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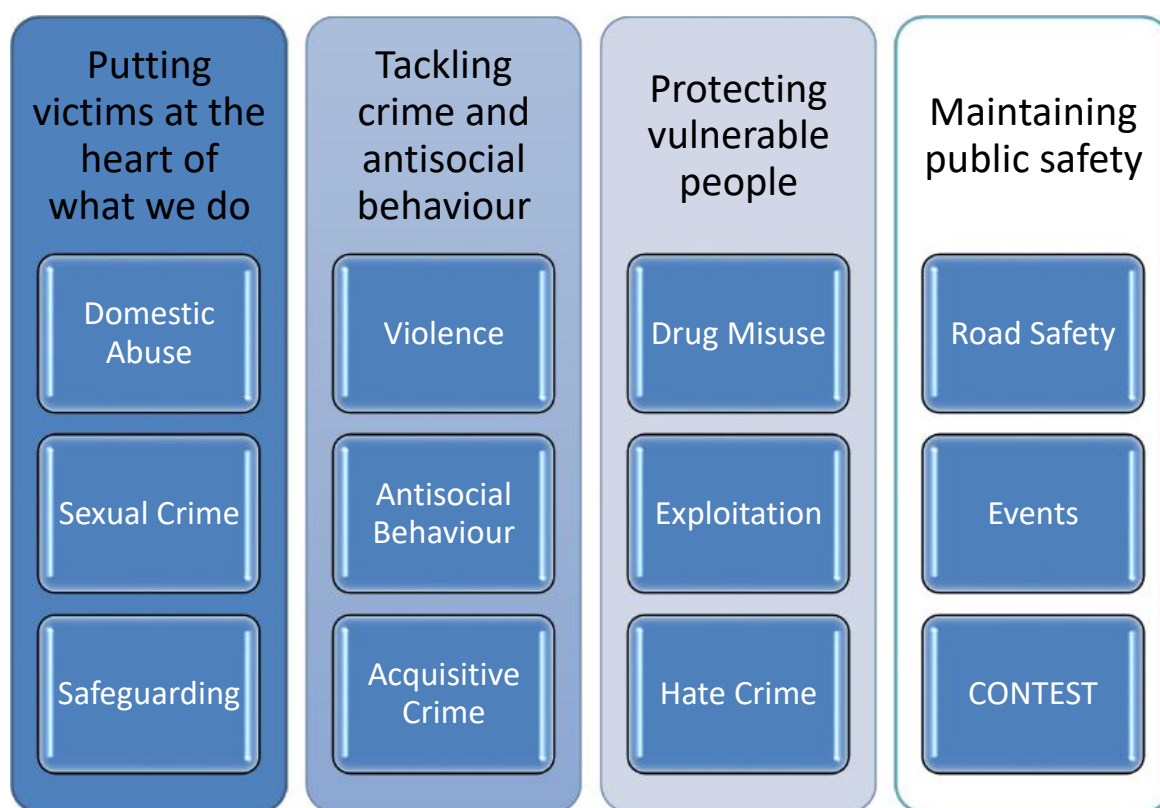
## Introduction and overview of Policing Objectives

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 Perth and Kinross previously reported to the Housing and Communities 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 Perth and Kinross Housing and Communities Committee. This report covers the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2018 to 30 September 2018 and 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019.

Data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Committee Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

This report will make reference to specific crimes mentioned underneath local outcomes, 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.

## Putting victims at the heart of what we do

Having a victim centred approach allows us to consider the needs of victims at all times, working with partners to ensure the response is appropriate allows us to ensure support and preventative work takes place.

We continue to work and utilise specialist resources internally and externally and by ensuring our staff are trained we work hard to ensure our victims feel confident and supported in the service we provide.

### **Outcome 1 - Domestic Abuse**

#### Activity

As of September 2019 Domestic Abuse crimes/offences are 10.8% higher (year to date) than last year (this equates to around 130 crimes). Patterns of Domestic Abuse have fluctuated locally and nationally however the enactment of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 and the offence of a person engaging in an abusive course of conduct results in higher recording rates. This is the result of an additional crime being recorded in certain circumstances where a course of conduct is considered.

#### Results

There are currently 4 individuals within Perth and Kinross subject to proactive enforcement by the local Domestic Abuse Team and the national Domestic Abuse Task Force. These perpetrators are identified by local Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) processes.

In August 2019 a 42 year old male Jason Toms was sentenced to 10 years at the High Court for multiple sexual and physical assaults of 3 adult females over a number of years in Perth. This is representative of the positive outcomes seen from identifying and targeting perpetrators of Domestic Abuse.

#### Challenges

The introduction of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 is a welcome piece of legislation however will challenge the ability of local policing to gather the required level of evidence, particularly in cases of coercive control which has taken place over a number of years. All Police Officers in Scotland are undergoing training to ensure they are properly equipped to understand and deal with this legislative change and the new offences will be the subject of training during the 16 days of activism later in 2019.

## Outcome 2 – Sexual Crime

### Activity

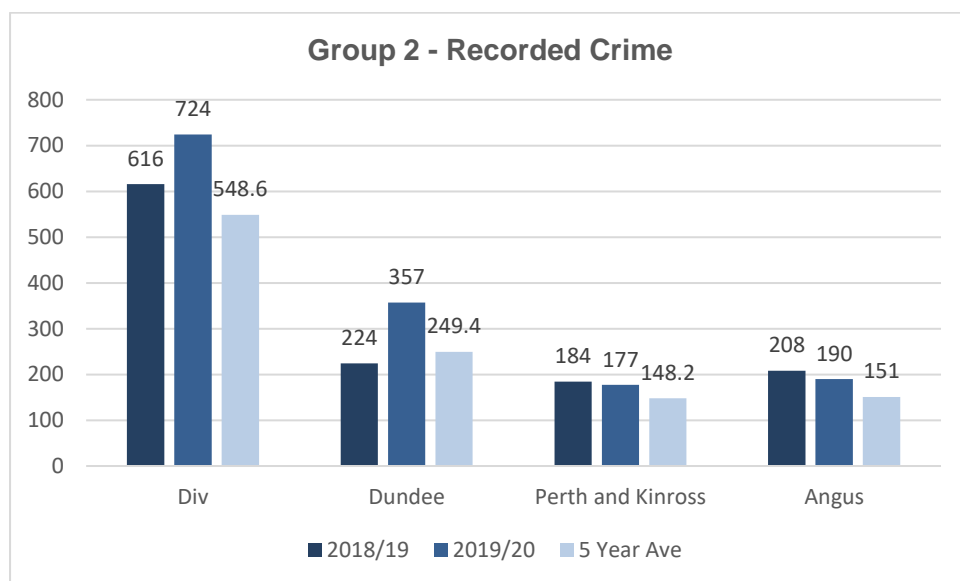
During the reporting period, the volume of recorded Group 2 crimes has decreased by 7 crimes from the corresponding period in 2018/19 - this change is minimal and does not relate to a particular theme. It should be noted that the reported crime continues to be above 5 year averages, a statistic which is seen in other areas of Scotland. Detection rates have increased significantly over the same period, contributing to an overall detection rate of 70.1%, higher than the equivalent figure in the same period of 2018/19 and higher than the five year average.

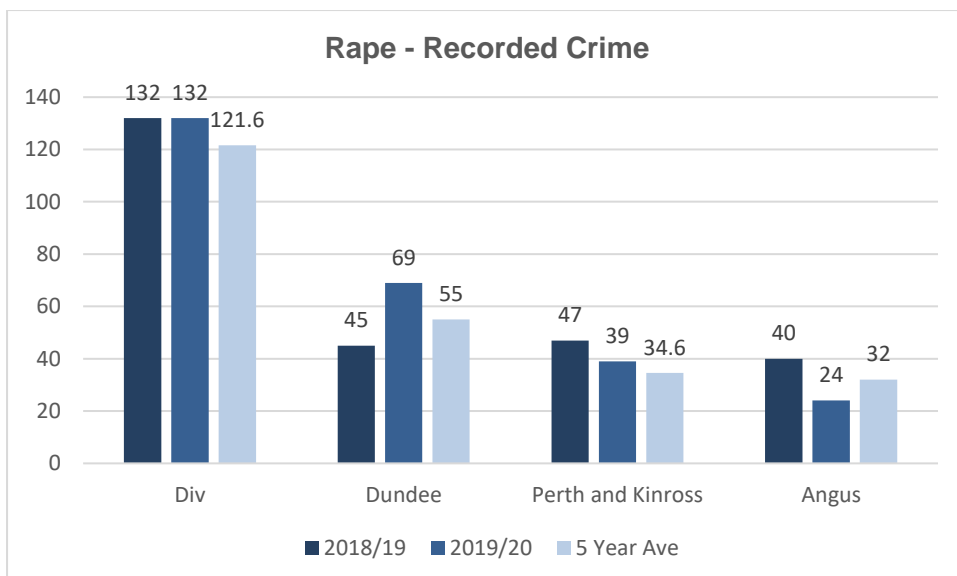
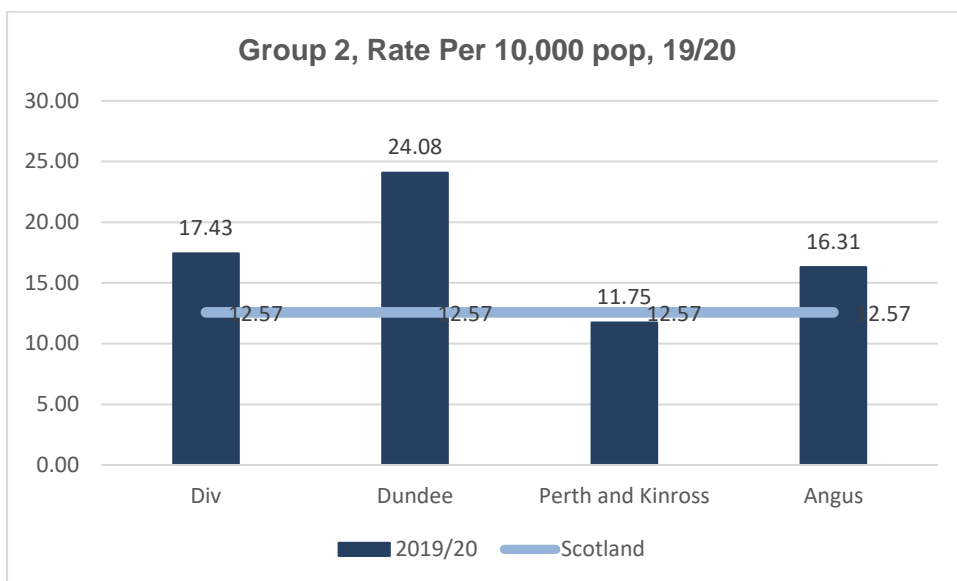
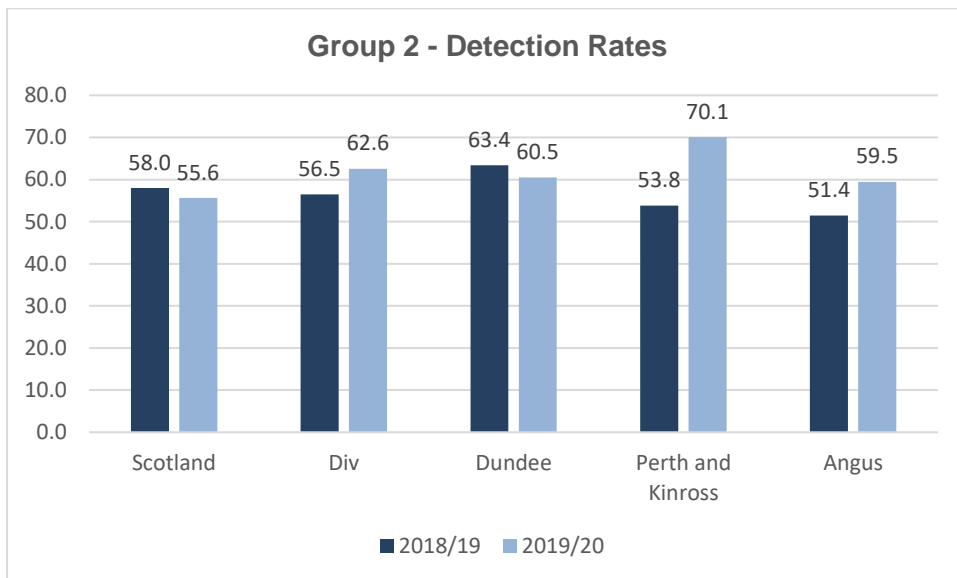
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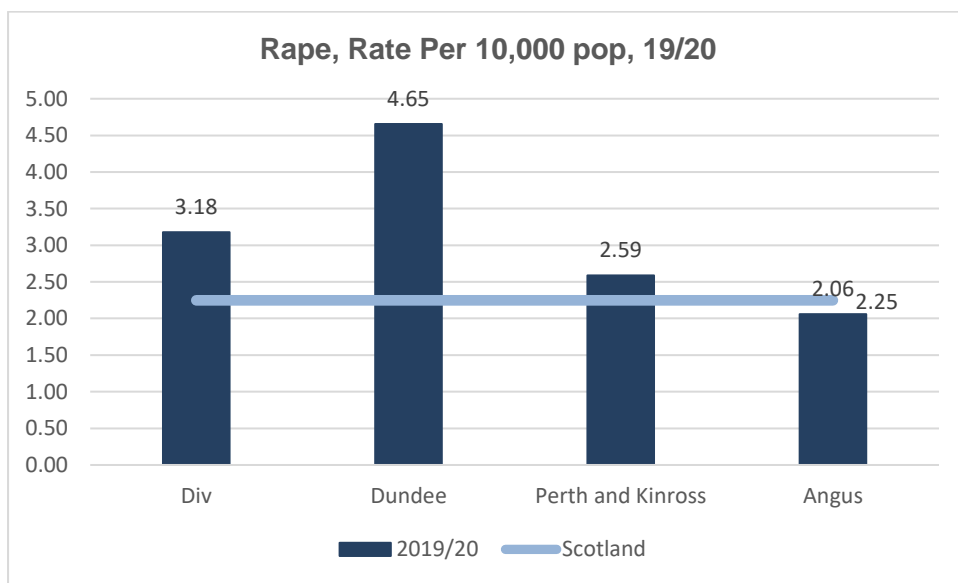
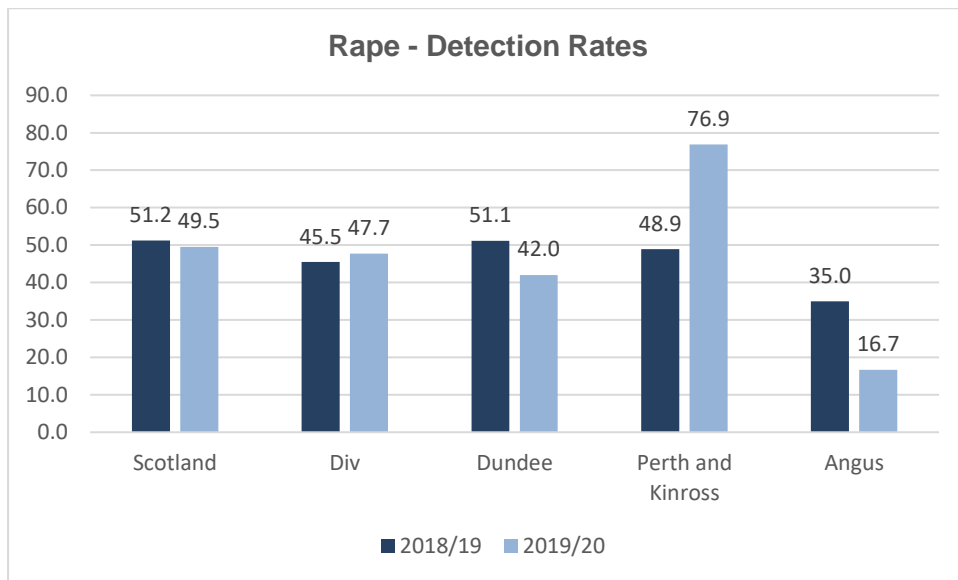
In July 2019, a 52 year old male David Dunn was convicted of multiple sexual offences against children over a number of years in Perth and Kinross. This is representative of the positive work undertaken by Police and Social Work to address current and historic child abuse.

### Challenges

Historical crimes represent 39% of the total crimes reported in Perth and Kinross. In order to respond to the rising demand from historical sexual crimes, a non-recent sexual crime team was launched on 17 July 2019 under the leadership of a Detective Inspector. This will improve standards of investigation in historic cases where evidence gathering can be more difficult.







### **Outcome 3 – Safeguarding**

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

#### **Activity and Results**

In this quarter, Police dealt with 209 missing person incidents in Perth and Kinross. This has increased from 187, for the same period last year. Often these incidents are resolved quickly, however these incidents place a demand on resourcing, especially if an intensive enquiry.

The Missing Person Coordinator for Tayside Division reviews each missing person incident and progresses with internal and external partners to provide expert support.

Within this quarter, officers have provided advice to members of the community, promoting online safety, personal safety and property safety talks within local church groups and primary schools in the Kinross area.

Community Officers have also taken the opportunity to identify local issues from the community by hosting 'Coffee with a Cop' in Alyth, Methven and Perth.

Community Officers have also hosted 'Tea@Two' in Methven and Abernethy to provide support to older people in the community and identify any issues.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers also spent an evening in August 2019 delivering Operation Shut Out Scammer leaflets to properties in Milnathort. Over 300 homes were visited and the young people engaged with a number of local residents to advise them of the initiative and give crime prevention advice

#### **Challenges**

Mental Health is a resource intensive area in which Police in Perth and Kinross are playing an increasing role, often as first responders. Whilst the implementation of the triage system with NHS Tayside has improved efficiency of dealing with persons in mental health crisis, the volume of incidents has been challenging, and is likely to continue. Solutions are being sought to cope with this increased demand at a national level.



## Tackling crime and antisocial behaviour

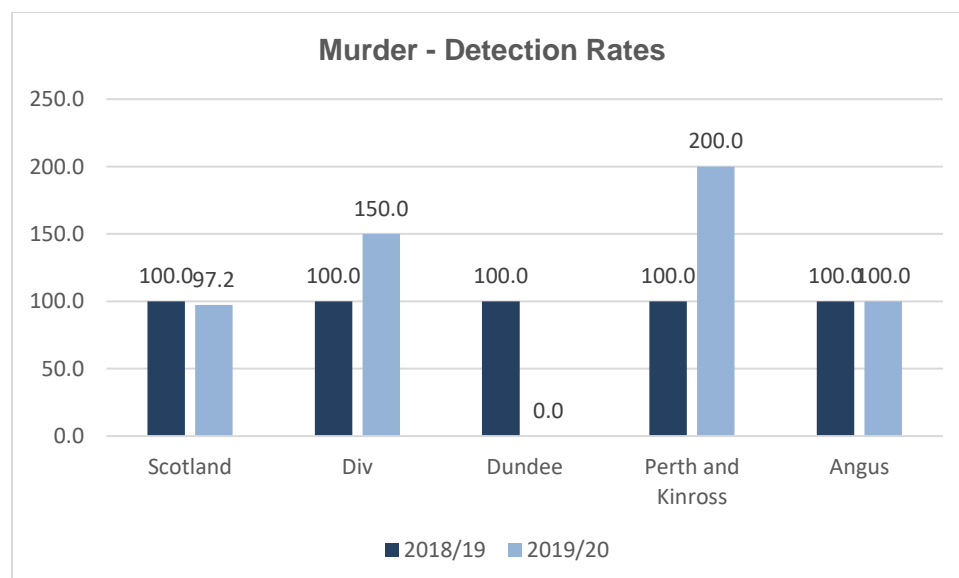
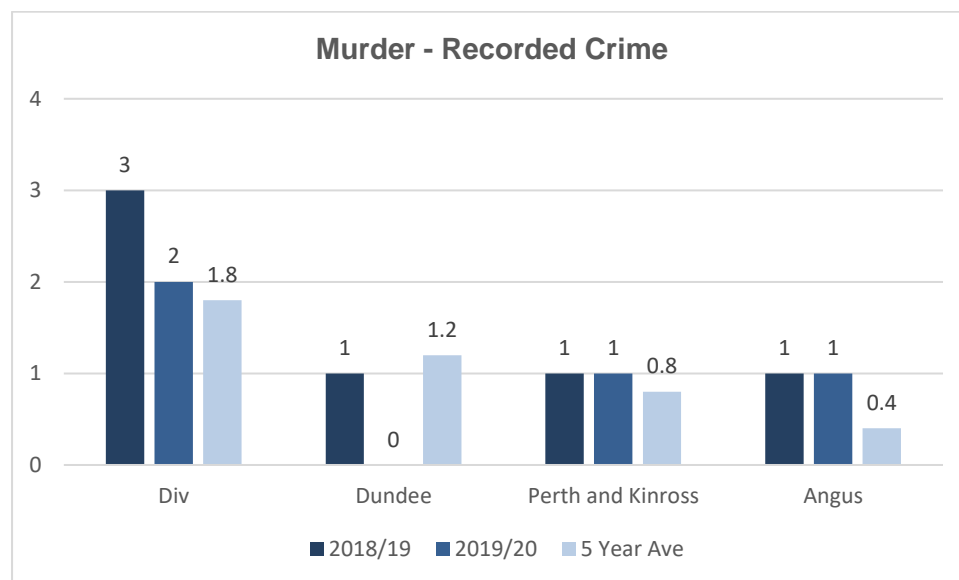
It is recognised that through early intervention and an early response we can prevent escalation and crime occurring and we work hard with partners to achieve this.

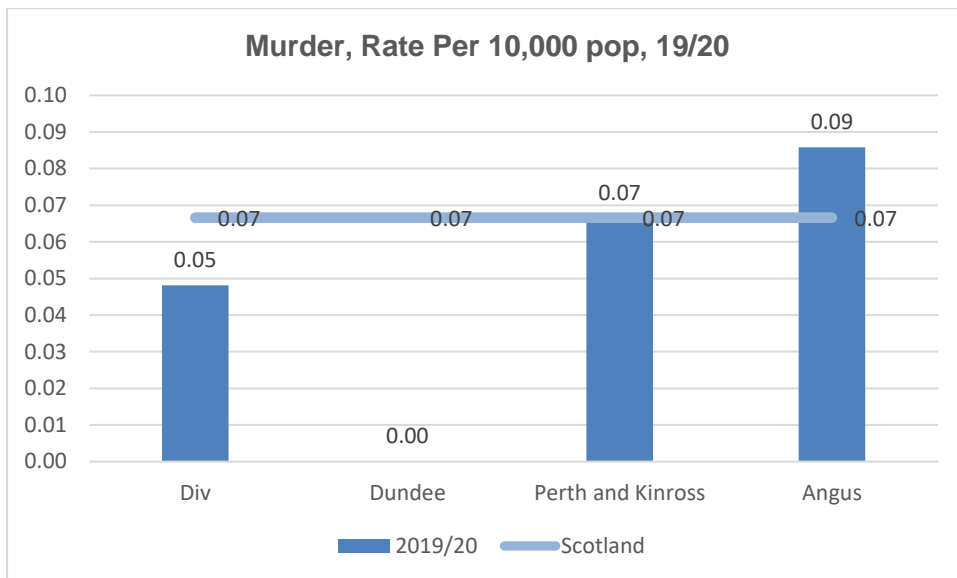
### Outcome 1 – Violence

#### Murder

There have been no murders in the Perth and Kinross area during this reporting period. However, in September 2019, Andrew Morris was sentenced to 16 years imprisonment for the culpable homicide of his son Kane Morris and the attempted murder of a young girl in Coupar Angus in November 2018.

As the figures focus on Year to Date data from 1 April 2018 to 30 September 2018 and 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019, the following figures include the murder that occurred in quarter one.





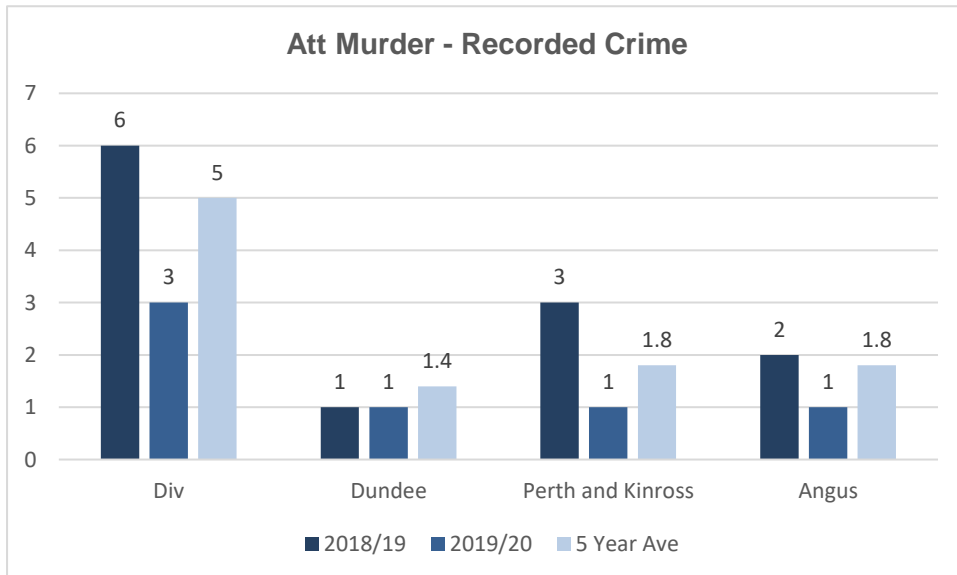
### Attempted Murder

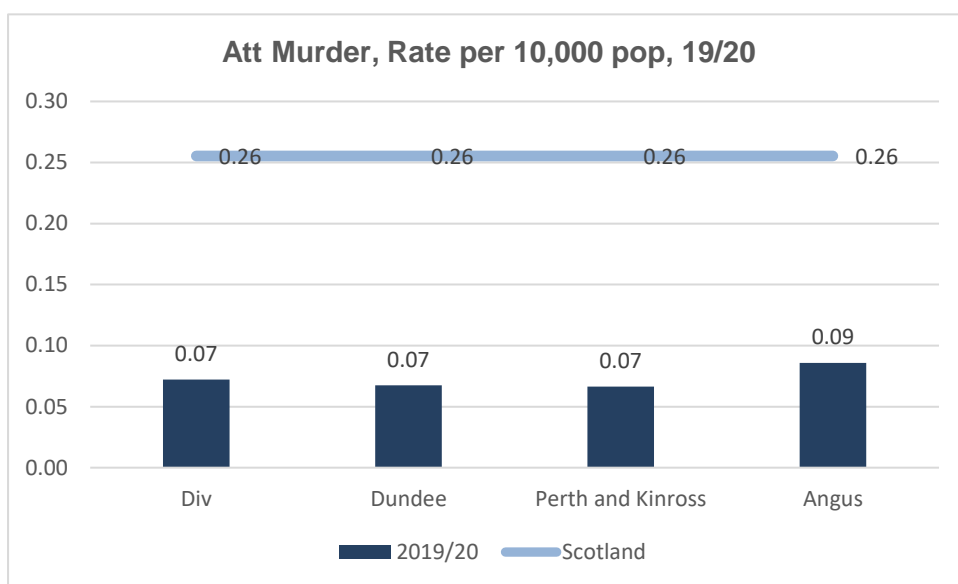
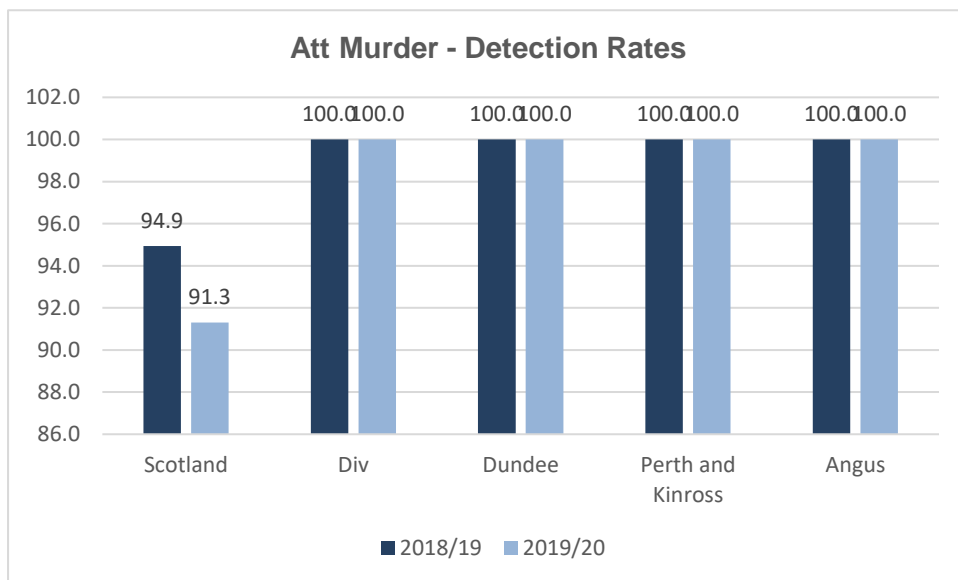
In September 2019, an attempted murder in Perth occurred involving a male approaching a female unknown to him, whereby the male cut the female to the body with a sharp implement.

Extensive CCTV work was carried out and a 20 year old and a local male was identified. The male has been arrested and charged with this offence and has been remanded in custody.

The victim was successfully treated by medical staff and supported by officers.

There was significant social media interest in this incident.





## Serious assaults

### Activity and Results

There has been a significant decrease in serious assaults in Perth and Kinross for this reporting period.

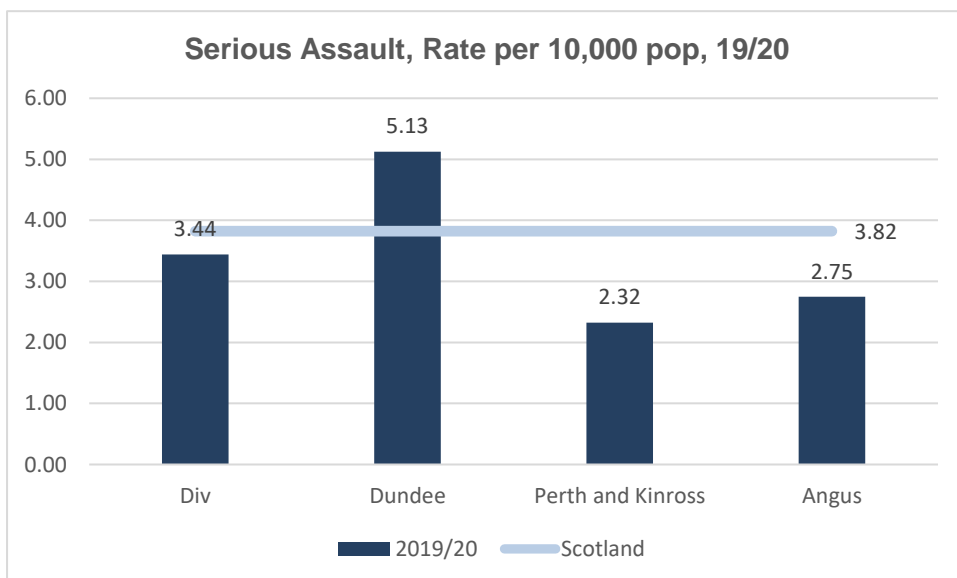
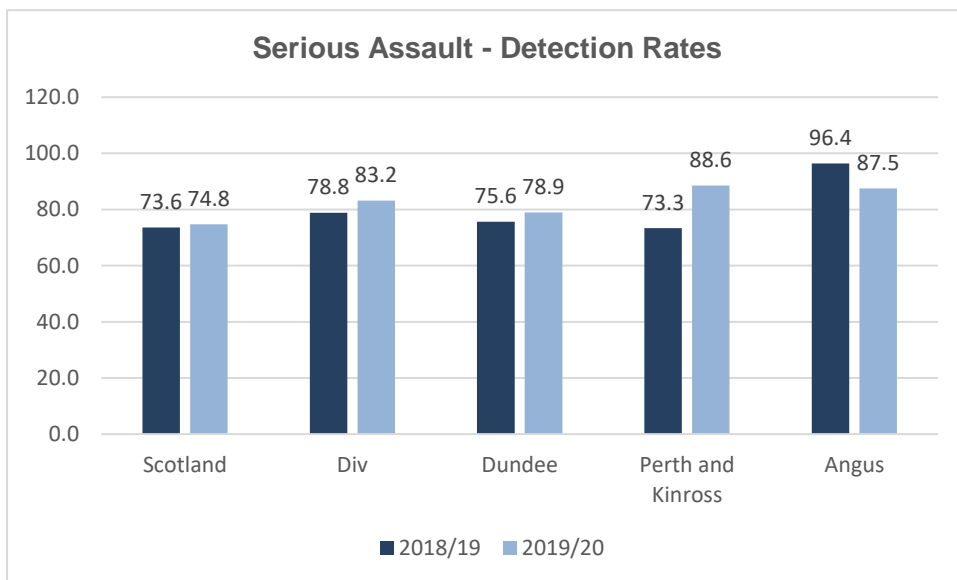
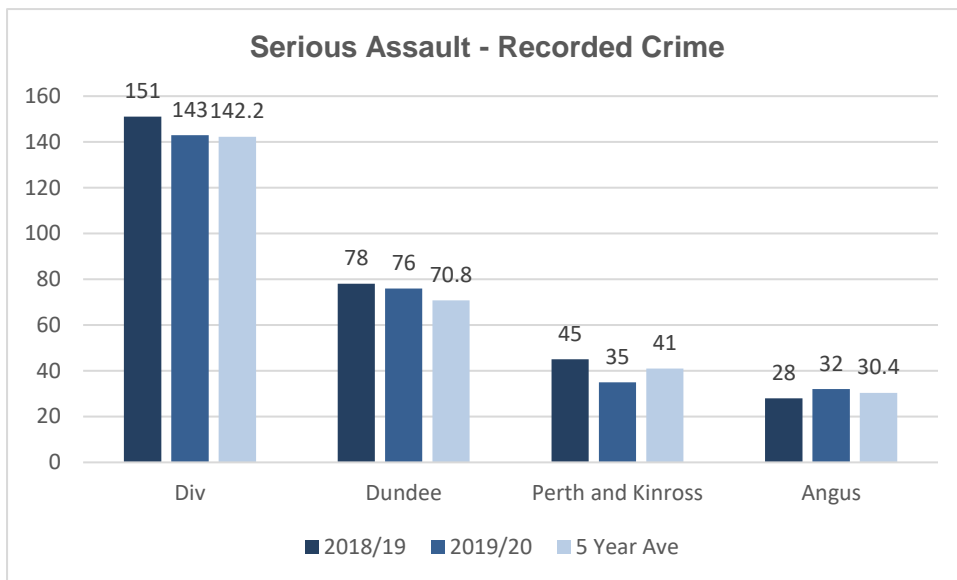
### Challenges

The vast majority of serious assaults have occurred between persons known to each other. Some have taken place indoors in a domestic setting, with one occurring in a prison setting.

Not all have involved the use of weapons, however over the reporting period the weapons used include a hammer and a kitchen knife.

Three victim's sustained injuries from having being bitten by offenders in three separate incidents.

A number of assaults involved the consumption of alcohol by either or both the victim or perpetrator, although none have occurred within a licensed premises.



## Assaults

### Activity

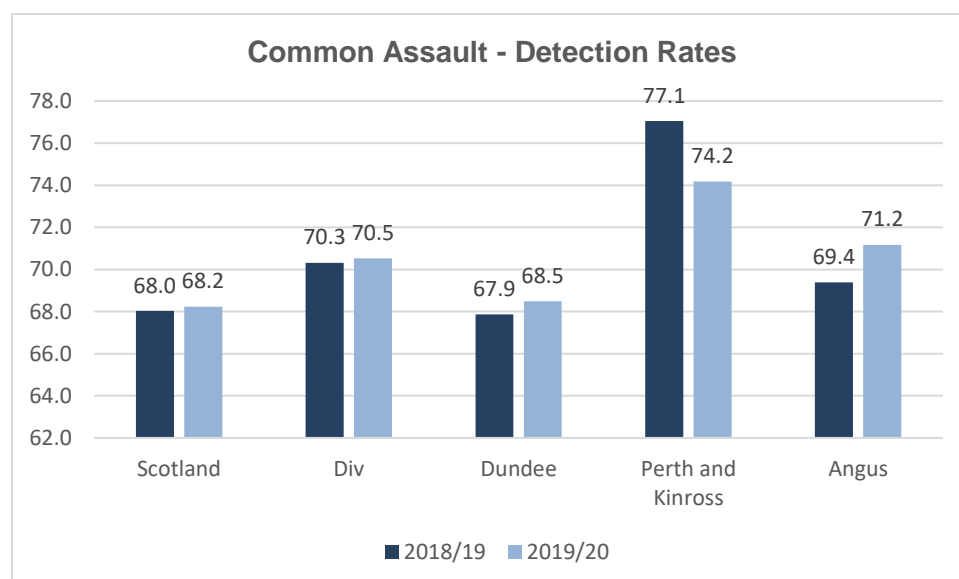
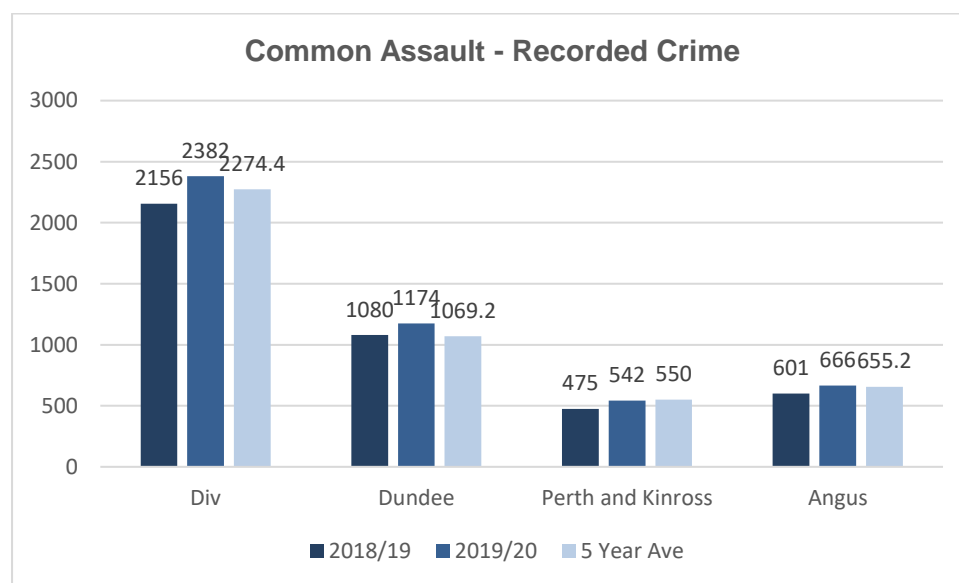
Focused patrols are carried out in Perth and Kinross to prevent violence, including outside licenced premises.

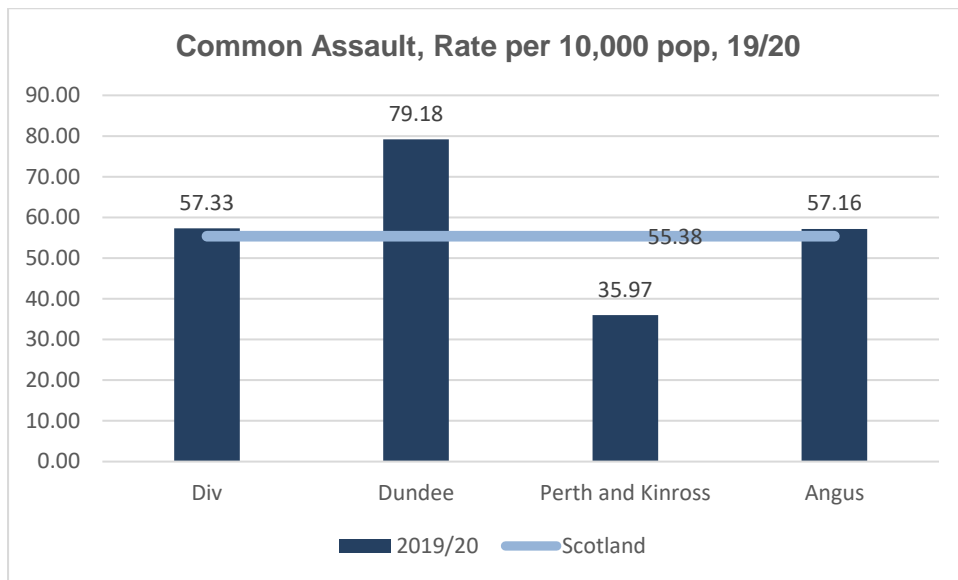
### Results

Common assaults have increased in Perth and Kinross and although they have increased, they still remain under the five year average.

### Challenges

Often persons involved in these type of incidents, which generate multiple crimes are unwilling to engage with Police. This hampers the evidence gathering process, which adversely affects the detection rate.





## **Outcome 2 – Antisocial Behaviour**

### **Activity**

There has been an increase in the number of vandalisms reported during the reporting period, year on year, but the figure still remains below the 5 year average.

Constable Euan Mitchell continues to lead the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) Scheme in Perth and Kinross and during this reporting period PSYV Perth carried out Operation Streetwise evenings. During Streetwise the young people carried out environmental surveys within the local area targeting issues such as graffiti, littering, damaged street furniture, signs of drug abuse, etc. They noted down issues and took photos of areas of concern and graffiti, compiling a report to Perth and Kinross Council Safer Communities team for further action.

Community Officers from Tayside Division have continued working in conjunction with officers from Forth Valley Division to tackle anti-social behaviour and alcohol related violence within Loch Lomond National Park, specifically at Loch Earn (Operation Ironworks).

As previously mentioned, Community Officers have attended 'Coffee with a Cop' in Perth focusing in areas that are currently effected by anti-social behaviour or youth disorder, to understand all issues but also to provide a police presence to defuse this behaviour.

### **Results**

Operation Ironworks has also resulted in the detection of a number of individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol.

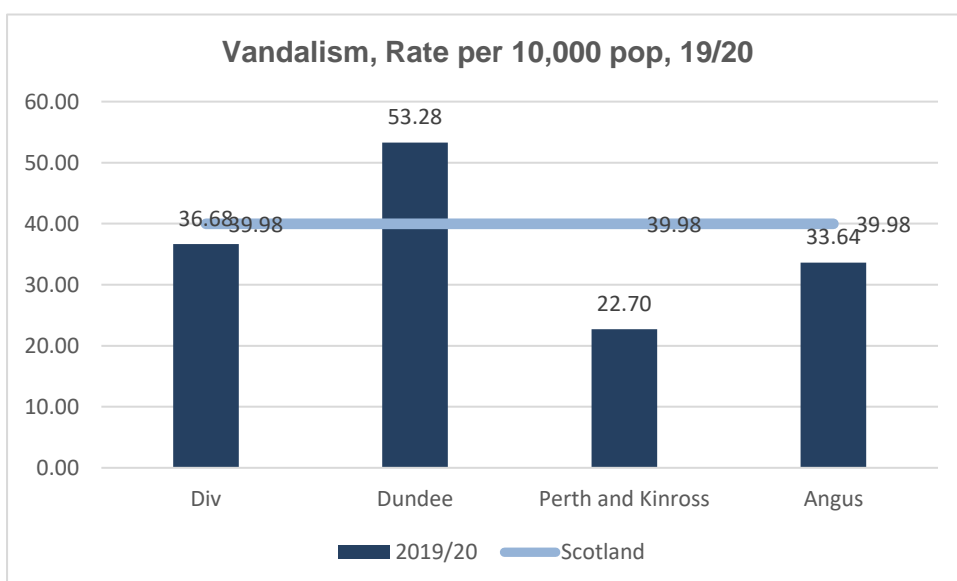
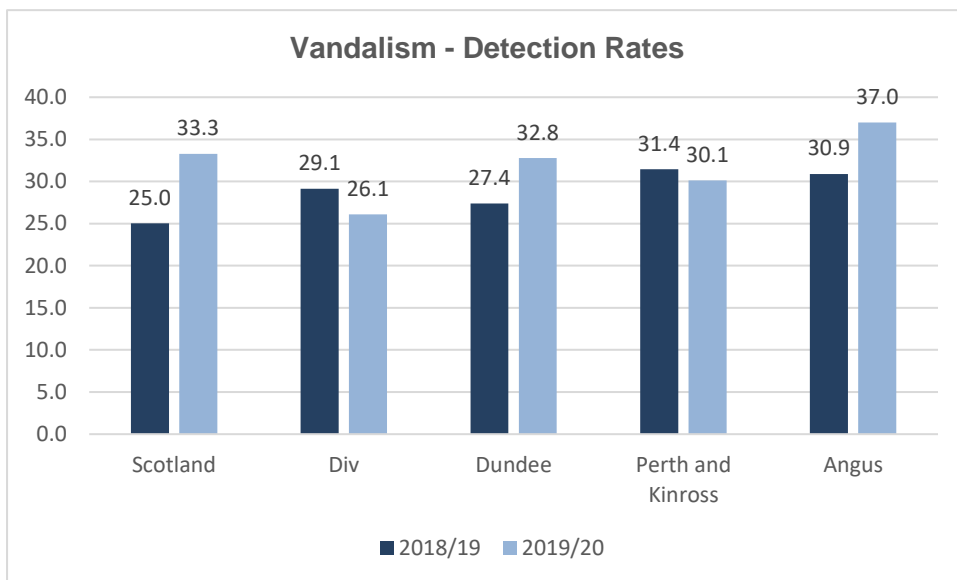
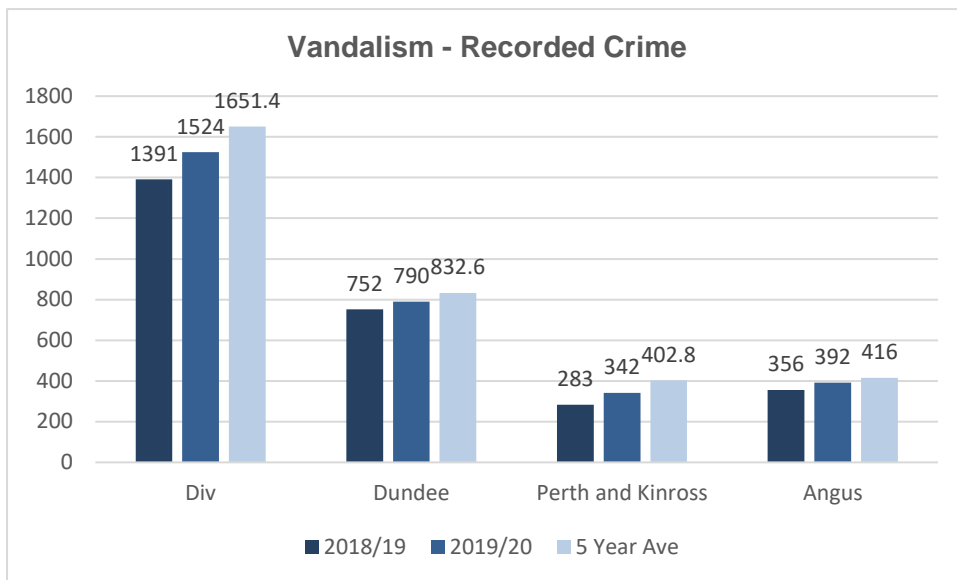
In relation to the fireraising that occurred at Oakbank Primary School in July 2019, extensive enquiries have been conducted by CID and 4 juveniles have been identified from CCTV and have been reported.

In relation to the fireraising that occurred at Viewlands Primary School in July 2019, positive lines of enquiry are being progressed and it is anticipated the individuals responsible will be traced in the next reporting period.

During this reporting period, officers worked closely with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in relation to the fire at St Catherine's Retail Park, Perth.

### **Challenges**

The rural location of Loch Earn when those attending and camping overnight have consumed alcohol often leads to confrontation with police officers and difficulties with requesting for the campers to remove themselves from the area.





## Alcohol and Licencing

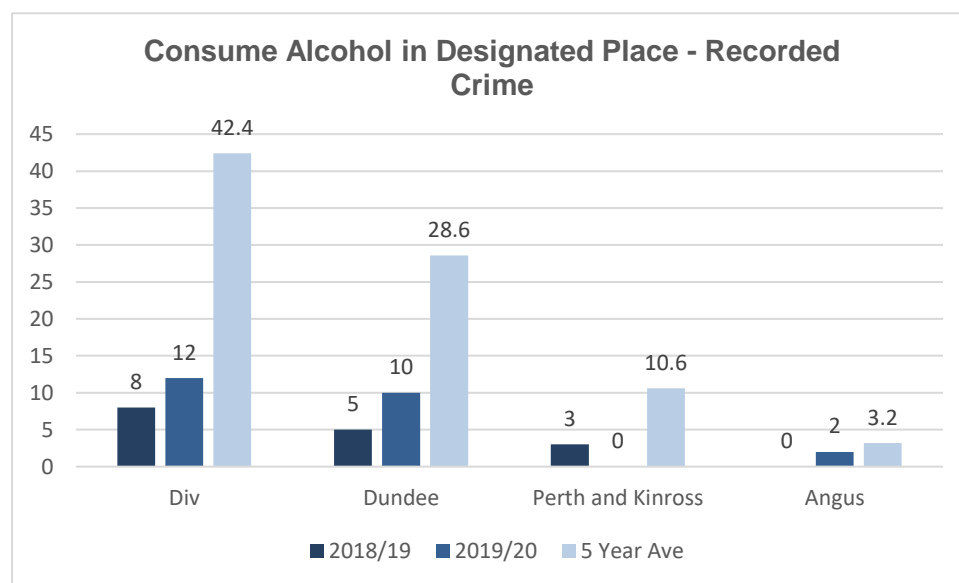
### Activity

There have been no offences detected in relation to consumption of alcohol in designated public places.

Licensed premises are visited on a regular basis by both response and community officers, of which there is regular dialogue in particular with licensees at the nightclubs in Perth City (Loft/Ice Factory and The Bank/Venue) to identify events that may require additional police attention.

Officers work with licensees and staff to ensure premises are being run appropriately and in accordance with the legislation, providing support and guidance where necessary.

Officers have visited and recorded over 600 licensed premises visits during this reporting period.



## Outcome 3 – Acquisitive Crime

### Distraction Thefts

There have been fourteen distraction thefts that have occurred across D Division, including Perth and Kinross, during this reporting period. Officers from Perth Community Investigation Unit carried out a thorough investigation, linking in with officers and intelligence units in England, collating all cases and identified a male from England was responsible, that was unknown in Scotland. The male is currently in custody in England.

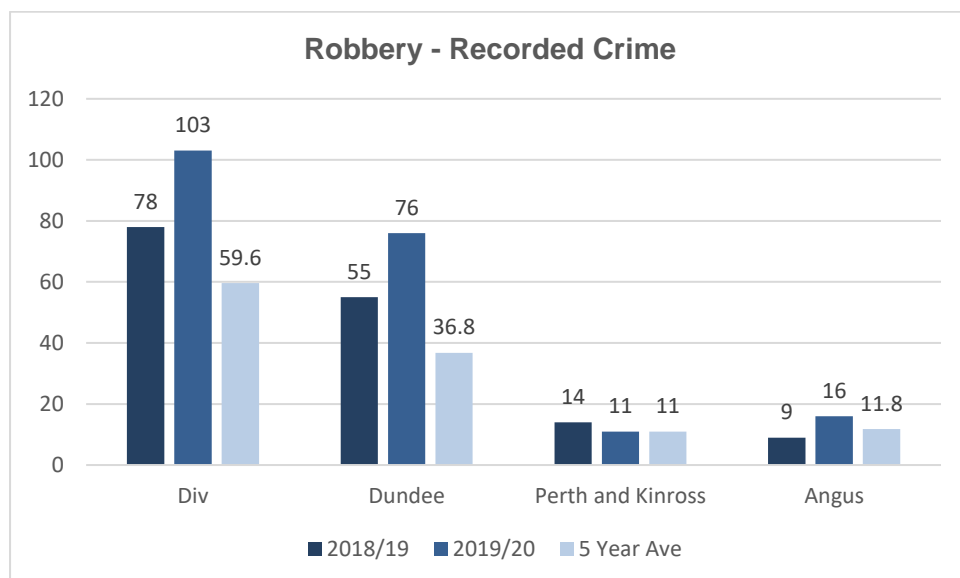
Regular messaging is provided by various media feeds including the weekly bulletin.

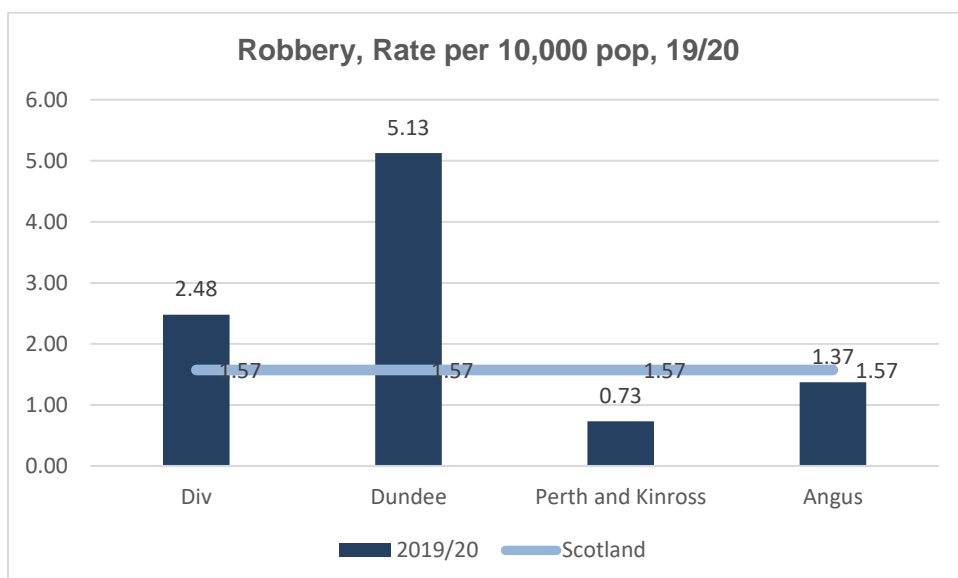
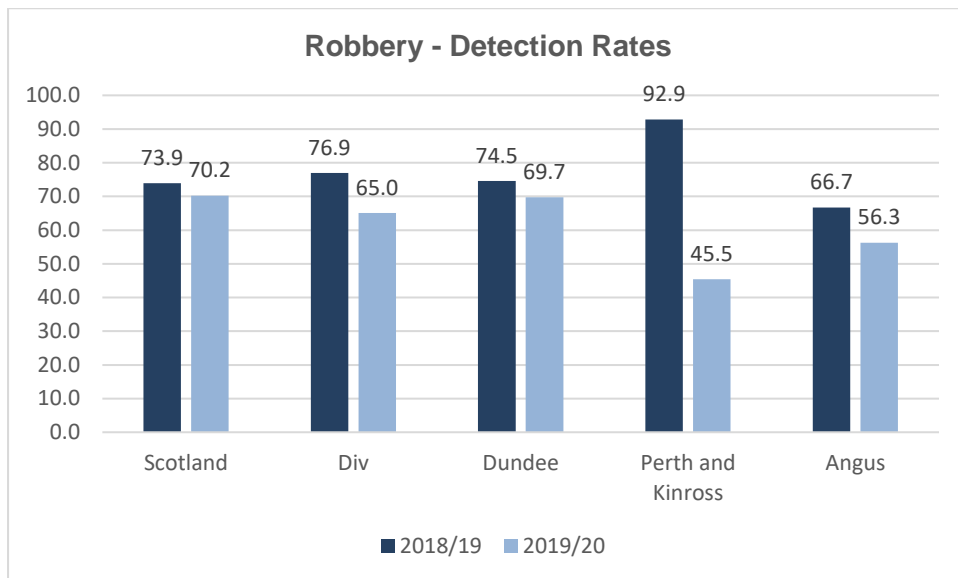
### Robbery

Four robberies have been reported during this reporting period. One occurred when unknown persons have attended and forced their way into a victim's home. This has been assessed to have links to controlled drugs and CID are currently leading this investigation, although is proving challenging due to limited witnesses and CCTV opportunities.

Another has been fully investigated and after extensive investigation and CCTV analysis it has been established the person reporting has provided a false statement, resulting in the individual being reported for wasting police time. This incident will be updated on the police systems as 'no crime'.

Of the remaining two, one occurred in a domestic setting and relates to a theft of a mobile telephone, the suspect has been reported to COPFS for the violence element but there is insufficient evidence to support the appropriation of the telephone. The last one was brought to the attention of police by Scottish Ambulance Service who responded to a male with an injured hand, to date the victim has been unwilling to corporate with police to allow the circumstances to be ascertained. CCTV reviews have been unable to identify the location of this crime or any persons involved. This will likely remain undetected.





## Domestic housebreaking / Sneak in Type Thefts

### Activity

Kinross Community officers have worked with Police Scotland Youth Volunteers by carrying out a leaflet drop in the area regarding recent thefts.

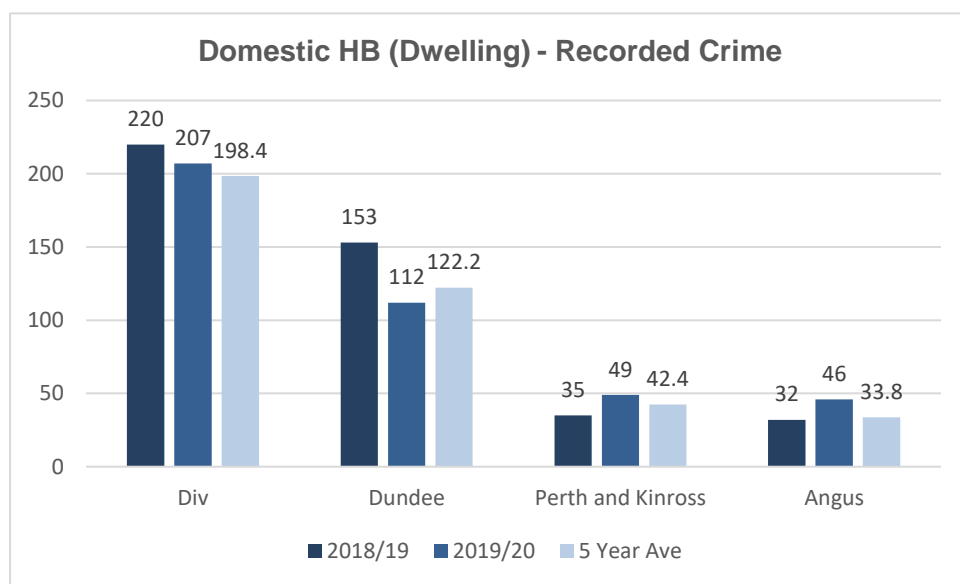
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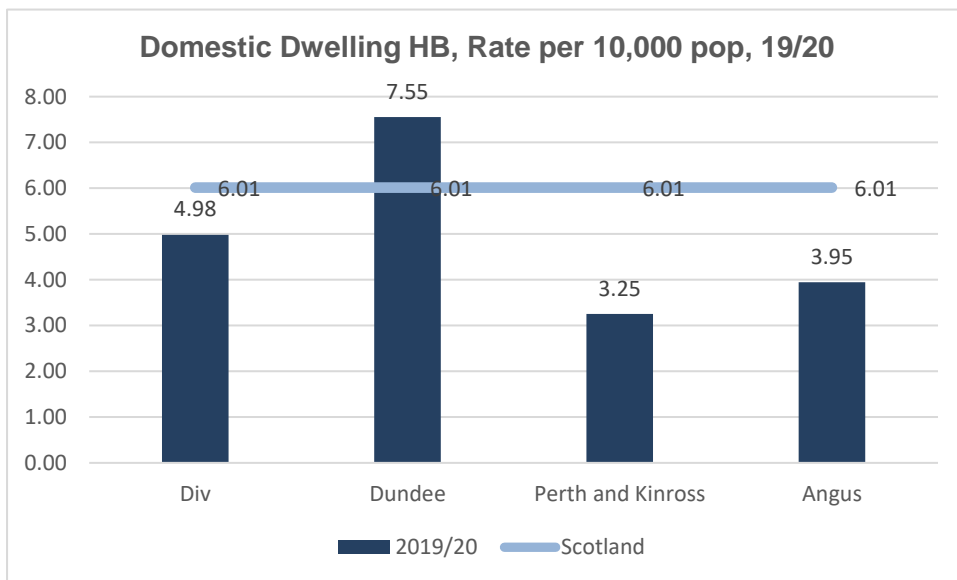
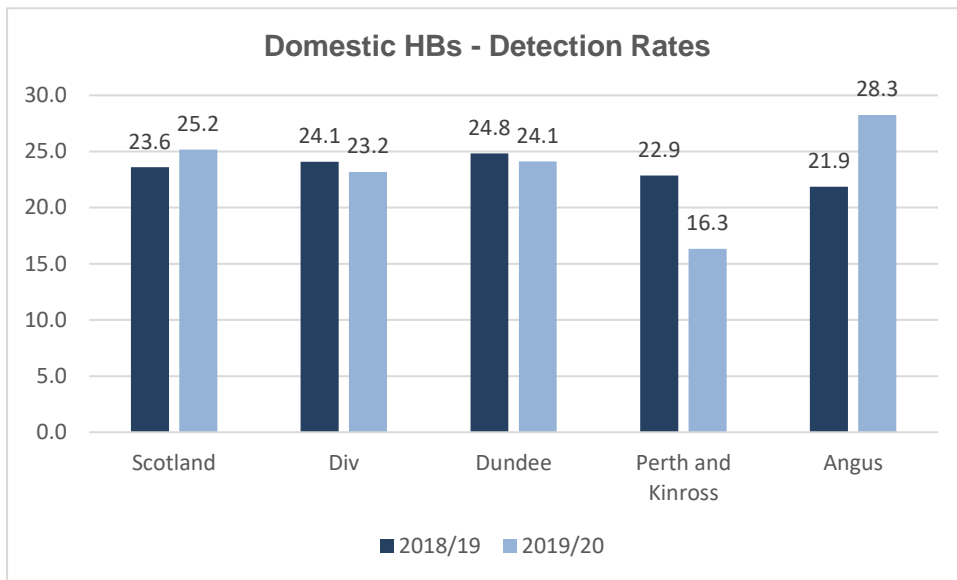
A number of sneak in type thefts have been committed during the reporting period in Crieff and Perth areas targeting vulnerable elderly people. As a result of investigation by response and community investigation unit officers, a polish male has been arrested and remanded in custody.

As a result of DNA evidence, the housebreaking that was committed at Perth College in April 2019 has been detected during this reporting period, two juveniles have been identified as being responsible and evidence has been used to provide corroboration for other offences of fire raising at schools in Perth.

### Challenges

As mentioned in previous reports, detecting housebreakings in rural locations can cause challenges to Perth and Kinross as they are often committed by travelling criminals, utilising minor roads or unclassified roads to avoid detection. Due to this regular contact is carried out with neighbouring divisional officers to identify similar crimes and carry out joint patrols between boundaries.





## Motor vehicle crime

### Activity

There has been an increase in the thefts of quad bikes and trailers from Perth and Kinross, of which a number of enquiries are ongoing.

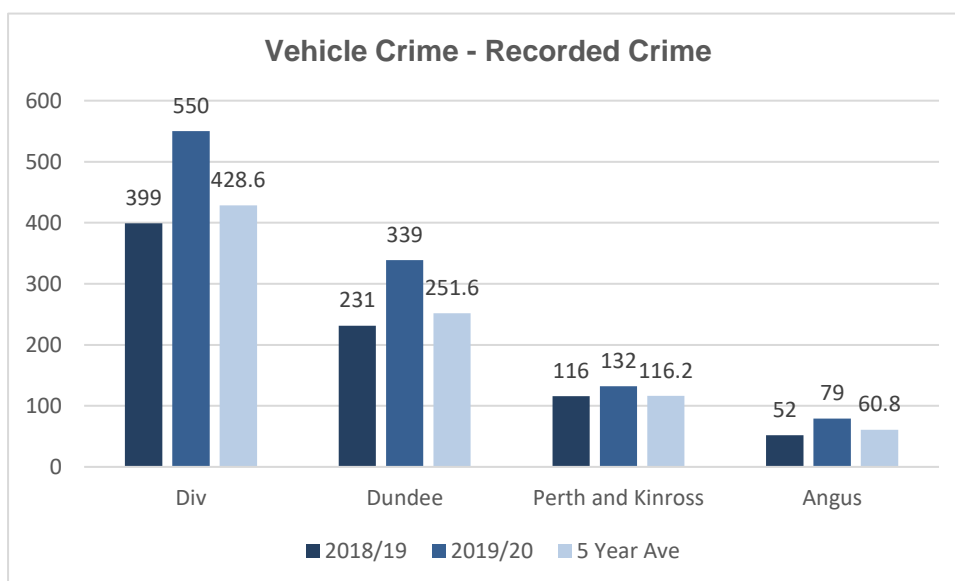
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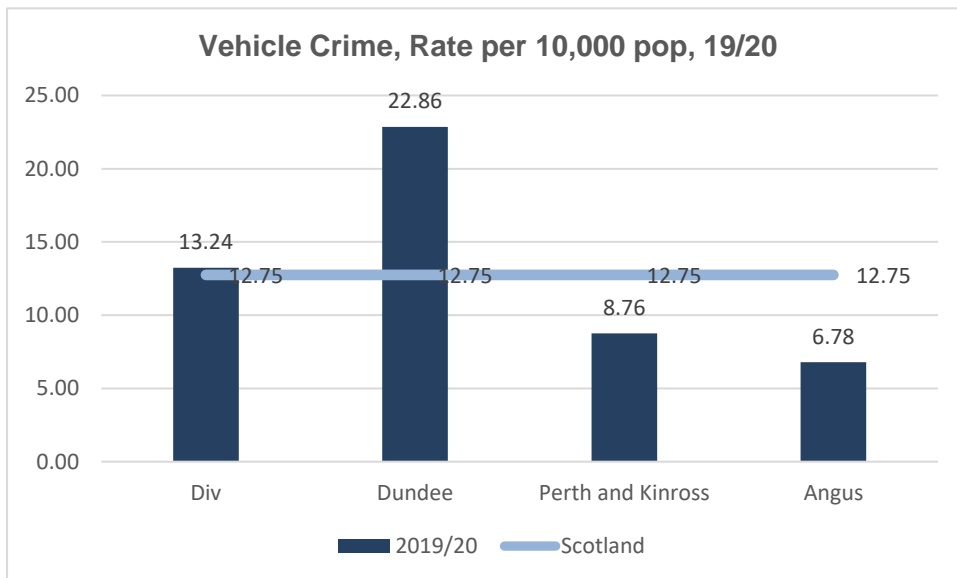
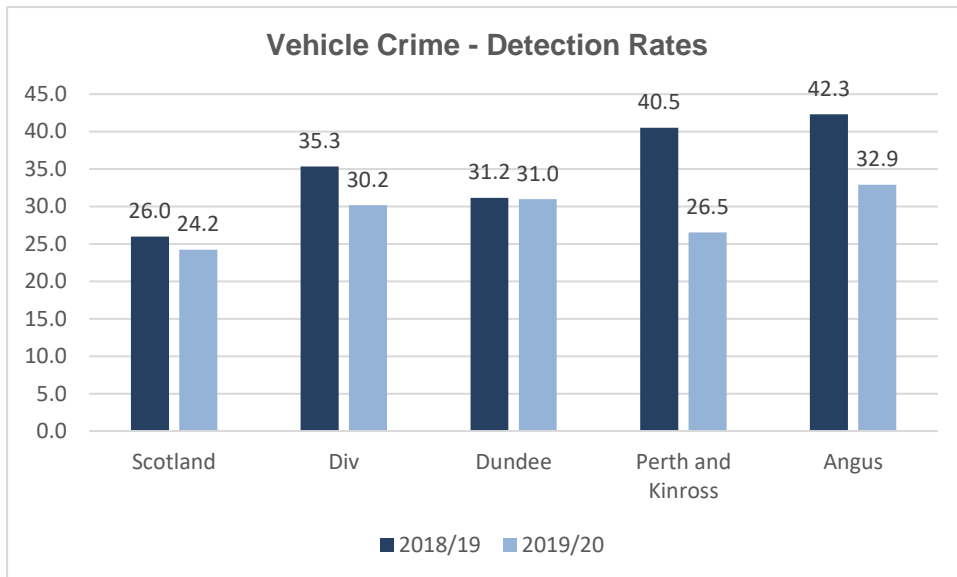
### Results

During this reporting period, a quad bike was stolen from the Milnathort area along with a Ford Ranger from the Tibbermore area and a trailer from Auchterarder. An investigation was carried out and, these vehicles and trailer were recovered in Fife, along with golf clubs and power tools stolen from the Broughty Ferry area. As a result two nominals from Fife have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### Challenges

Acquisitive crime in rural locations is often committed by travelling criminals, which is suspected to be the case in the undetected thefts as they utilise minor or unclassified roads to avoid detection. Due to this regular contact is carried out with Fife Division and Forth Valley Division officers to identify similar crimes.





## Theft by shoplifting

### Activity

The increasing use of CCTV within shop premises assists greatly with the identification of suspects and detection of those responsible.

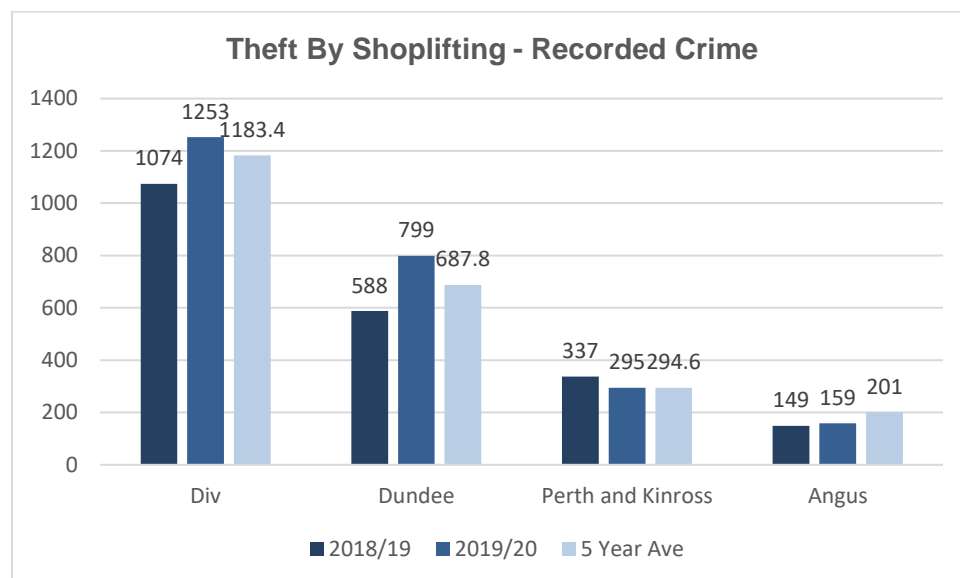
Community officers continue to engage with local business owners and shop owners in relation to security and education of staff in regards to preventing shoplifting.

### Results

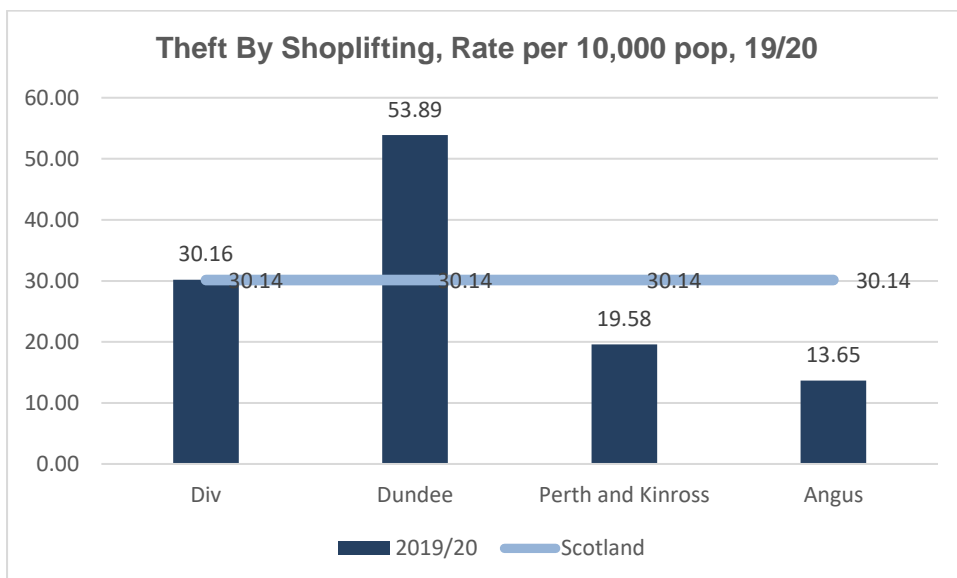
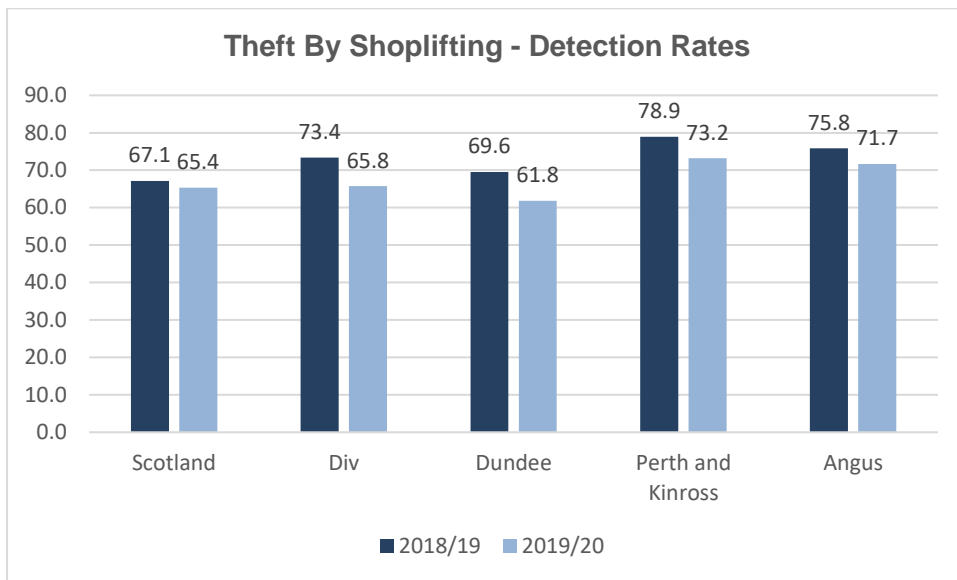
There has been a decrease in thefts by shoplifting during this reporting period and Perth City have recently detected cases where two different accused were identified and labelled with seven different shoplifting charges.

### Challenges

High visibility patrols have been effected during this reporting period due to abstractions in relation to the numerous events held in Perth and Kinross and the division. As the events are now reducing, focus will be on preventative measures during the next reporting period, especially leading into the festive period.







## Fraud

### Activity

Social media campaigns have been focused around preventative messaging linked to phishing to prevent people responding to generic emails or sharing their personal information.

Work continues with Trading Standards to identify and target those involved in Bogus Caller activity. The types of activity people have reported concern around are household repairs, gardening work and unnecessary repairs.

Police Scotland Safer Communities Crime Prevention Week will take place between 21 and 25 October 2019, which will cover Home Safety, Cyber Crime, Shut Out Scammers, Personal Safe and Vehicular crime. As part of this campaign, an event will be held in Perth High Street between 1000 and 1400 hours, 23 October 2019, involving Tayside Division's Preventions Team, Trading Standards and Community Wardens where information will be provided to members of the community regarding crime prevention and financial harm.

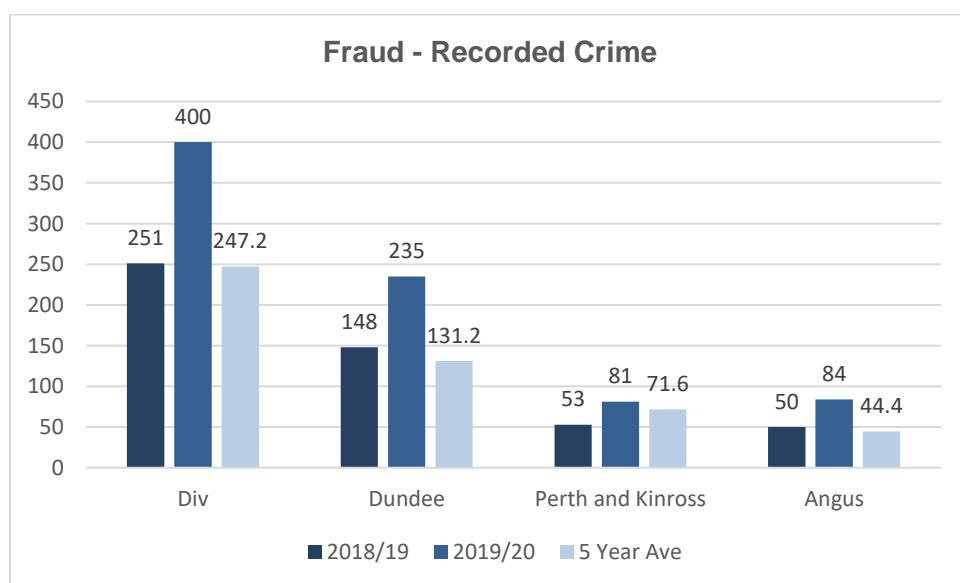
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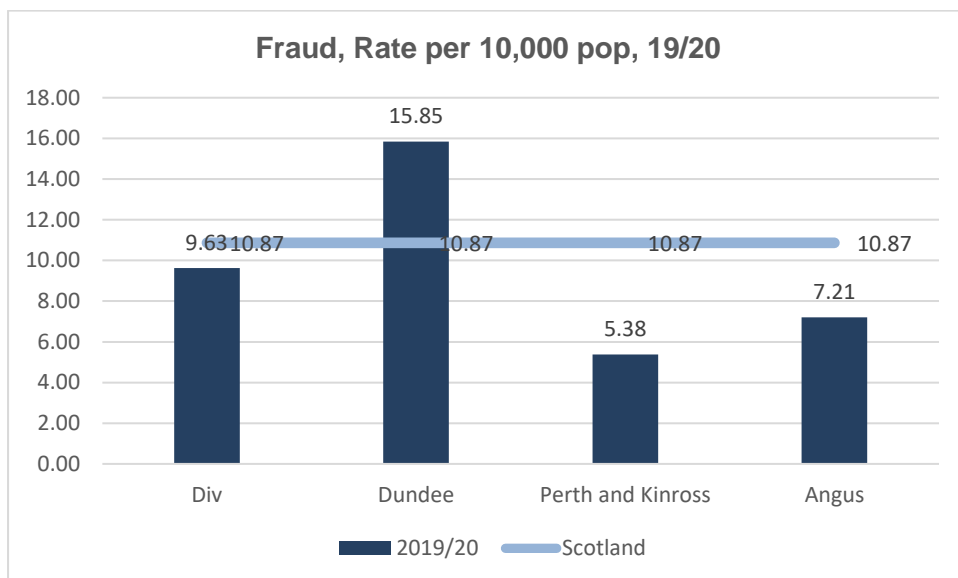
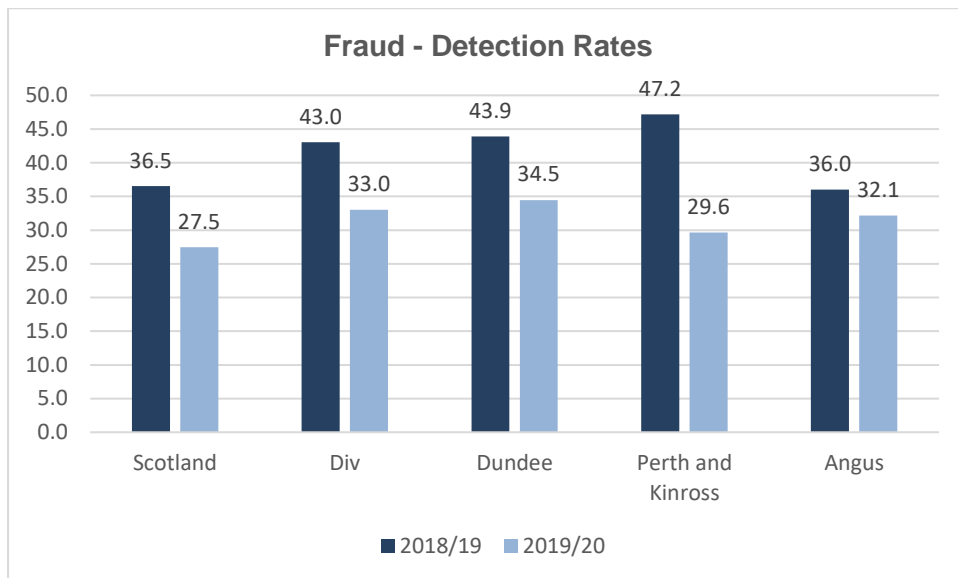
During this reporting period, a number of bank cards were stolen from Crieff Hydro and Gleneagles Hotel. Community Investigation Unit officers, are currently conducting an investigation and have identified males linked to an Organised Crime Group from Coventry known for fraud and theft throughout the UK as being responsible. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in due course.

### Challenges

Fraud continues to be a challenging crime to investigate due to the wide variety of means of perpetration and the fact these crimes are often committed by individuals out with Scotland or on line.

Criminals are becoming more and more sophisticated and information has been received indicating individuals have already used the circumstances around the demise of Thomas Cook to target people across Tayside.





## Protecting vulnerable people

### Outcome 1 – Drug Misuse - Possession of drugs

#### Activity

During this reporting period, a day of action was instigated by Constable McRae, Prison Liaison Officer in conjunction with Scottish Prison Service (SPS) staff to target visitors attending HMP Perth and introducing controlled drugs (and any prohibited articles). The operation also utilised intelligence officers and drugs dogs. Although no arrests were made, this operation highlights the proactive work being carried out by both services to visitors, emphasising this crime will not be tolerated.

Constable McRae is also organising training for SPS staff, to increase their knowledge on the requirements Police need when reporting crimes, to assist with improving the quality of evidence provided in statements and management of productions.

#### Results

Officers regularly deal with individuals who are in possession of controlled substances, the most common being heroin, cannabis, cocaine and diazepam.

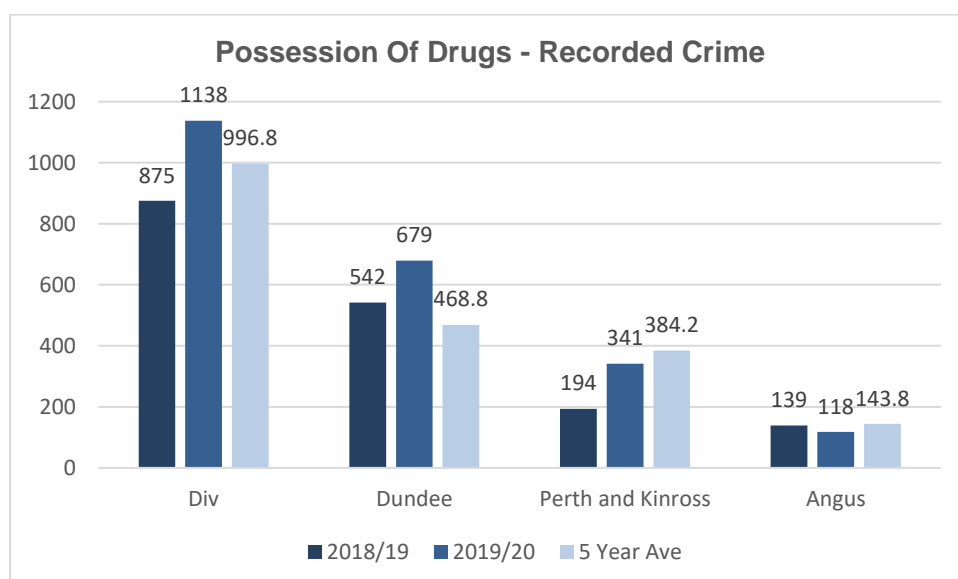
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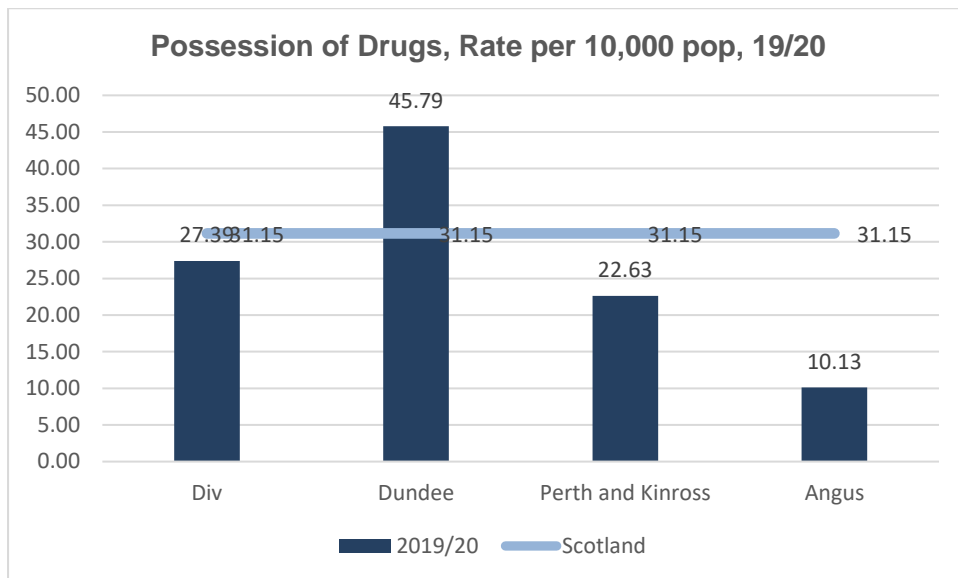
County Lines and Cuckooing have been identified as emerging trends.

County Lines relates to the telephone line which controls the supply of controlled drugs, this line is normally run from the source of supply out with Scotland. Those involved in this type of activity have a propensity for violence when debts are not paid. These Organised Crime Groups use young people who are trafficked for the purposes of travelling to Scotland to facilitate the supply of drugs.

Cuckooing is when the address of a vulnerable person is taken over by persons involved in the supply of controlled drugs. Individuals can be targeted due to their own addiction or mental ill health or other vulnerability or through threat of violence or intimidation.

A number of presentations to key stakeholders including local authority workers and NHS staff are planned to raise awareness of these concerning activities and to improve awareness and information gathering opportunities to better protect those affected and to disrupt and detect those involved.





## Drug Misuse - Supply of drugs

### Activity

The Community Investigation Unit (CIU) leads in the execution of drug warrants across Perth and Kinross and work in conjunction with response and community officers.

### Results

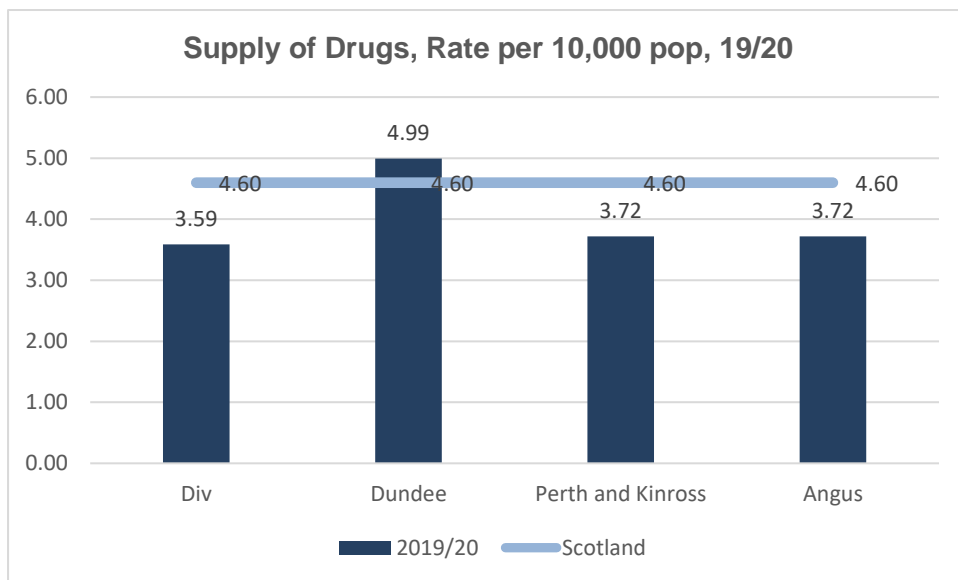
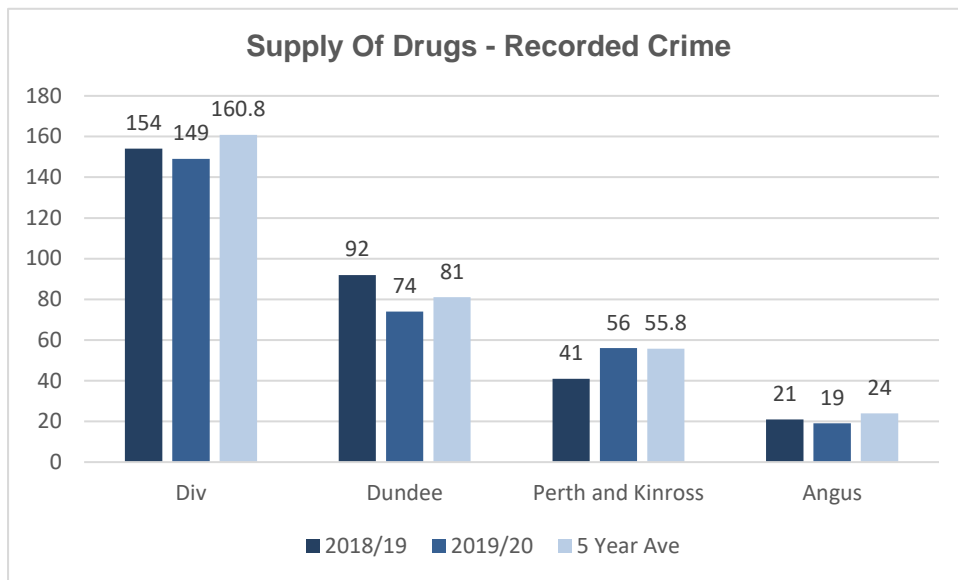
During the reporting period, the CIU executed a drugs warrant in Perth, seizing Cannabis, Amphetamine and 1200 MDMA (Ecstasy) tablets worth a total value of £25,000. As a result of their investigation, two individuals were charged with concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

In August 2019, officers from the CIU have also executed a warrant at an address in Braco, which resulted in the seizure of a Cannabis cultivation (17 plants and 401g of cannabis) worth a total of £14,210.

As previously mentioned, Perth officers work closely with staff from HMP Perth and during the reporting period, 44 cases have been reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal from crimes committed at HMP Perth and Castle Huntly. The offences varied from Introducing Prohibited Articles, Assaults, Concerned in Supply of Drugs and Offensive weapon.

### Challenges

The Police rely on sufficient current reliable intelligence to enable enforcement in Perth and Kinross, which provides challenges if this information is not forthcoming. The development of intelligence coupled with the time and resourcing required to carry out enforcement, especially for a cannabis cultivation also brings challenges.



## **Outcome 2 –Exploitation**

### **Activity**

An evaluation has been published of the RISE project, the partnership between Barnardo's Scotland and D Division of Police Scotland. It highlights the positive impact the project has had in its first two years and will now be launched in Fife and Glasgow areas. The service was recognised at a Parliamentary event in August 2019 by Maree Todd, Minister for Childcare and Early Years.

### **Results**

Officers from Perth and Kinross presented at the national Human Trafficking Conference in Scotland about the successful investigation to protect a foreign national who had been trafficked into Perth and Kinross for the purpose of labour exploitation and had been maltreated resulting in the loss of a limb.

In July 2019 a 43 year old male Stephen Selfridge was convicted at the High Court for blindfolding and sexually abusing more than one child victim within Perth and Kinross.

### **Challenges**

Police Scotland are seeing an increase in County Lines activity, the practice of English based Organised Crime Groups, travelling to Scotland to sell class A drugs, using young or vulnerable people to deliver to customers. Closely related is Cuckooing, a term indicating the act of taking over a person's home by intimidation, exploitation or violence, to use as a safe house or accommodation for a drugs courier. County Lines and Cuckooing activity is being seen in Perth and a programme of awareness raising is underway with partners.

## **Online Sexual Crime**

### **Activity**

Part of the rise in Group 2 crime in Perth and Kinross can be attributed to online sexual abuse, particularly the Disclosure of intimate images. Within Perth and Kinross there has been an increase from 37 to 52 recorded crime between 2018/19 and this year.

### **Results**

Re-offending rates by Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs) remain low. During August 2019 a total number of 14 RSOs re-offended, committing a total of 20 offences, 1 of which was of a sexual nature (0.26% of average RSO population in community during the month). This offence was detected through Police proactivity and monitoring of the offender's internet use and devices.

### **Challenges**

In an effort to better react to the impact and trauma caused to victims of online abuse, particularly children, the Tayside Regional Children's Services collaborative has commissioned a training programme from the Marie Collins Foundation for practitioners across Tayside, following successful evaluation of a similar programme in Perth and Kinross.

### **Outcome 3 –Hate Crime**

#### **Activity**

Processes are in place to review hate crimes/incidents to ensure these are being recognised, recorded and investigated appropriately and that relevant opening/closing codes, aggravators are added to incidents and crime records.

A daily review is carried out of hate crimes/incidents in order to identify any emerging issues or repeat victims, repeat perpetrators or repeat locations so that appropriate interventions can be made which may include signposting to other agencies for support, follow-up visits, security advice, and delivery of advisory leaflets or posters for display.

#### **Results**

Local events have been held to increase public hate crime/incident awareness and there is ongoing partnership work with the Terrence Higgins Trust, in relation to the development of a survey available electronically for the members of the LGBT community to complete. This will cover hate crime awareness as well as confidence in reporting incidents.

Findings of this survey will allow for current practices to be reviewed and identify issues to be addressed.

Dundee University is providing support in relation to the evaluation of local third party reporting centres to establish best practice and training needs, by carrying out a student project whereby a class of third year students will survey and interview those associated with divisional centres to gather information and feed back to Police Scotland the best way to address any identified issues.

The National Safer Communities Equality and Diversity Unit are reviewing third party reporting processes. It is acknowledged that current use of third party reporting centres is low and further awareness raising is required.

An evaluation of current Keep Safe places is ongoing to establish any training needs or support required. Letters have been sent out to all Keep Safe places to establish up to date contacts, training needs and support required.

The National Hate Crime Awareness Week was between 12 and 19 October 2019. A hate crime awareness talk, including Keep Safe awareness, was arranged for Wednesday 16 October at the local Safe Place Meeting at St Matthews Church.

To increase partnership working to establish the best working practice with regards to the Gypsy/Traveller community, a Gypsy/Traveller Focus Group has been established.

All three local councils are working with Police Scotland to establish best practice, current challenges and problem solving for issues such as illegal encampments. Perth and Kinross have two council representatives in this group as well as a Perth based community officer who is the local point of contact should any illegal encampments be set up.



## Maintaining public safety

### Outcome 1 – Road Safety

#### Activity and Results

Tragically there has been two fatal road traffic collisions in Perth and Kinross for this reporting period.

On the 2 August 2019, A827, Logierait to Aberfeldy road a solo motorcyclist aged 53 was killed when a vehicle turned across his path.

On the 7 September 2019 a male pedestrian aged 97 was killed in Galvelmore Street, Crieff when he was struck by a vehicle as he crossed the road.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business in Perth and Kinross and focused patrols work will be complemented by the use of available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from local Tasking and Coordinating processes to tackle criminality.

Local Policing and Road Policing Unit Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns.

Enforcement activity has concentrated on a wide range of driving behaviours including dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving to name but a few.

Based on strategic assessment 4 priority routes have been identified within in Perth and Kinross, which were subject to focussed operation activity:

1. A9 Perth to Inverness road
2. A85 Perth to St Fillans road
3. A93 Perth to Blairgowrie road
4. M90/A90

During the period under review we have held several joint partnership roadside checks with DVSA within D Division with a number of offences detected, for example a day of action was held on 19 September 2019 on the A90 between Perth and Dundee utilising marked and unmarked patrol cars, DVSA and the Safety Camera Partnership, resulting in a successful high profile operation on a priority route.

These high profile days of action are being carried out across priority routes within D Division to improve driver attitude and behaviour with a view to reducing road accidents and anti-social behaviour.

Also, between 7 and 13 September 2019 a campaign focussing on Insurance Offence, was conducted with a considerable number of offences detected and 6 vehicles seized under Section 165, Road Traffic Act 1988.

Three single day operations were carried out with high visibility/high volume activity dedicated patrols to priority routes on the A92/A93 and the A90. Collectively this activity produced 79 vehicle stops with 33 speeding offenders detected and numerous various licence and construction and use offences.

On 20 September 2019, an elderly driver initiative was carried out at Dobbies Garden centre, Perth whereby 80 members of the public were spoken with, advice given and eyesight tests were carried out. This initiative was also replicated at House of Bruar on the A9.

'Pop Up Bairns' have also been utilised at schools in Perth to help educate people about safe parking and will be shared at schools throughout Perth and Kinross on a rotational basis.

### Challenges

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

### Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Perth and Kinross overall have increased. This is attributable to focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

### Activity

On 19 September 2019, focussed patrols were conducted on the A90 Perth to Dundee road.

On 20 September 2019, focussed patrols were on the A9 between Perth and Inverness road by officers from both Tayside and Northern Division.

On 27 September 2019, focussed patrols were conducted on the A93 Perth and Braemar road targeting motorcyclist's exceeding the speed limit. Officers from both Tayside and North East Division along with the Safety Camera Unit were utilised.

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

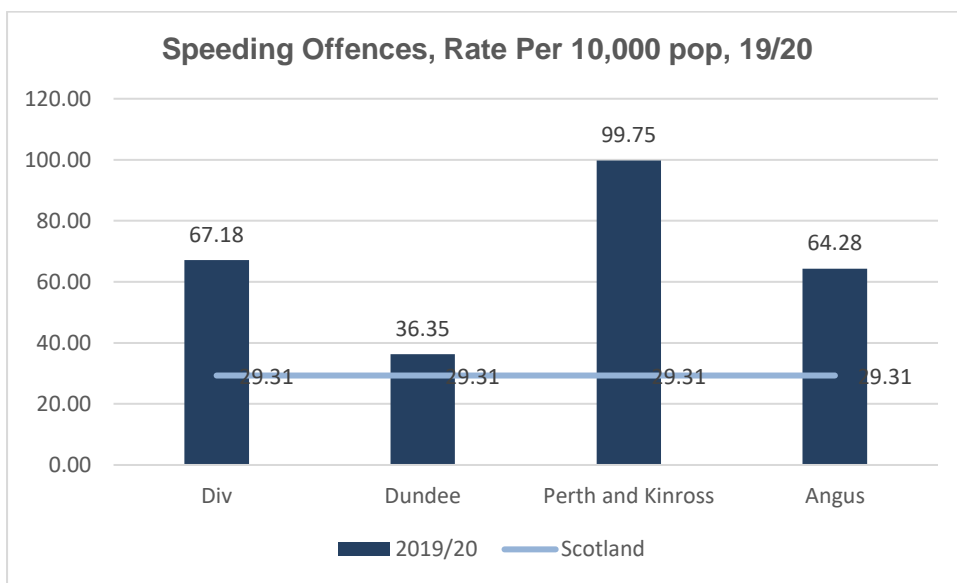
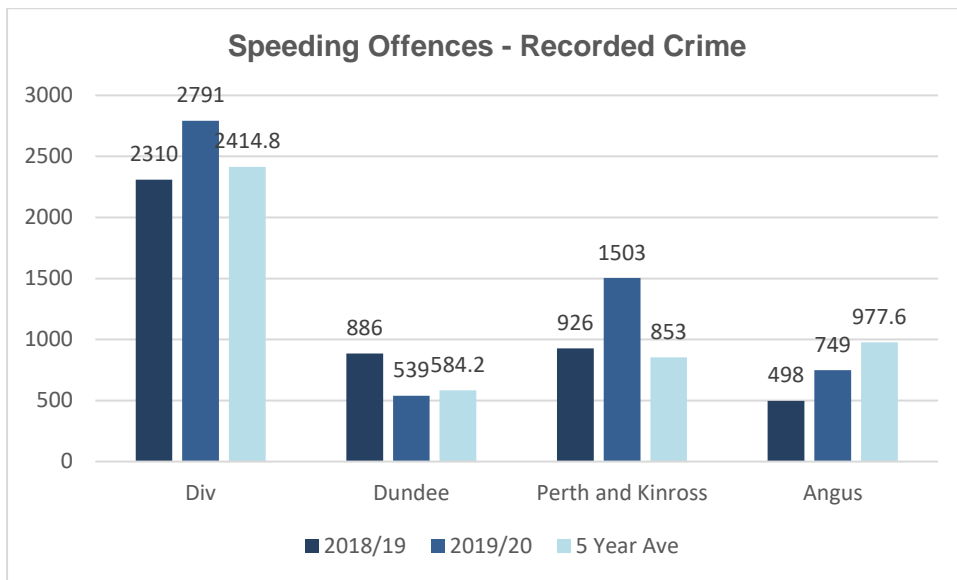
Community Officers have also worked with children at Methven Primary School, by setting up a speeding initiative whereby the children were involved in the use of the handheld radar and designed speeding tickets which were issued to motorists.

### Results

During this focussed activity a number road traffic offences were detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration.

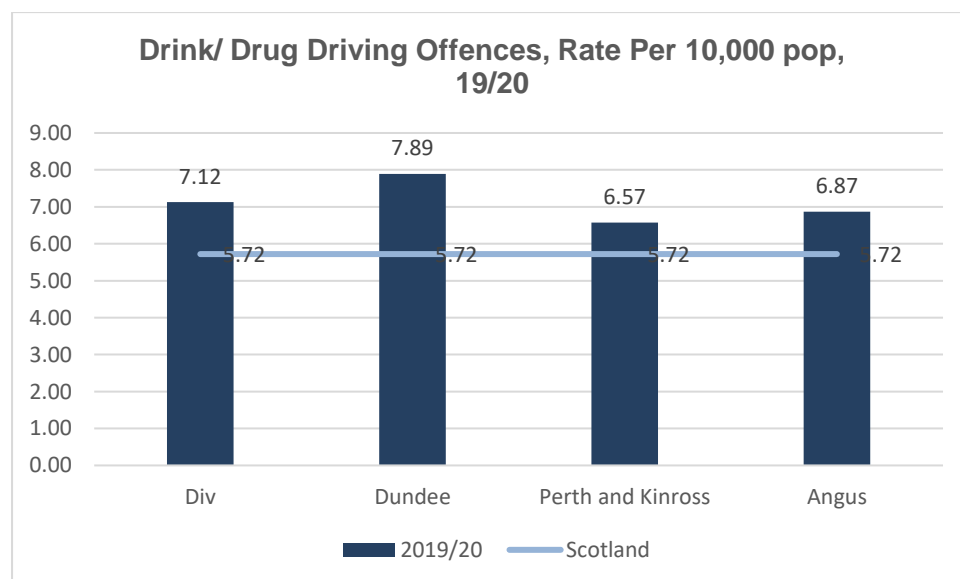
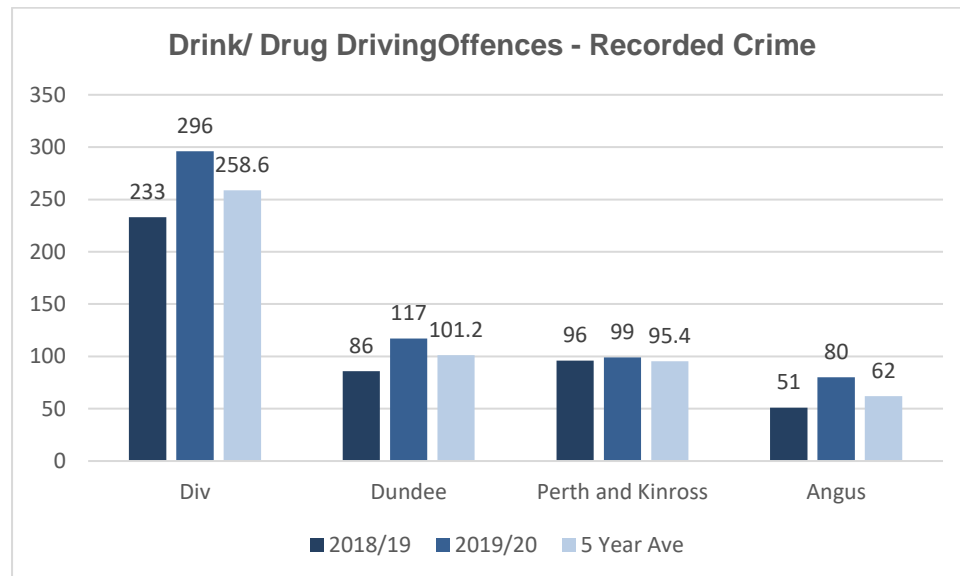
### Challenges

Police resources are being challenged by an increasing number of complaints received in relation to road users exceeding the speed limit. As a result of any complaint Police will carry out a percentile speed check to establish if there is indeed an issue. Unfortunately a vast number of these checks highlight the perception of speed is the issue rather than road users exceeding the speed limit. The perception of speed can also be attributed to modified vehicles which are significantly louder than a standard motor vehicle.



## Drink, Drug offences including failure to provide specimen of breath

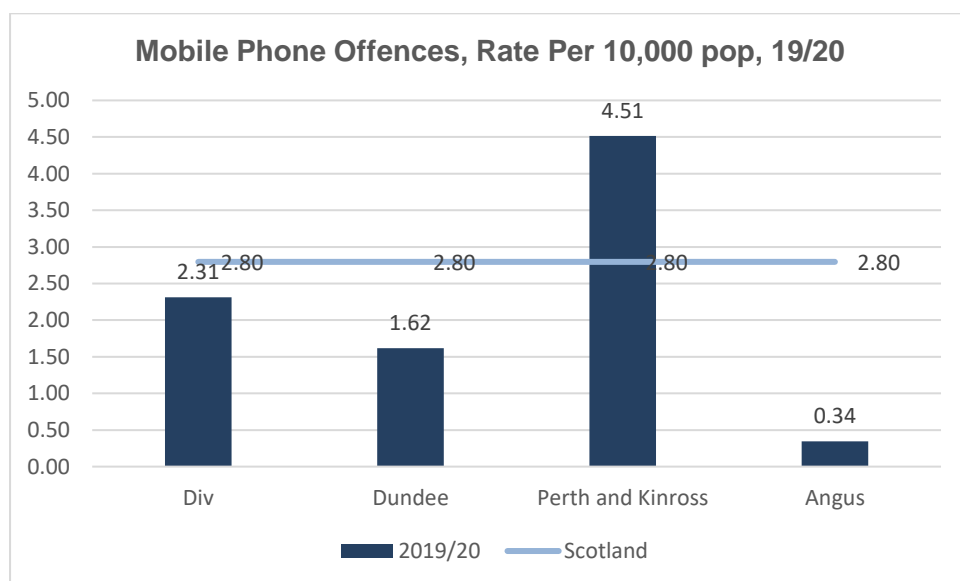
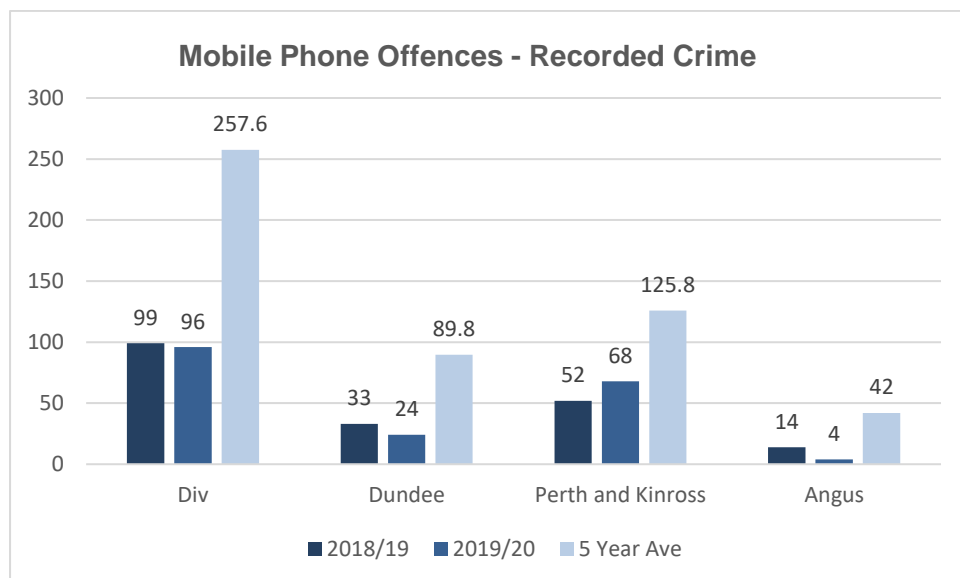
During the period under review of 2019/20, Drink and Drug offences in in Perth and Kinross LPA overall have increased from the 2018/19 figures.



## Mobile phones

During the period under review mobile phone offences in Perth and Kinross LPA have increased.

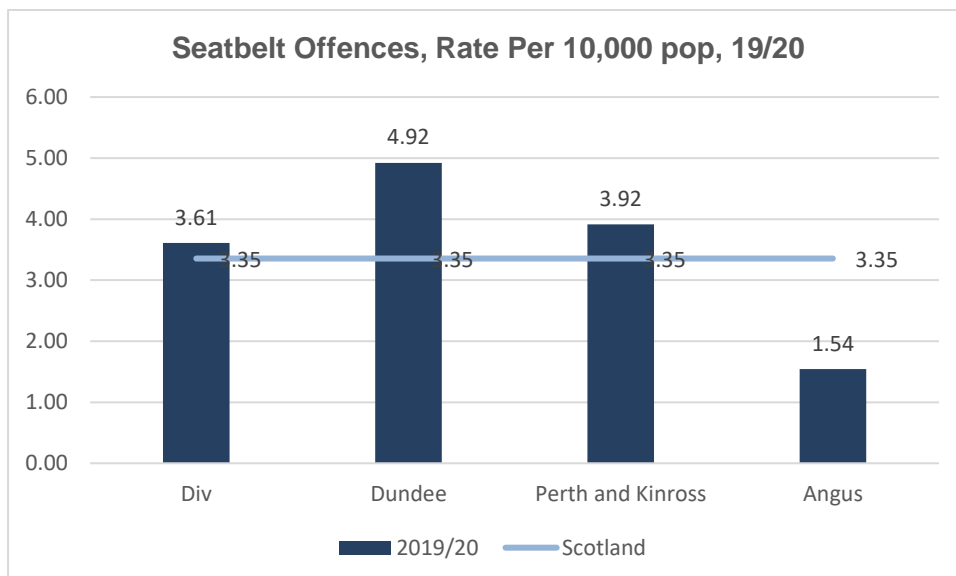
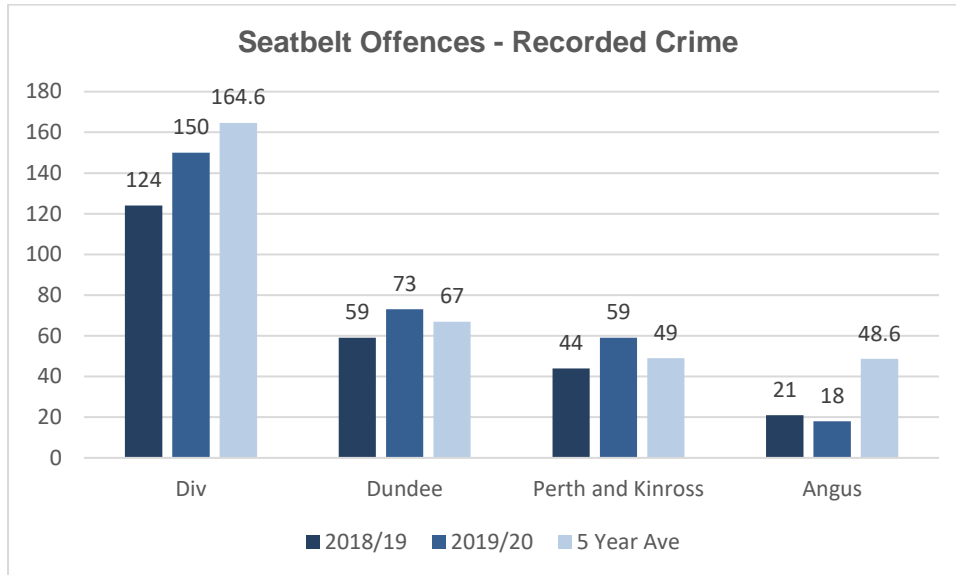
Increased police patrols accompanied by numerous media campaigns have highlighted the dangers of using a mobile device whilst driving a motor vehicle.



## Seatbelts

During the period under review seatbelt offences in in Perth and Kinross LPA have had an increase compared to the same for the period 2018/19.

Increased police patrols accompanied by numerous media campaigns highlight the dangers of failing to buckle up.



## **Outcome 2 – Events**

Police Scotland provide support in relation to a large number of events, including football, across Tayside Division. The overarching aim in relation to these events is to work with and in support of event organisers to ensure they are safe, secure and successful.

This is achieved through meticulous planning by Event Commanders who are supported by a Divisional Planning Team, meetings with event organisers in advance and during the event and through operational deployment on the day of the event.

As well as the foregoing safety aspects, Police are often present at events to ensure, where necessary, the activation of a contingency plans and thereafter the coordination of the resulting emergency services response.

Perth and Kinross host a number of these events. Key events are highlighted for the area below which emphasises the diversity of activity in the area, along with the total number of events where police have been deployed:

In relation to Events there have been significant national and global events held in Perth and Kinross for the period under review. The most significant policing operation was for the Solheim Cup which had a major policing footprint for the event from the 9 to the 15 September. We are pleased to report that the event passed without incident. However this was not the only sporting event held in Perth and Kinross others including the Scottish Women's Cycling Tour and 3 international female football matches held at McDiarmid Park.

On Friday 5 July the Conservative Party held their hustings at Perth Concert Hall engagement with Perth and Kinross Council ensured that this event passed without arrest and also allowed people their right to protest peacefully.

Rewind was held over the weekend of 20 and 21 July whilst this proves to be a popular event with several thousand attending with low criminality to report.

Other events for the period under review include the All Under One Banner procession that took place in Perth on Saturday 7 September with a counter protest also held by Force For Good. Significant planning went into the event with Perth and Kinross Council which led to a peaceful.

### **Perth and Kinross Total deployment for Q2**

Police deployed to **30** events in total in the Perth and Kinross area with

**2** Chief Inspector, **6** Inspector, **36** Sergeants and **323** Constables deployed over this period.

### **As a result of these events**

There were no policing issues at the events.

Licensing Department within Police Scotland has also supported operational policing in Perth and Kinross. Licensing staff and Licensing Standards Officers jointly carried out a day of action around Perthshire focusing on civic licenses, including Window Cleaners and Second Hand Dealers. It is pleasing to note that no issues were identified.

There is one licensed premises currently being monitored in Perth due to a number of proxy sales of alcohol. We shall be working with the licensed premises and the local Community Team to ensure that these sales do not continue.

### Outcome 3 – CONTEST

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.

Port engagement visits have been carried out at various ports across Tayside including Perth harbour, where information and security advice has been given to staff along with Project Kraken information

(Project Kraken provides a mechanism for the reporting of unusual activity or behaviour within the maritime environment believed or suspected to be linked to acts of crime or preparatory acts of terrorism).

Document awareness sessions have been held for partners and relevant businesses throughout Tayside, to educate businesses on the security of legal documents and the necessity to ensure adequate checks are carried out when assessing them.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) is a UK-born international movement, which aims for nothing less than global civil disobedience to pressure governments across the world to act on climate breakdown and species extinctions. During this reporting period, Perth and Kinross Local Contest Liaison Officers have received Extinction Rebellion briefings.

Protective security advice and personal security information briefings have previously been delivered to staff of all Tayside Division Members of Parliament and Members of Scottish Parliament and throughout this reporting period engagement has continued.



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### Stop and search

Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area continue to utilise intelligence led stop and search. This is an important policing aspect in dealing with some of the issues presented by drugs, violence and crimes of dishonesty.

Searches conducted are on a statutory basis and a breakdown of negative and searches are as follows:

**\*\*\* Please note the statistics are not currently available and will be provided once finalised \*\*\***

Data extracted from STORM Unity showing data from 00:00:00 on the first of each month until 23:59:59 on the last day of each month. Figures include all resourced incidents (except diary calls) including those which have been generated by police, e.g. pre planned events such as firearms operations or spontaneous deployment to deal with ongoing crime.

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Grade 1: IMMEDIATE - An ongoing incident with an immediate or apparent threat to life or a serious crime in progress.

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Grade 2: PRIORITY - Crime/Incident where there is a degree of importance or urgency associated with initial police action. Requires immediate attendance and would only be superseded by a grade 1 call.

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Grade 3: STANDARD - Incident is not ongoing, however police attendance is required and the situation could be prejudiced by significant delay.

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Grade 4: SCHEDULED - Crimes/Incidents which will not be prejudiced by a scheduled response, with police attendance at a mutually agreeable time.

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Grade 5: NON - ATTENDANCE - Incidents that can be resolved by telephone or by some other which do not require police attendance.

## Appendix

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

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

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

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