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Dundee City Council

Community Safety and Public Protection Committee

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1 October 2022 – 31 December 2022

**Report No 57-2023 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

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- Acquisitive Crime
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Public Protection
- Serious Organised Crime
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

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

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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

7. SUMMARY

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

8. COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

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



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Quarter 3 ending 31st December 2022
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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities







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

Performance in relation to the identified policing objectives and outcomes is monitored and reviewed at the monthly Tasking and Delivery Meeting. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee City Council at the Community Safety and Public Protection/Neighbourhood Services Committee. This report covers the period from 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021 and 1 April 2022 to 30 December 2022.

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

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

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

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



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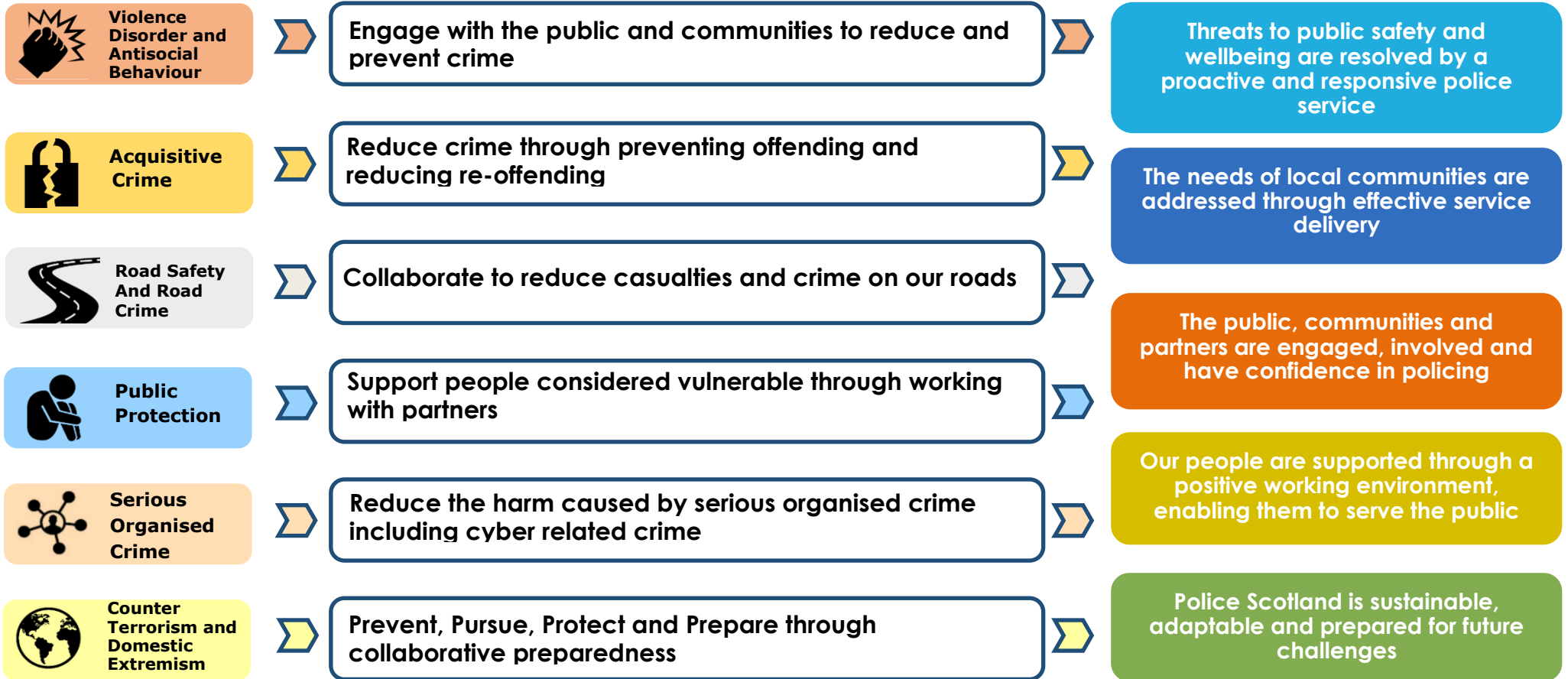
Plan on a Page – Dundee City Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

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

Local Priorities

Objectives

Outcomes



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Summary Report Dundee City LPA

1st April 2022 to 31st December 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 %
21/22 107 82.2%	21/22 116 71.6%	21/22 1759 68.4%
22/23 107 70.1%	22/23 119 63.9%	22/23 1706 65.8%
% +/- - -12.1%	% +/- +2.6% -7.7%	% +/- -3.0% -2.6%
 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	 Acquisitive Crime	 Acquisitive Crime
Emergency Services Assault	Housebreakings - Dwellings	Motor Vehicle Crime
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
21/22 265 98.1%	21/22 204 28.4%	21/22 487 24.2%
22/23 227 97.4%	22/23 153 26.8%	22/23 637 25.6%
% +/- -14.3% -0.8%	% +/- -25.0% -1.6%	% +/- +30.8% +1.4%
 Acquisitive Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes Detect %	Off. Detect %	Off. Detect %
21/22 422 17.5%	21/22 723 99.7%	21/22 235 90.2%
22/23 569 14.4%	22/23 175 100%	22/23 143 103.5%
% +/- +34.8% -3.1%	% +/- -75.8% +0.3%	% +/- -39.1% +13.3%
 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 35 N/A	21/22 83 55.4%
22/23 0 N/A	22/23 29 N/A	22/23 66 54.5%
% +/- / /	% +/- -17.1% /	% +/- -20.5% -0.9%
 Public Protection	 Serious Organised Crime	 Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
21/22 453 53.4%	21/22 101 103.0%	21/22 530 97.4%
22/23 363 56.7%	22/23 105 93.3%	22/23 437 92.0%
% +/- -19.9% +3.3%	% +/- +4.0% -9.6%	% +/- -17.5% -5.4%

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**Violence,
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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:

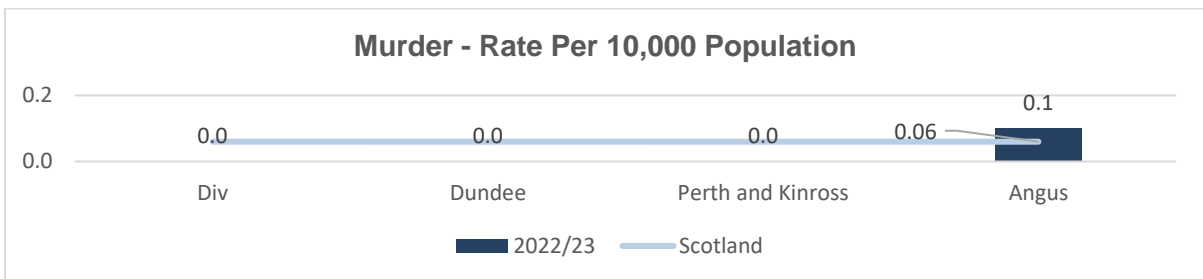
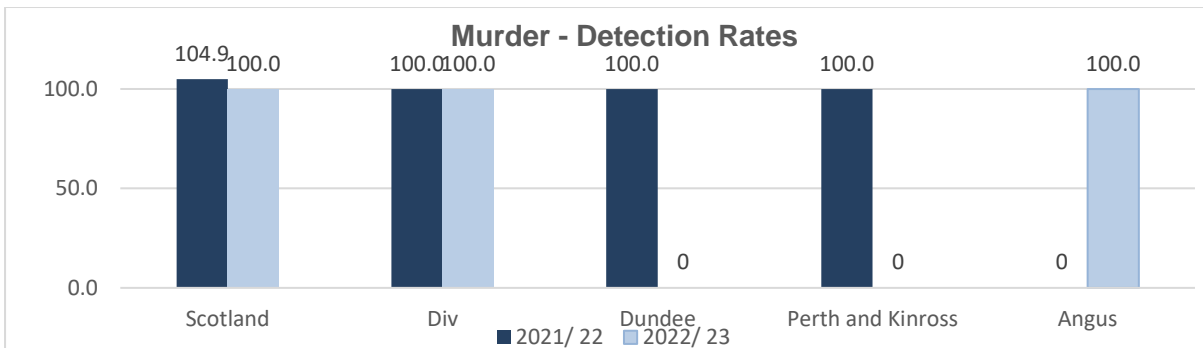
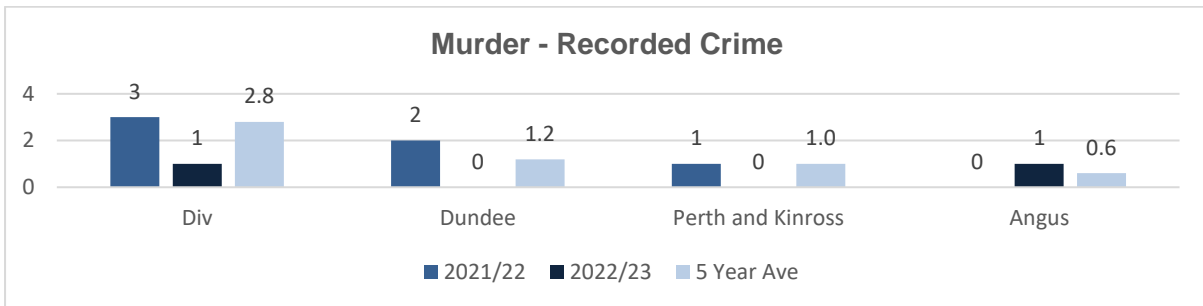
- Children and Families
- Community Safety and Justice
- Building Stronger Communities

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 have been no murders during the reporting period. The year to date total therefore remains at zero.



Attempted Murder

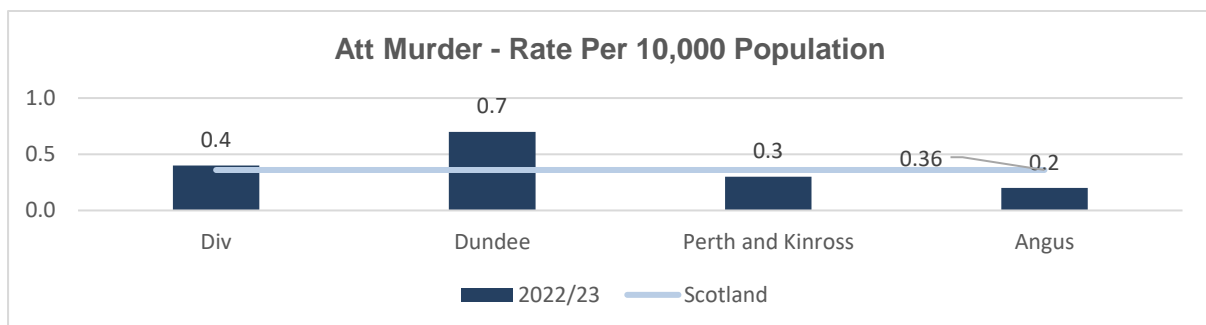
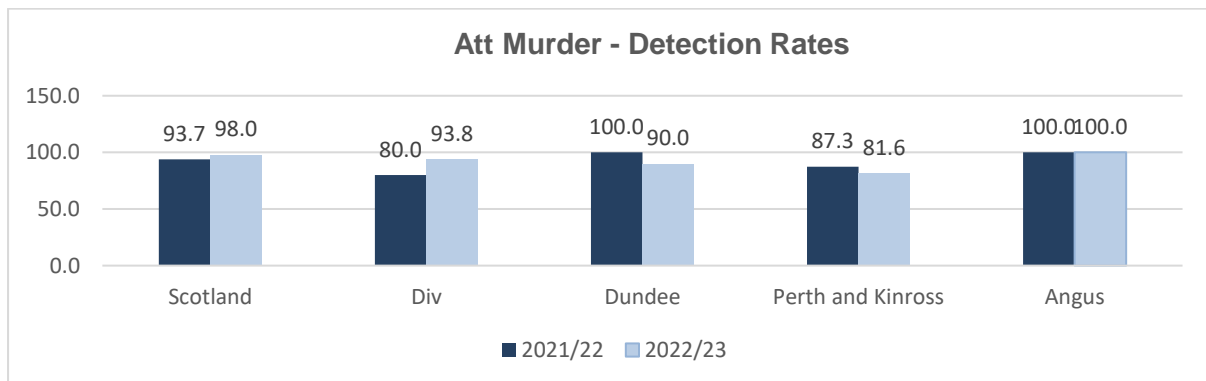
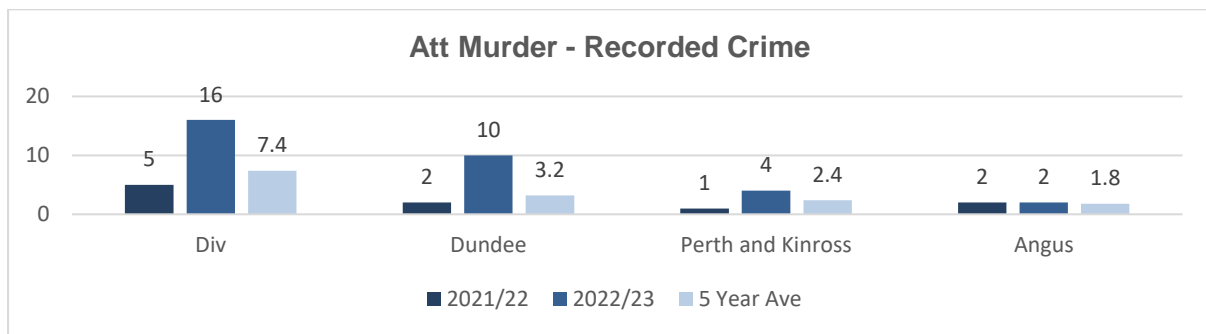
There have been 2 recorded Attempted Murders in Dundee over the reporting period, bringing the YTD total to 10.

In the first incident the complainer was providing security at a commercial premises and was assaulted by the perpetrator with a bottle out with the stores opening hours.

In the second incident the victim was the ex-partner of the perpetrator and she was assaulted with a knife.

Both incidents resulted in significant injuries suffered by the victims, however the perpetrators in both cases were quickly apprehended and are subject to ongoing court proceedings.

The current detection rate for Attempt Murder sits at 90%, with 1 crime remaining under live investigation.



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Serious Assault

Activity

All serious, violent crimes including Serious Assault are overseen by a Senior Investigating Officer or CID supervisor. All crimes which remain undetected are subject to regular scrutiny and review to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed in a timeous manner.

The Divisional Violence Prevention Board continues to meet monthly, where any emerging trends are considered, the broader picture around serious violence discussed and all aspects of the Divisional Violence Action Plan reviewed to ensure they remain fit for purpose and are well directed.

We continue to pursue a number of preventative activities designed to reduce occurrence rates of Serious Assault and support those who are vulnerable to repeat victimisation. This includes the Arrest Referral Scheme, the continued activity of OP Argonite, the delivery of welfare visits to vulnerable victims, signposting victims to statutory and 3rd sector partners. In addition, we continue to deliver traditional deterrent patrols and leaflet drops in those areas of the city where violent crime occurrence rates are at their highest.

Results

There have been 33 Serious Assaults recorded in Dundee in Q3. This compares to the 35 Serious Assaults recorded in Q2 and 39 recorded in Q1. The year to date figure of 107 is exactly the same as that for LYTD, but remains below the 5 year average which is 111 crimes.

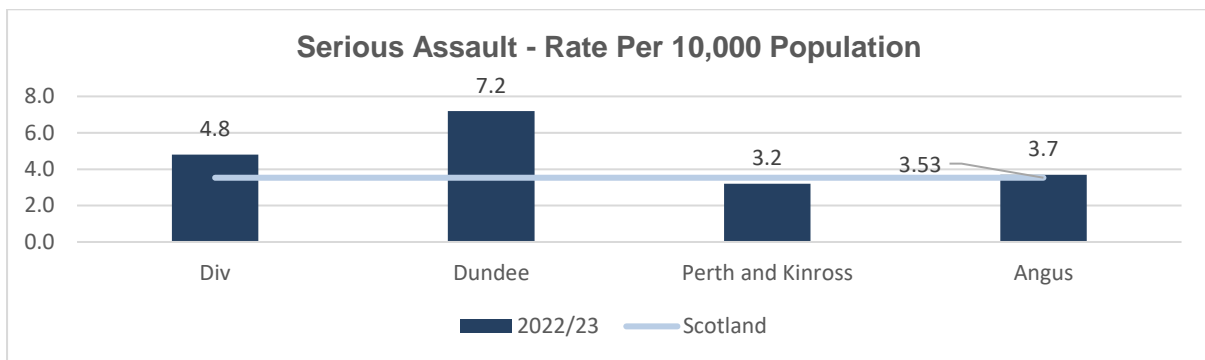
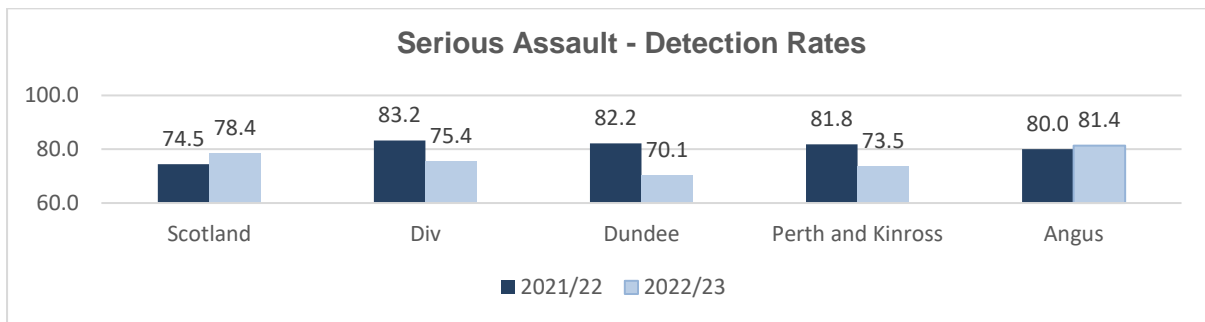
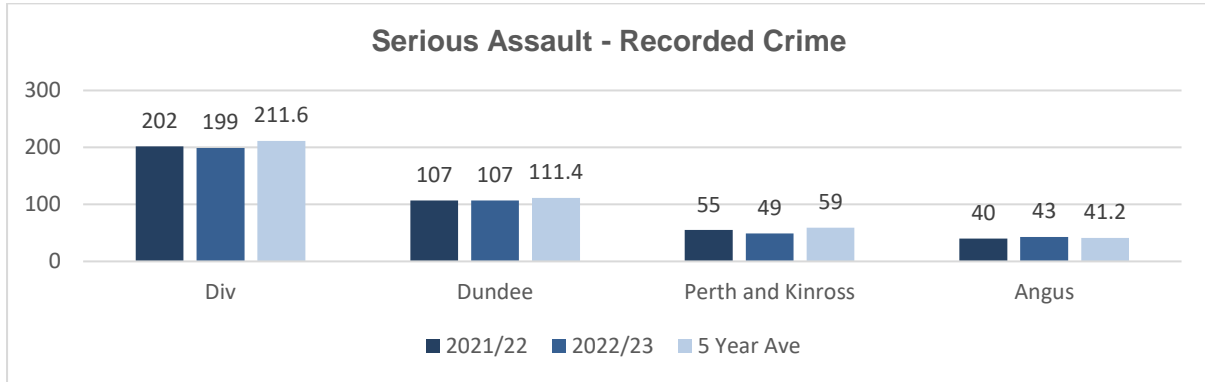
The detection rate at the end of Q3 was 70% which is a reduction of 12.1% when compared to LYTD figures. There remain a number of complex crimes enquiries ongoing which will positively influence the detection rates on completion.

Of those crimes recorded in Q3, 7 crimes were associated with Domestic violence, a further 7 involved the use of a weapon, 21 crimes occurred where the victims and perpetrators were known to each other and the presence of drugs and alcohol was prevalent through-out. The number of crimes committed in private and public spaces were broadly the same.

Challenges

The challenges in relation to Serious Assault remain consistent, with alcohol and drug misuse having a significant impact on occurrence rates. Similarly the high percentage of crimes where the victim and perpetrator are known to one another provide a barrier to ongoing witness engagement.

This quarter particularly, has seen a significant number of Serious Assaults which were in fact reported by 3rd parties, in circumstances where the victims, despite suffering serious injuries, did not want to engage with the Police investigation at all. This reluctance to offer a statement of complaint challenges potential prosecutions, but is mitigated by efforts to inject broader support services and work with victims to build confidence, sense of safety and trust in the investigative team.



Common Assault

Activity

Common Assault investigations are delivered by local uniform officers, with the support of Divisional detectives in respect of those cases which may be more complex, indicate that there are broader risks to the victim or local community, or have more protracted lines of enquiry.

The investigations are routinely directed by local Response and Community Sergeants, with Locality Inspectors providing a further layer of oversight.

Results

There have been 1, 706 Common Assaults recorded YTD, which is a reduction of 3% when compared to LYTD figures.

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Of the 1,706 crimes recorded 227 of those crimes relate to Assaults of Emergency Workers. This is a welcome reduction of 14.3%.

The progress in this area is linked to Police Scotland's national 'Your Safety Matters' campaign which has supported significant local activity around officer safety training, our approach to prisoner control in the custody setting and the provision of broader supports and assistance to those officers who have been repeat victims of Assault during operational deployments.

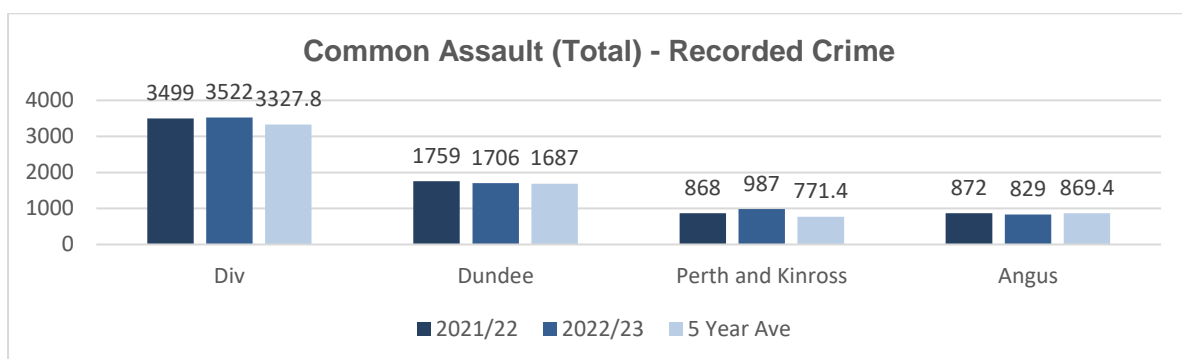
In Q3, around 28% of all Common Assaults recorded related to Domestic Violence, with alcohol and drugs being a consistent factor on both the part of offenders and victims. There are a high number of crimes committed where the perpetrator and victim were known to each other prior to the commission of the crime. Of the 1,706 crimes recorded YTD, 511 of those crimes occurred within Q3, in comparison 561 in Q2 and 634 in Q1, demonstrating reducing occurrence rates through-out the performance year after a challenging start.

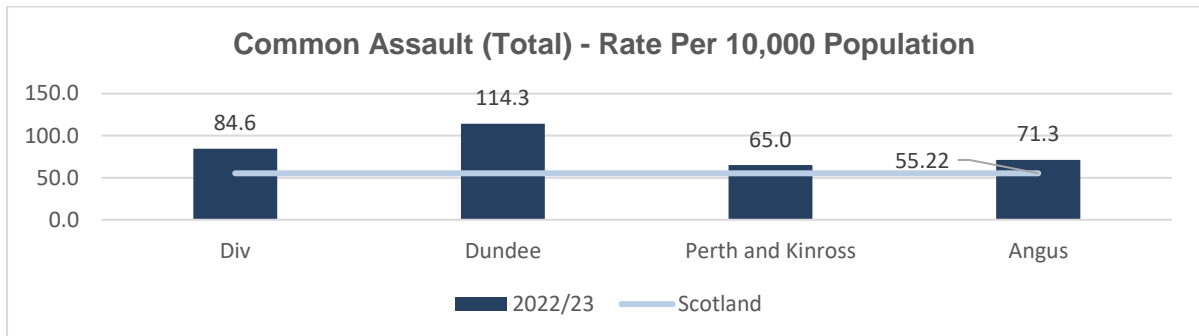
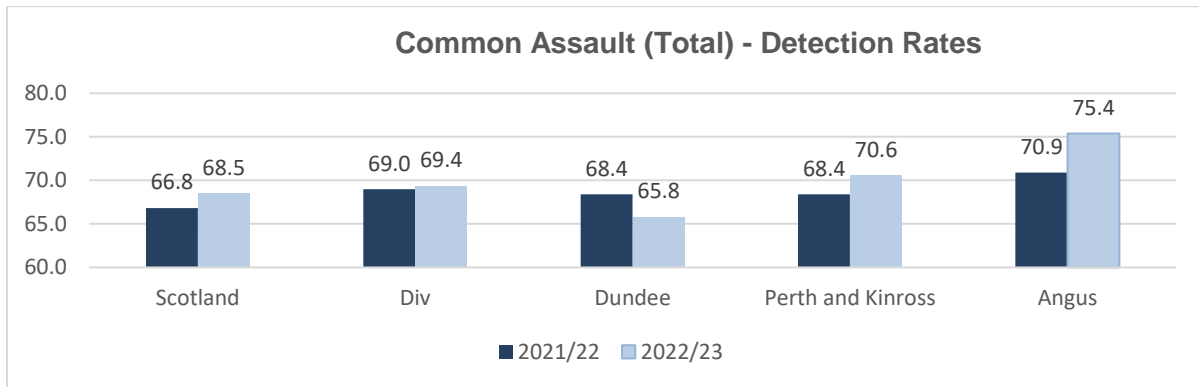
The detection rates relevant to Common Assault are currently 65.8%, which is a reduction of 2.7% in comparison to LYTD. There remain substantive numbers of crimes under active investigation.

Challenges

As Common Assaults are predominantly investigated by front line uniform officers, the speed in which enquiries can be concluded is influenced by the significant numbers of competing demands which those officers face. As such, we continue to look for opportunities to speed up our investigations, to ensure investigative opportunities are not missed and public confidence and reassurance is maintained.

Those crimes linked to domestic offending are discussed and tasked daily, to ensure that any outstanding perpetrators for Domestic offences are prioritised and early enforcement action taken in support of broader safety planning arrangements.





Robbery

This section includes crimes of Robbery, Assault and Robbery, and Assaults with intent to Rob. Any threat or inference of violence of any kind is sufficient for incidents to be recorded.

Activity

The response to Robberies remains a Divisional priority and all activity is aligned to the Divisional Violence Action Plan and associated Robbery Toolkit, ensuring a high level of investigation and service to victims.

The Dundee LPA Detective Inspector maintains oversight of all Robberies and ensures a CID input from time of initial report. The vast majority of Robberies continue to be exclusively investigated by Detective officers.

All activity linked to Robberies continues to be overseen by the Divisional Violence Prevention Board, with any notable patterns of offending or emerging risks reviewed and resource allocated appropriately.

Results

There have been 119 Robberies committed YTD, in comparison to 116 LYTD. Q3 has seen the highest occurrence rates of each quarter, with 53 crimes reported in Q3, compared to 25 crimes in Q2 and 41 crimes in Q1. The patterns of offending and primary factors driving these crimes have remained the same, with high numbers of crimes being reported where the victims and perpetrators are known to each, drugs use and supply a significant factor, along with a number of Robberies linked to domestic offending where perpetrators have stolen items such as mobile telephones, to prevent victims seeking to contact the emergency services.

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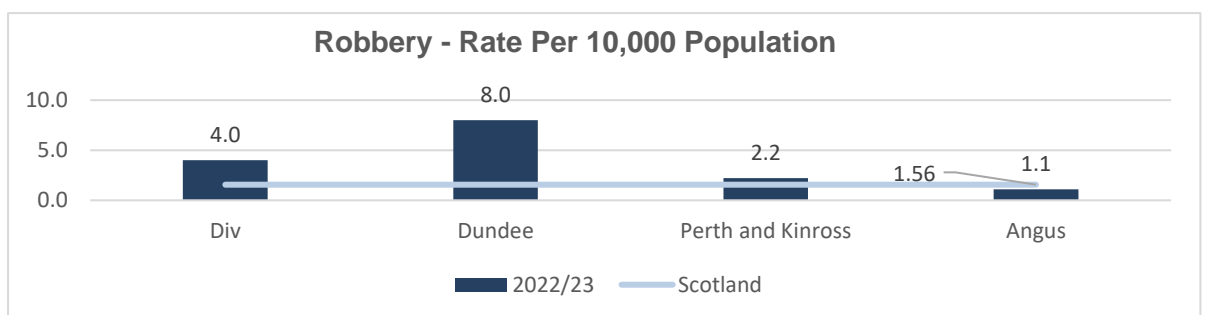
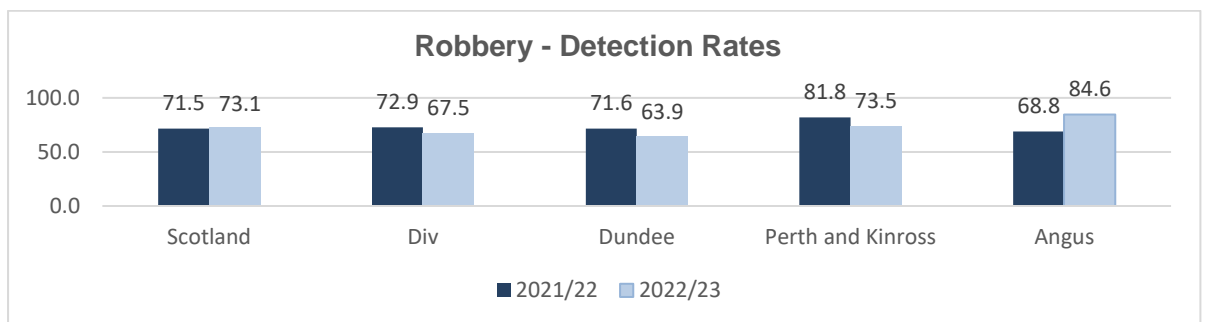
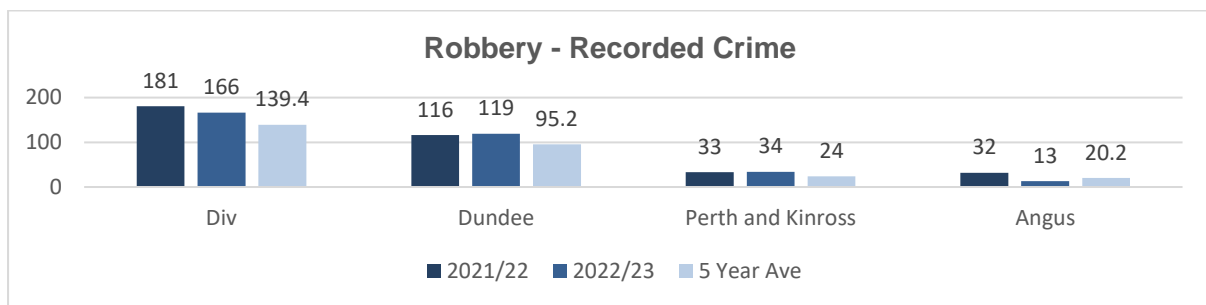
Of the Robberies committed during Q3 around 33% occurred in Private dwellings, with 20% involving a weapon.

The Stobswell area of the city was particularly heavily affected by this crime type in Q3, with the Locality Inspector and his Community Policing Team active in delivering a suppression plan in response to the increased occurrence rates in that area.

The Robbery detection rate at the end of Q3 was 64%, which demonstrates a reduction of 7.7% in comparison to LYTD figures. There remain a significant number of crimes under active investigation, which on conclusion will positively impact upon this figure.

Challenges

In many cases, a review of the crime reports shows that in most cases the victim and suspect/accused were known to each other prior to the robbery. Often they are previous friends or acquaintances who are part of the same community. As per previous reporting periods this can provide challenges around hostile witnesses and on engaging victims.

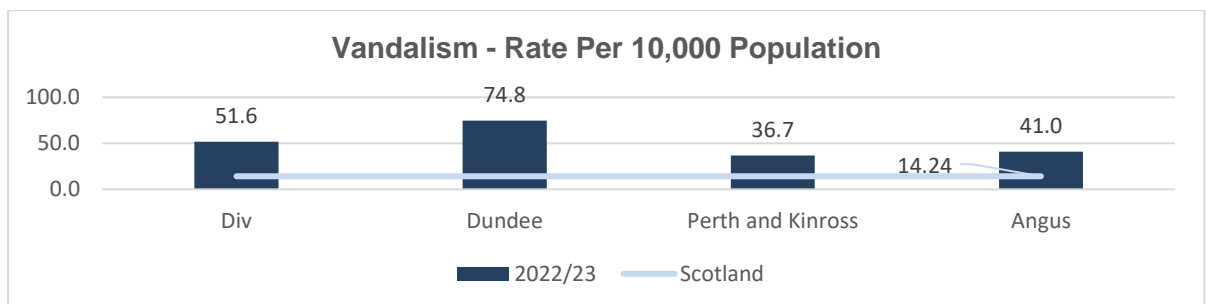
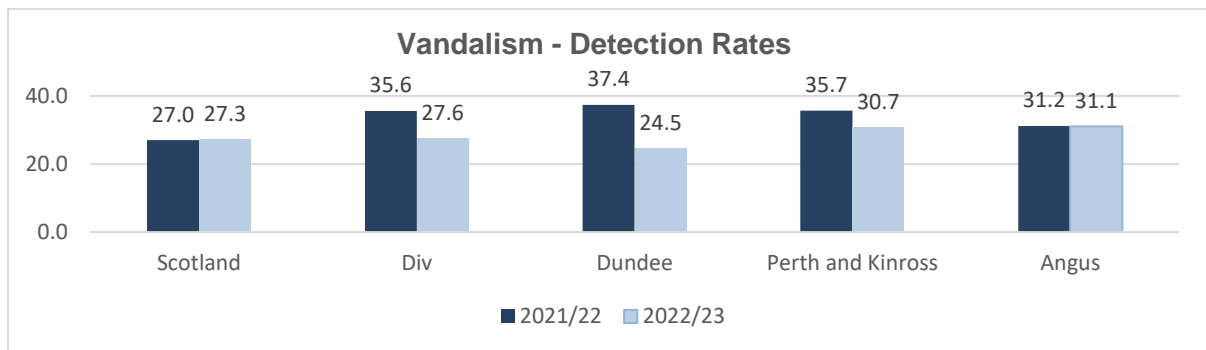
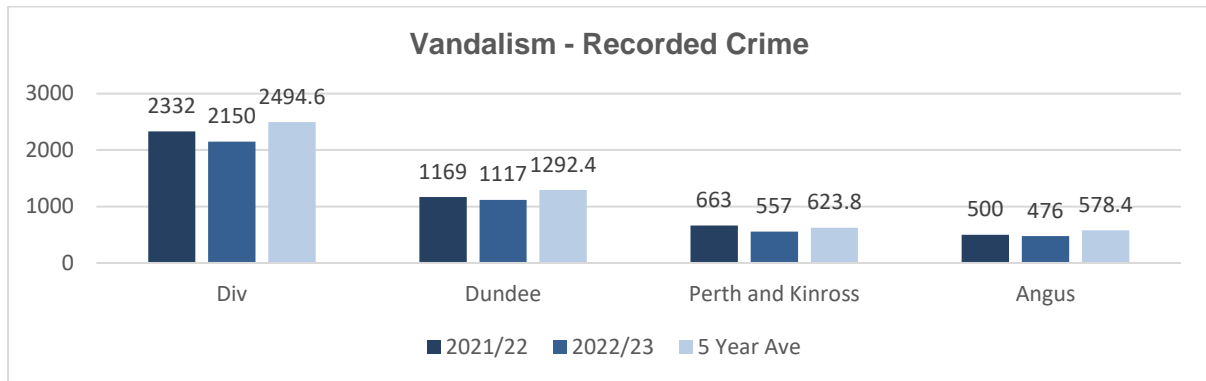


Vandalism

Activity

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 1117 recorded Vandalisms YTD. This is a reduction of 5% on LYTD figures and remains below the 5 years average. The current detection rate is 24.5%.



Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

There have been a total of 2,081 reported instances of ASB YTD, in comparison to 2,611 LYTD. This constitutes a reduction of 20% in terms of occurrence rates. The below tables breaks the ASB statistics down by incident type, demonstrating that the only incidents which are reversing the reducing trend relate to Communications and Damage.

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Dundee ASB Incidents 01/04 to 31/12				
Incident Type	21/22	22/23	Change	%Change
Public Nuisance	2611	2081	-530	-20.3%
Disturbance	2402	2225	-177	-7.4%
Noise	2003	1594	-409	-20.4%
Drinking in Public	4	0	-4	-100.0%
Communications	624	681	57	9.1%
Neighbour Dispute	860	678	-182	-21.2%
Damage	897	981	84	9.4%
Total	9401	8240	-1161	-12.3%

The following table focusses on Q3 specifically, also providing a comparison with Q2.

Dundee ASB Incidents 2022/23				
Incident Type	Q2	Q3	Change	%Change
Public Nuisance	728	708	-20	-2.7%
Disturbance	775	733	-42	-5.4%
Noise	536	550	14	2.6%
Drinking in Public	2	0	-2	-100.0%
Communications	215	210	-5	-2.3%
Neighbour Dispute	278	169	-109	-39.2%
Damage	321	323	2	0.6%
Total	2855	2693	-162	-5.7%

Despite this positive picture, Q3 saw high profile instances of ASB, predominantly linked to youths, which captured national headlines. The nature of these instances and the policing response is described in the following paragraphs.

Kirkton Disorder – 31/10/2022

The disorder seen in Kirkton over the evening of 31/10/2022 has been broadly reported on. Following the night's events a substantive policing response has been delivered, focussing on the investigation and identification of offenders, alongside public reassurance measures to re-build the local communities sense of safety.

Police Scotland has been working closely with key strategic partners, including Social Work, Education, SFRS, Trading Standards and the local authority Anti-Social Behaviour Team delivering a range of activity in the Kirkton area.

This activity has included extensive engagement visits at all local schools, high visibility patrols, liaison and collaboration with local retail outlets and engagement with wider 3rd sector supports to review the range of diversionary activities currently available. All members of the public who reported concerns on the night were visited at an early stage and the proactive assistance of community members has been critical in driving our collective response.

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Police Scotland has played a wider part in key strategic discussions in respect of how the partnership are seeking to tackle Youth ASB and a variety of work streams are currently ongoing, driven locally via the LCPP.

Operation Argonite officers along with the assistance of local Community Policing Teams and Reactive CID were primarily dedicated to the Kirkton disorder in the Strathmartine ward during this reporting period. This was a particularly complex, challenging and protracted enquiry which created considerable unease within the community. A significant allocation of police resources remains dedicated to this investigation, which has produced positive results whilst enquiries are still ongoing.

34 individuals have been identified as being involved in the disorder. The ages of these persons range from 12 to 52 years of age with 22 of the identified persons being over the age of 16. Identification has been challenging due to the perpetrators largely having taken steps to conceal their identities, destroying local CCTV cameras. Approximately 40 civilian witnesses have provided statements to the police regarding the disorder.

A number of police officers reported sustained and repeated assaults being perpetrated against them with serious injury being avoided only due to the effectiveness of equipment and training. Assaults appear to have largely been perpetrated using improvised weapons such as bricks, paving slabs, stones, glass, fireworks, metal bars and even petrol bombs.

The total known cost of damage currently stands at £28,288. However, this does not include repairs to the roadways which, due to the heat of the fires built on them melted the tarmac, the total cost of all domestic bins and street furnishings damaged or stolen, or the cost to emergency services of attending. The policing response included more than 60 police officers being recalled to duty and a police helicopter being deployed.

A report fully detailing the circumstances has been submitted to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service for their consideration.

Within this quarter, the Downfield Community Policing Team has delivered further joint working along with a number of partner agencies in both the Coldside and Strathmartine wards.

Monthly meetings with Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team at Downfield Police office promoted valuable information sharing and ensured ongoing and new issues within both wards were highlighted and discussed. These allow persons causing annoyance and problematic addresses to be targeted by joint visits with ASBO warnings issued.

Further engagement with housing associations managing properties in the wards were under taken, with numerous joint visits conducted to deal with problematic tenants.

Community policing Teams have been represented at numerous community meetings within both wards to ensuring visibility, engagement and reassurance.

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Lochee

The Lochee Community Policing Team continue to actively tackle ASB associated with Lochee High Street where persistent and well directed patrols have seen a reduction in complaints from residents in the local area. During the month of November, 2022 Community Officers delivered a series of inputs to sheltered housing complexes in the West End ward, in conjunction with DCC Housing and local councillors to discuss ASB concerns, crime prevention, home security and other relevant topics.

Broughty Ferry

Longhaugh Community Policing Team carried out high visibility patrols and a joint initiative letter drop with Scottish Fire and Rescue in relation to wilful fire raisings in Gillies Park and surrounding areas, including Ceres Crescent. Contact was made with local Councillors and regular meetings were held with the ASB Team in relation to the issues. The mobile CCTV van was utilised as a preventative measure and the area added to the Directed Policing Plan for foot patrols.

Officers also attended the Broughty Ferry LCPP and carried out festive / operation after dark patrols.

North East

The Longhaugh Community Policing Team regularly attended the community drop at The Crescent and the Angus Housing tea time project.

School visits and inputs were carried out at Longhaugh and Ballumbie Primary Schools during the quarter. A joint talk with SFRS was carried out at St Francis Primary School, with a youth engagement session held in conjunction with the Head Teacher at Braeview Academy.

The Longhaugh Community Policing Team also participated in the Safer School Streets launch at the North East Campus.

East End

The Longhaugh Community Policing Team carried out a number of school visits through-out the quarter, including a specific focus on internet and mobile telephone scams.

A meeting with Craigie HS head teacher was arranged in relation to ongoing bullying issues within the school and dealt an incident whereby a pupil had a knife in Craigie HS.

Operation 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, 15 persons have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for offences relating to the misuse and theft of such vehicles.

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The Community Policing Team's success has been picked up by neighbouring Divisions, with colleagues from Aberdeen seeking to learn from the local use of Selecta DNA spray to tackle Youth ASB and vehicle crime within their area.

Operation Argonite

In addition to supporting enquiries in Downfield, the team investigated crimes of violence by targeting prolific offenders and protecting those most vulnerable in our communities. Within Q3, they carried out high visibility reassurance patrols and leaflet drops in areas of concern.

During this period Operation Argonite arrested 12 individuals on apprehension warrants in relation to violent offences, whilst engaged on these patrols.

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

The team investigated an incident in The Ferry ward whereby a male was seriously assaulted within a public house. Three males were arrested in relation to this offence and were released on bail with special conditions not to enter Broughty Ferry.

Stop Search

Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic deployed when necessary for the prevention, investigation and detection of crime. The overall objective is to maintain public safety and improve community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion of their personal liberty and privacy. It is carefully handled by Police and must be carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

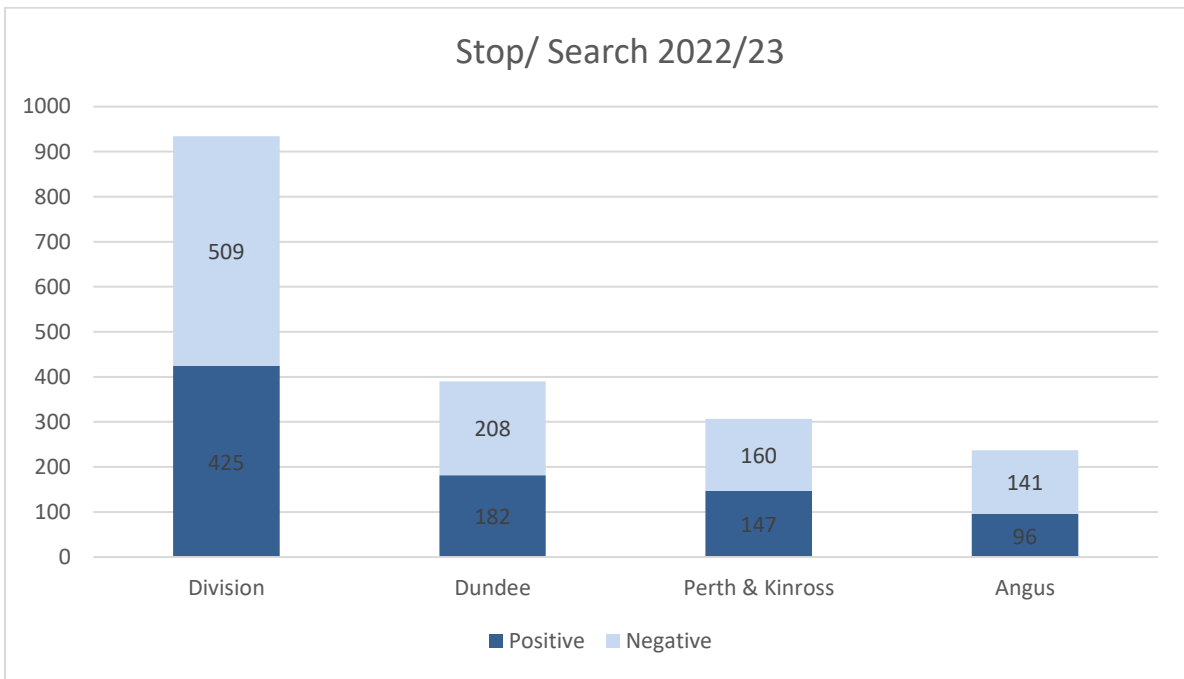
Officers explain why they have stopped an individual before any search, and explain what they are looking for. After the search officers provide the individual with a receipt, which documents information about their rights and how they can access a copy of their stop and search record.

In the reporting period 107 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 53 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 49.5%.

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.

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Ethnicity Breakdown Q3 2022/23 (Oct - Dec)			
White Scottish	Negative	Positive	Total
White Scottish	50	44	94
White British	2	1	3
Any Mixed Ethnic group	0	2	2
Indian, Indian Scottish, Indian British	1	1	2
White Other	0	1	1
White English	0	1	1
Black, Black Scottish, Black British	0	1	1
White Polish	1	0	1
African, African Scottish, African British	0	1	1
Not Provided / Unknown	0	1	1
Total	54	53	107





**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*

Housebreaking (Domestic Dwelling)

Activity

The figures for Housebreaking includes all attempted housebreaking and instances of housebreaking with intent to steal (i.e. where the security of the property has been overcome but no property stolen). This analysis considers break-ins and attempts to dwellings only – it therefore excludes sheds and other out-buildings.

We continue to share security and prevention advice within our community and work closely with partners to prevent such crimes occurring.

The Community Investigation Unit (CIU) continue to have the remit for investigating significant acquisitive crime in the LPA and they now fall under the line management of a Detective Inspector and Detective Sergeant, which has clear benefits in terms of the investigative experience and guidance this brings.

There have been a number of acquisitive crime series which span the Division and the CIU's from each of the 3 LPA's have combined to form a highly effective investigatory team, working towards apprehending common perpetrators.

A monthly Divisional Acquisitive Crime meeting is held allowing internal stakeholders to discuss joined up investigative strategies and preventative opportunities.

To combat travelling criminals the Division links in with counterparts in Fife and Central Scotland to share information on overnight crime, intelligence and stolen vehicles or property, providing a collaborative investigative approach.

During the reporting period the CIU investigated several high value break-ins to domestic dwelling-houses in the Downfield and St Marys areas of the city. This resulted in 4 males being apprehended and facing court proceedings. Those responsible for commercial housebreakings, which can provide enhanced investigative opportunities around CCTV evidence.

In October, a Theft HB occurred at a construction site in the Murraygate. 2 males were subsequently identified as responsible, search warrants of their home addresses were carried out and property recovered. The males appeared at Dundee Sheriff Court from custody.

During the quarter, New Craigie Industrial Estate was targeted on separate occasions, with a number of commercial premises subject to crimes. All crimes were detected to 2 perpetrators, who were arrested and have subsequently appeared at court.

In November, a local Golf Course was subject to a high value Theft HB and other associated acquisitive crime offences. The total value of stolen property amounted to £50,000 of equipment. Investigation was carried out in relation to these matters and a male was identified as being responsible. A Stolen property search warrant was executed and the male responsible was arrested and appeared at court in relation to numerous charges.

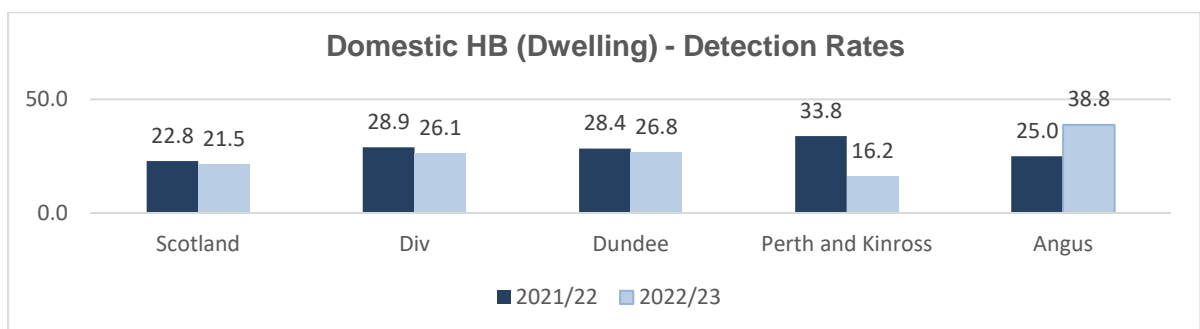
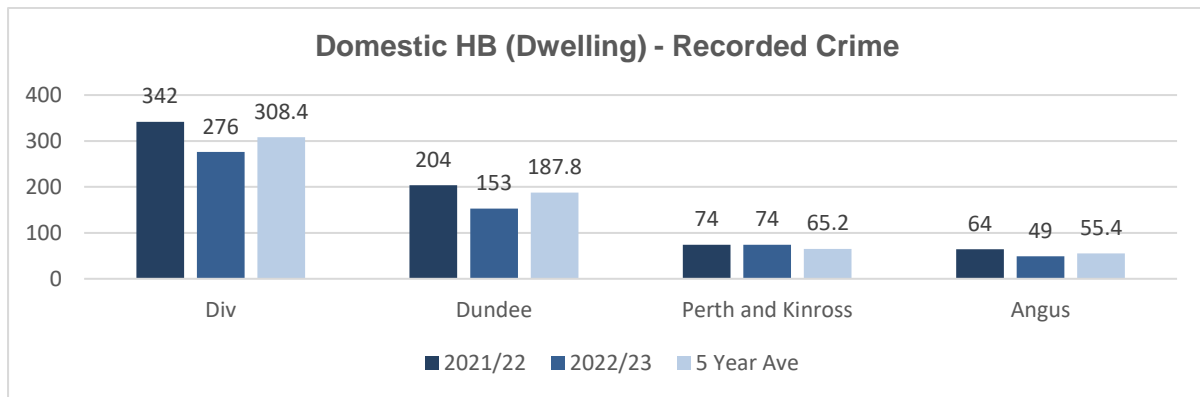
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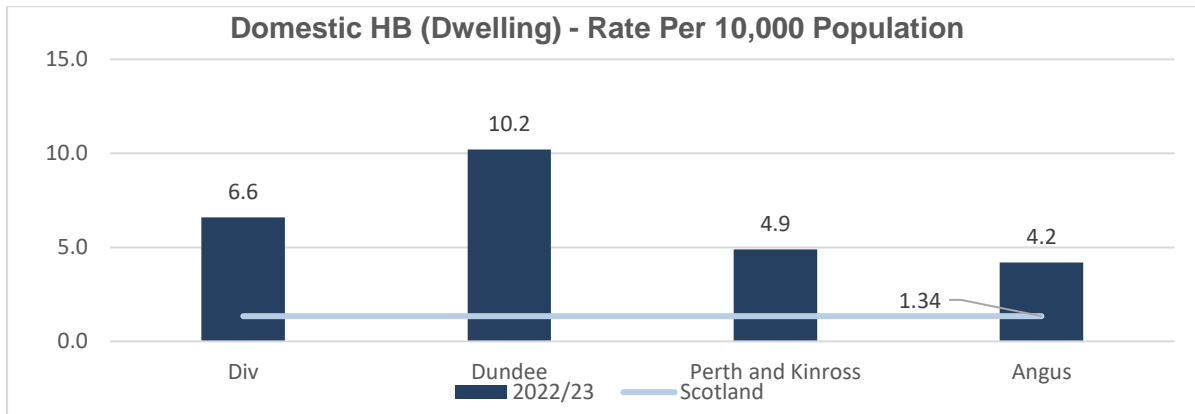
There have been 153 Domestic HB's YTD, which is a reduction of 25% on LYTD figures. Q3 saw the commission of 52 crimes, compared to 54 crimes in Q1 and 47 crimes in Q2. We have continued to see these crimes occur in spates, with the same offenders committing prolific numbers of crimes until detected and arrested.

The detection rate at the end of Q3 was 26.8%, which is a slight reduction when compared to LYTD figures. There remain a number of crimes under active investigation, however the detection rate is already in excess of the national average.

Challenges

It remains the case that significant numbers of Acquisitive crimes, including Theft HB, are perpetrated by a relatively small number of offenders. These offenders are often subject to bail or other preventative orders, but their levels of motivation result in those orders having limited effect on repeat offending practices.





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. Many of these crime are perpetrated by individuals from out with 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 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.

Detecting frauds carries significant challenges and involve protracted enquiries involving multiple agencies and institutions. As per previous reporting periods the complexities of online crime continue to provide challenges with many of the software applications used located out with the UK adding additional time delays and barriers to obtaining information.

Likewise, many of the perpetrators of these crimes are located out with the UK providing an additional barrier to their identification and opportunities to bring to justice.

Our response to Fraud remains consistent with the previous work of the Fraud Working Group continuing to focus on prevention and support to victims and we continue to link in with partners ensuring collaboration round consistent messaging.

Cheque, Bank Card and Online Bank Accounts - Almost half of all frauds in Dundee (48%) are attributed to stolen bank/credit cards being used to make fraudulent transactions and/or transfer monies between bank accounts.

Cybercrime - Almost a fifth of all crimes in Dundee (19%) are considered to be Cybercrime frauds, involving a range of MOs, such as receiving fraudulent emails or calls – including calls where suspect claimed to represent the complainer's bank or other institution, frauds related to fraudulent investment schemes, crimes related to buying and selling of goods and services on online market places, 'employers' who 'recruit' victims who are instructed to transfer cryptocurrency into money wallets with the promise of enhanced payments, which do not materialise and 'Landlords' advertising property for rent, demanding deposit prior to viewing with no viewing ever taking place.

Other/ and Taxi Frauds – together account for almost a quarter of crimes in Dundee (22%). Taxi Frauds are related to the non-payment of a fare, whilst Other Frauds involve a range of MOs from setting up bank accounts using false identity, misappropriation of funds from employer and upfront payments to tradesmen for substandard work/lack of work.

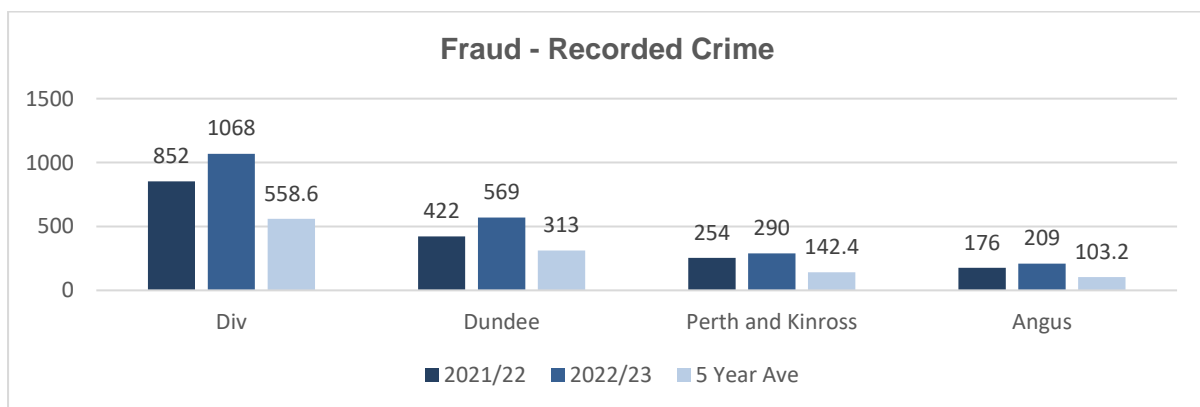
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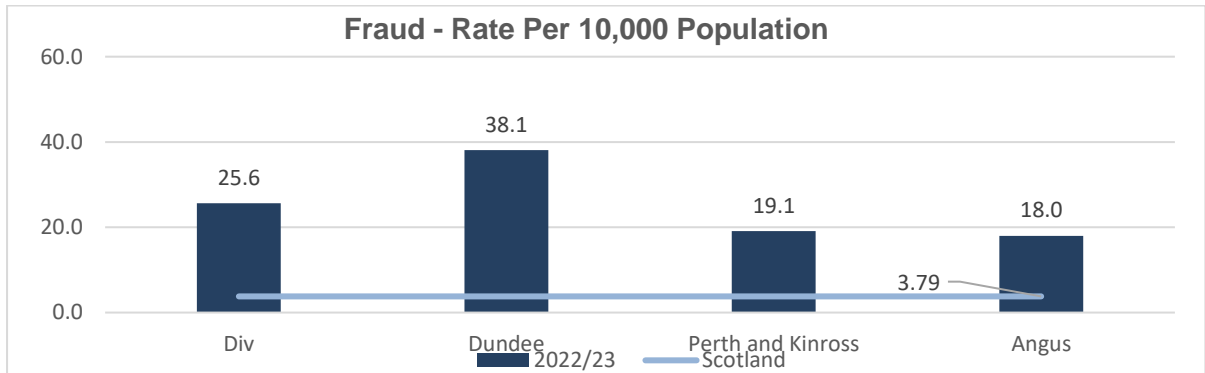
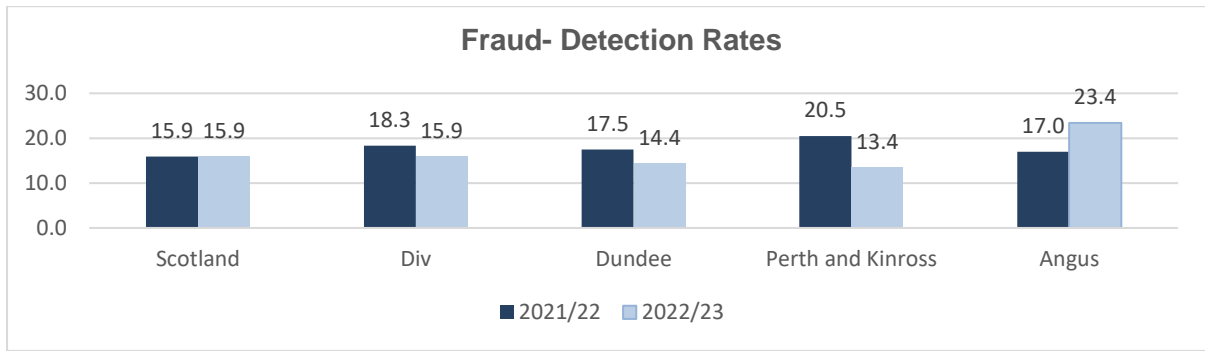
A total of 569 Frauds have been recorded YTD, with 185 recorded during Q3. This continues a year on year trend and constitutes a 26% increase on LYTD figures.

The detection rate at the end of Q3 was 14.4%, which compares to 17.5% LYTD and is slightly below the national average.

Challenges

As detailed in the above sections, the greatest barriers to tackling instances of fraud relate to the Cyber enabled aspects of this offence type and the fact that many crimes are instigated from out with Scotland.





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.

Results

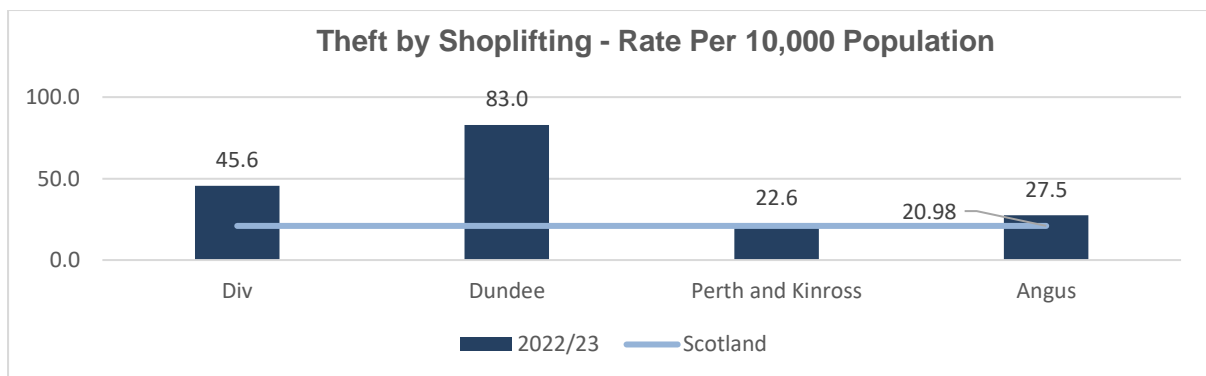
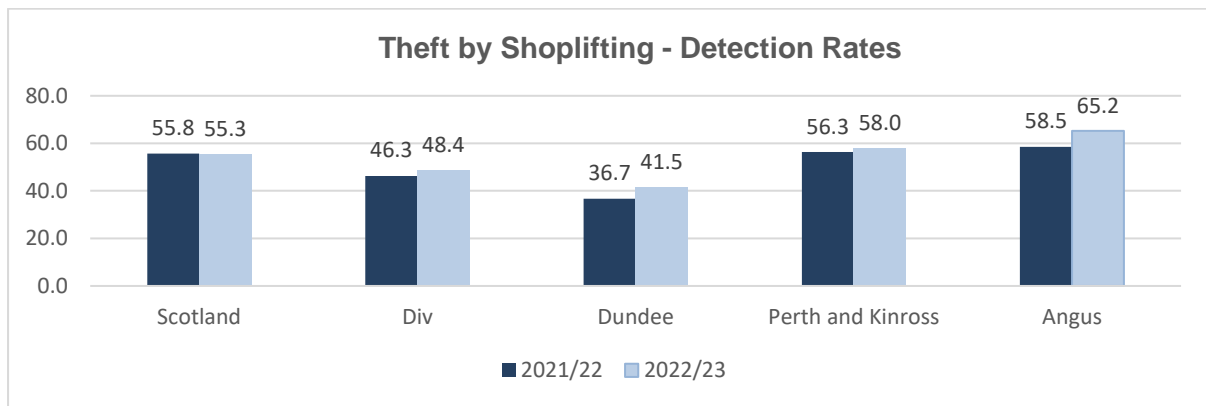
There have been 1,239 Theft by Shoplifting crimes reported YTD, in comparison to 695 crimes LYTD. In Q3 422 crimes were reported, in comparison to 449 crimes in Q1 and 384 crimes in Q2.

In respect of those crimes reported in Q3, 10 retail premises account for 43.6% of the total reported, these being large retailers mostly within retail parks situated across the city.

The detection rate at the end of Q3 was 41.5%, which is 4.8% increase on LYTD figures.

Challenges

The cost of living crisis and specifically inflationary pressure on food costs continues to drive higher rates of Theft by Shoplifting offences.



Motor Vehicle Crime

Activity

The Dundee LPA Detective Inspector, CID continues to have oversight of motor vehicle crime in the city, particularly focussing on those sustained crime sprees which are most damaging to public confidence and most impactful on local communities.

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Along with the Community Investigation Unit, this provides both supervision and investigative resource in order to investigate offences and detect offenders.

The local activity linked to motor vehicle crime is a focus of the Divisional Acquisitive Crime Meeting.

There continues to be two clear issues within the city relating to motor vehicle crime. Firstly, opportunistic offending where vehicles have been left either insecure or with high value desirable property items on open display. There continues to be extensive media messaging released in respect of this issue to educate local community members in an attempt to reduce opportunities. This is supported by routine leaflet drops in those areas most heavily affected.

Secondly, there are elements of more sophisticated offending where vehicles are stolen as part of targeted Commercial HBs. These crimes are subsumed into the broader Theft HB investigations to ensure all relevant lines of enquiry are thoroughly investigated, maximising the opportunities to infiltrate groups of offenders, detect crimes and bring crime series to an end.

In December a car crime series was investigated where over the course of 3 days, several vehicles were stolen, whilst others were entered and property stolen from within. These crimes predominantly occurred within the Broughty Ferry area, but also impacted on other areas of the city. All cars stolen were recovered and whilst enquiries are still ongoing, one male has so far been identified and arrested as part of the group responsible for these crimes. He appeared at Court in relation to 15 charges of acquisitive related crime. Further enquiry remains ongoing to identify others involved in the series.

Results

There have been 637 crimes reported YTD, in comparison to 487 crimes LYTD which demonstrates an increase of 31%.

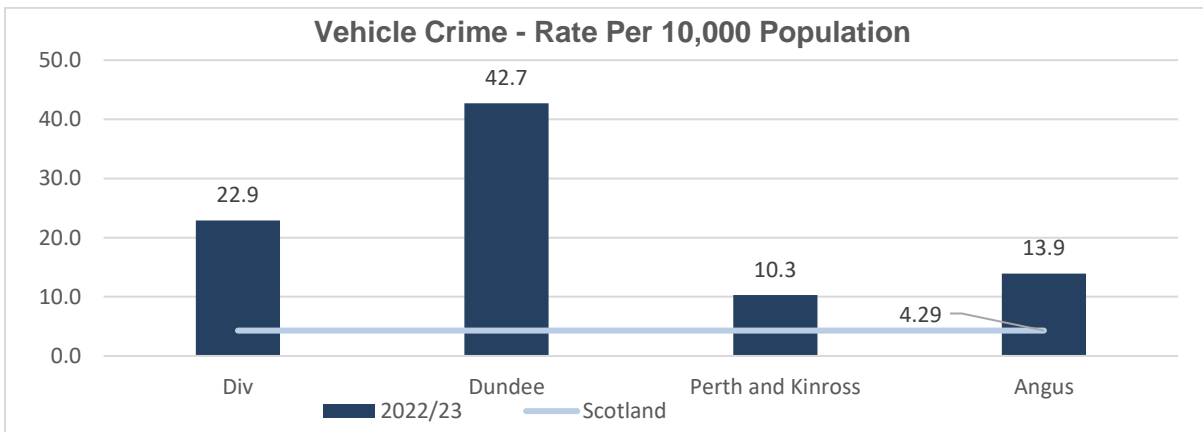
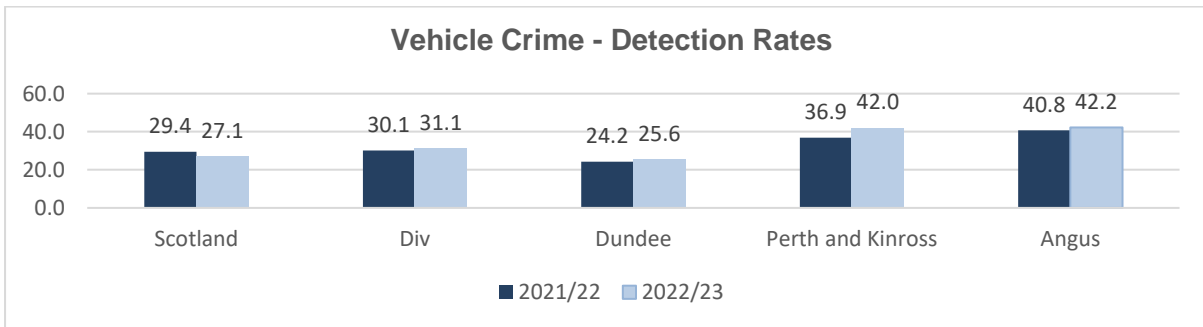
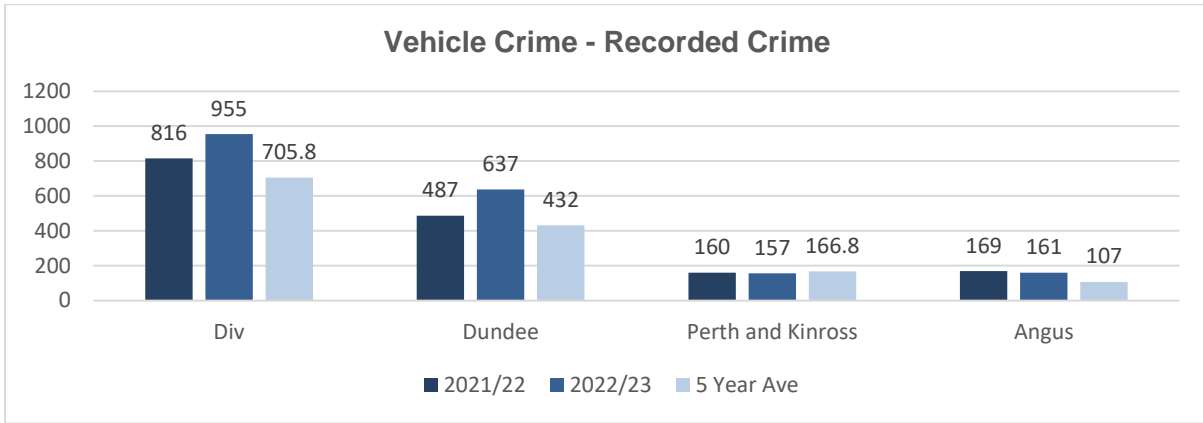
Despite continuing high levels of offending in this crime type, occurrence rates have been tending in a more positive direction as the performance year has continued. In Q1, 271 motor vehicle crimes were recorded, in Q2 193 crimes were recorded and in Q3 174 crimes were recorded. Q3 is the first quarter where occurrence rates have been lower than the comparative quarters in the last performance year.

There is no doubt that occurrence rates have been impacted by the same pressures as other areas of acquisitive crime, with the cost of living crisis and pressure on individuals financial means driving increased rates of offending.

At the end of Q3 the overall detection rate for Motor Vehicle crime was 25.6%, which is 1% higher than LYTD figures.

Challenges

As with other acquisitive crime types, repeat offending by small number of offenders remains problematic, with community based disposals or lengthy delays in offenders reaching the point of trial limiting the Police's ability to end crime sprees effectively.





**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*

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.

However, while the individual road safety plans produced by each local authority will primarily reflect local needs, they will also have strong linkages with the CEDAR strategy and work in tandem towards the achievement of the overarching outcome and its longer term vision. Importantly, the strategy is not intended as a replacement for such plans.

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Statistical evidence shows that road casualty trends can vary quite significantly, sometimes for no apparent reason. A road user group who are shown to be particularly vulnerable during the course of several years, with involvement in increased levels of collisions, can move to a more favourable position over a relatively short time period.

While this may be because of concerted preventative activity, it can also occur for reasons which are less clear. Partners need to remain alert to changing trends and be able to respond effectively to meet new challenges.

Dundee LPA have not suffered any fatalities YTD. Tragically, divisionally we have suffered 8 road traffic fatalities YTD, 7 of which have occurred in Perth and Kinross and 1 in Angus LPA.

Dundee LPA have had 29 persons seriously injured as a result of collisions YTD which is a 17.1% decrease in comparison to LYTD where we saw 35 person seriously injured.

Unfortunately, Dundee LPA have had an increase in serious road collisions involving children with 8 children suffering serious injury on the roads, in comparison to 5 children LYTD.

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.

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

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

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads;

A90 (Dundee LPA)

A923 (Dundee LPA)

A92 (Dundee LPA)

Year to date, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 14,371 motorists across the Tayside area.

During the period under review Road Policing officers took part in a number of National Campaigns, including Tyre Safety week, Fatal Five speeding operation, Motorcycle Safety campaign, Get ready for winter, Operation drive insured, BRAKE road safety week and the Festive drink/drug driving campaign.

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

71 mph exceed 40mph limit

59 mph exceed 30mph limit

69 mph exceed 40 mph limit

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

By effectively working with Partners, the aim is to create a safer Tayside by effectively working together to make the roads in Tayside safer for all users.

Safer roads

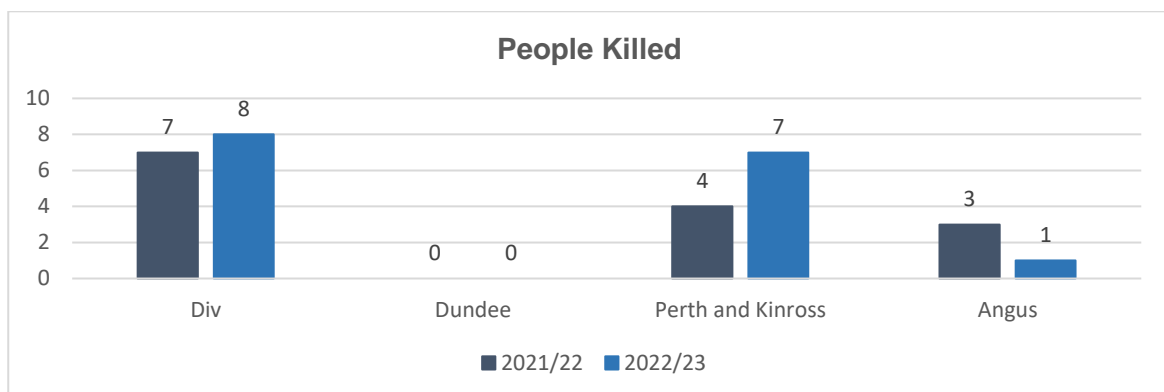
- Considering all road users and providing for the most vulnerable (elderly & young drivers, motorcyclists and pedestrians when maintaining or making changes to our road network. (2022 highlighted a significant number Scotland's fatalities involved foreign drivers).
- Understanding where accidents are happening in the region and seeking to address problems.
- Addressing speeding by reducing speed limits, detection, engineering and education.

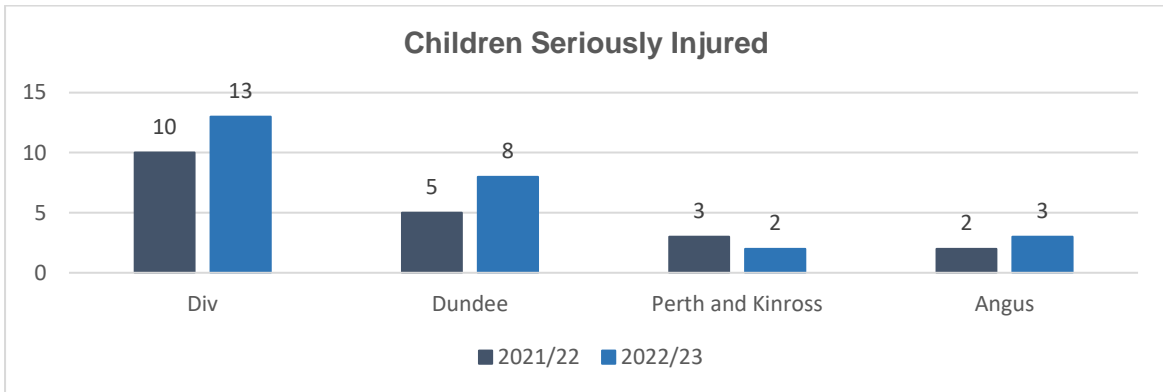
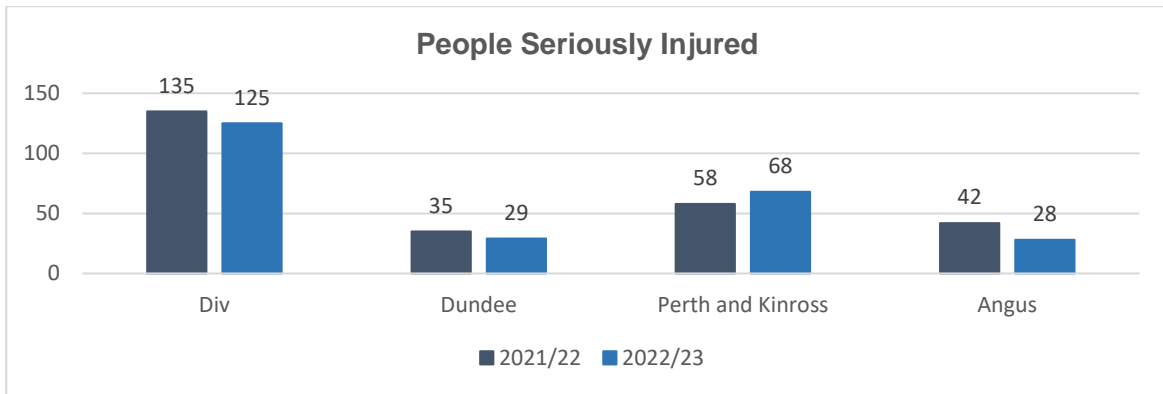
Safer people

- Providing education, training and campaigns on key road safety issues including walking, driver behaviour and motorcycle safety.
- Targeting the delivery of road safety information to the people and places where it is most needed.

Safer vehicles

- Making sure that the vehicles on our roads are safe and fit for purpose.
- Working with partners to tackle unsafe driving practices including speeding, not wearing seatbelts, driving under the influence of drink or drugs, using a mobile phone and driving without insurance.





Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Dundee have significantly decreased by 76%, this is significantly lower than the 5 year average.

This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes, but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

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

Divisionally Tayside as a whole have had a significant decrease with a total of 1338 offenders detected which equates to a 62.1% reduction compared to LYTD.

It is considered reasonable to assume that due to the price increase on fuel may be a correlating factor with a reduction of vehicles on Scotland's road network, however this is yet to be confirmed.

Activity

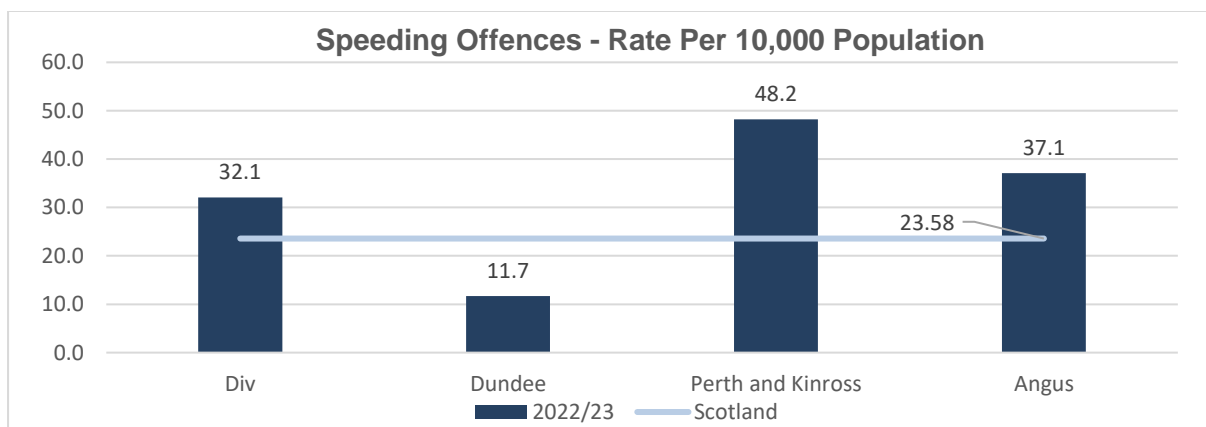
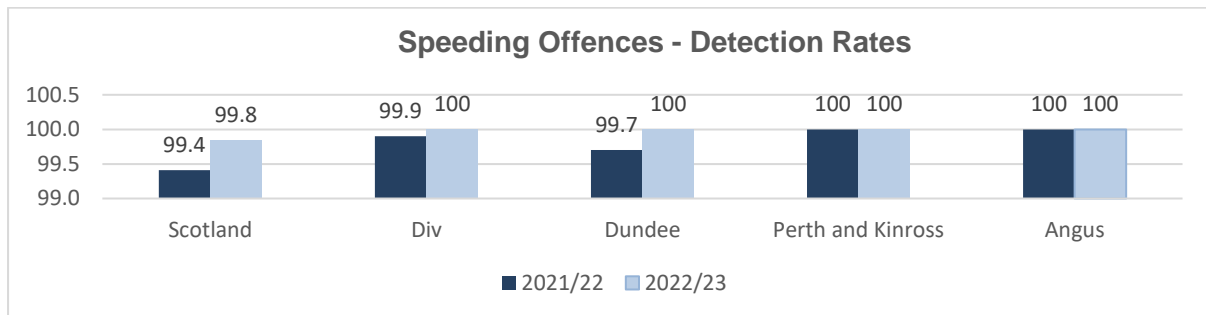
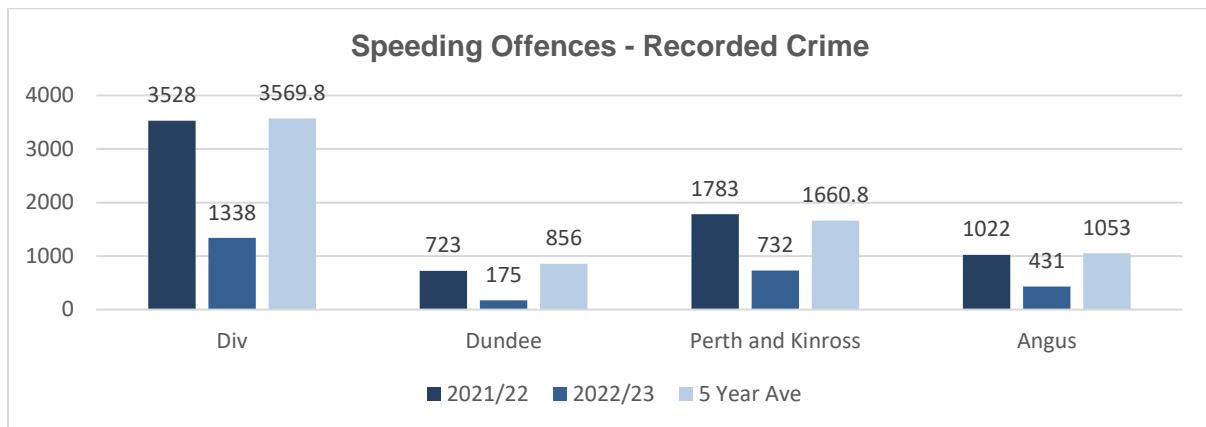
The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing Officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

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

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

Results

During the period under review 175 speeding offences were detected in Dundee, which is a significant decrease compared to the year previous, this figure also remains below the 5 year average.



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Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Dundee LPA have experienced a significant decrease of 39% compared to LYTD which is extremely positive. This is also significantly lower than the 5 year average.

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 317 Drink/drug drivers were detected for the period under review, this is a decrease of 34% compared to LYTD figures.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have conducted 1,859 breath tests YTD, 84 of which have been positive. 189 drug wipes have been carried out YTD, 69 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. However during the period under review Road Policing officers took part in the festive national Drink/Drug Driving campaign which ran for the entirety of December coming to an end on the 2nd January 2023.

During the festive campaign 220 breath tests were conducted with 4 being positive.

16 drug wipes were carried out during the campaign with 8 returning a positive sample.

During December alone, Road Policing officers stopped 1,439 motorists within Tayside division.

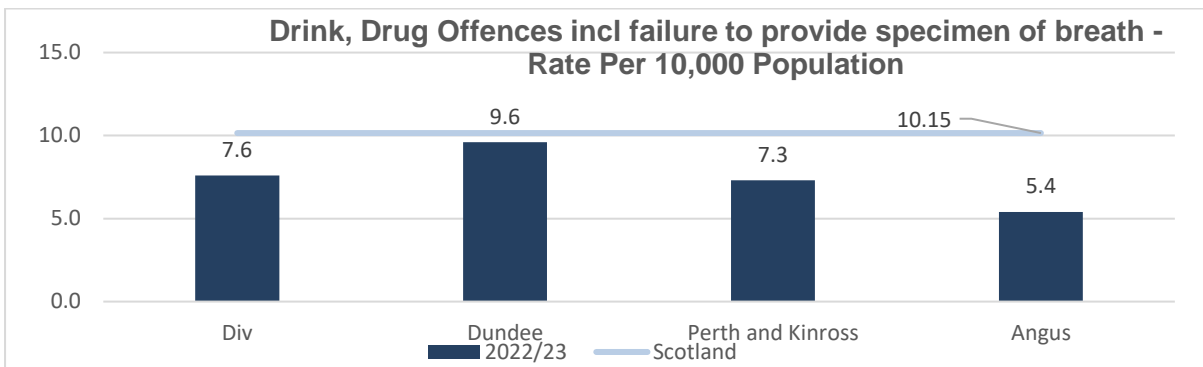
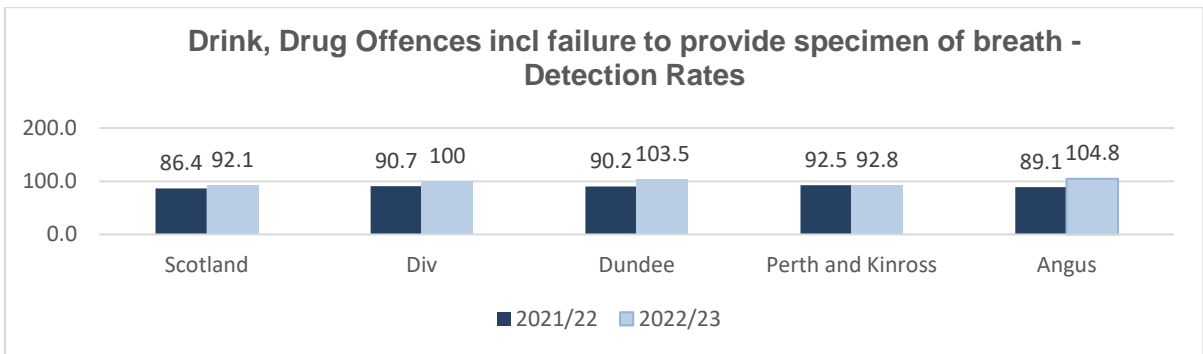
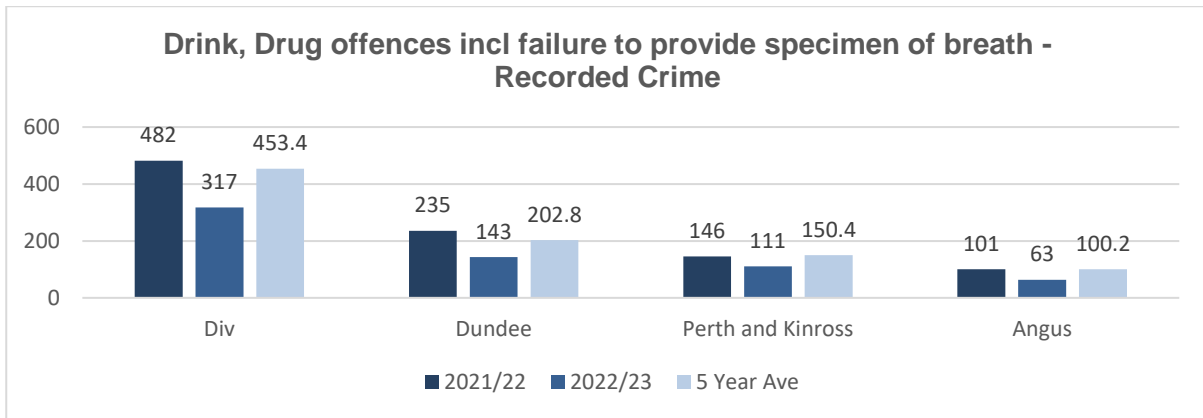
As we can see from the breakdown above, the drug wipe testing kit will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving with a considerable number of positive wipes throughout Tayside Division.

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

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

Results

During the period under review 143 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Dundee area. This is a significant decrease of 39% compared to the previous year.



Careless Driving

Dundee LPA has seen a significant 23.1% decrease in Careless driving offences YTD when compared to LYTD. This figure is significantly lower than the 5 year average.

Tayside Division also experienced a significant decrease with 355 offenders being detected which equates to a 27% when compared to LYTD.

Additionally, it is considered reasonable to assume that due to the price increase on fuel duty may be a correlating factor with a reduction of vehicles on Scotland's road network, however this is yet to be confirmed.

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

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

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

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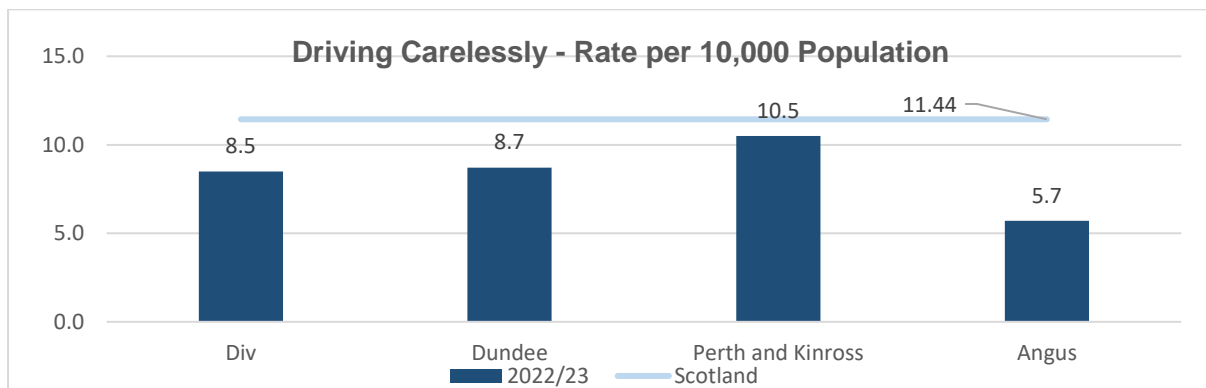
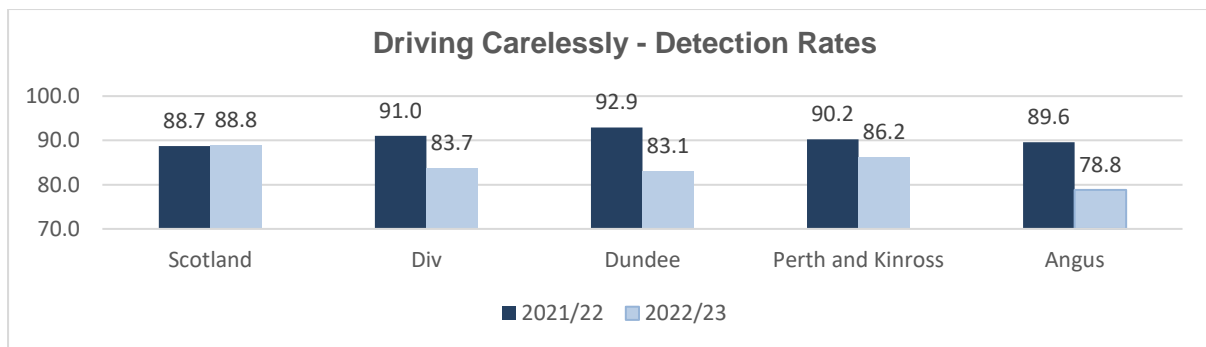
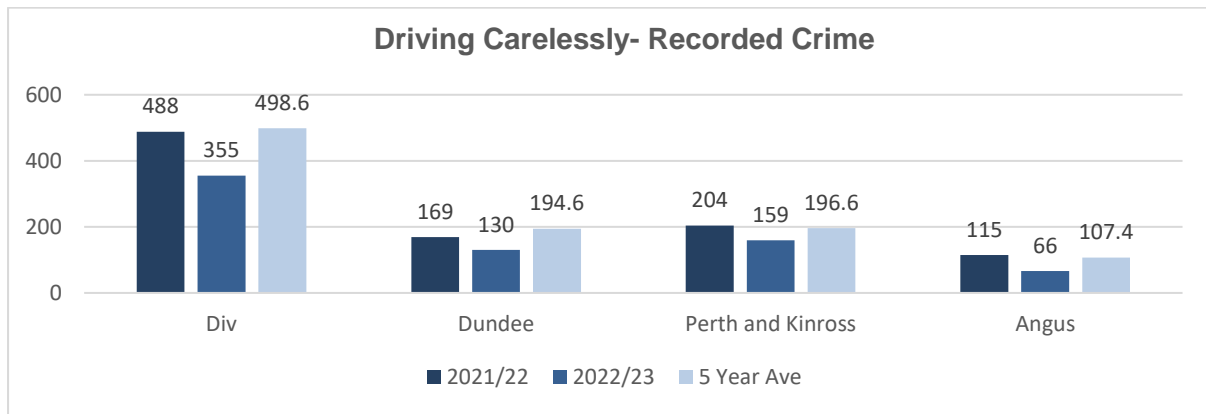
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

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

Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through the Dundee area.

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

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Domestic Abuse

Activity

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

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

Divisionally there has been an increase in the recording of DASA offences in Q3 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.

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 47 disclosures carried out under the scheme in Dundee during Q3.

Results

The current detection rate for DASA offences is lower than 2021/22 which is in keeping with the divisional and national picture, however 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.

MATAC

The management of MATAC is now well embedded in Division having moved back from SCD in Q2. Appointing a MATAC co-ordinator has ensured a smooth transition with no disruption to the operation of the process.

During the reporting period 6 males from Dundee were subject of active investigation by the Domestic Abuse Task Force having been referred via the MATAC process, with a number of other perpetrators subject of ongoing investigation by the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit.

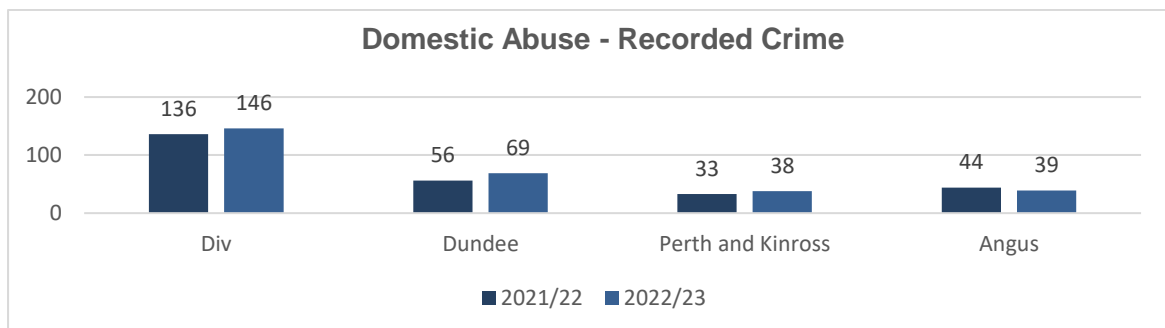
During Q3 one male was convicted at Edinburgh High Court of 8 charges against 4 previous partners with offences ranging from Beach of the Peace, Assault to Injury, DASA offences and Assault to Injury and Danger of Life. The offender received a 7 year custodial sentence.

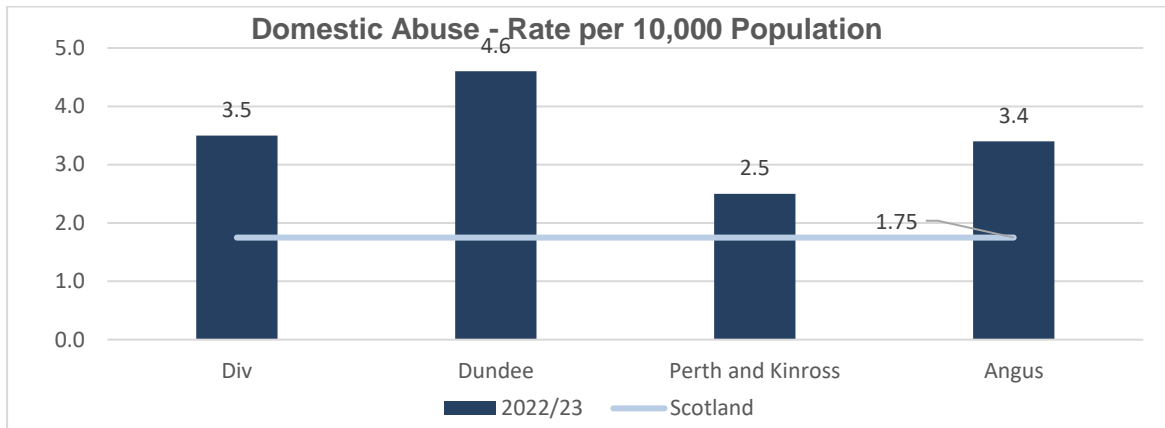
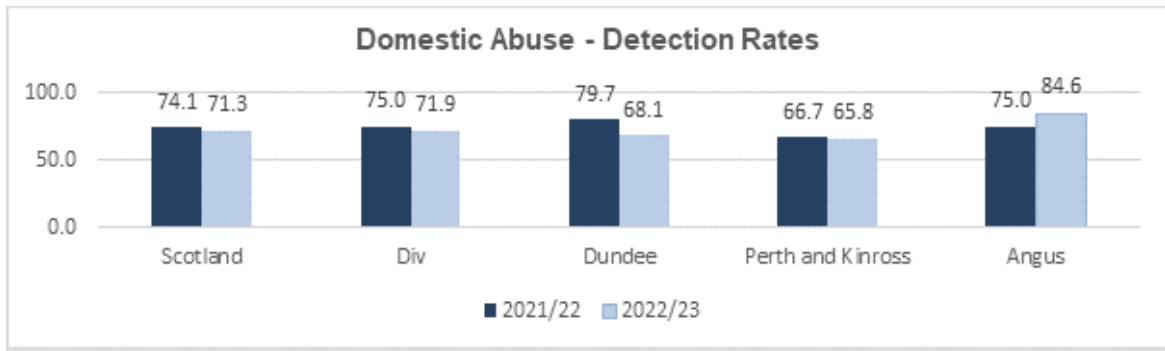
A second male who was convicted of domestic sexual offending against 2 partners, was sentenced to 9 years imprisonment.

Challenges

Dundee continues to experience high levels of Domestic Abuse incidents per 10,000 in comparison with Scotland as a whole.

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

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. Where appropriate, crime prevention and joint reassurance visits are carried out.

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.

Police attended LGBT development group to help break down perceived barriers, engage with the LGBTQ+ community and to raise awareness regarding Hate Crime reporting. We also pledged support to Hate Crime Awareness week UK to #SpreadLoveNotHate during October.

There was a focus on increasing usage of Tayside Divisions social media platforms Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to share #DontTolerateHate campaign and raise awareness of Hate Crime, the importance of reporting and how victims will be supported and any crimes reported fully investigated.

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.

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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.

A Tayside Partnerships officer continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting online. This meeting was started as a result of the HMICS Hate Crime Review which commenced in 2020 and in 2021 HMICS provided a list of 15 recommendations for improvement. Inputs from attendees from all Police Divisions on how each legacy area deals with Hate Crime have been fed back into the Strategic Group. Further recommendations from the Strategic Group will be published in due course.

Results

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

During Q3, the vast majority of Hate Crimes were linked to complainers being targeted with verbal abuse (80%), with approximately 11% being linked to violence and the remainder being linked to online crimes of threats or abuse.

The majority of crimes occurred in private dwelling spaces (40%), with public open spaces being the next most prevalent (28%). The remainder of offences were spread evenly across commercial premises, public utilities and educational establishments.

The abuse of Police Officers continues to account for around 10% of reported cases.

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

The level of recorded sexual crime in Dundee in Q3 is lower than LYTD figures, with 90 fewer crimes. This is a reduction of almost 20% on last year's figures and is 13% below the 5 year average.

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The level of recorded crime for Rape and Attempted Rape is also lower than 2021/2022, with 17 fewer crimes. This is a reduction of over 20% on LYTD and is 28% below the 5 year average.

As in previous reporting periods, many of these offences have occurred significantly out with 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.

Results

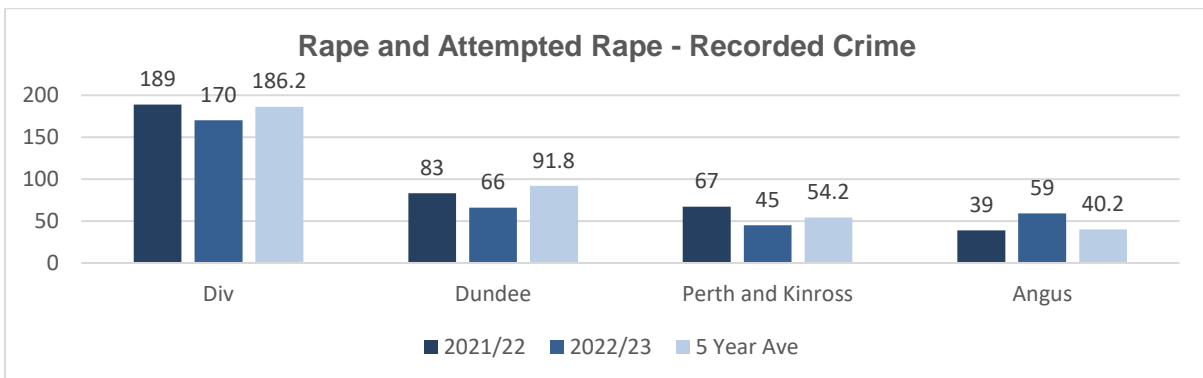
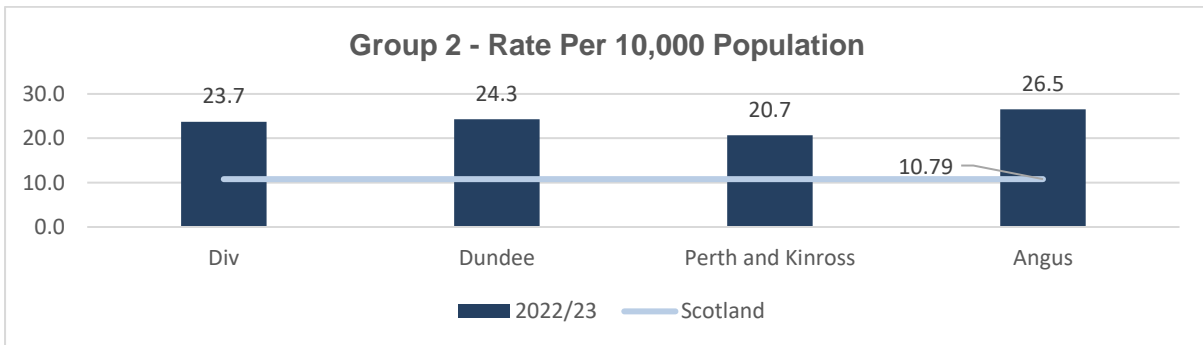
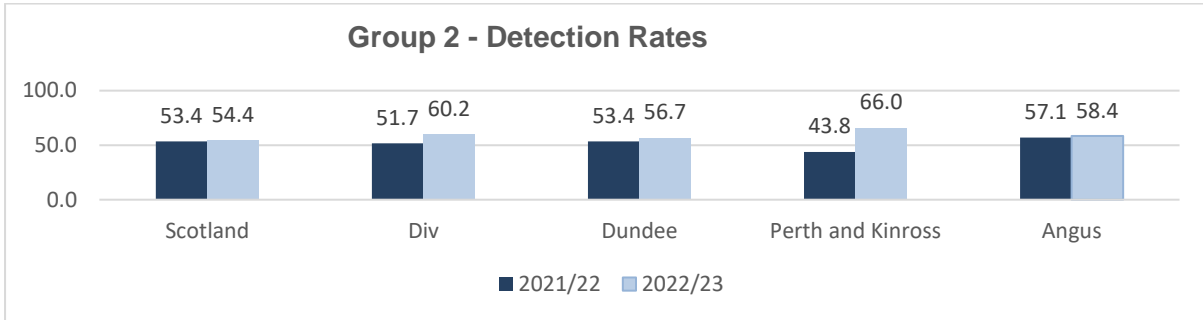
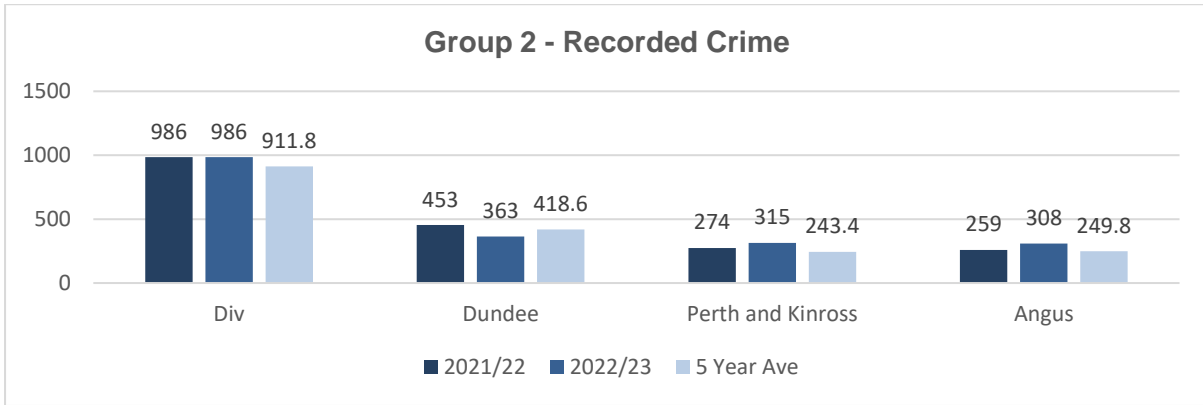
The detection rate for all Group 2 crimes in Dundee at the end of Q3 was 56.7% which is an increase of 3.3% when compared to LYTD figures. It remains higher than the national average.

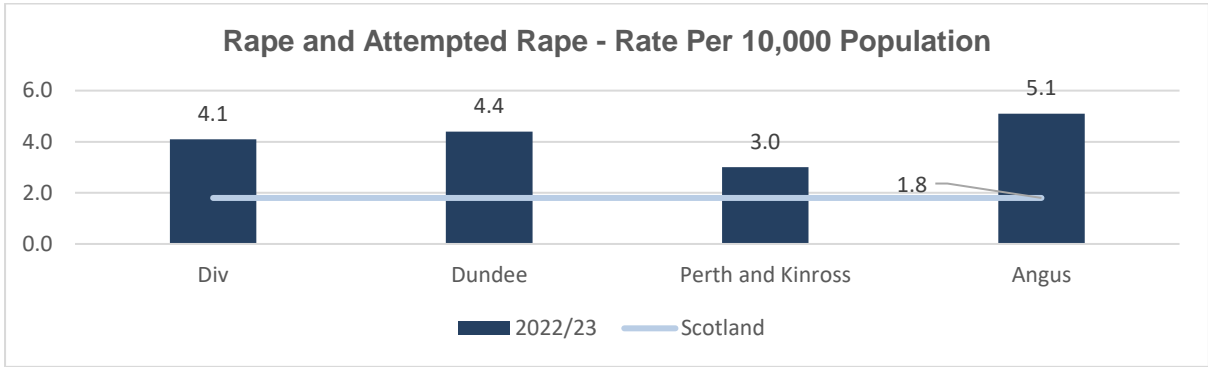
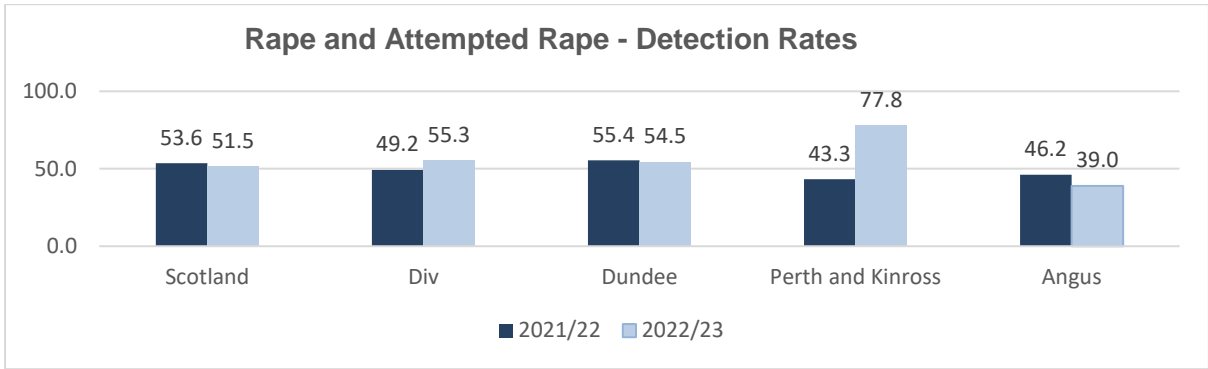
The detection rate for Rape and Attempted Rape at the end of Q3 was 54.5% which is less than 1% lower than LYTD figures. It remains higher than the national detection rate.

Increasing levels of non-recent reports mean 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 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

Activity

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 provide some examples of the range of activity delivered through-out Q3 –

In November, during enquiry into an outstanding suspect for a violent crime, an address was searched in Stirling Street where £1000 of Class A Drugs and a sum of cash was recovered. A male was arrested and kept in custody for court in respect of a range of violent and drugs related offences.

In December, enquiry was complete where a male wanted on 6 apprehension warrants was located. At time of arrest, the male was found to be in possession 2000 Valium tablets. The male appeared at court from custody on the apprehension warrants and additional drugs offences.

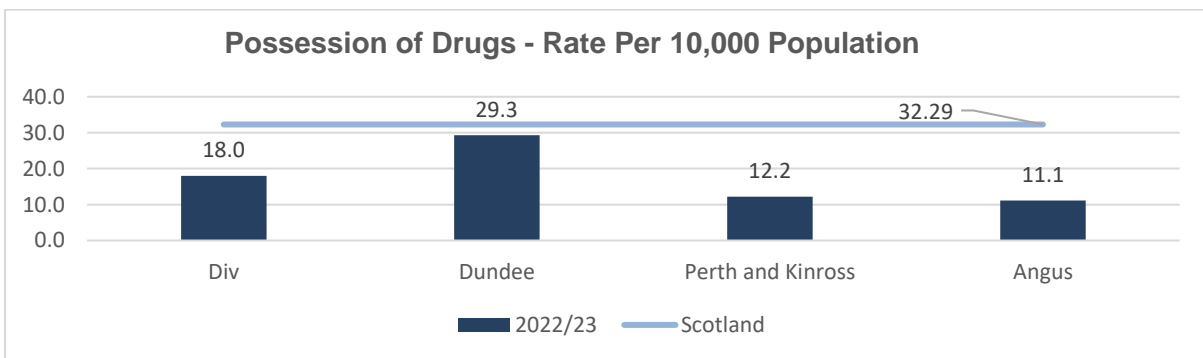
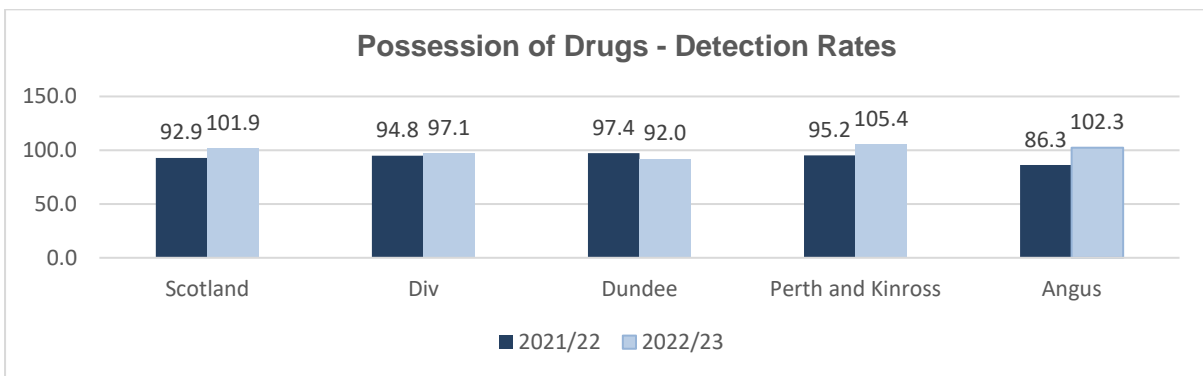
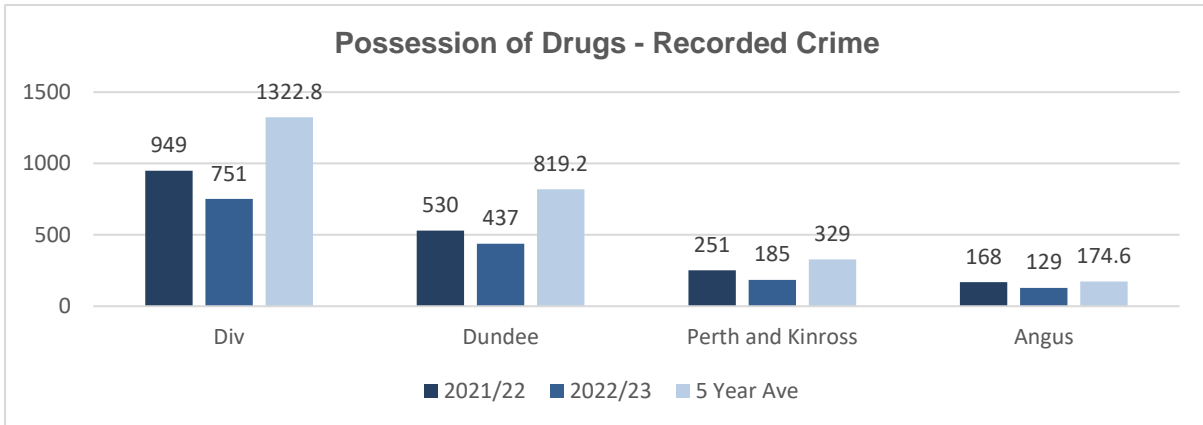
Results

In the year to date, 437 possession of drugs offences have been recorded, which is significantly fewer than the 530 recorded LYTD for the same time period. This continues a trend of reduced possession charges in the LPA. The breakdown of the 437 recorded drug possessions is 142 from Q3, 125 in Q2 and 170 in Q1.

Detection rates also continue to be high with a year to date rate of 92%. 43 crimes remain under live investigation with forensic analysis results pending. A mix of Class A, B and C drugs continue to be recovered.

Challenges

The possession of drugs and the broader impact of drug addiction continues to drive instances of acquisitive, serious and violent crime across the city. The drugs problem within the city remains the focus of focussed, collaborative working practices.



Supply of Drugs

Activity

We continue to target our response and enforcement activity through the development of quality intelligence and accurate analysis.

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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.

A coordinated response to tackling drugs supply in Dundee LPA and supporting those who are victims of Drug Supply perpetrators and suffer from drug addiction remains a priority.

The introduction of the Divisional Serious and Organised Crime Team is becoming embedded into CID arena now. The team focus on mapped crime group operations, other SOC related enquiries / activity. The team are assisted by an Interventions officer and Financial Investigator.

The Interventions officer assists by looking at other available options to target offenders, linking in with partners and utilising other powers.

The Financial investigator assists with financial intelligence, POCA seizures and communication with Civil Recovery Units which come under COPFS – again this gives another means of targeting offenders.

The team also manage the response into Serious Crime Prevention Orders (SCPOs) – of which there are 2 in Dundee at present.

Operation Reclouir

This has been the main focus for the SOC team in terms of Dundee area for quarter 3. The enquiry has become complex and resource intensive.

There appears to have been two approaches adopted by the group. Initially, it was the trafficking of Romanian females for the purposes of prostitution. However, in the background, and coming to the fore in late summer 2022, the modus operandi was to target vulnerable, young, local females, both adult and teenagers, and luring them with gestures of goodwill, gifts and free drugs.

Once the victims became dependent on drugs, the group of Romanians forced them to engage in sexual activity with themselves and others. There was reticence by the victims to engage with Police or other support services due to a fear of reprisals and due to the fact they were dependent on the drugs they received for free. It was apparent that the vulnerable females were encouraged to introduce friends to the crime group, in exchange for gifts and controlled drugs, further increasing the risk and giving the crime group access to further victims.

A victim led approach, resulted in many of the victims, being offered support from partner agencies and ultimately, engaging with the enquiry team to assist in gathering sufficient evidence.

Since the start of Op RECLOIR there have been a number of enforcement and intervention opportunities. This includes;

- The investigation of over 50 crimes relating to this group; Sexual offences (including rape and sexual assault), drug supply, Human trafficking and sexual exploitation offences, prostitution, running immoral houses, being the main.

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- 6 Romanian suspects reported as per the aforementioned crimes; 2 males fully committed, a further male arrested who is expected to be fully committed, 3 suspects outstanding believed to be abroad. International Arrest warrants are currently being sought.
- Over 30 potential victims identified and safeguarded.

This enquiry has worked well in terms of targeting and disrupting the crime group and work continues to progress the investigation.

Additional Q3 Results

The following provides some further examples of work completed during Q3 in order to tackle drug supply within the city –

In October, intelligence was acted upon resulting in the seizure of £7,000 worth of Cannabis and the arrest of a male on warrant for violent offences.

During November, there was a joint operation with the Op OROCHI team from the Metropolitan Police service. This resulted in a newly established county lines group from London being disrupted with the arrest of 5 London males and a small recovery of Class A controlled drugs. All were conveyed back to London for reporting as part of a bigger operation.

In November, a warrant was executed at an address in Clepington Street where £15,916 worth of Cannabis, £5080 worth of Cocaine, and £1,695 in cash was seized, with one male arrested and charged.

In November, a drug search warrant was executed in the Springhill area of Dundee where 330.9g cocaine, 74.5g crack cocaine and over £5,500 cash was seized. A male and female were arrested and charged.

The OP Argonite Team continue to focus on County Lines and Cuckooing activity. As a result of targeted interventions in November, four members of a County Lines gang were identified and arrested. They were charged with a range of offences, including drug offences, robbery, abduction and human trafficking.

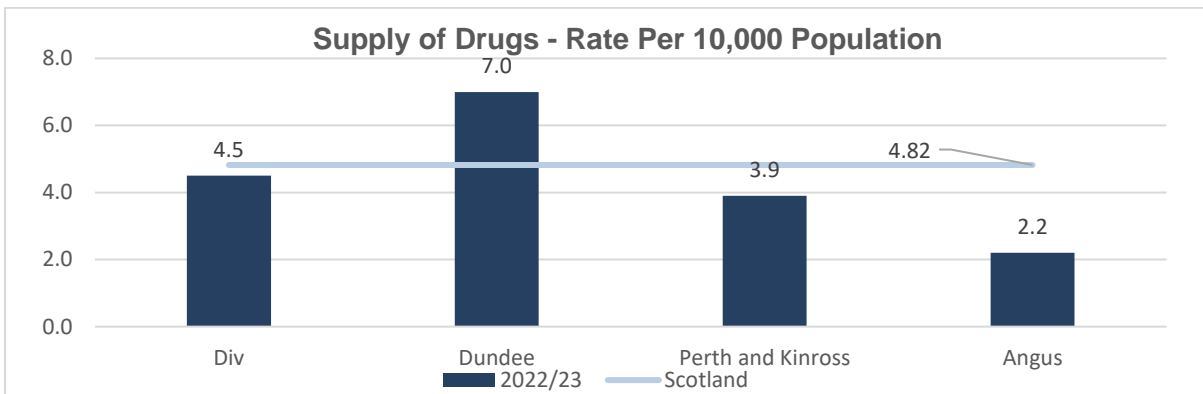
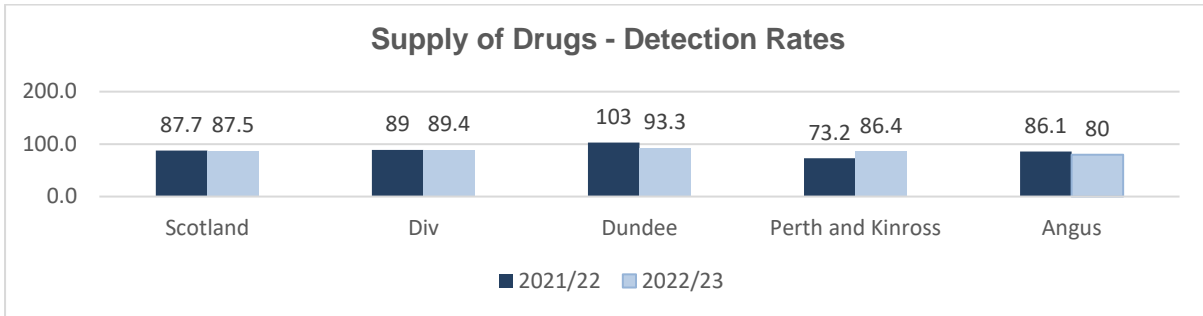
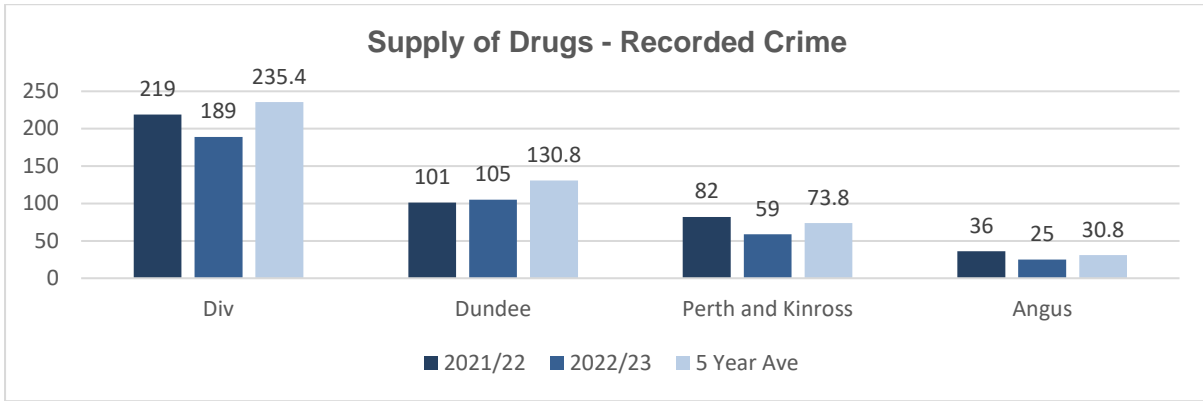
Results

There have been 105 Drug Supply crimes recorded YTD, which is a slight increase on LYTD figures. There were 38 crimes recorded in Q1, 33 in Q2 and 34 in Q3.

The detection rate at the end of Q3 was 93% which is a slight reduction on LYTD figures, but largely driven by cases which are pending forensic returns to complete.

A coordinated response to tackling drugs supply in Dundee LPA and supporting those who are victims of Drug Supply perpetrators and suffer from drug addiction remains a priority.

The Divisional Serious and Organised Crime teams continue to develop operations throughout Tayside including Dundee to tackle organised crime distribution and supply networks.



Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizures: £19416.50

Expedited Civil Recovery: None

Assets for Restraint: £61597.17



**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.

During the reporting period the CT Governance group met with representatives from all Tayside Division Police Scotland strands of CONTEST and Counter Terrorism Intelligence/Investigations, Counter Terrorism Security Advisors, Prevent Delivery Unit and Counter Terrorism Planning Unit. This allows for sharing of information and collaborative working between division and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit.

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 which assisted with the compilation of the Tayside Multi Agency Contest Group delivery plan for 2022 – 2023. This delivery plan sets out specific areas that the CONTEST group within their respective organisations will work on throughout the year.

During Q3, there were a number of enquiries completed in relation to Operation Bridger and Operation Sandbed incidents, including responding to an incident involving an MP and his staff at his constituency office. Personal Security Briefing was provided to staff.

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Additional Police officers have been recruited as Local Contest Liaison Officers and attended a training day with inputs from Prevent, Prepare, Pursue and Protect, Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit. This role is an additional skill to their operational role and allows the officers to provide support to Divisional CT related enquiries and promote CONTEST within the community.

Joint visits have been carried out with Border Policing Command and D Division Local Contest Liaison Officers (LCLO's) including boarding vessels in Dundee Port and carrying out checks. LCLO's have assisted Border Policing and Border Force in physical security checks on aircraft. Alongside the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and Border Policing divisional officers assisted with a CAA operation whereby 4 persons were arrested and interviewed in relation to aviation offences.

We continue to enhance CONTEST learning within division and briefings have been provided to staff by Counter Terrorism Planning Unit in relation to counter terrorism plans in the event of a CT incident. Counter Terrorism Security Advisors completed a briefing in relation to Sensitive Sites within division. Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer (CTLO) attended Prevent Hydra Training which explored Prevent Multi Agency Panels, partnership working and procedures.

PrepareUK Act briefing was shared highlighting the benefits of utilising the app which provides real time information from CT Policing plus the latest protective security advice.

CTLO continues to attend Prevent Sub Group meeting which is held by Dundee City Council Prevent SPOC which allows for the sharing of PREVENT work by all partners.

Complaints about the Police

Members of the public need to have confidence that should they wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about the quality of policing service provided or the actions of an individual, their concerns will be listened to and appropriate action taken.

Frontline Resolution (FLR) will be attempted for allegations which are non-serious, non-criminal and non-complex in nature. This involves resolution by explanation, apology or assurance. Where this cannot be achieved, a full enquiry in accordance with statutory guidance will be undertaken.

Should complainers remain dissatisfied with the handling of a complaint upon its completion, they may contact the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) to request an independent Complaint Handling Review.

Complaints Received

Table: Complaints received for Tayside Division (Apr-Dec) ¹

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	442	373	-15.6%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	758	663	-16.5%
Off Duty Allegations	2	1	-50.0%
On Duty Allegations	516	393	-23.8%
Quality of Service Allegations	240	239	-0.4%

¹ Data is correct as at 31/12/2022.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 15.6% 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:

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons)²					
Reporting Period³	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.