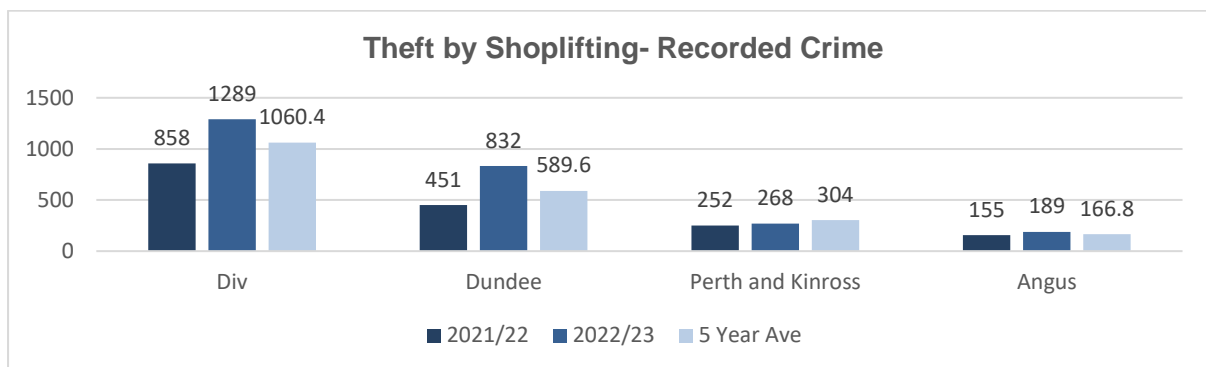
In Q2 there have been a total of 377 crimes of Theft by Shoplifting reported. This is a significant reduction on Q1 where 455 crimes were reported. Despite this improvement in performance, the overall crime occurrence rates remain significantly higher than LYTD figures and it is felt likely crime occurrence rates in this crime type will continue to be challenged through-out the performance year.

The current detection rate in respect of Theft by Shoplifting is 43.3% which demonstrates a 10% increase since the end of Q1, however there remains further work to do to bring detection rates in line with national averages.

Challenges

The challenges of shoplifting remain consistent in that the property being stolen is difficult to identify, as the main products stolen are now food stuffs and alcohol which can be difficult to attribute to a specific crime.

It is anticipated that as inflationary pressures on food prices continue, we will continue to see increased levels of offending in respect of Theft by Shoplifting.



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Motor Vehicle Crime

The occurrence of Motor Vehicle crime within the city, in keeping with all other areas of Acquisitive Crime, continues to be a focus of the Locality Detective Inspector, under the strategic direction of the Monthly Acquisitive Crime Group.

This quarter has seen a continuation of the pattern of offending reported in Q1, with a blend of sporadic and opportunistic offending targeted towards insecure vehicles, along-side more organised vehicle thefts associated with wider crime series and travelling offenders.

We continue to focus on both prevention and enforcement activity, with crime prevention surveys delivered in respect of all commercial premises targeted during the quarter. More broadly, extensive messaging and crime prevention visits have been delivered to those who have been victimised, in order to educate on those basic steps which can be completed to reduce the likelihood of becoming a repeat victim of crime.

In the city, we continue to see crimes committed in series, with a relatively small number of local repeat offenders continuing to impact negatively upon local communities.

To provide an example of some of the crime series encountered, in September, 2022 a male was arrested for Theft by Housebreaking at two Dundee Garages whereby several motor vehicles were stolen and then used to commit further Theft by Housebreakings to commercial business premises out with the city. This male and two further accomplices were identified and arrested for their part in crime series. The main perpetrator was on bail for the commission of earlier motor vehicle crime offences.

Results

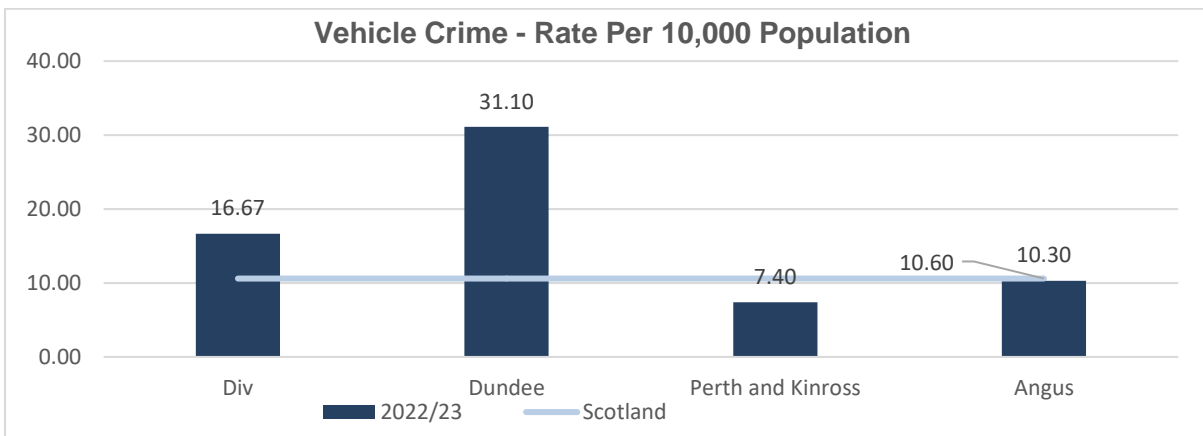
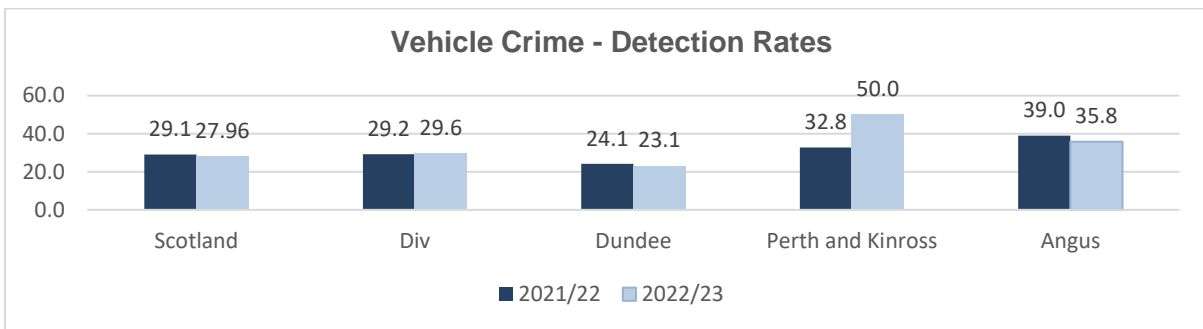
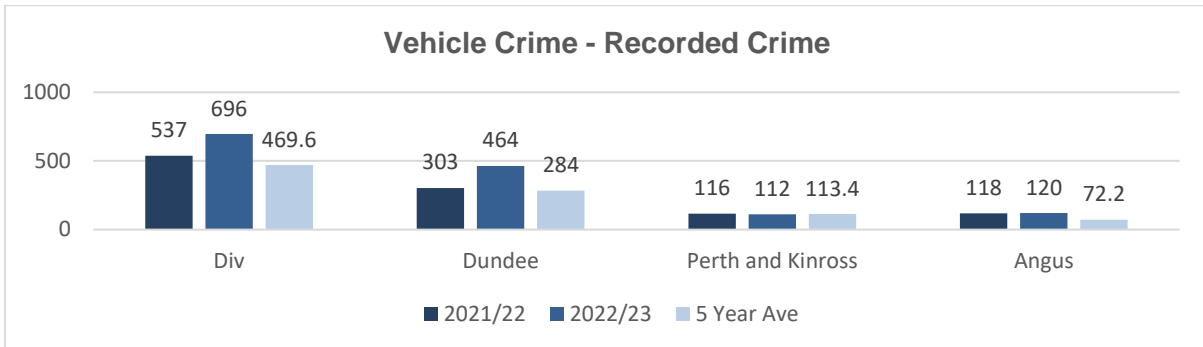
In Q2, there have been 193 motor vehicle crimes recorded, which is a substantive reduction when compared to the 271 crimes reported in Q1. This demonstrates that the steps taken during the quarter, as outlined in the Q1 report and this one, are impacting upon crime occurrence rates. Despite this, we remain 53.1% above LYTD figures, however this does demonstrate a substantive reduction from the 129.7% increase in the comparable rate reported at the end of Q1.

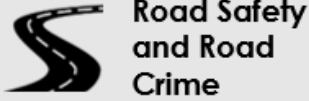
The detection rate sits at 23.1% which is in line with last year's reporting period (24.1%), however it falls short of the national average and a further focus in this area remains absolutely necessary. 28% of all reported Motor vehicle crimes remain under active investigation which provides ongoing opportunities to improve the detection rate in this area.

Challenges

Consistent challenges remain, with a small number of offenders being responsible for substantive crime series which link Vehicle and Housebreaking crimes. The Community Investigation Unit deliver an early response to these crimes to maximise both forensic and CCTV opportunities.

In keeping with reporting on other areas of Acquisitive Crime, the cost of living crisis and its impact on the incomes of local households will continue to impact upon this crime type through-out the performance year.





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

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

Operation CEDAR

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

Challenge	Build effective partnership working and methods to develop new and innovative ways to improve road safety. Improve information sharing and analysis to support an evidence-led approach
Educate	Deliver and evaluate educational initiatives to driver and road user behaviour, making effective use of media opportunities to highlight CEDAR and the work of the forum
Detect	Provide an intelligence-led and multi-agency approach to enforcement, supported by analytical products, to make the best use of available resources
Reduce	Ensure all road safety education, engineering and enforcement activity is focused on having the maximum positive impact on reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured

The implementation of Operation CEDAR across Tayside and delivery of our Action Plan provides an opportunity to contribute to a consistent approach across the North of Scotland. It will refocus our efforts to further improve safety on Tayside's roads and promote active travel.

Positively, Dundee LPA has not suffered any road traffic fatalities for 2022/23, however Tayside Division have had 2 road traffic fatalities in Q2, both of which occurred in Perth and Kinross.

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The first occurred on the 12th August 2022, where a 32 year old female passenger lost her life when the vehicle she was travelling in left the carriageway on the A90 near to the Inchmichael junction.

The second occurred on the 16th September 2022, the incident happened on the A9 near to Dunkeld where a 69 year old female was involved in a collision and subsequently lost her life, the passenger also suffered serious injury.

Divisionally we have had 68 persons seriously injured as a result of collisions which is a 23% decrease in comparison to LYTD, where we saw 88 persons seriously injured.

There have been 162 slight injury collision YTD, which is a slight increase of 7% when compared to LYTD, where we saw 151 slight injury collisions.

Tragically 9 children have been involved in serious injury road traffic collisions which is a 50% increase on the previous year.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Dundee. Focused patrol work will be complemented by the use of available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from local Tasking & Coordinating processes to tackle criminality.

Local Policing and RPU Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on 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 YTD 1136 vehicles stopped
A923	Dundee LPA YTD 149 vehicles stopped
A92	Dundee LPA YTD 1232 vehicles stopped

Year to date, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 9,214 motorists across the Division which is an increase based on last year's figures.

During the period under review Road Policing officers took part in a number of National Campaigns, which included The Summer Drink / Drug Drive Campaign, Commercial Week and the Vulnerable Road User's Campaign.

Within Dundee LPA the following notable speeds recorded for the period under review were; 59 mph exceed 40mph limit, 67 mph exceed 40mph limit, 56 mph exceed 30 mph limit and 50mph exceed 30 mph limit.

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

Looking forward to the coming month's with the clocks going back we will have darker mornings/nights and as such focus will be on vulnerable road user's cyclists/pedestrians. Operation Light it up will be deployed encouraging cyclists to utilise lights, the initiative also provides bike lights which can be distributed.

The following operations are scheduled for delivery over coming months

Older driver	Driver Engagement North
Younger driver's	New Driver Scheme
Vulnerable Road User	Op Closepass/OP Light It Up

The New driver Scheme (NDS) has been delivered in Dundee College to good effect, future deliveries and engagement are planned in the college.

Additionally Perth and Kinross Local Authority are in the process of identifying a "Test School" to allow the implementation of the NDS in to schools in the Tayside area. It is hoped through the Tayside Road Safety Forum that Dundee based schools will be included in the NDS in 2023.

Rider Refinement North (RRN)

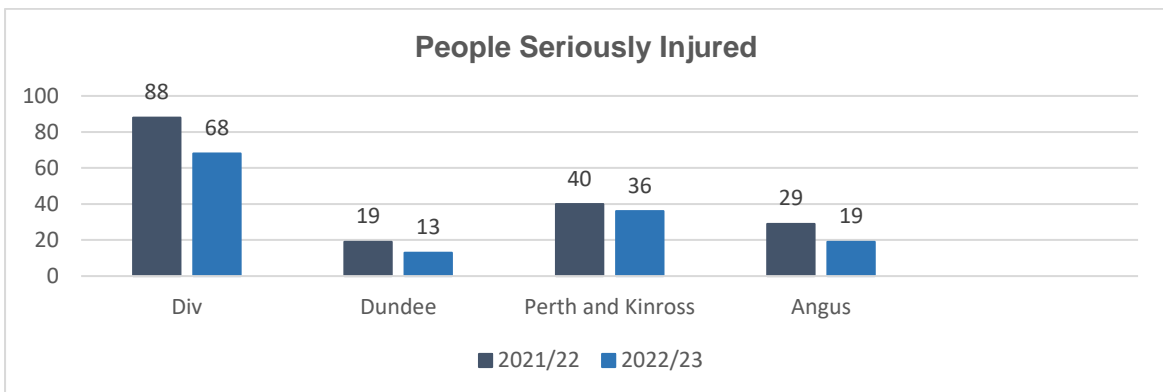
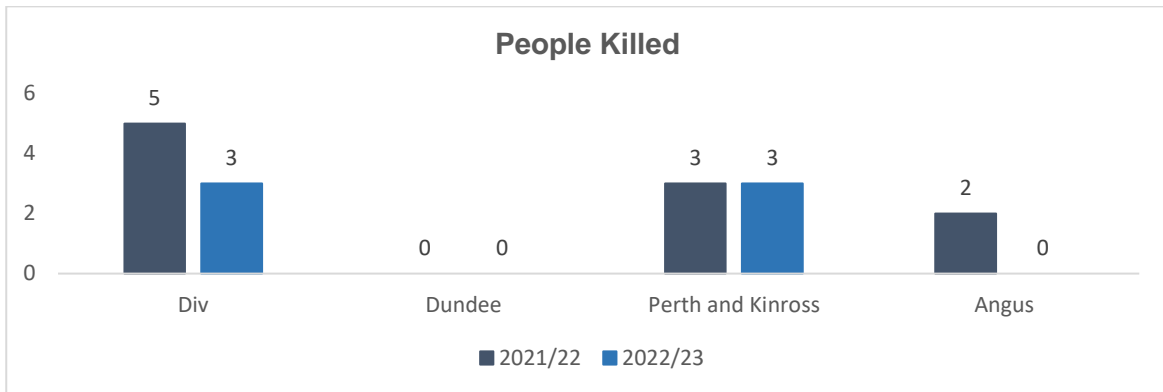
Rider Refinement North has now concluded for 2022 and planning for 2023 has commenced. Initial feedback from attendees was exceptionally positive with an overwhelming request to supply additional courses.

Caroline Hood of Robert Gordon University has been commissioned to conduct an evaluation of RRN 2022, we await the findings/report which should be published in the near future.

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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Our local Community Policing Teams have also been active in terms of Road Safety. Prior to the end of the 2021/2022 school term, Maryfield Community Policing Team carried out joint school parking patrols with Dundee City Council Traffic Warden's at 3 local primary schools. Dangerous parking patrols were implemented to jointly reduce the risk posed to children within our community. Significant engagement was delivered at the school gates with the children, parents and drivers providing reassurance, advice and information and emphasizing key safety messages. The positive reaction to the patrols was overwhelming with several requests received for this to continue throughout the year.



Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Dundee LPA have significantly decreased by 79.1%. Operational activity has focussed not only on the priority routes, but also 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 significant decrease with a total of 929 offenders detected, this equates to a 67% reduction compared to the same period the previous year.

Activity

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

Locally, officers have attended at a number of areas within Dundee LPA carrying out enforcement, a number of motorists were engaged with and a number of offenders were detected and dealt with by various means.

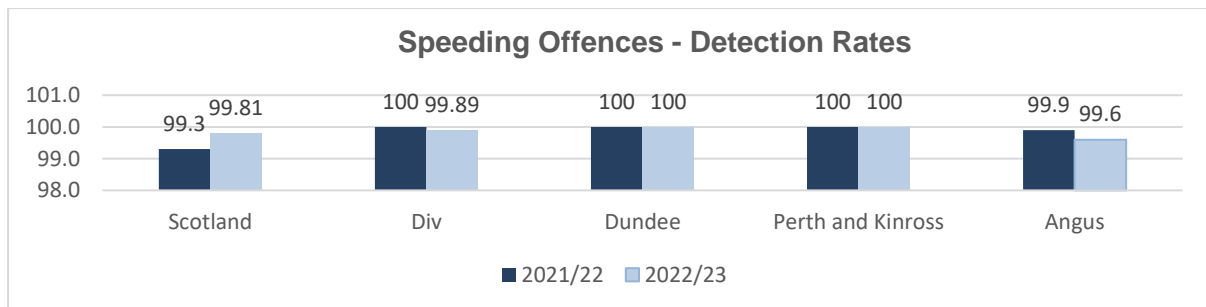
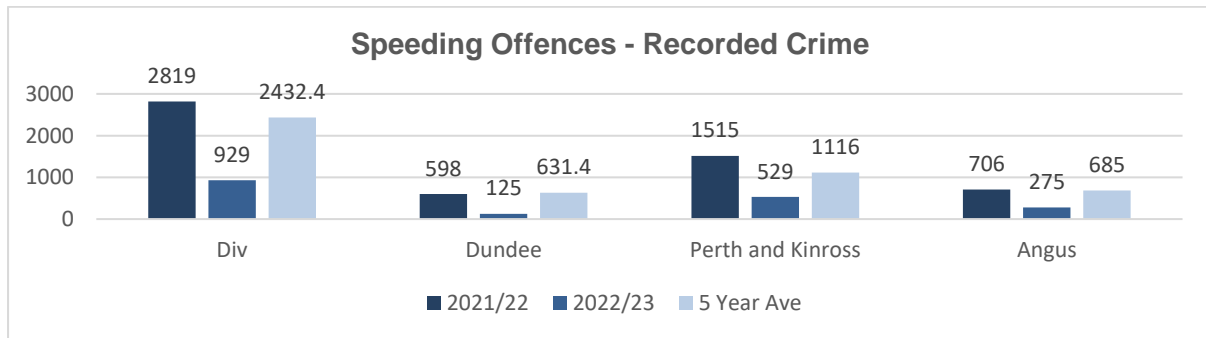
Additionally close working relationships continue with neighbouring Divisions, all of which have demonstrated excellent cross border understanding with a number of high profile detections being made.

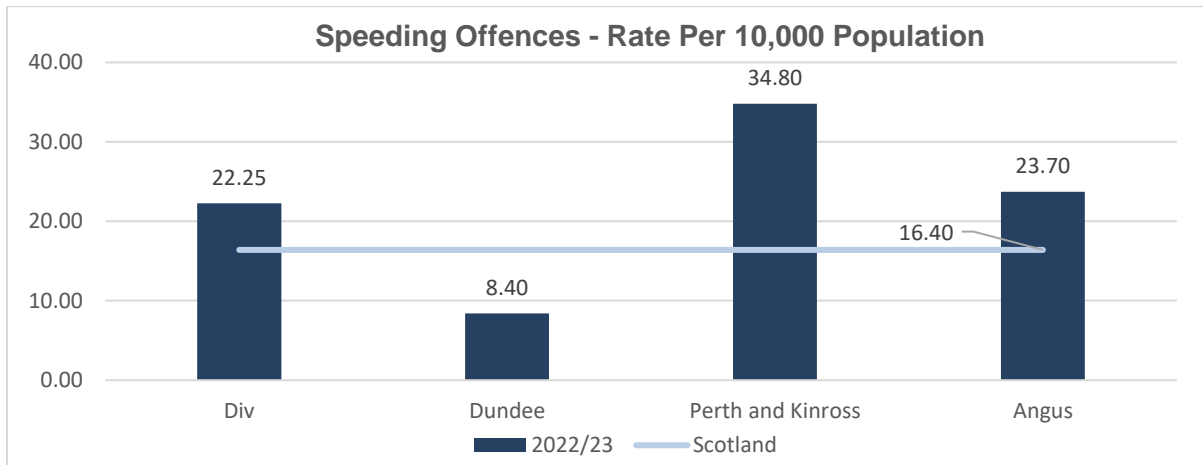
Regular cross border working with Fife, Inverness, Stirling and Grampian has now been embedded as normal practice within Roads Policing and will continue going forward.

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 125 speeding offences were detected in Dundee, which is a decrease compared to the year previous, this figure remains significantly below the 5 year average.





Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Dundee have experienced a 42 % decrease compared to LYTD figures. 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 365 Drink/drug drivers were detected for the period under review, this is a significant decrease of 39.5% when compared to LYTD figures.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 1270 breath tests YTD and conducted 149 drug wipes, 53 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.

Both July and August saw the Summer Drink/Drug drive campaign and the Drug Driving week. A number of offenders were detected over this period with reports being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration of prosecution.

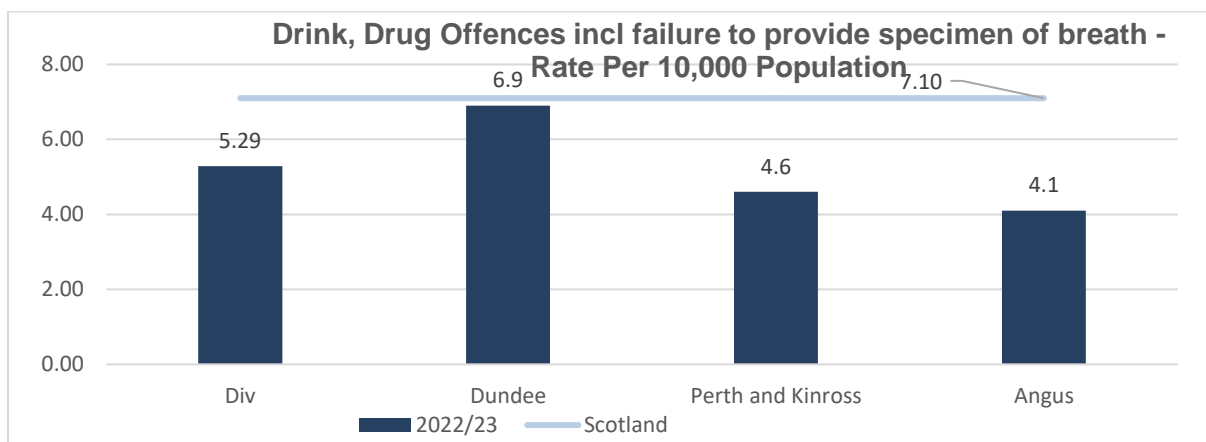
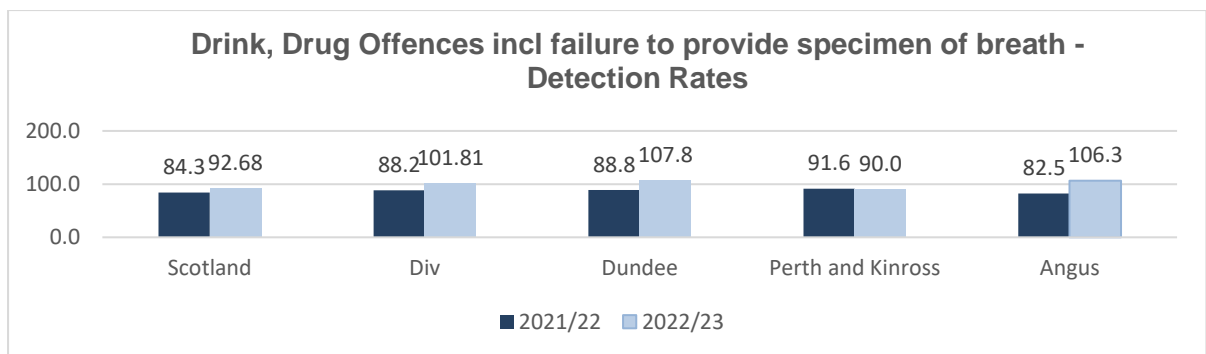
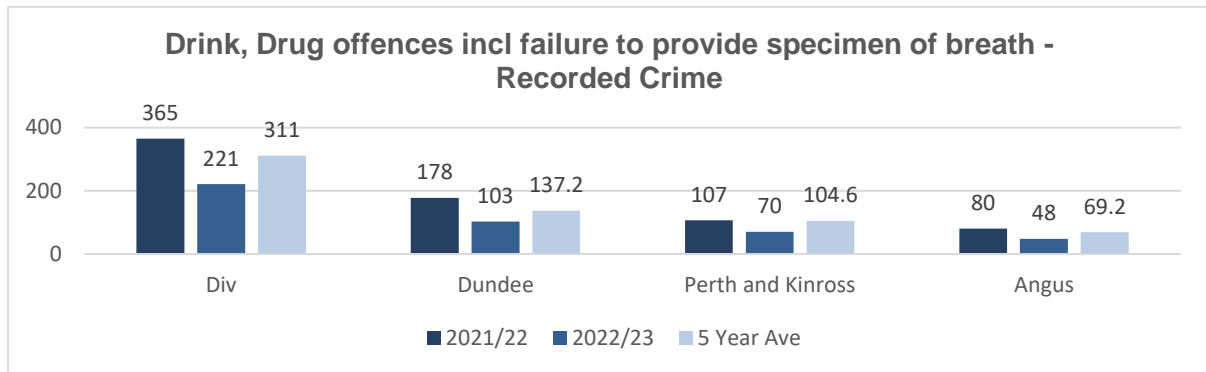
A media campaign was also launched in support of the activity sending out a clear message that this behaviour will not be tolerated whilst reinforcing the ramifications should offenders be caught. The focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offender's driving the morning after.

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 was adopted. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

Results

During the period under review 103 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Dundee area. This is a significant decrease of 42% compared to the previous year.



Careless Driving

Dundee experienced a 33.1% decrease in Careless driving compared to the same period last year.

Tayside Division also experienced a significant decrease in Careless Driving with 248 offenders being detected, this is a decrease of 34.4% in comparison to LYTD figures. Part of the key to reducing Careless driving figures has been the focus on influencing driver and road user behaviour.

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By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' (Careless / Dangerous Driving, Drink / Drug Driving, Speeding, Seatbelts and Mobile Phones) and working with partners, Tayside Division Road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education activities 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.

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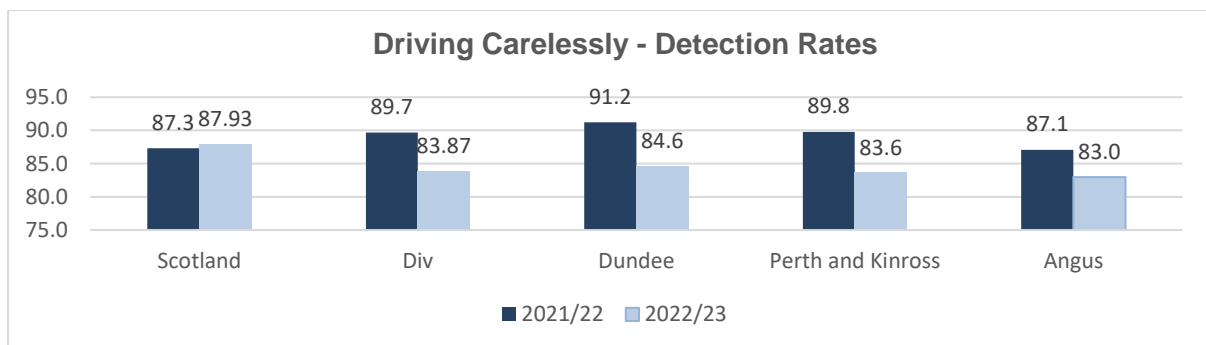
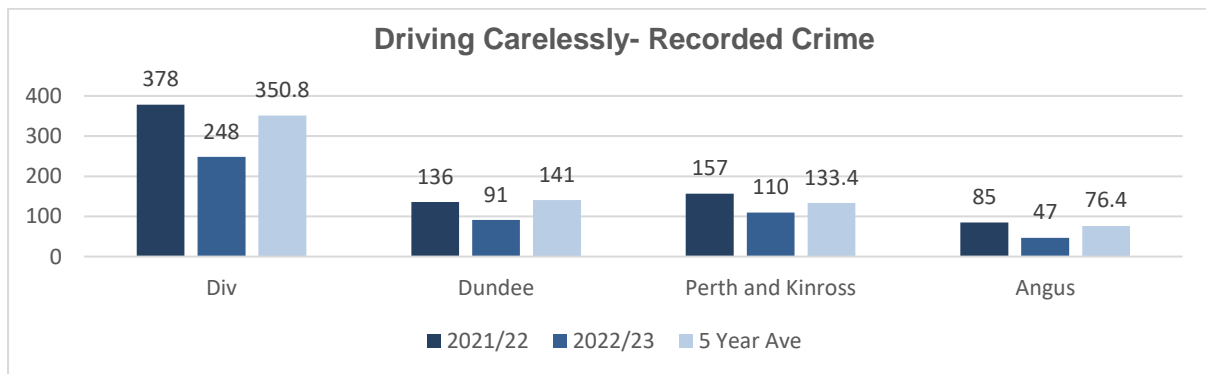
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

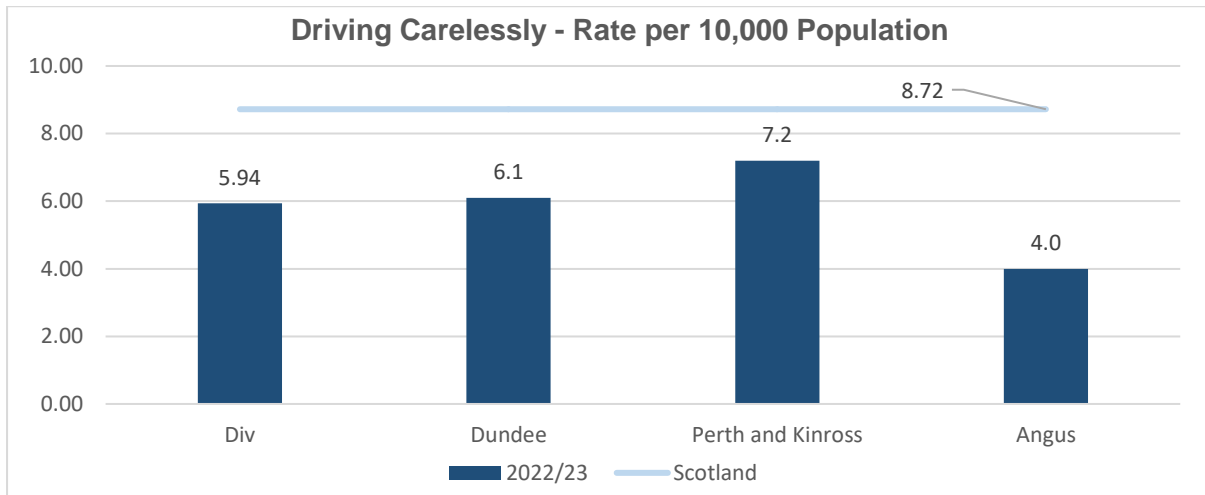
These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

Many of the aforementioned priority routes run through Dundee.

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

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





Public Protection

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

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

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

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

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

Domestic Abuse

Activity

Domestic Abuse remains a priority for the Division and all domestic incidents in Dundee are subject to 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.

Divisionally there has been an increase in the recording of DASA offences compared with 2020/21 and this has been replicated in the Dundee figures.

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.

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Dundee ASSIST Domestic Abuse Court Advocacy Service, continue to make progress towards being fully staffed. Feedback from victims with whom they have been working with has been overwhelmingly positive. The project aims to reduce risk and improve the safety of all victims of domestic abuse to ensure they are safe, informed and supported throughout their involvement with the criminal justice system.

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 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 18 disclosures carried out under the scheme in Dundee during Q2 alone.

Results

While the detection rate for DASA offences is lower than 2020/21, it is slightly higher than the Divisional rate. A number of DASA offences, which are undetected, remain under active investigation by local officers and colleagues from specialist units, including the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and the national Domestic Abuse Task Force. A number of these outstanding enquiries form part of more complex investigations, which can be protracted in nature.

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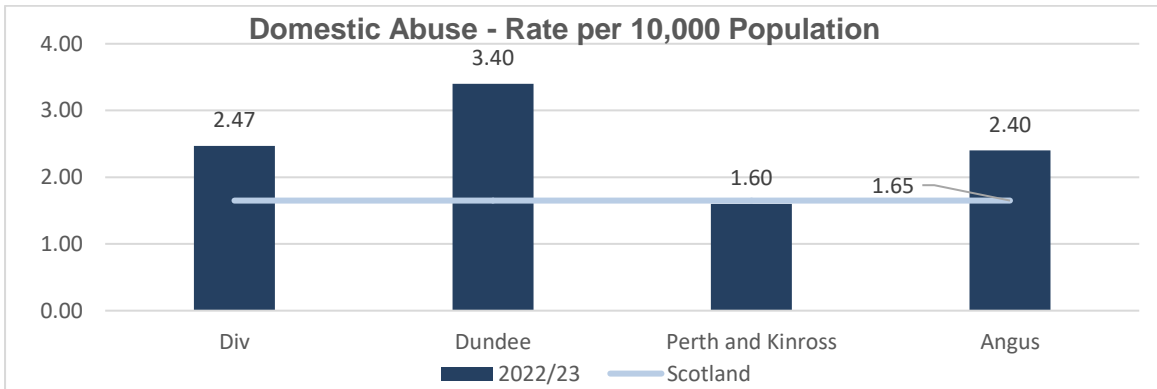
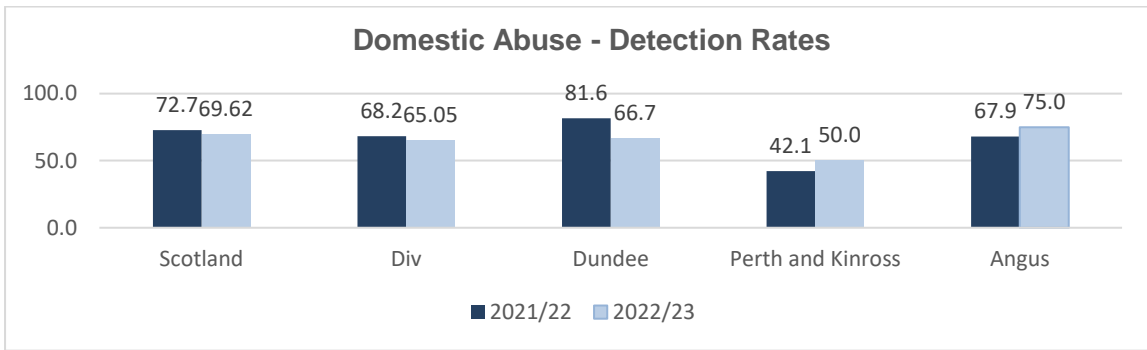
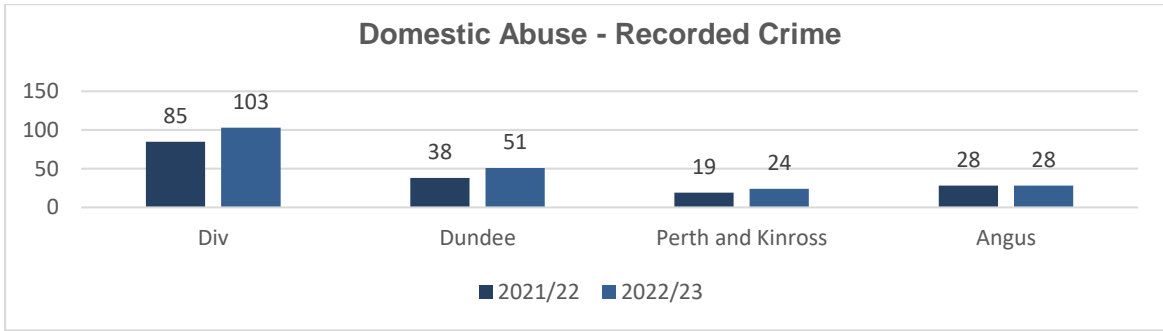
During Q2 management of MATAC moved back to Division from Specialist Crime Division. A MATAC co-ordinator is now in post and a smooth transition is ongoing to ensure that there has been no disruption to the operation of the process.

During the reporting period there were 6 MATAC investigations relevant to Dundee offenders. 2 of those investigations have concluded having been successfully detected, with 4 investigations still ongoing.

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.



Hate Crime

Activity

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

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

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

Over the period, a review of all Third Party Reporting (TPR) Centres was undertaken to improve options for persons reporting crimes. Plans are now in place to deliver

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refresher training to existing TPR Centres and to expand the number of TPR Centres across Dundee.

Freshers' events were attended by Police Scotland throughout August and September 2022 at Dundee and Angus College, Dundee University and Abertay University. These events covered wide ranging topics including substance use, internet safety, hate crime and general safety.

Police attended Pride events to help break down perceived barriers, engage with the LGBTQ+ community and to raise awareness regarding Hate Crime reporting.

Engagement visits were carried out at 5 Young Person Houses in Dundee by a dedicated officer. These were done in conjunction with key workers within the units in an effort to foster positive relationships with the Police.

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

Results

There have been 104 Hate crimes recorded YTD, which is a reduction of 76 crimes when compared to LYTD.

Aggravator	2021/22	2022/23	Change	% Change
Disability	11	21	10	90%
Racial	95	96	1	-
Religious	3	5	2	66%
Sexual Orientation	70	51	-19	-27%
Transgender	1	1	-	-
Total	180	104	-82	-58%

Sexual Crime

Activity

There have been 235 Sexual Crimes recorded YTD, which is 46 fewer crimes when compared to LYTD figures. This is a reduction of almost 17% and is 17.5% below the 5 year average.

The level of recorded crime for Rape and Attempted Rape is also lower than LYTD figures with 37 crimes recorded, in comparison to 41 crimes LYTD. This is a reduction of almost 10% and is now 38% below the 5 year average.

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As in previous reporting periods, many of these offences have occurred significantly outwith the reporting period and as such are classified as “non-recent” (that is, the offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to Police). Analysis from September 2022 shows that within Tayside Division, 22% of all Group 2 crimes and 38% of all Rapes were non-recent in nature.

In a number of these cases, multiple crime reports were raised in respect of one report from one victim, detailing multiple incidents over a period of time where the victim and perpetrator are known to one another.

All rape investigations are conducted by specially trained Sexual Offence Liaison Officers (SOLOs) and are directed by a Senior Investigating Officer (SIO). All investigations are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed.

In the vast majority of reports, the survivor and offender were either in a domestic relationship or otherwise known to each other prior to - or at the time of - the offence.

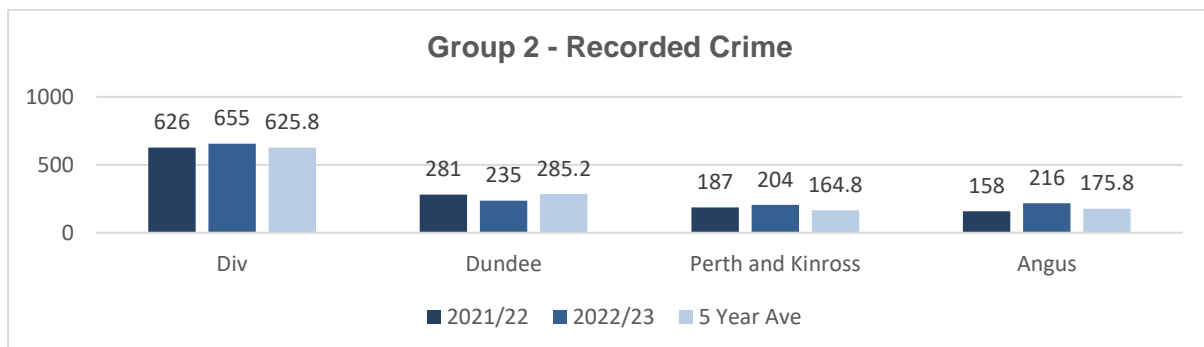
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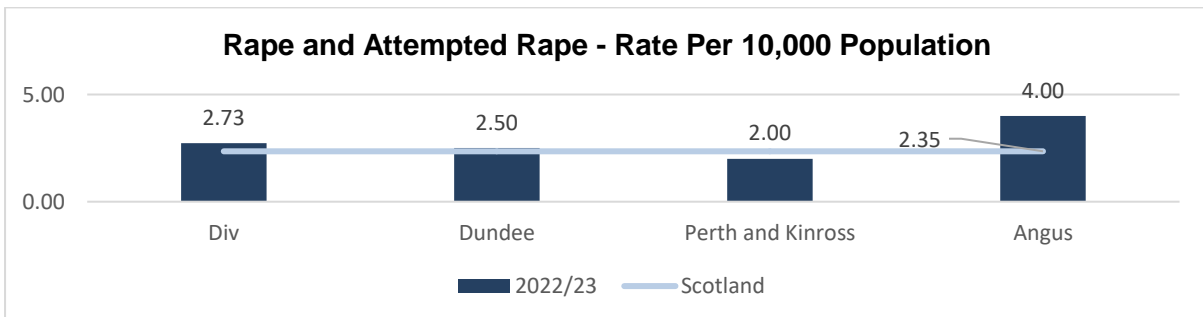
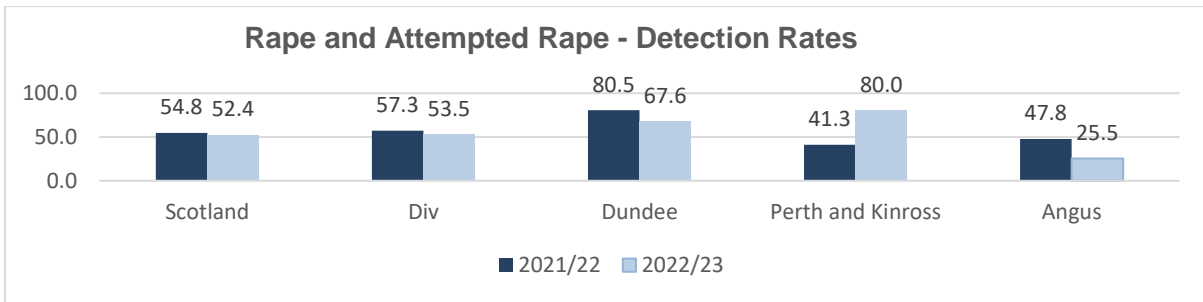
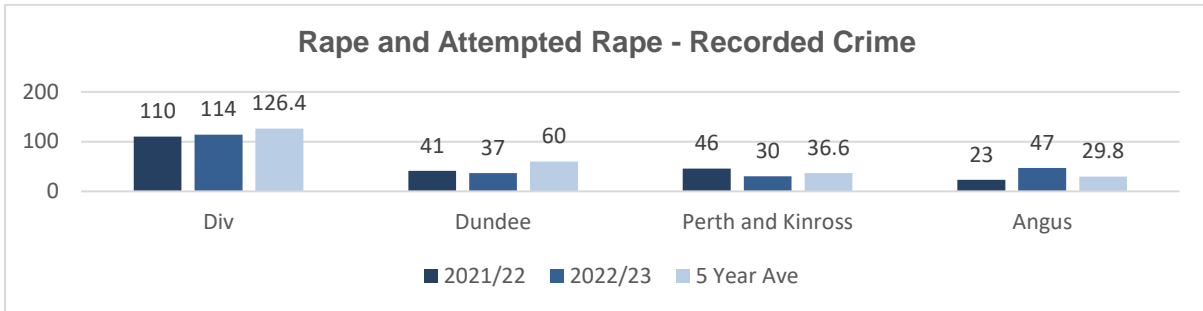
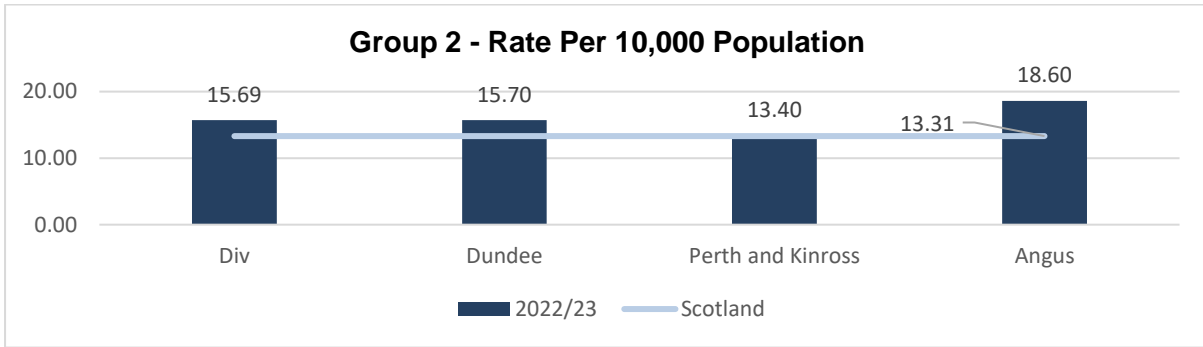
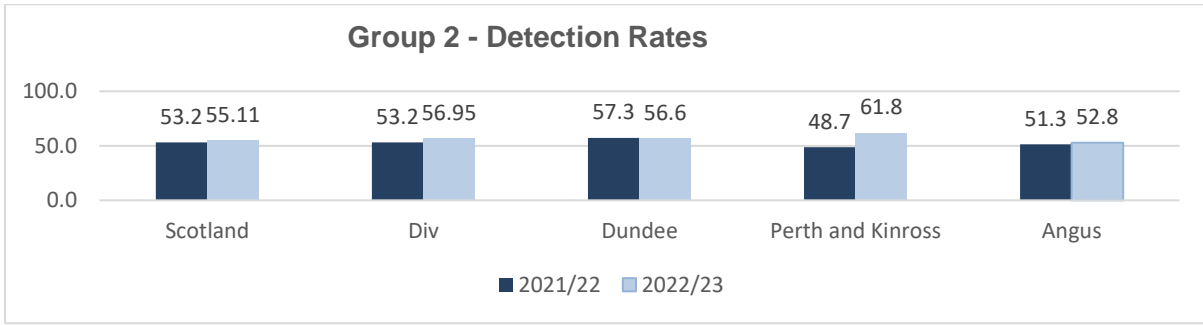
The detection rate for Sexual Crime is in line with LYTD figures and remains higher than Divisional and National average detection rates. The detection rate for Rape and Attempted Rape is lower than LYTD, however remains higher than both Divisional and National average detection rates.

An explanation for this reduction is partly due to increasing levels of non-recent report, which means investigations are more protracted and take longer to bring to a conclusion. In addition, a number of the more complex enquiries remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

Challenges

It is a positive that victims have an increased confidence to report non-recent sexual crime to the Police. However, this presents investigative challenges as enquiries tend to be more protracted and evidence - which may otherwise have provided corroboration - can be been lost due to the passage of time. Notwithstanding this, the dedicated team in Tayside Division which now investigates non-recent sexual offences helps to ensure the best service is provided to victims, including the offer of support from partner agencies both during and also after the enquiry.







Serious Organised Crime

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

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

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

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

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Possession of Drugs

We continue to prioritise activity in pursuit of those involved in the supply of drugs across the city, fully understanding the impact such activity has on the lives of vulnerable people and the fact that the use of drugs continues to have a significant impact on levels of serious and violent crime.

OP Argonite continue to deliver a focus on County Lines and Cuckooing activity, with the strategic direction of this activity coordinated by the Tayside Division Cuckooing Operations Group.

We continue to see the local benefits of the multi-agency Non-Fatal Overdose Group and schemes such as the Custody Arrest Referral Scheme, on crucial aspects of our strategic intent, such as drug related deaths.

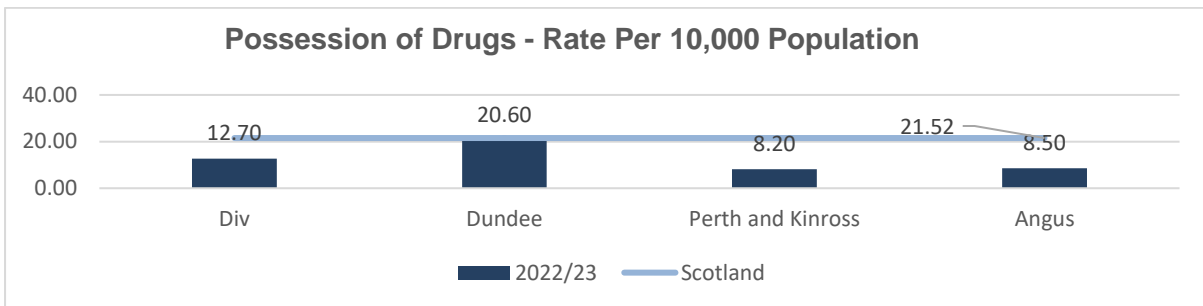
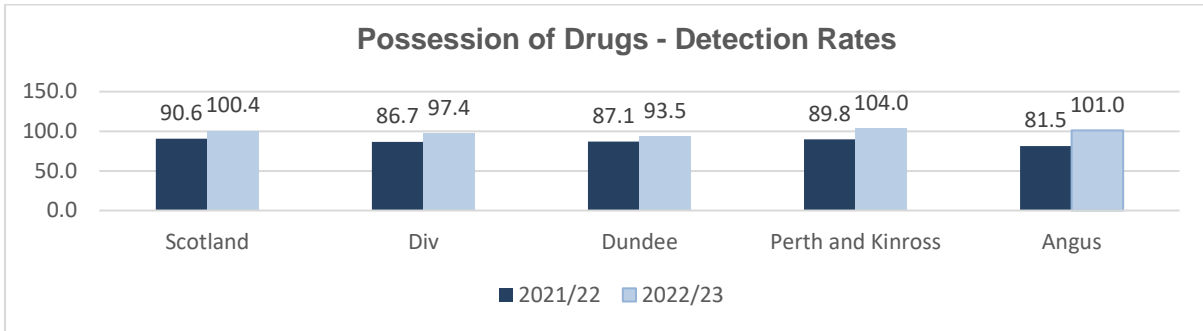
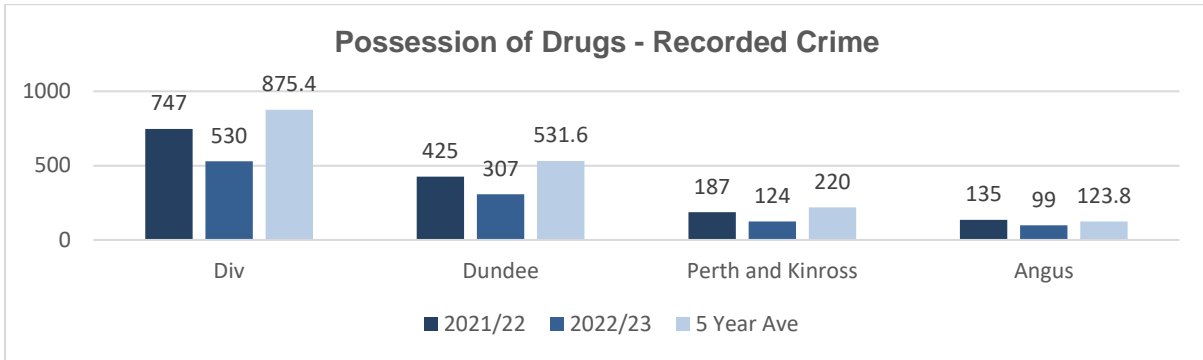
The following example provides an insight into the preventative activity which also continues to be delivered. On Monday 29th August, 2022 and Tuesday 30th August, 2022 the Lochee Community Policing team supported by officers from our Preventions and Interventions Team, delivered a two day 'mock trial' event to all S3 pupils from Harris Academy as part of a preventative drugs awareness session. Discussions included keeping healthy, peer pressure, making positive choices and being a positive bystander. The inputs were impactful, educational and well received by both pupils and teachers.

Results

There have been 307 possession of drugs crimes recorded YTD this quarter, which is an overall reduction of 118 crimes in comparison to LYTD figures. Detection rates remain positive at 93.5%.

Challenges

The availability of controlled drugs throughout the city continue to be a driver for other crime types including both violence and acquisitive crimes.



Supply of Drugs

Activity

We continue to target our response and enforcement activity 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 the National Human Trafficking Unit.

In addition to our normal focus the following operations are ongoing -

Operation Pinkspa is a Divisional led enquiry that is still very much in its infancy. This Operation tackles a number of linked nominals who are actively involved in the sale of drugs throughout Dundee, Angus and Perth. The Operation will target nominals who run legitimate businesses to disguise their illicit gains. Over this quarterly period in total 57,355 Etizolam tablets, 1,291g Herbal Cannabis Value £4365 and £1510 in cash have been recovered. Investigations continue to link these recoveries to the principal nominals of the Operation.

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Operation Recloir is a local Operation targeting nominals involved in controlled Drugs supply, human trafficking and sexual exploitation within Dundee. These individuals are known to build trust with vulnerable females providing gifts and drugs. Once the females become addicted to controlled drugs the nominals demand sexual favours in exchange for the continued supply of drugs. A large scale investigations led by the Serious Organised Crime Team identified five suspects. Two have been arrested and remanded in custody on extensive supply of controlled drugs charges and associated Human Trafficking offences. The other 3 nominals have fled the UK with arrest warrants now in force.

Our Community Policing Teams also support the above activity across all multi member ward areas. During Q2, combined enforcement action has resulted in the recovery of Class A controlled drugs worth an estimated £17,000 and Class B controlled drugs worth an estimated £50,000. A number of associated arrests and charges have been brought.

This work has also provided opportunities to signpost drug users to both addiction services and the recovery cafés run within the wards.

Operation Argonite

Operation Argonite continue to support local initiatives and have the local 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.

During this quarter, 18 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.

Operation Argonite instigated one such visit to an address in the West End Ward where it was suspected that the occupier was being cuckooed. An English male known for drugs and firearms offences was traced within the address. During the search £13,500 of Cocaine and £40,000 cash was recovered from the address. The same male was also identified for a Theft by Housebreaking at a separate address in the West End ward. The male was arrested for these offences and released on bail with conditions not to re-enter Scotland. The female occupier was later traced safe and well. They are engaging with Positive Steps, addressing their substance use and mental health issues and they have received a new tenancy.

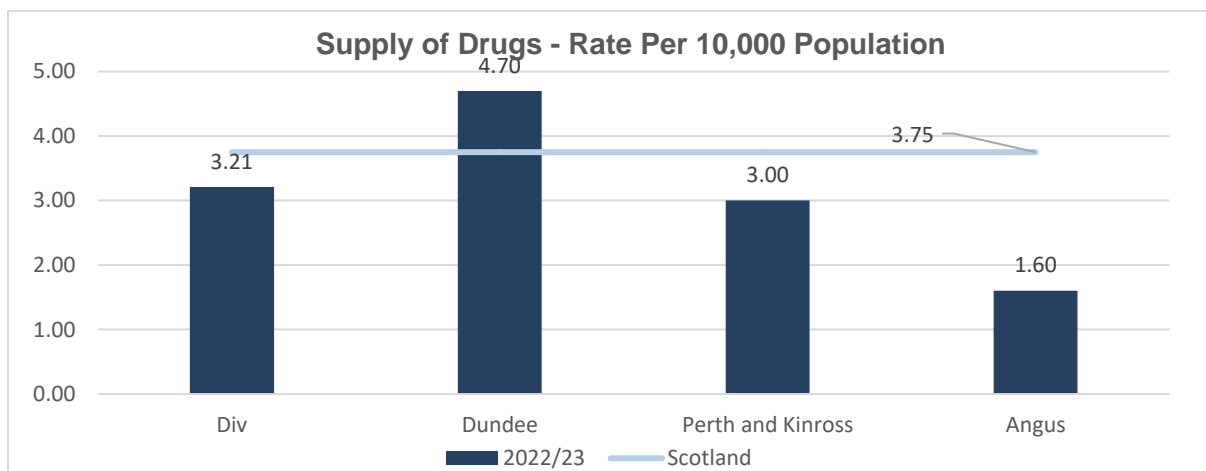
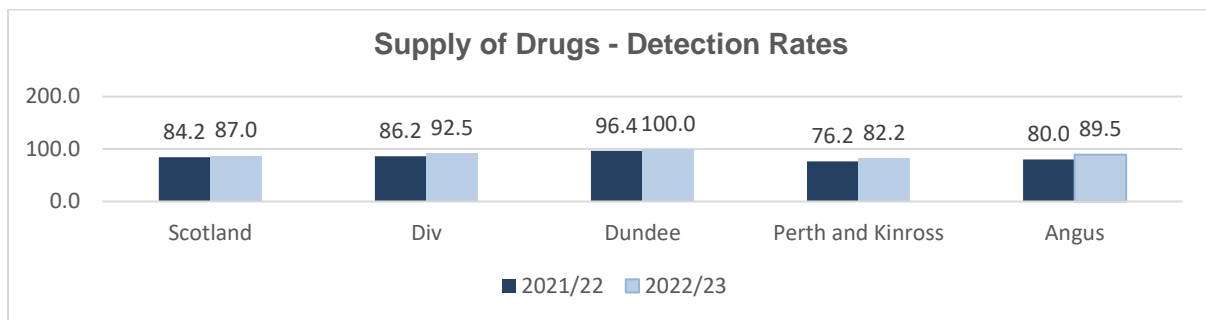
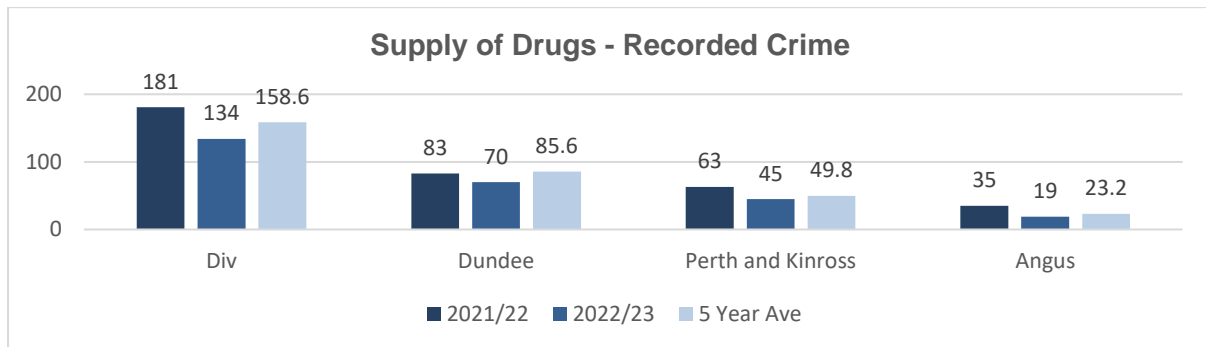
Results

In Q2 there were 32 Drug Supply offences recorded, which is a slight reduction from the 38 reported in Q1. During this performance year 70 crimes have been reported in total, which is a reduction from 83 LYTD. This is broadly in line with the 5 year average.

The current YTD detection rate is 100%, which is a slight increase on the LYTD figure of 96.4%.

Challenges

As reflected throughout this report the prevalence of drug use and supply continue to be a driving factor across a variety of crime including violence, acquisitive and anti-social behaviour.



Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizures: £1,855.00

Expedited Civil Recovery: No cases

Assets for Restraint: £137,353.63



**Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
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CONTEST is the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It was first developed by the Home Office in early 2003. The aim of the strategy is "to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence."

CONTEST is split into four work streams that are known within the counter terrorism community as the 'four P's': *Prevent, Pursue, Protect, and Prepare.*

- **Pursue:** the investigation and disruption of terrorist attacks.
- **Prevent:** work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism or extremism.
- **Protect:** improving our protective security to stop a terrorist attack.
- **Prepare:** working to minimise the impact of an attack and to recover from it as quickly as possible.

At present the national threat level is currently at 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 Tayside Division Police Scotland strands of CONTEST and CT Intelligence/Investigations, CTSA's, PDU and CT Planning.

The Multi-Agency CONTEST Board also met, with representation from Police Scotland, Local Authorities, SFRS, Scottish Government, SPS, Forth Port, SAS and Education. An Annual Overview Product Presentation was provided by Scottish Government.

During Q2, there were a number of enquiries completed in relation to Operation Bridger and Operation Sandbed incidents, including responding to racist comments made to an elected councillor, an abusive message targeted towards a local MSP and a communications offence directed towards a local MP. In conjunction with these investigations, security surveys have been offered and delivered.

Additional work has been completed, including joint operations with Border Policing Command at Dundee Airport and Dundee Harbour where vessels have been boarded and checks carried out.

Officers have also attended hotels within Dundee in relation to the current humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine. Support has been provided where applicable, including information and documentation relating to reporting of war crimes.

Other Key Activity

THE BELLA CENTRE, WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CUSTODY UNIT

In August 2022, The Scottish Prison Service opened the Bella Centre in Ann Street, Dundee. The Community Policing Team (CPT) carried out site visits, making early introductions to ensure open engagement with the staff, this was well received, with regular contact being maintained.

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-Sept) ¹

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	299	228	-23.7%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	525	369	-29.7%
Off Duty Allegations	1	1	0.0%
On Duty Allegations	363	238	-34.4%
Quality of Service Allegations	161	130	-19.3%

¹ Data is correct as at 30/09/2022.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 23.7% YTD compared to the LYTD.

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

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons)²					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FORCE / SCOTLAND	5 347 600	5 373 000	5 404 700	5 424 800	5 438 100	5 463 300
Tayside	413 800	415 040	415 470	416 090	416 080	417 470
Angus	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 280	116 040	116 200
Dundee City	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 710	148 750	149 320
Perth & Kinross	148 930	149 930	150 680	151 100	151 290	151 950

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

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