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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

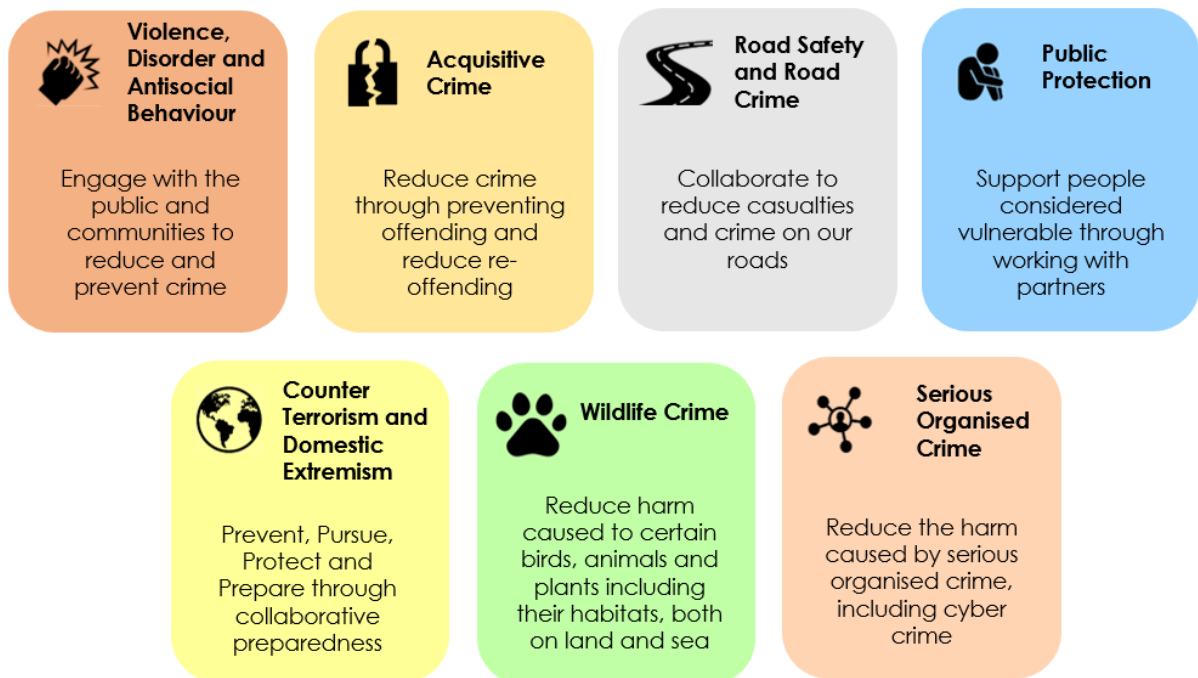
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Perth & Kinross Council and will report to the Housing and Communities 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 Council Housing and Communities Committee. This report covers the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

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

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

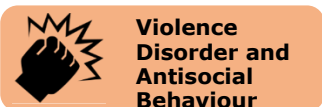
The information contained within this document compliments Force Priorities and supports reporting through Community Planning Partnership structures.



Plan on a Page – Perth & Kinross Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

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

Local Priorities



Objectives

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



Outcomes

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



Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending



The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery



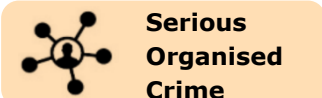
Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



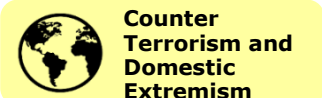
The public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing



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



Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public



Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness



Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges



Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea




















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Summary Report Perth & Kinross LPA

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

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

 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour		
Serious Assault			Robbery Inc Intent			Common Assault - Total		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
20/21	79	83.5	20/21	34	88.2	20/21	997	73.5
21/22	71	87.3	21/22	42	81.0	21/22	1165	68.3
% +/-	-10.1%	+3.8%	% +/-	+23.5%	-7.3%	% +/-	+16.9%	-5.2%
 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			 Acquisitive Crime			 Acquisitive Crime		
Emergency Services Assault			Housebreakings -Dwellings			Motor Vehicle Crime		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
20/21	132	98.5	20/21	58	12.1	20/21	262	41.6
21/22	121	98.3	21/22	95	31.6	21/22	212	37.3
% +/-	-8.3%	-0.1%	% +/-	+63.8%	+19.5%	% +/-	-19.1%	-4.3%
 Acquisitive Crime			 Road Safety and Road Crime			 Road Safety and Road Crime		
Fraud			Speeding			Drink/ Drug Driving		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
20/21	273	20.1	20/21	2101	100	20/21	242	88.4
21/22	368	16.8	21/22	1968	99.9	21/22	187	92.0
% +/-	+34.8%	-3.3%	% +/-	-6.3%	/	% +/-	-22.7%	+3.5%
 Road Safety and Road Crime			 Road Safety and Road Crime			 Public Protection		
Road Deaths - All			Serious Injury - All			Rape Inc Assault with Intent		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
20/21	0	N/A	20/21	58	N/A	20/21	63	49.2
21/22	4	N/A	21/22	64	N/A	21/22	83	53.0
% +/-	/	/	% +/-	+10.3%	/	% +/-	+31.7%	+3.8%
 Public Protection			 Serious Organised Crime			 Serious Organised Crime		
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes			Drugs Supply			Drug Possession		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
20/21	364	52.5	20/21	108	73.1	20/21	436	102.3
21/22	389	46.8	21/22	105	65.7	21/22	331	90.0
% +/-	+6.9%	-5.7%	% +/-	-2.8%	-7.4%	% +/-	-24.1%	-12.3%

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Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priorities:

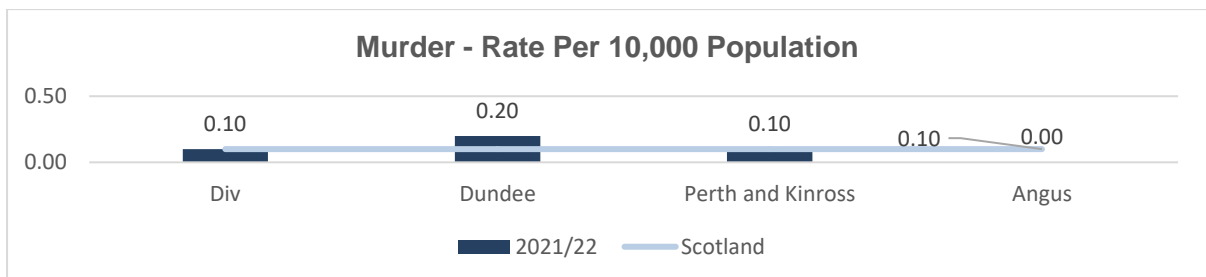
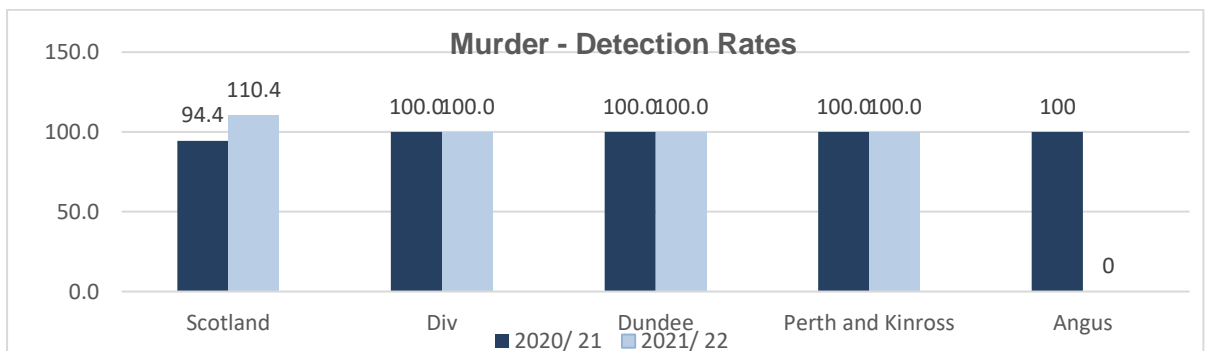
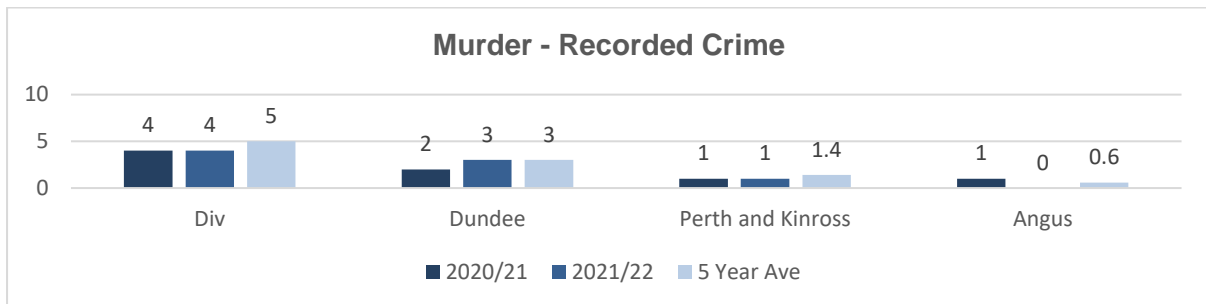
- Giving every child the best start in life
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

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

No murders were recorded during the reporting period. The overall number of murders recorded Year to Date (YTD) remains static at 1, which is below both the national and 5 year average.



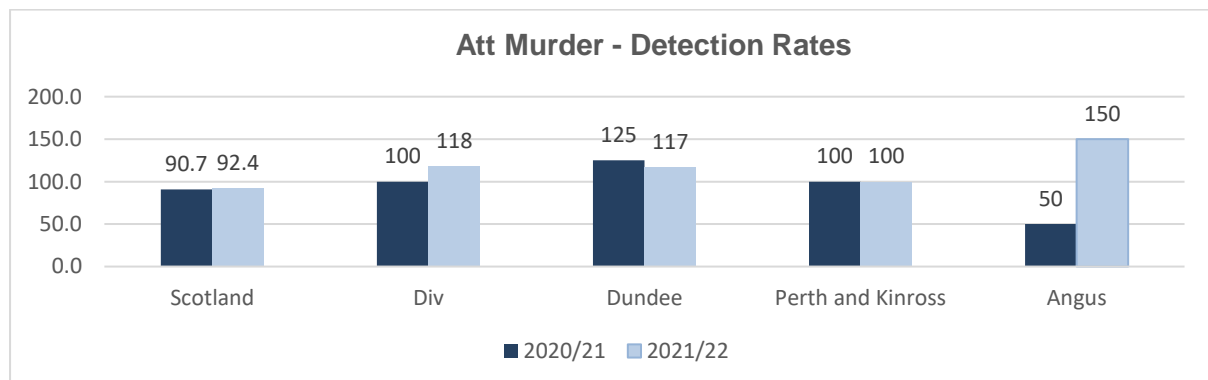
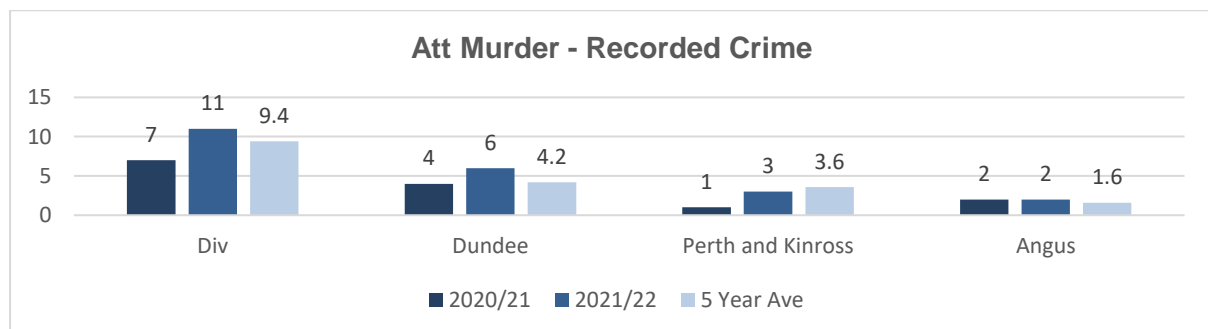
Attempted Murder

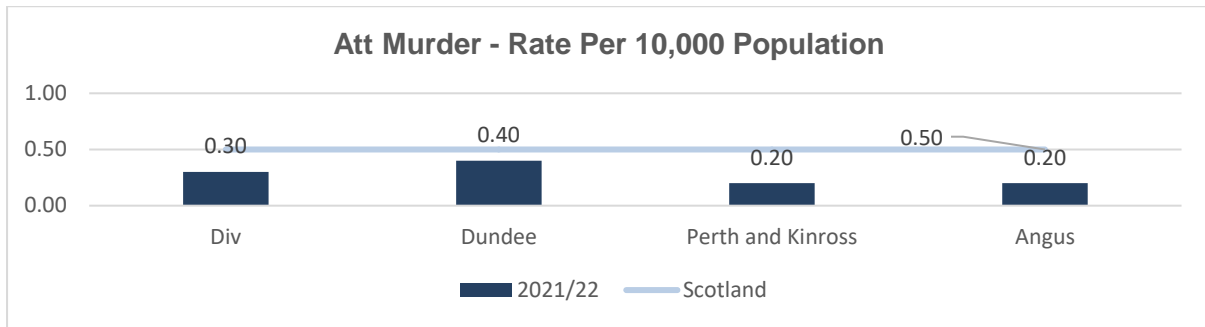
There have been two attempted murders recorded during the reporting period.

In the first of these incidents a 29 year old female was driving her motor vehicle along the A9 near to Dunning when she was involved in an altercation with her partner which caused them to crash. Both had life threatening injuries as a result of the crash and received treatment in hospital. Neither party were local to the Perth and Kinross area. The male was subsequently reported for the attempted murder of his partner and is awaiting trial. Specialist officers from the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit liaised with colleagues in the Division in which the victim resides to ensure appropriate safeguarding and supports are in place from both police and partner agencies.

The second incident took place within a private dwelling in Perth City whereby a 29 year old male sustained significant injuries as a result of being attacked with a bladed weapon. The victim and perpetrator were known to each other and alcohol was a significant factor in this attack. A 22 year old male was promptly arrested and, following investigation by local officers and Criminal Investigation Department (CID), charged with the offence of attempted murder and is awaiting trial. On release from hospital the victim returned to his home address in England and there has been no wider community impact.

Although this represents an increase of two attempted murders in comparison with the Last Year to Date (LYTD), the overall figure remains below the five year average and significantly below the national average. Detection rates remain stable at 100%.





Serious Assault

Activity

All crimes of serious assault are subject to a review from a Detective Sergeant, CID to ensure all pertinent enquiries are identified and prioritised and appropriate measures are in place to safeguard victims.

Where violent offenders are subject to bail curfews or special bail conditions in respect of their offences, bail compliance checks are carried out and any breaches are reported.

Prison releases are monitored and locality officers carry out proactive visits to discourage re-offending and ensure any support required is highlighted via the Preventions Interventions and Partnerships team.

Results

The number of serious assaults recorded during the reporting period has remained static when compared to the same period last year (17 crimes), however the YTD figures show an overall reduction of 10.1% or 8 fewer crimes. This remains below the 5 year average and significantly below the national average.

In all but one of the crimes the victim and offender were known to each other prior to the commission of the offence.

29% of serious assaults occurred in public spaces, 24% took place near to or within licensed premises, 12% took place within HMP Perth while 35% were recorded as occurring within private dwellings.

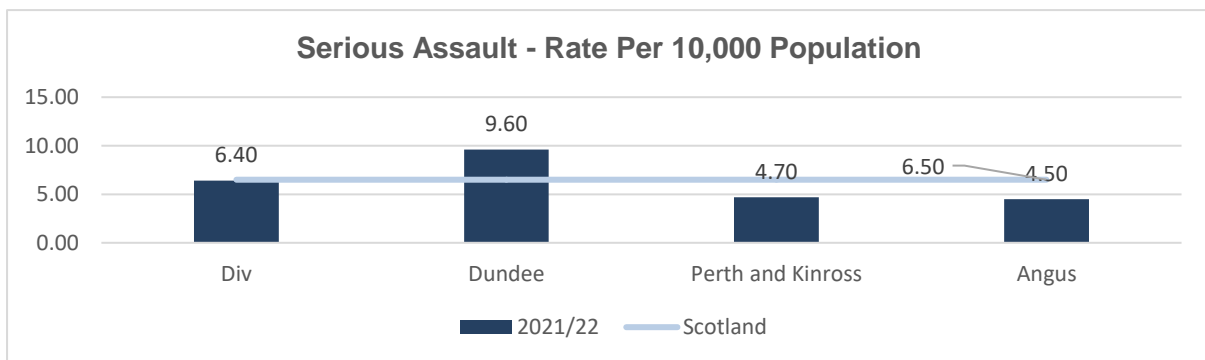
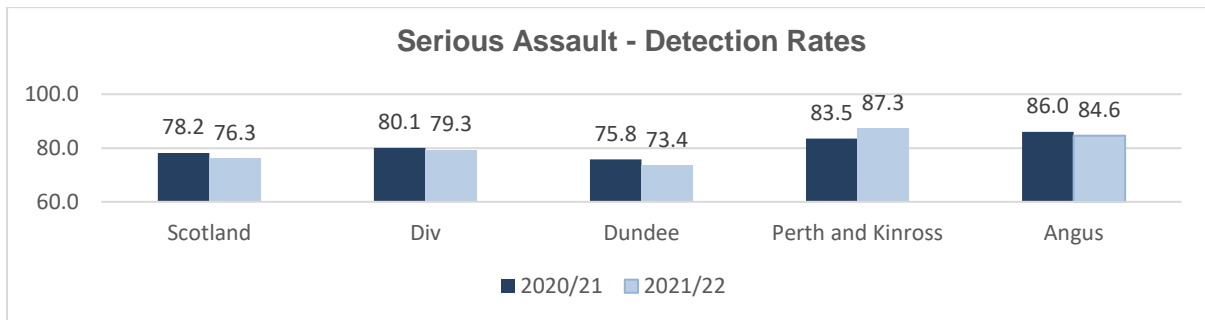
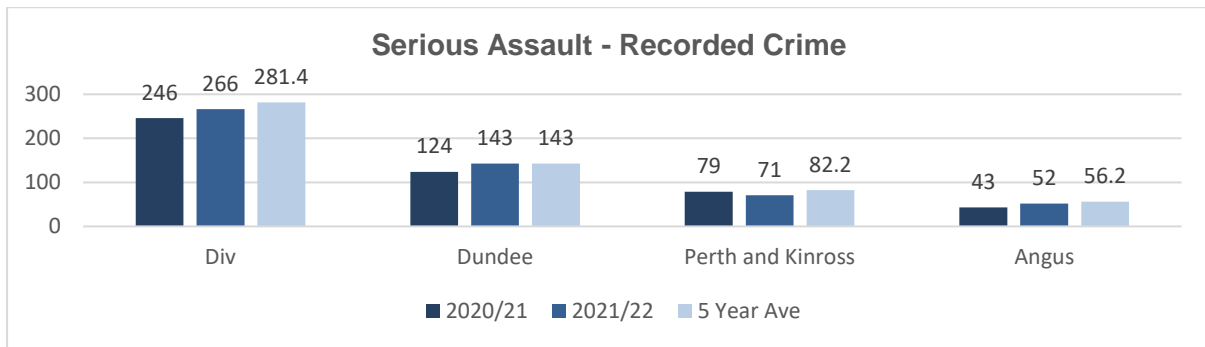
From analysis, it is clear that over consumption of alcohol and abuse of controlled substances continues to play a part in these types of crimes with over 40% of crimes recorded involving victim / perpetrator being under the influence of drink or drugs.

Detection rates have increased when compared to LYTD and remain higher than both the Divisional and National averages. Four of the crimes recorded during this period remain subject of active investigation with potential for increases in detection rates upon conclusion of these enquiries.

Challenges

A significant number of these crimes were committed by offenders who were known to their victims. These relationships impact on levels of engagement and can make

investigations challenging, often relying upon forensic evidence and third party witnesses.



Common Assault

Activity

There were 314 Common Assaults recorded during the reporting period which is an increase of 29% on the same reporting period last year. This equates to 71 more crimes.

When compared with LYTD, overall recording of Common Assaults has increased by 16.9% in comparison with 2020/2021, an increase of 168 crimes.

This upward trend is reflected across the other two Local Authority Areas within Tayside Division, however it is worth noting that occurrence rates in Perth and Kinross remain below both the local and national averages.

Offences committed against emergency service workers continues to remain lower than LYTD with a reduction of 8.3% or 11 fewer crimes.

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Almost 27% of Common Assaults during this period have been related to domestic offending. This equates to 84 crimes. Over a third of these crimes did not occur within this reporting period and are considered non-recent in nature, i.e. the offence occurred more than 12 months prior to being reported to police. Police Scotland continues to encourage historical reporting of these crime types to promote the safety of domestic abuse victims.

17% of Common Assaults involved a child under 18 years of age and in the majority of these cases the perpetrators were also children. Analysis also shows that 9.2% of Common Assaults occur within a school setting.

Further analysis has been commissioned in respect of incidents within school settings and this will inform the focus of Community Policing activity.

We also continue to work with partners in relation to Operation STUNG, which is an intelligence led and proactive operation to divert, deter, detect and disrupt violence, anti-social behaviour and drug and alcohol abuse involving youths and it is worth noting that only 2 of the common assaults recorded during the reporting period have occurred at previously identified hot spots.

Results

Detection rates for Common Assaults have decreased by 5% when compared with LYTD, a trend which is replicated both locally and nationally.

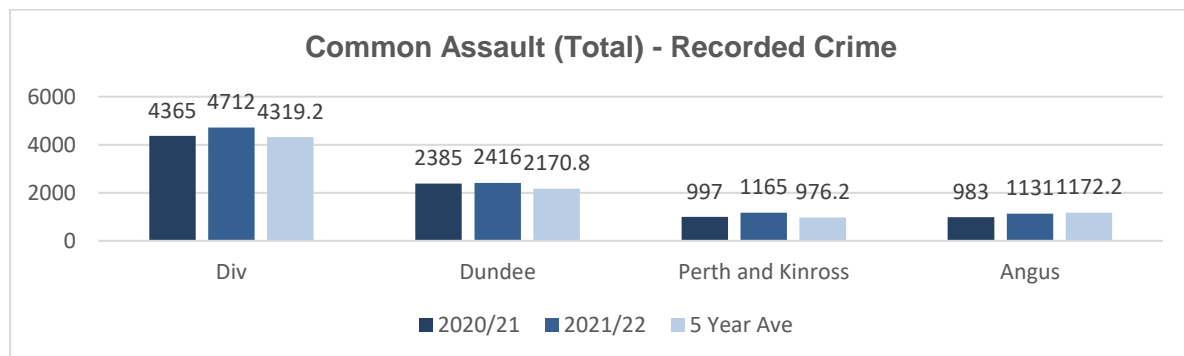
This decrease, may, in part, be attributable to a rise in non-recent offences which can prove more challenging to investigate as opportunities to gather evidence such as forensics and CCTV can be lost due to the passage of time.

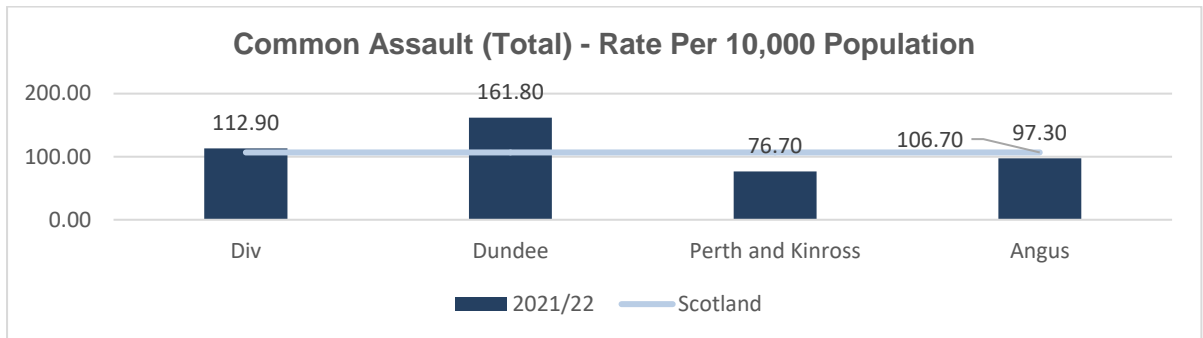
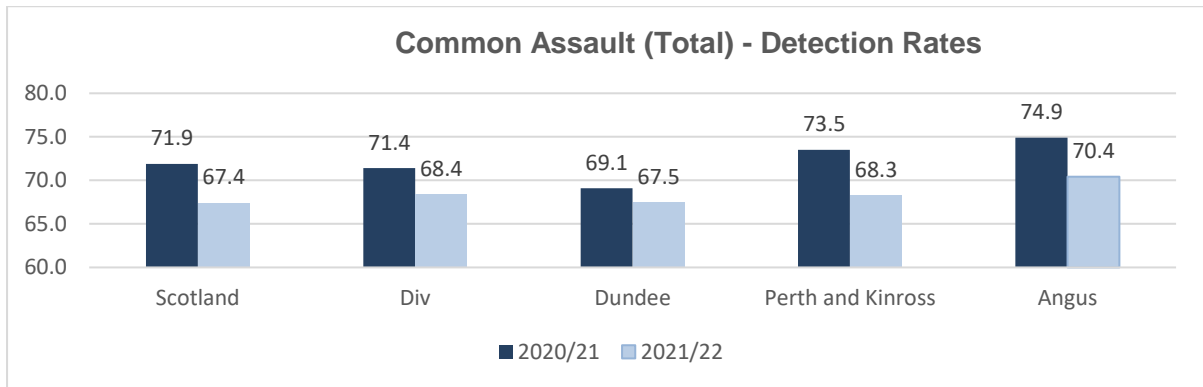
That said, a number of these crimes remain under active investigation and it is anticipated that the detection rates will increase as enquiries are concluded.

Challenges

Similarly to Serious Assaults, Common Assaults are sporadic in nature and the majority of these occur in private dwellings, which in itself provides a significant challenge to policing. Further, the relationship between the victim and the offender can be a hindrance as it can make them less likely to support any investigation.

It is clear that the abuse of alcohol and drugs remains a strong factor in driving occurrence rates across all violent crime and this crime category is no different.





Robbery

Activity

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.

The response to Robberies remains a Divisional priority and all activity is aligned to the Robbery Action Plan.

All reports of Robbery have a CID input from the outset and the majority of these investigations are progressed by this department. A Robbery toolkit has been developed to ensure consistency of investigative practice and provision of support to victims.

The focus remains on prevention with proactive activity aligned to geographic areas where higher levels of violent crime are seen, targeting those who are wanted on warrant for serious and violent crime to ensure early arrests are made and we work closely with colleagues from our Divisional Partnerships Interventions and Preventions (PIP) team to support victims through housing, welfare and signposting to health and social care to prevent recurrence and target harden by enhancing physical security measures.

There were 8 recorded Robberies during this reporting period which is 3 more crimes than the same period last year.

Over the last 12 months there has been an overall increase of 23.5% which equates to 8 more crimes, albeit we remain below the national average.

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Analysis shows that 50% of these crimes occurred in public space. Of note 37% of the crimes which occurred within the private space had a domestic aggravator with items such as keys and mobile telephones being among the items stolen.

In 75% of cases the victim and perpetrator were known to each other.

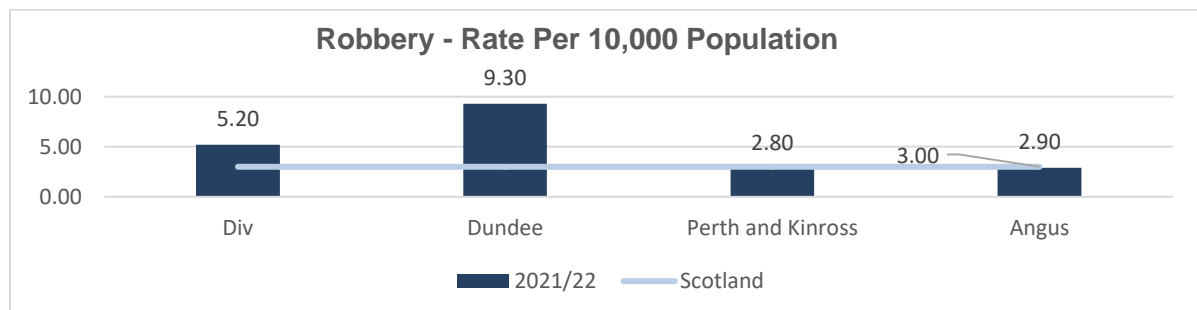
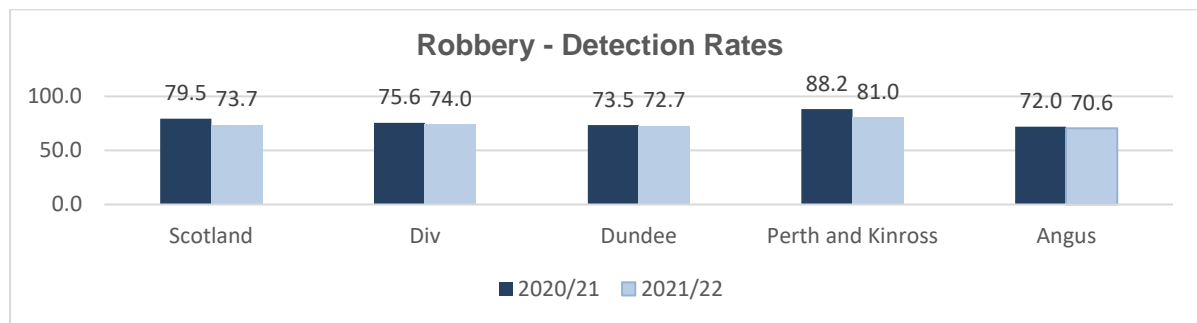
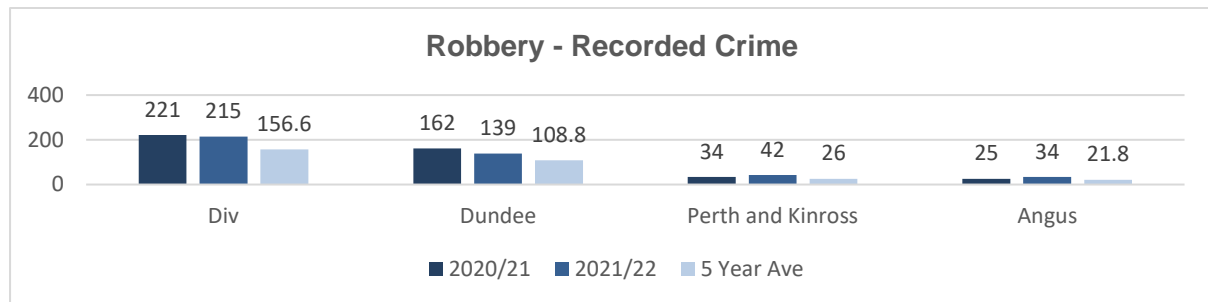
Results

The detection rate for Robbery has decreased marginally when compared with LYTD, however remains significantly higher than both Divisional and National averages.

As with previous crime categories, a number of these crimes remain under active investigation by CID and locality officers and there is further potential for detection rates to increase as enquiries are brought to a conclusion.

Challenges

Analysis shows that offences can be opportunistic and sporadic in nature with few repeat victims or offenders. As with other violent crime categories the relationship between victim and offender continues to present challenges with several victims failing to fully engage with police enquiries.



Vandalism

Activity

The crime of vandalism is often associated with broader instances of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and can have a disproportionate impact on community's sense of safety and wellbeing and as such remains a priority for Police Scotland.

The occurrence rates for vandalism has continued in an upward trend during the reporting period resulting in an overall YTD increase of 13%, which equates to an additional 100 crimes when compared with LYTD, however occurrence rates remain below both the 5 year average and national average.

Geographically this quarter, over half of the crime was recorded in Perth and immediate surrounds with the remainder split quite equally between North/ East Perthshire and South Perthshire.

There is a disproportionate number of recorded vandalisms in Stanley, North Perthshire, with the Primary School and church being repeatedly targeted. These are areas where youth offending has been prevalent in the past. In South Perthshire, Crieff remains the location with the highest number of vandalisms.

Results

Detection rates have decreased by around 10% when compared with LYTD, however remain higher than the national average.

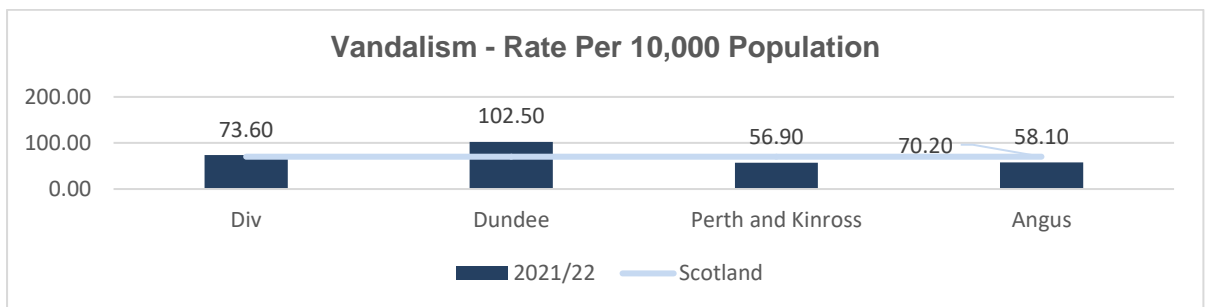
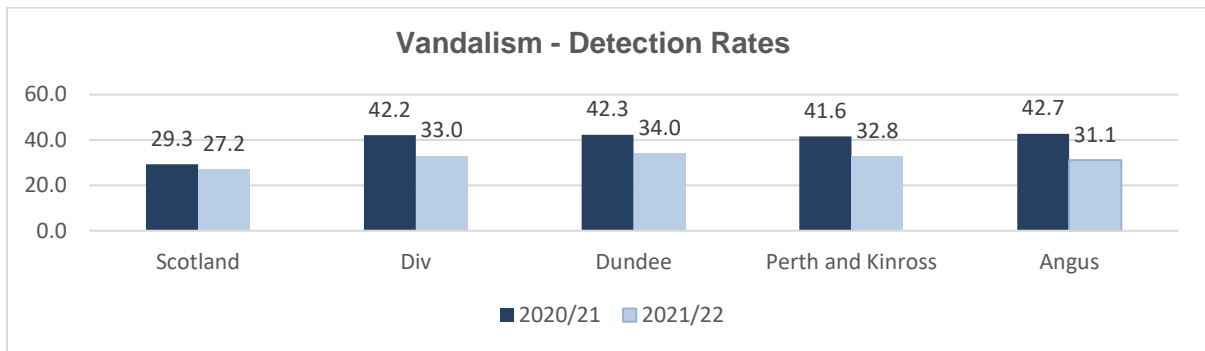
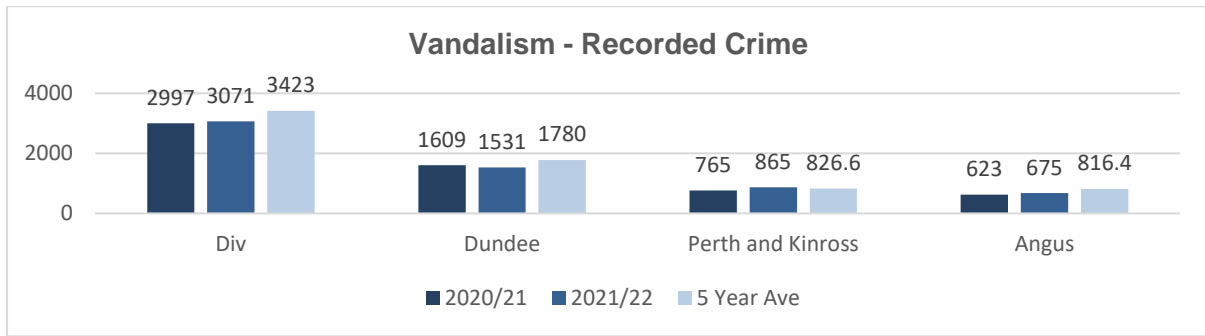
In January 2022, a 13year old male and a 14 year old male were charged with discharging and damaging fire extinguishers at a multi-storey car park in Perth City Centre. The same males were also charged with smashing security lighting at a commercial premises within the centre and the same 14 year old male was also responsible for a connected Wilful Fire-raising. These males have been reported to the Youth Justice Assessor.

In unrelated incidents a 33 year old male was charged for damaging a motorcycle in the city centre and a 15 year old repeat offender was charged for vandalism in the Letham area of Perth.

Challenges

The continued upward trend for vandalism and involvement of children as perpetrators continues to give cause for concern and will remain a priority area for our Community Policing Teams across Perth and Kinross.

Operation STUNG continues to target youth offending and ASB and we continue to work closely with partners in Crieff to engage with youths who may be drawn to ASB activity in an effort to divert them to more positive activities.



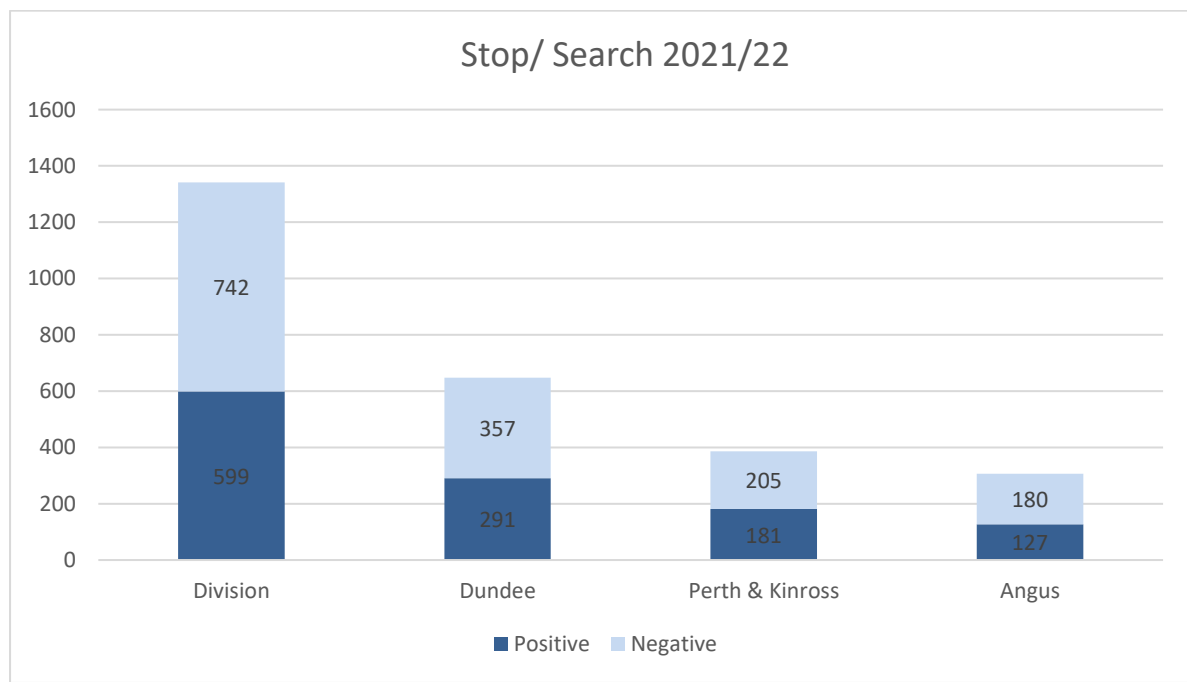
Stop Search

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 386 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 181 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 46.9%.

Assurance reports are provided monthly which show no disproportionate searching was carried out of persons under 18, nor did any disproportionate searching take place around ethnicity.





Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priorities:

- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

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*

This quarter continues with the previous trend showing a move towards Theft by Housebreaking (HB) type offences of both dwelling houses and other property types. Although motor vehicle crime was static this quarter there was a general move away from this type of the crime over the last 12 months. This last quarter has shown a return to the thefts of high value bicycles and e bicycles, mainly from secured garage premises. This has previously been linked to organised crime groups from the Edinburgh area.

There has been no apparent targeting of high value jewellery items as seen in other quarters and no specific targeting of properties likely to contain high value items other than e bikes. The thefts of power tools and garden machinery continues to feature this quarter.

Fraud continues to present a challenge with a wide range of fraud types used by offenders. Most fraud has continued to be faceless with crimes being online or by telephone.

Domestic Housebreaking

There were 23 crimes recorded this period which represents an increase of 10 crimes compared to the same period last year. There is an overall increase of 37 crimes over the last 12 months, an increase of 63.7% on last years' figures. Detection rates have almost tripled in the last 12 months and sit above the detection rate for the national average with crime rates well below. There are still a number of recorded crimes sitting with named suspects and pending forensic reports and therefore a further increase in detection rates is expected for this period.

In contrast to the previous reporting period, crime in South Perthshire have increased and those in North Perthshire have fallen. 39% of crimes were recorded in South Perthshire.

There is no distinct pattern in those properties targeted either in Perth City or the rural areas.

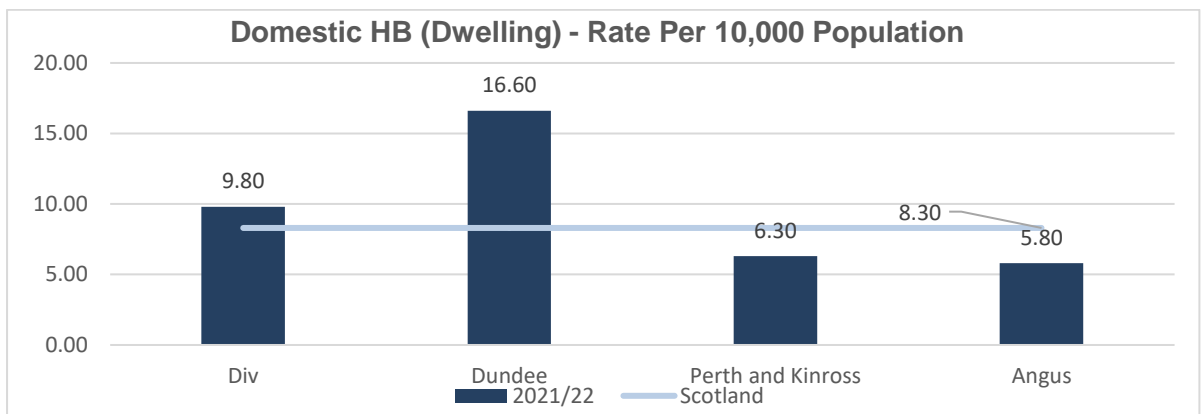
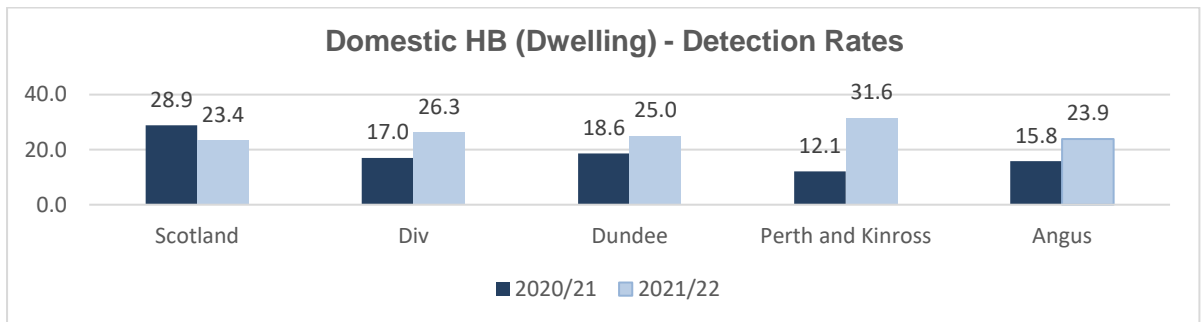
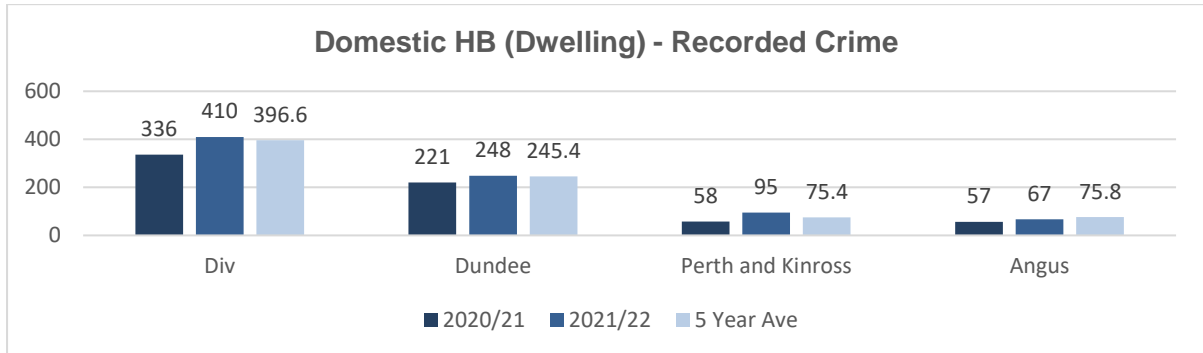
Patrols are supported by the use of specialist resources and other bordering divisions.

In February 2022 a 37 year old local man was arrested and charged for committing theft by housebreaking in Montgomery Road and Bowton Road, both Kinross. These offences were carried out whilst the offender was already on bail.

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Four males were responsible for crimes in March 2022, in the Longforgan area and including the theft of a number of high value bicycles from a private dwelling. A 17 year old male from Dundee has been charged with these offences enquiries are ongoing to identify co-accused for this crime.

There has been no significant crime series of this type during this reporting period.



Fraud

The number of frauds has very slightly fallen this quarter in comparison with the same reporting period last year. There were 77 crimes recorded this quarter, a decrease of 3 crimes. Overall there has been a significant increase in recorded fraud over the last 12 months, with an additional 95 crimes (34.8%) in comparison to the previous 12 months.

This quarter the majority of frauds recorded have been committed online or by telephone. The most common crime type was of a banking nature whereby persons

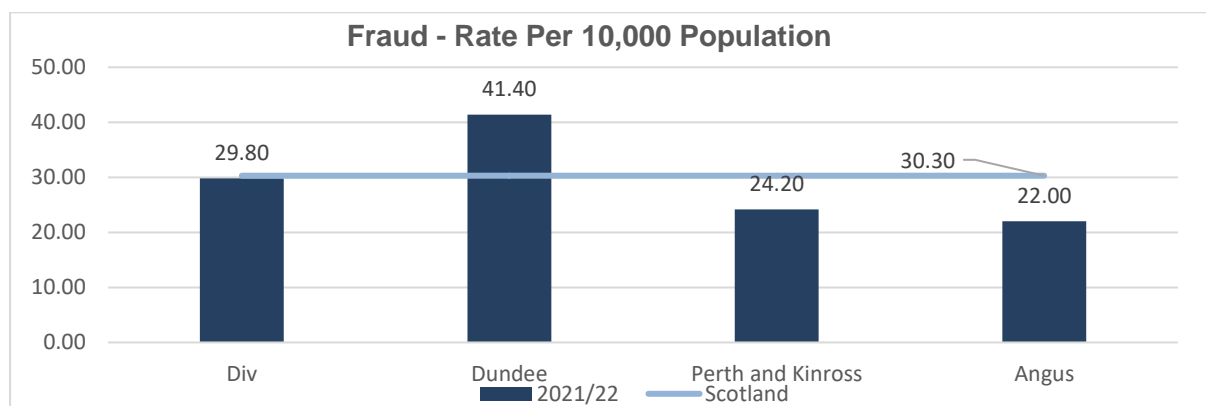
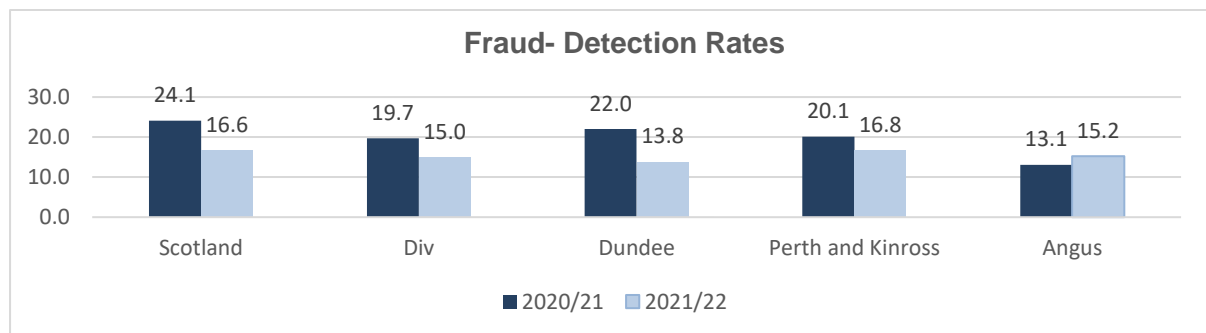
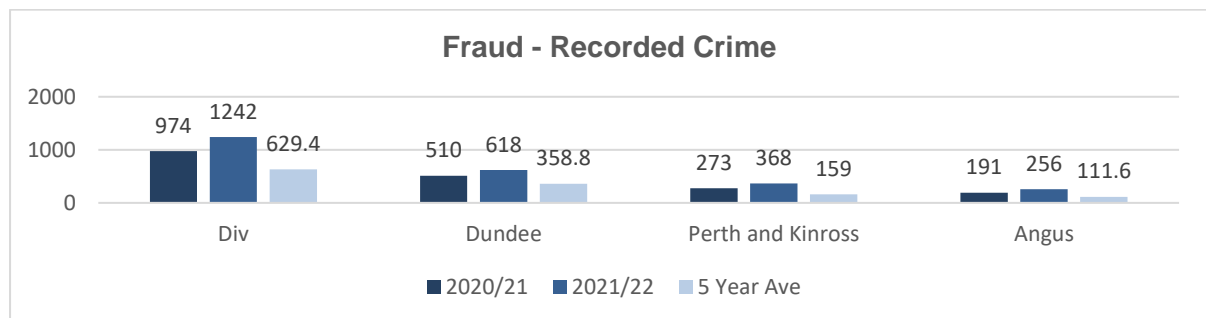
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purporting to be from the victims bank contact the victim by telephone and persuade them that they need to move their money to avoid having it stolen from their account. Other common fraud types include offering fictitious goods for sale or using another person's identity online in order to obtain goods.

We continue to ensure these crime types are highlighted in the commanders bulletins and continue to publicise new or common scams and cyber alerts with community groups and Neighbourhood Watch Scotland.

In January 2022 a 22 year old male was reported for fraudulently using the bankcard of a vulnerable 84 year old female from North Perthshire.

In March 2022, a 30 year old male and repeat offender, was reported for bogus workman type offences having fraudulently obtained £5000 for work not carried out.



Theft by Shoplifting

There were 94 offences of theft by shoplifting this quarter which is a slight increase on last years' reporting period. There has also been a slight increase in detection rates so far this quarter with many of the enquiries very much live and still under investigation.

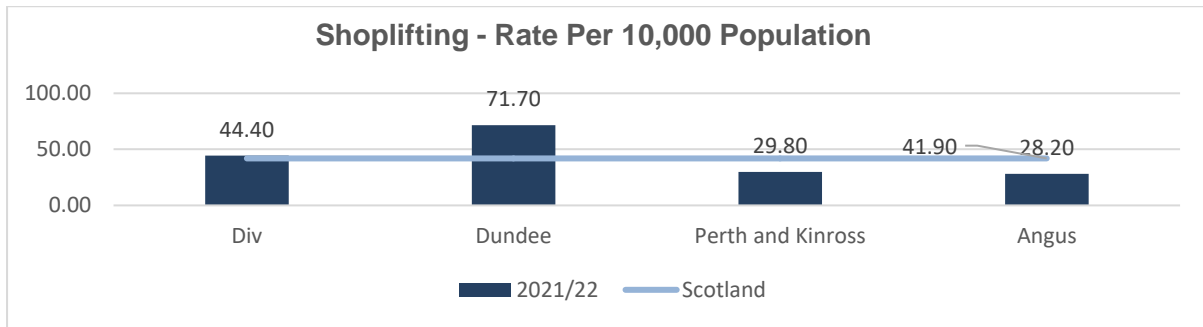
75% of the offences occurred within Perth however 19.1% of offences took place in South Perthshire and predominantly in Crieff with the bulk of the offences taking place within a supermarket setting. Some of the nominals for the Crieff offences have also featured in antisocial behaviour and violence statistics meaning there are a few key nominals that are responsible for a significant proportion of the offending. In general over the last 12 months and despite the relaxation of Covid rules in comparison to the previous year, there has been a 12% reduction in theft shoplifting meaning the offending rates are well below the national average and the detection rates for such offences being above the national detection rate.

In Crieff there is a multiagency approach in relation to the issues with antisocial behaviour and juvenile offending which over time should reduce such offences including that of shoplifting.

In January this year a warrant was issued for the arrest of a 32 year old local man following 6 shoplifting offences in two supermarkets in Perth City Centre. In addition to this a 23 year old prolific offender was imprisoned following two detected offences in a Perth City supermarket.

In Crieff a 12 year old male child was detected for three separate shoplifting offences, a 15 year old male for two shoplifting offences and a 38 year old male for three shoplifting offences. All had been carried out in Crieff supermarkets.





Motor Vehicle Crime

Motor vehicle crime remained static this reporting period with 58 crimes recorded, the same as this period last year. This quarter accounted for 28% of the yearly crime which has been spread evenly across the 12 month period. Overall vehicle crime is down 19.1% over the last 12 months which equates to 50 crimes. Detection rates are slightly down over the last 12 months however there are still a number of live enquiries to be completed.

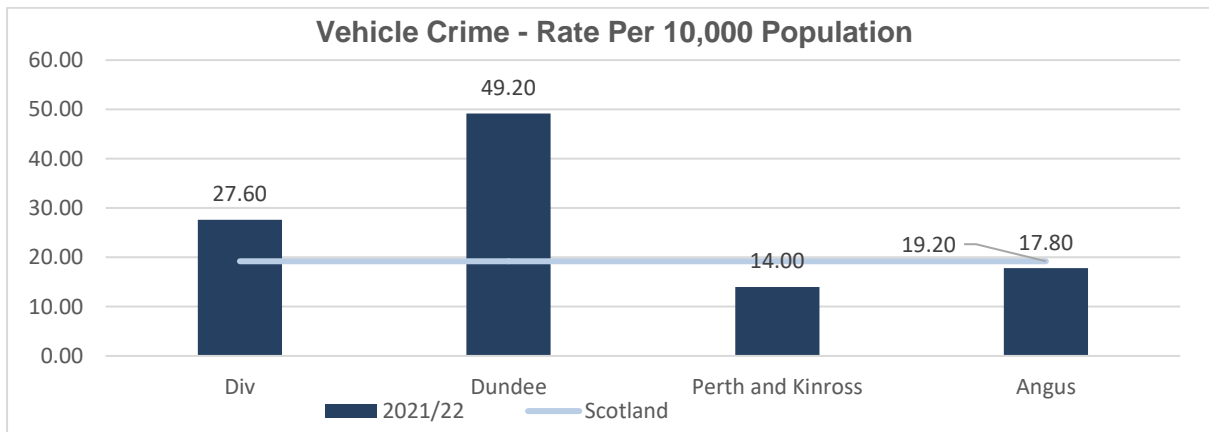
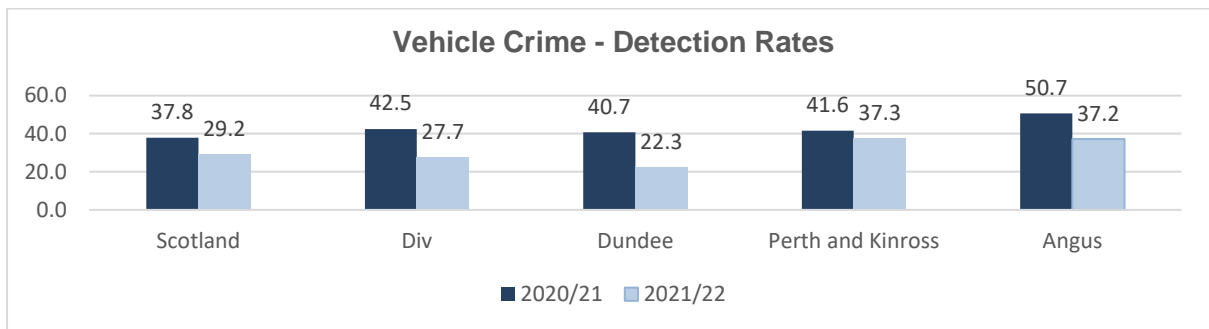
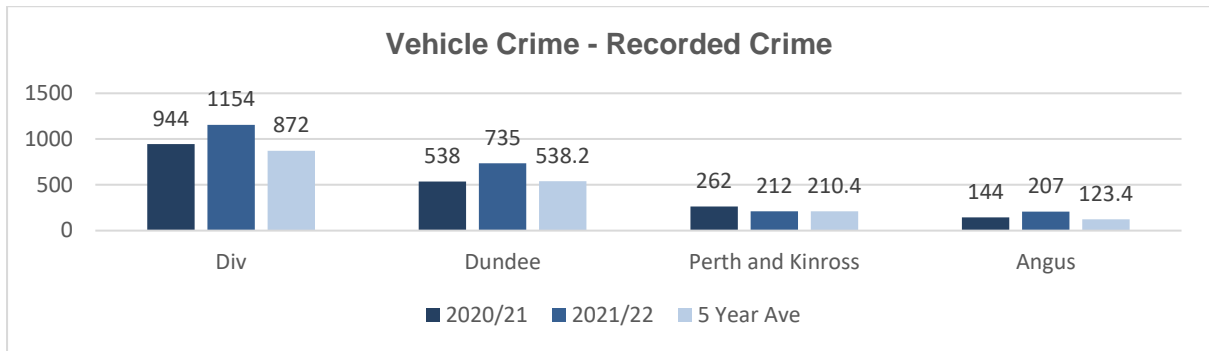
Of the vehicle crime recorded this quarter, over half of those crimes involved the theft or attempted theft or a vehicle with the remainder involving theft of items from within vehicles. Of note, South Perthshire recorded the greatest number of thefts or attempted thefts of vehicles followed by North Perthshire and Perth City respectively.

Officers in North and South Perthshire work closely with their bordering colleagues and continue to carry out proactive patrols based on local and national intelligence. The theft of motor vehicles continues to be challenging due to organised travelling criminals. This is particularly true in relation to high value car thefts and agricultural vehicles.

In February this year, a quad bike was stole from Comrie whilst the occupants were at home. The offenders were using a van with stolen registration plates and fled on the stolen quad. As well as the pre- planned thefts, the offenders drove dangerously, risking the lives of other members of the public, damaging a vehicle in their haste to get away. A 24 year old male and a 29 year old male, from out with the Tayside area were arrested and charged with this offence.

In March this year a 17 year old local male and known prolific offender was arrested and charged with the theft of a motorcycle from a property in Alyth.

In January this year, two high value vehicles were stolen from a property in Almondbank after the dwelling was entered and car keys taken. Both vehicles were recovered by police and a 50 year old local male and a 30 year old male from out with, were arrested and charged with these offences.





**Road Safety
and Road
Crime**

Collaborate to
reduce casualties
and crime on our
roads

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priorities:

- Giving every child the best start in life
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

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

- *The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery*

Operation CEDAR

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

Challenge

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

Educate

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

Detect

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

Reduce

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

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

Perth & Kinross (P&K) Local Policing Area (LPA) have not had any fatalities for the period under review.

Tragically, P&K LPA have suffered 4 road traffic fatalities YTD which is a significant increase from the 1 fatality the year previous. However, it is considered reasonable to

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assume that the reduction in Covid-19 restrictions and a return to increased vehicles on the road will again be a correlating factor.

Positively, Tayside Division have not suffered any fatalities for the period under review. Year to date this takes Tayside Division to 7 road traffic fatalities.

P&K LPA have had 64 persons seriously injured as a result of collisions which is a 10% increase comparable with the same period last year where we saw 58 seriously injured.

Whilst there have been 115 slight injury collisions which is a 1% increase comparable with the same period last year where we saw 114 slight injury collisions.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit (RPU) in Perth & Kinross. 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 Perthshire, all of which were subject to focussed operation activity.

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads;

M90/A90	(P&K) LPA
A9	(P&K) LPA
A923	(P&K) LPA
A93	(P&K) LPA
A85	(P&K) LPA
A92	

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

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

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January 24th – 30th

National speeding campaign

February 21st – 27th

National mobile phone campaign

March 14th – 20th

Commercial vehicle week

In (P&K) LPA notable speeds recorded for the period under review were;

115 mph exceed 70mph limit

105 mph exceed 700mph limit

94 mph exceed 60 mph limit

55mph exceed 30 mph limit

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

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

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

Safe drive Stay Alive (SDSA) remains under review, a number of different options are being explored to ensure we successfully target the correct audience with suitable content. It is essential to influence driver behaviour pre driving not only short term but also long term.

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

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

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

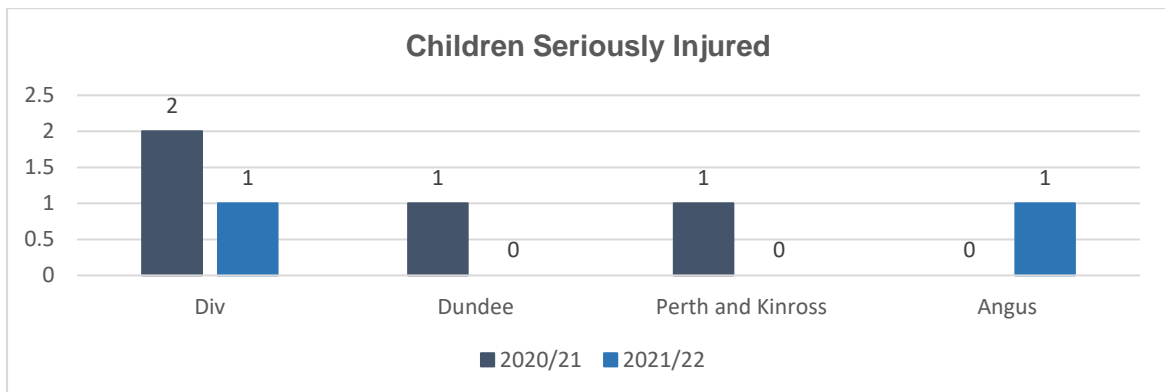
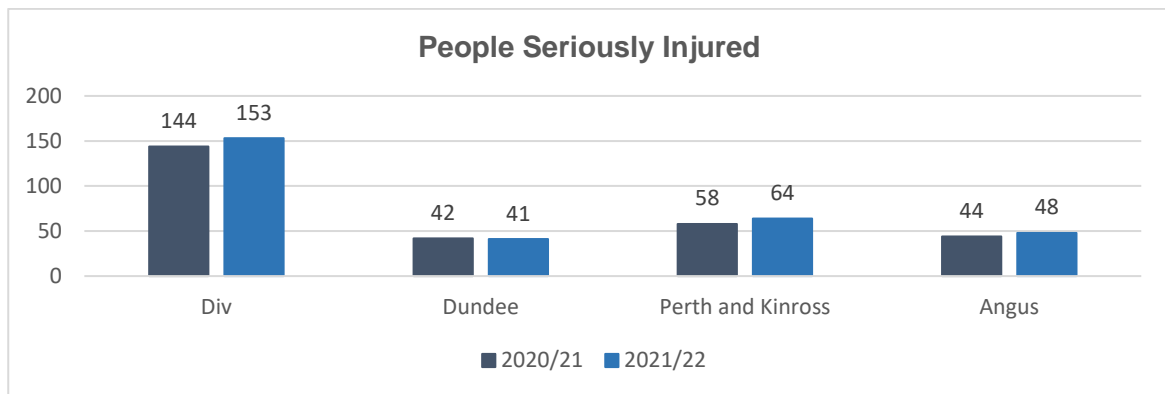
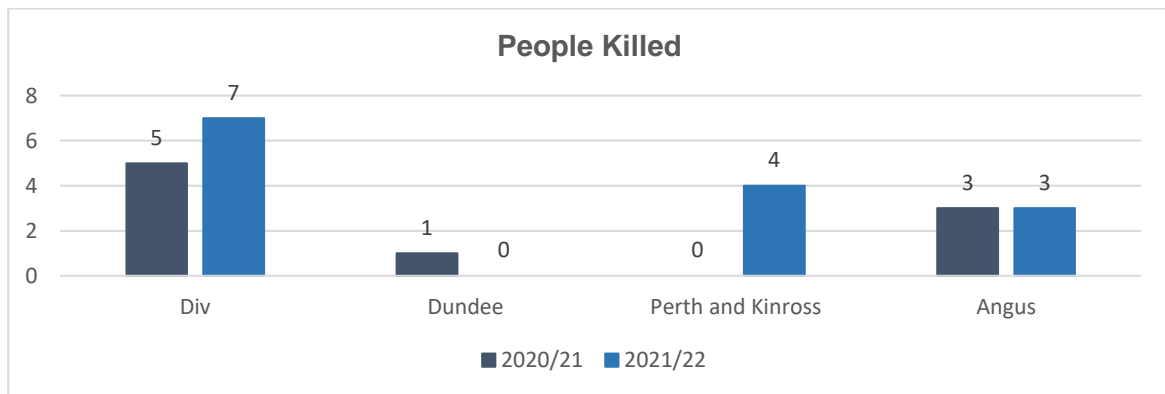
Rider Refinement North (RRN)

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

Operation Closepass

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

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



Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in P&K LPA have decreased by 6.3%. This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements. The Safety Camera Unit (SCU) have utilised a number of flexible deployment sites following localised complaints which has had a significant impact of influencing driver behaviour.

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

Activity

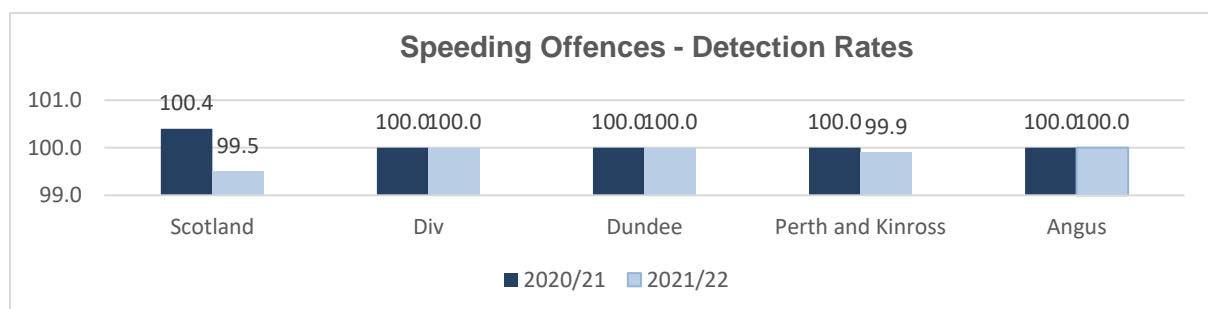
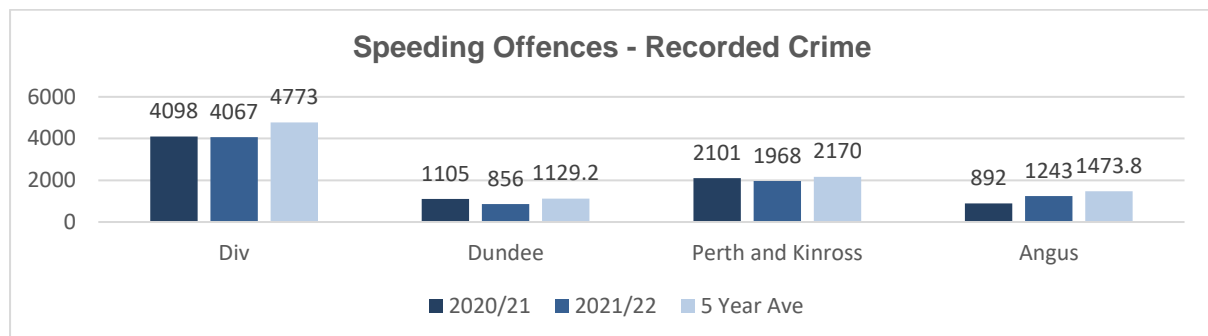
The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing Officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

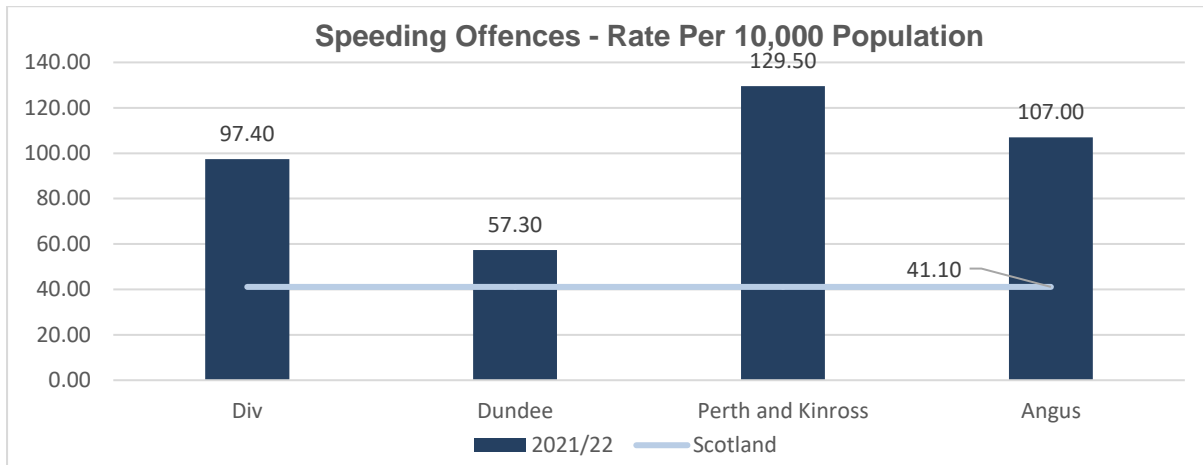
Close working relationships continue with neighbouring Divisions, all of which have demonstrated excellent cross border understanding with a number of high profile detections being made.

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 1968 speeding offences were detected in P&K, which is a decrease compared to the year previous, this figure remains below the 5 year average which is extremely positive.





Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in P&K have experienced a 22.7% decrease compared to the same period of last year, this is extremely positive.

It should be noted that all three Tayside LPA's recorded a decrease in Drink/Drug driving for the period under review.

Across Tayside Division 606 Drink/drug driver detected for the period under review, this is a significant decrease of 14.8% comparable to the data from the previous year, again which is extremely positive.

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

Activity

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

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

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

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

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

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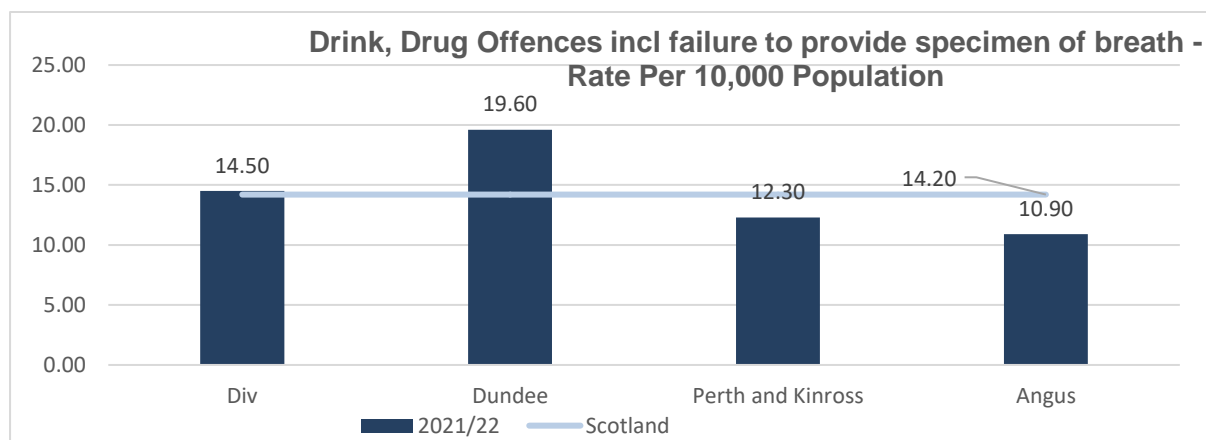
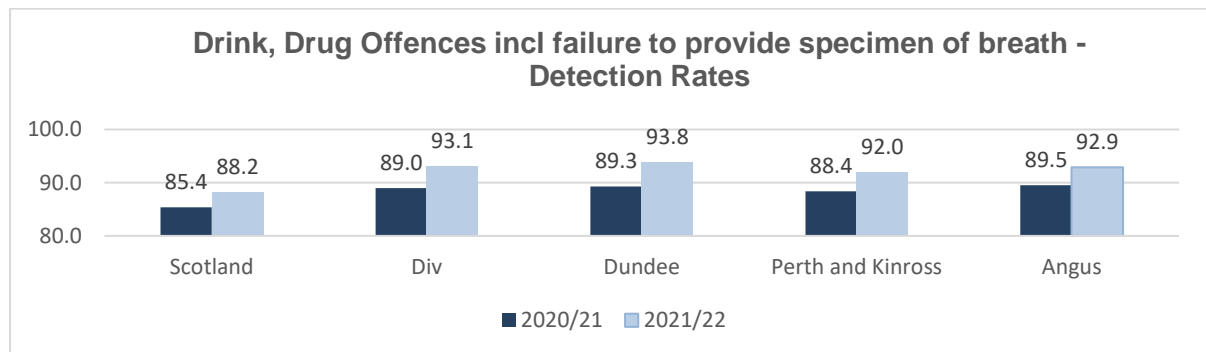
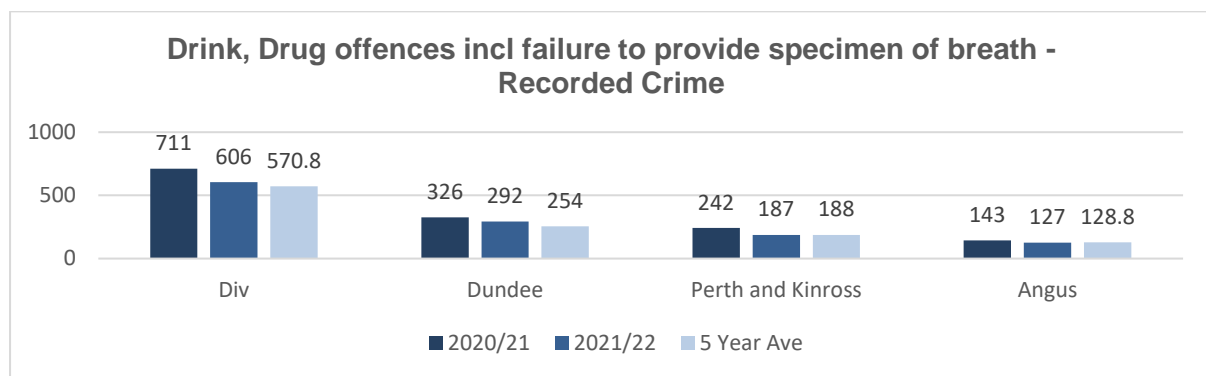
Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

Results

During the period under review 187 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Perthshire area. This is a significant decrease of 22.7% compared to the previous year.

Challenges

Irrespective of Police campaigns and reinforcement through varying mediums, evidence suggests the message does not appear to be hitting home and road users are continuing to drive whilst under the influence which is completely unacceptable.



Careless Driving

P&K experienced a 3.6% decrease in Careless driving compared to the same period last year.

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

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

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5', i.e. 5 main factors in Fatal Collisions (Drink/Drug Driving, Speed, Carelessness, Seatbelts and mobile telephone use) and working with partners, Tayside Division road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education activates and influence the provision of engineering solutions (3 E's). This will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

Activity

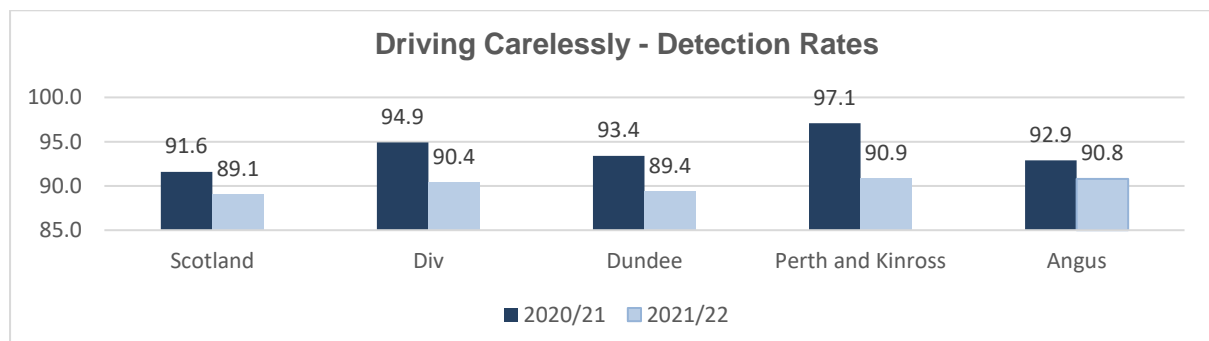
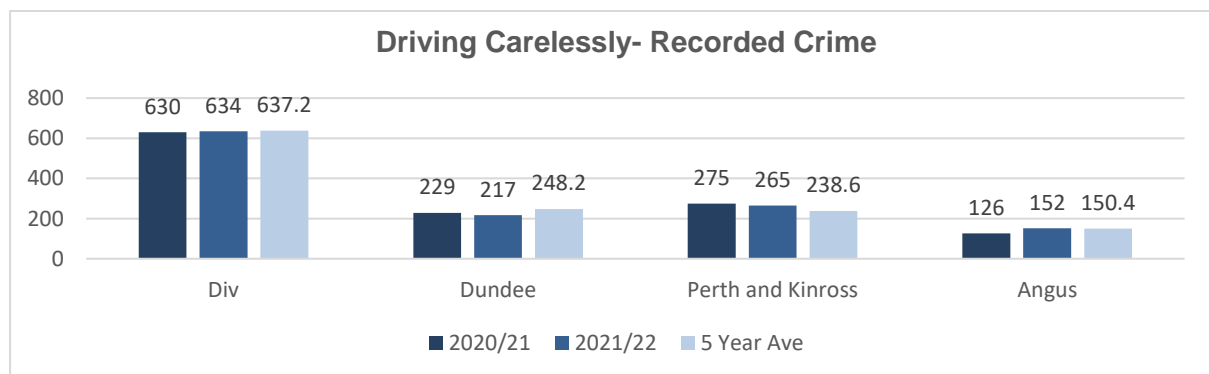
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

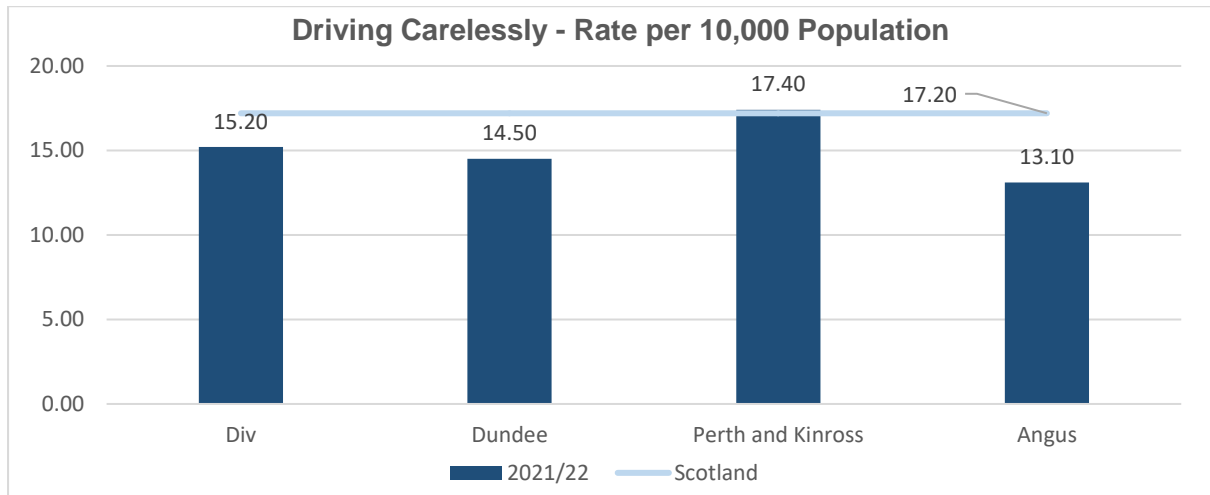
These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Perthshire.

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 Perth and Kinross 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 with occurrence rates being broadly similar to LYTD (2 additional crimes) and remaining below Divisional and National Averages.

Results

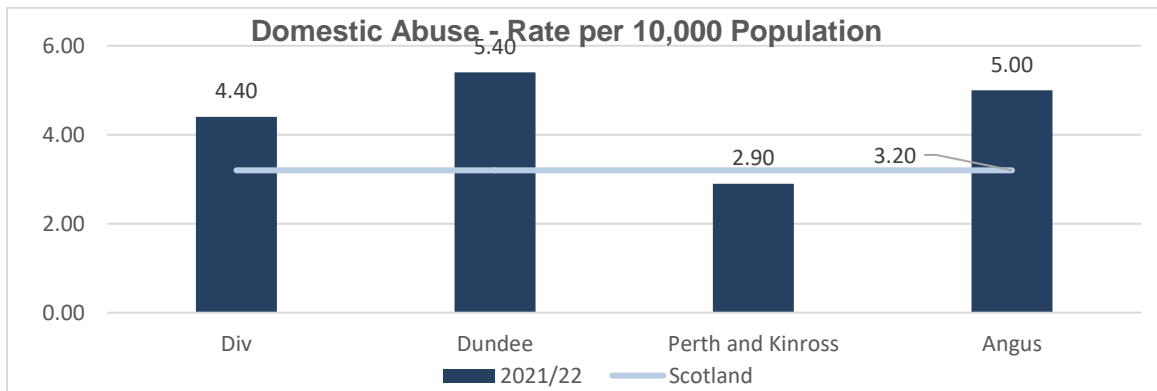
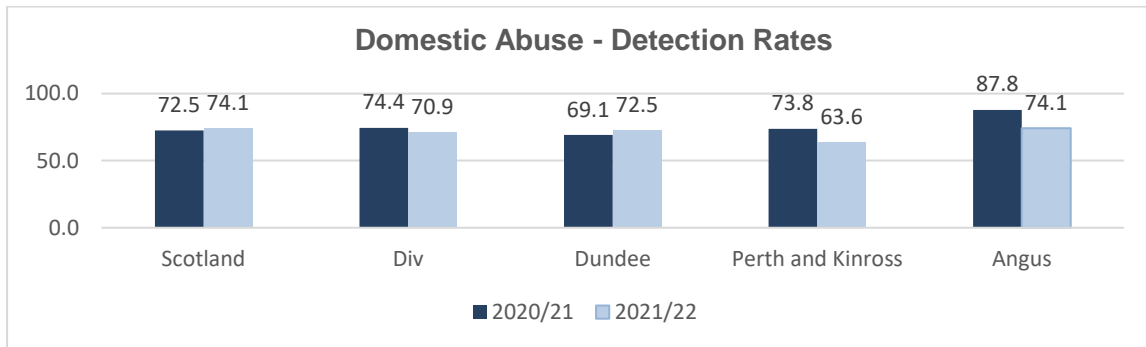
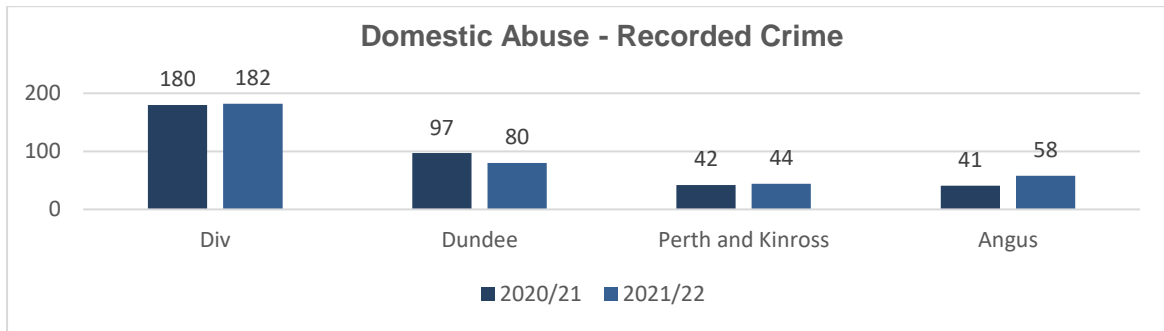
Detection rates have decreased when compared to LYTD, however analysis of DASA offences in Perth and Kinross shows that a number of these remain under active investigation and it is anticipated that the detection rates will increase as these investigations are brought to a conclusion.

The nature of some DASA offences mean that they are investigated by specialist resources including the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and the National Domestic Abuse Task Force. These are complex investigations which are often protracted in nature.

During the reporting period 2 males from Perth and Kinross were the subject of active MATAC investigations.

In January, a male from Perth, who had been the subject of a MATAC investigation was convicted of abusing 4 partners. The offences included both violent and sexual offending and had occurred over a period of years. The male was remanded in custody awaiting sentencing.

In February, a male from Perth, who had also been subject of a MATAC investigation, was convicted of abusing 4 previous partners. The offences included physical assaults, stalking and DASA offences. The male was sentenced to 33 months imprisonment and will be the subject of supervision on release.



Hate Crime

Activity

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

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

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

A Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions (PIP) sergeant continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting online. This meeting

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was started as a result of the HMICS Hate Crime Review which commenced in 2020 and in 2021 HMICS provided a list of 15 recommendations for improvement. Inputs from attendees from all divisions on how each legacy area deals with Hate Crime have been fed back into the Strategic Group. Further recommendations from the Strategic Group will be published in due course.

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

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

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

The level of recorded Hate Crime has increased when compared to last YTD, a trend which is not reflected in the other Local Authority Areas.

Further analysis is required to understand the reason for this, however it is worth noting that recent incidents in Perth and Kinross have resulted in multiple crime reports being raised for the same incident, these include:

Incident within Murray Royal Hospital resulted in 3 crime reports being raised when staff were racially abused by a patient.

Incident within restaurant premises in Perth where 3 crime reports were raised when staff were racially abused by a patron.

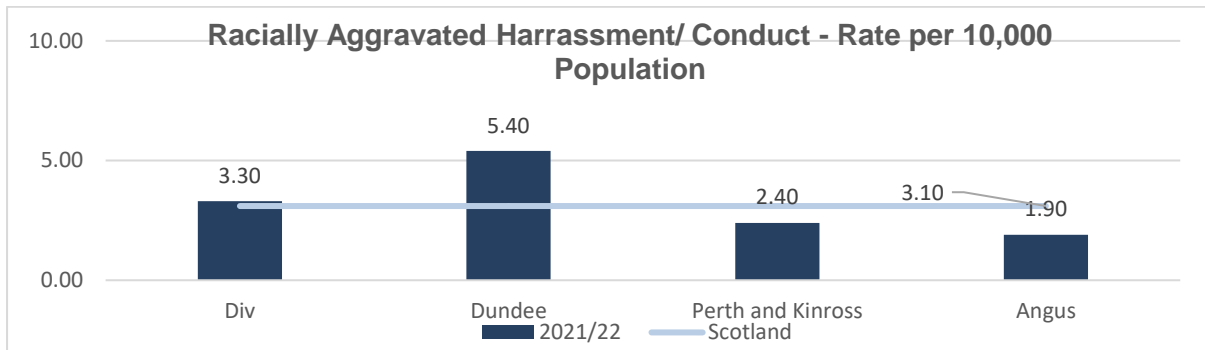
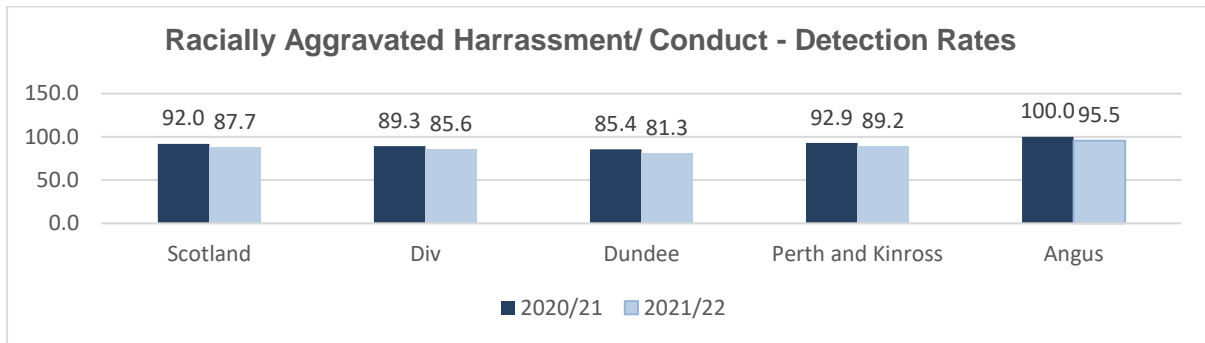
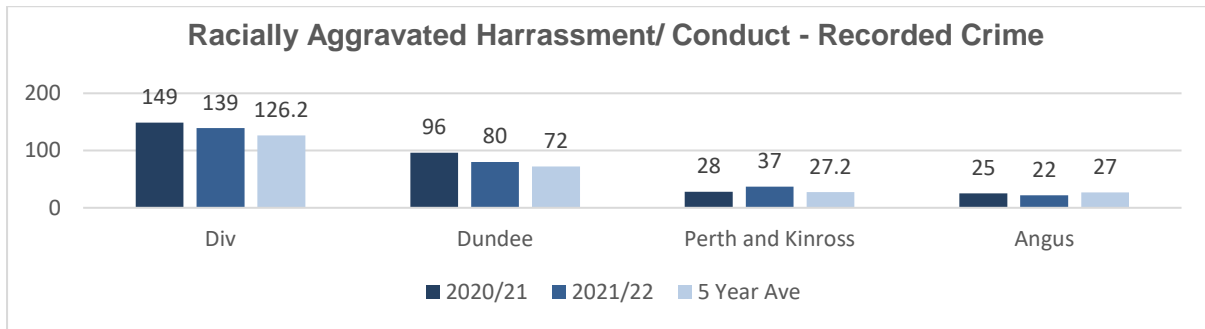
Incident in licensed premises in Perth where 2 crime reports were raised when staff were racially abused by a patron.

Results

The detection rate for hate crime is marginally lower than last YTD, however remains higher than both the Divisional and National averages.

Challenges

Omicron variant COVID-19 outbreaks limited opportunities to carry out face to face engagement at the turn of the year. This issue has reduced as COVID protocols have eased.



Sexual Crime

Activity

The level of recorded sexual crime has increased when compared with LYTD (25 additional crimes) and remains higher than the 5 year average.

The level of recorded crime for Rape and Attempted Rape has also seen an increase (20 additional crimes)

Analysis shows that many of these offences have occurred significantly out with the reporting period and are classed as non-recent (i.e. the offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to Police). In a number of these cases, multiple crime reports are raised in respect of one report from one victim, detailing multiple incidents over a period of time in cases where the victim and perpetrator are known to each other.

All Rape investigations are conducted by specially trained officers and are overseen by an experienced Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) and are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed.

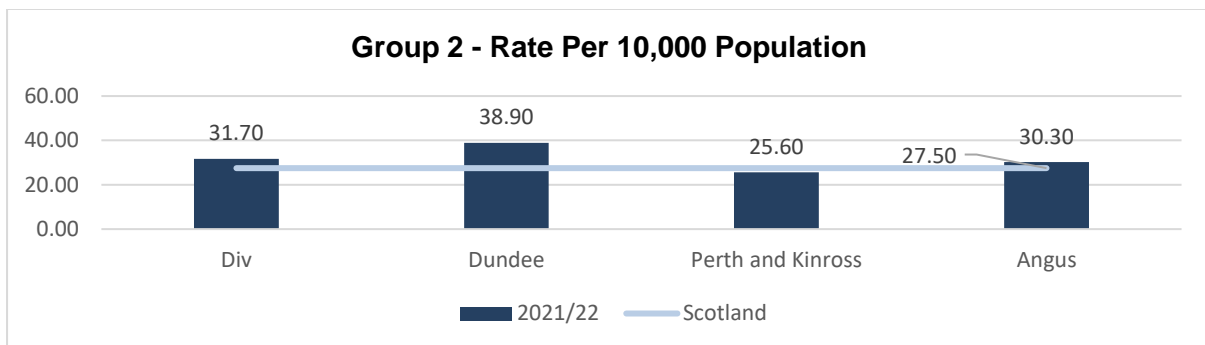
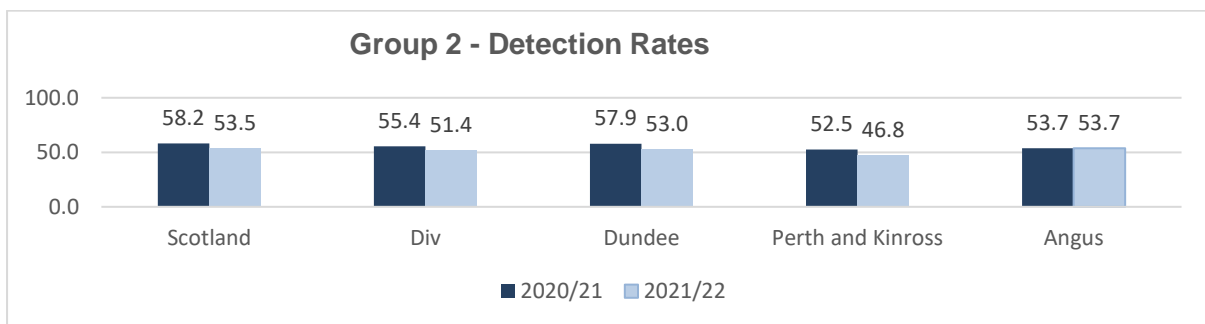
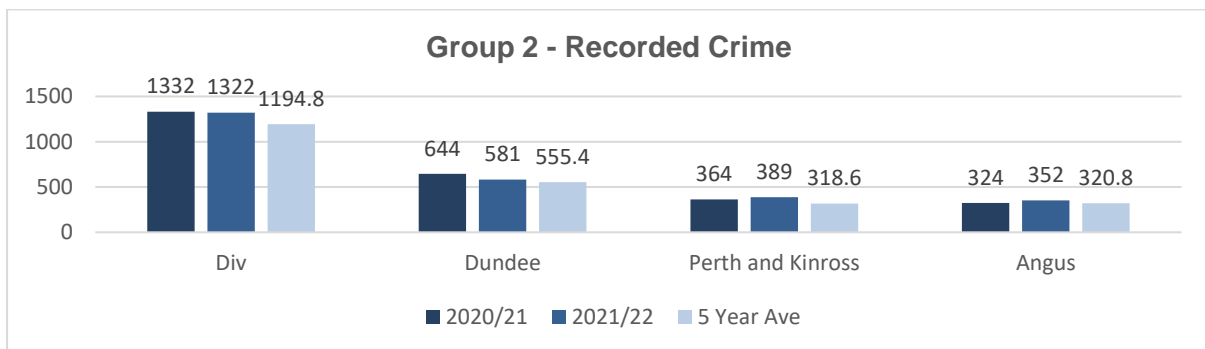
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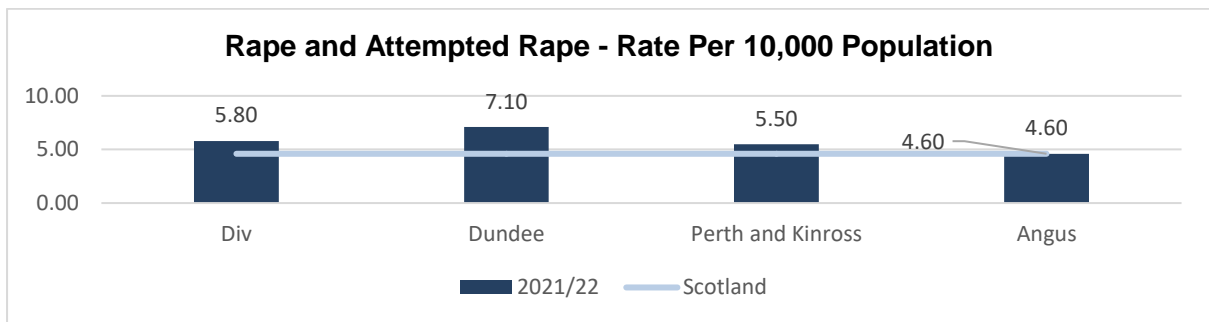
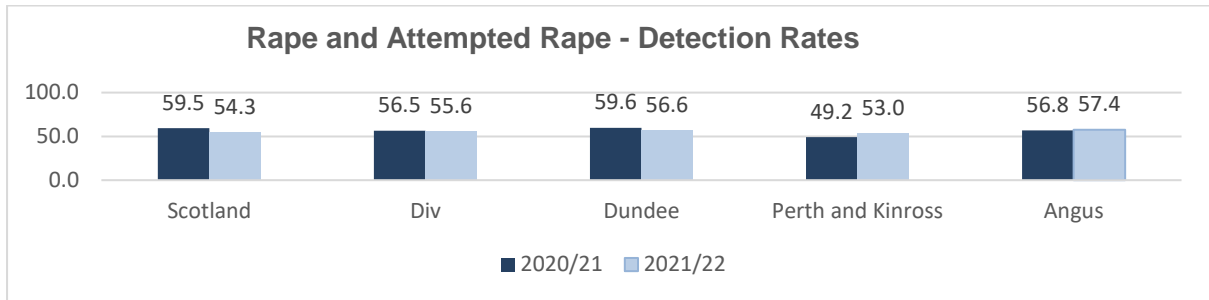
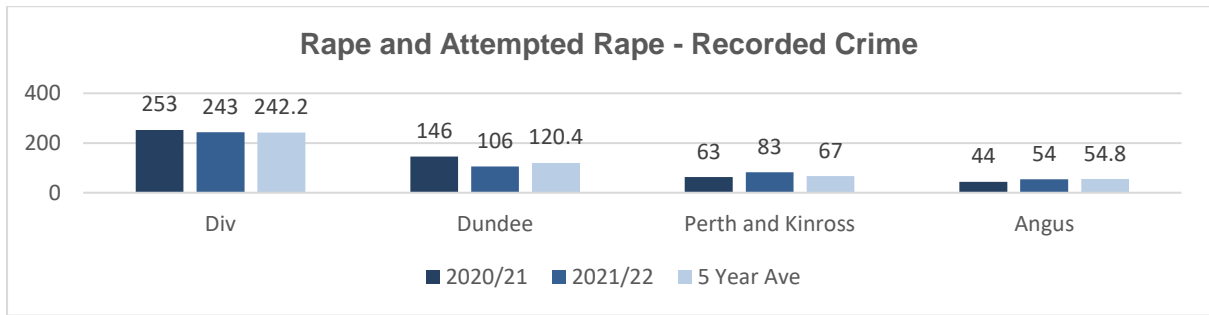
Specially trained officers are deployed to support victims and we work with partner agencies to ensure support and to enhance safeguarding.

Results

The detection rate for sexual crime has improved when compared to Q3, however is marginally lower than last YTD, albeit a number of these crimes remain under active investigation by specialist Divisional and National units.

The detection rate for Rape and Attempted Rape has increased when compared to LYTD and is broadly in line with both Divisional and National averages.







Serious Organised Crime

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

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- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy

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

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Possession of Drugs

Activity

We review intelligence and information on a daily basis and use this to proactively target those involved in the sale, supply and distribution of controlled drugs within our communities.

We continue to use our Social Media to promote our proactive activity and have received positive comments from the community for our continued focus on those intent on dealing illicit drugs.

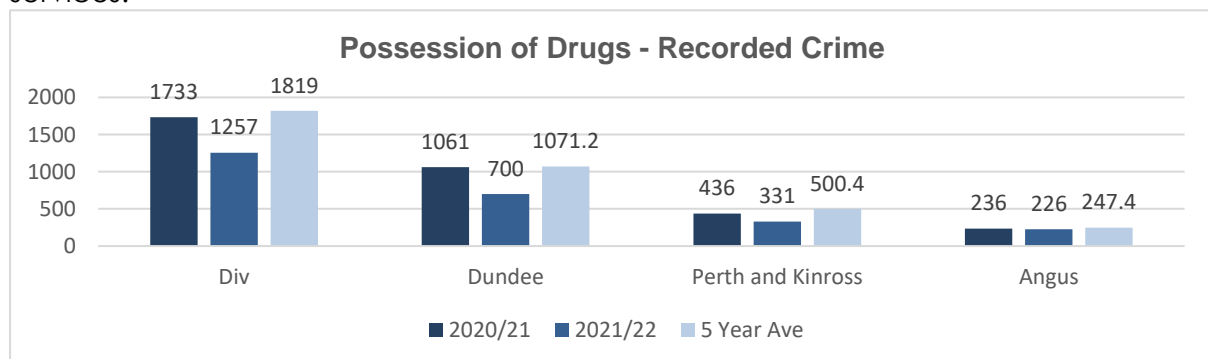
Our Partnership, Interventions and Preventions team continue to work with partners to support those who are being targeted by those involved in the supply of controlled drugs due to their own vulnerabilities created through their addiction.

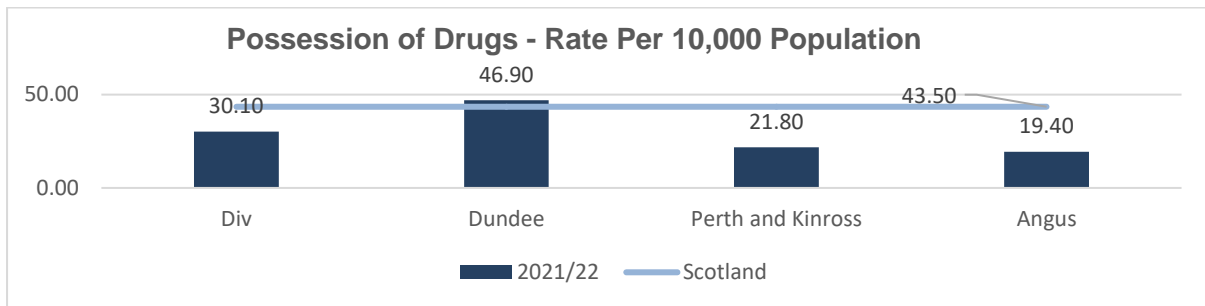
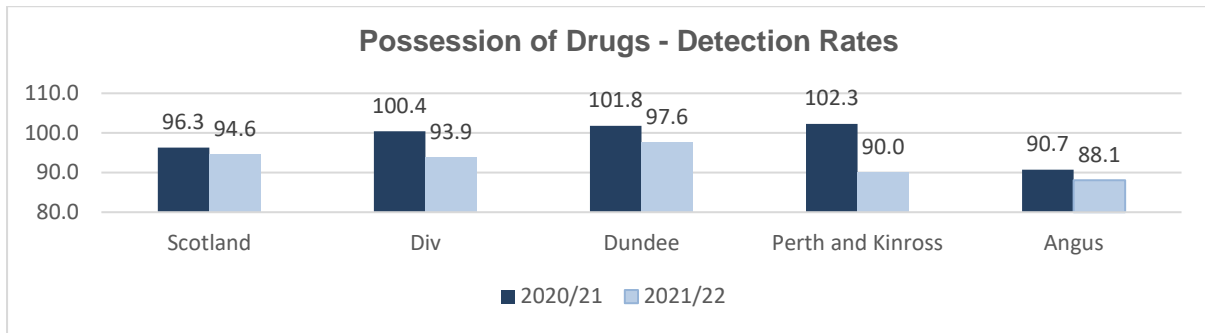
Results

There have been 331 possession of drugs cases reported YTD. This is a significant reduction in comparison to last year's figures and indeed significantly lower than the 5 year average (-170 crimes).

Challenges

Despite our successes, the availability of controlled drugs within Perth and Kinross-shire continues as a driver for both crimes of violence and acquisitive crime. Many of these victims are individuals embroiled in the chaotic lifestyles associated with drug addiction. There is little doubt that such addiction leads to increased vulnerability resulting in the need for the sustained support of local authority and third sector services.





Supply of Drugs

Activity

We continue to work with partners to raise awareness of cuckooing and county line activity to help identify those at the greatest risk of harm whilst trying to target those involved in the supply of controlled drugs.

We continue to prioritise our response and enforcement through the development of quality intelligence and accurate analysis. This development and enforcement has involved specialist support from colleagues in national Divisions including Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Units, Operational Support Division and National Human Trafficking Unit.

As well as targeting those involved in the supply of controlled drugs, we also look to deliver support to individuals who are victimised by those offenders. The Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway continues to play an important role in this collaborative approach.

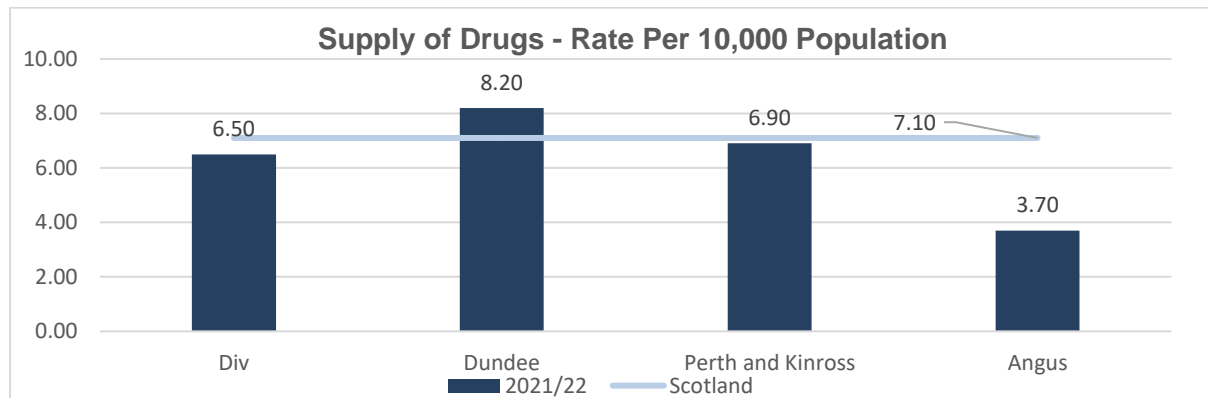
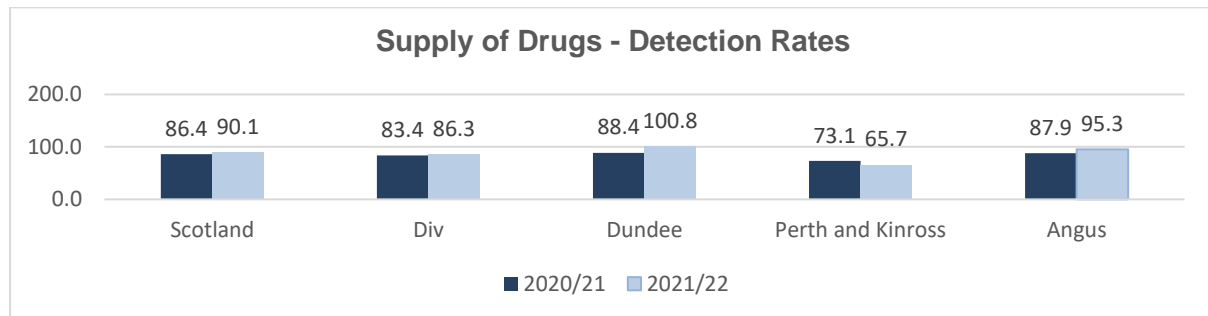
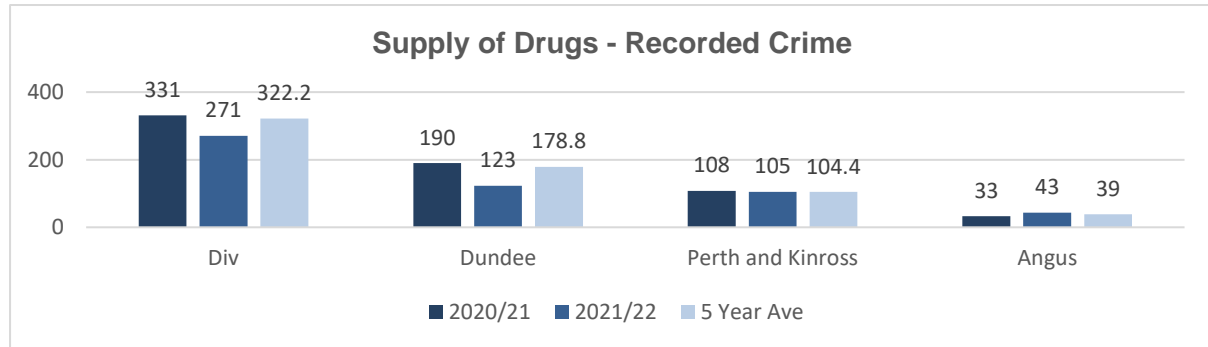
Operation Tube is a CID led investigation into organised criminals dealing drugs within Perth and Kinross-shire. Along with CID officers, Local Policing Teams offer support when required to ensure maximum scope to disrupt those involved locally and nationally. Group members continue to be targeted for all enforcement opportunities with other subsequent arrests for motoring offences. Enforcement in line with Operation Tube during the period under review has returned the following results: 14 drug related arrests across 9 addresses with Cocaine, Heroin, Cannabis and MDMA valued at £40K removed from our communities.

Results

There have been 105 Drug Supply offences recorded YTD, a decrease of 3 offences in comparison to last year's total. Detection rates have seen a marginal decrease however a number of these cases await the results of forensic analysis.

Challenges

As is reflected on in the earlier part of the report, the prevalence of drug use and supply continues to be a driving factor across all crimes types and in respect of reports of Anti-Social Behaviour. Higher levels of drug use and supply remain closely linked to a plethora of social and economic causes, requiring persistent, well directed multi-agency activity.



Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizures: £20,000.31

Expedited Civil Recoveries: No cases during reporting period

Assets for restraint: £5700.00



**Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
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CONTEST is the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It was first developed by the Home Office in early 2003. The aim of the strategy is "to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence." CONTEST is split into four work streams that are known within the counter terrorism community as the 'four P's': *Prevent, Pursue, Protect, and Prepare.*

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

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL this means it is deemed an attack is likely.

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

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

A number of Community Officers are also trained to be local CONTEST officers providing a capacity to promote delivery of the strategy throughout communities as part of daily business.



Wildlife Crime

Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and sea

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priority:

- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

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

- *The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery*

Operating Context

Wildlife Crime is any act that is made illegal in Scotland under legislation with regard to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea.

It includes the illegal disturbance, destruction, theft and sale of animals and plants both in the countryside and urban areas, and includes the destruction of and damage to protected habitats.

Activity

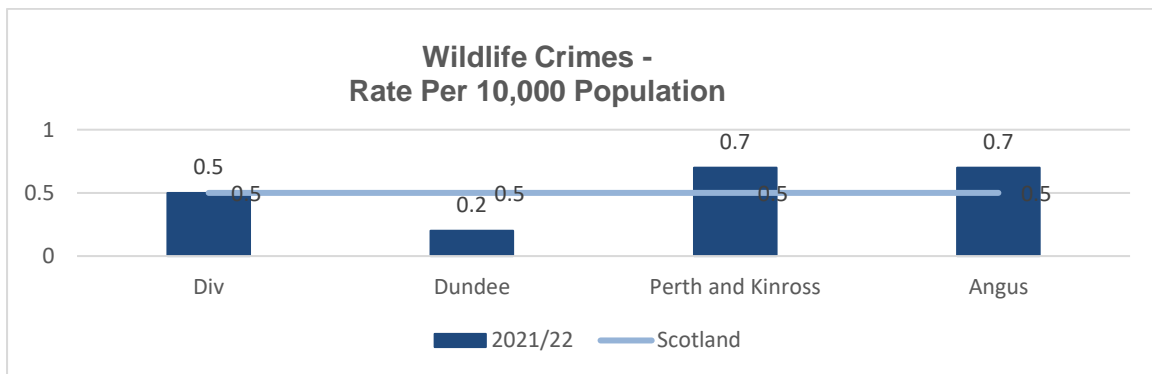
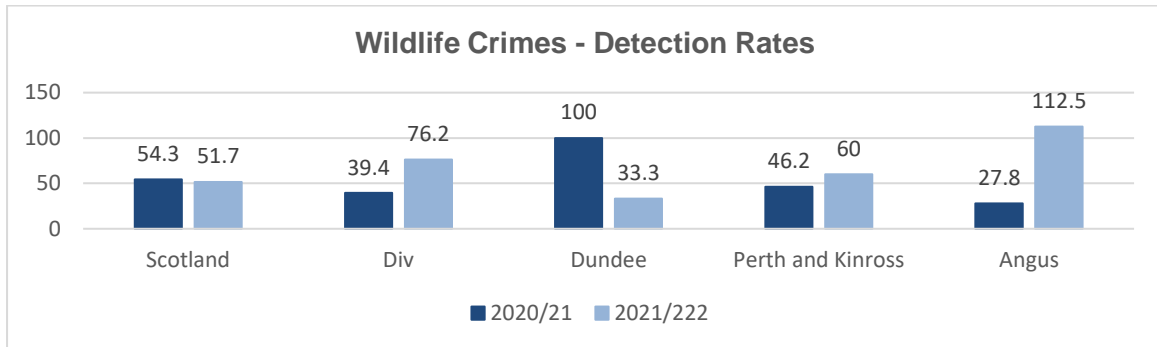
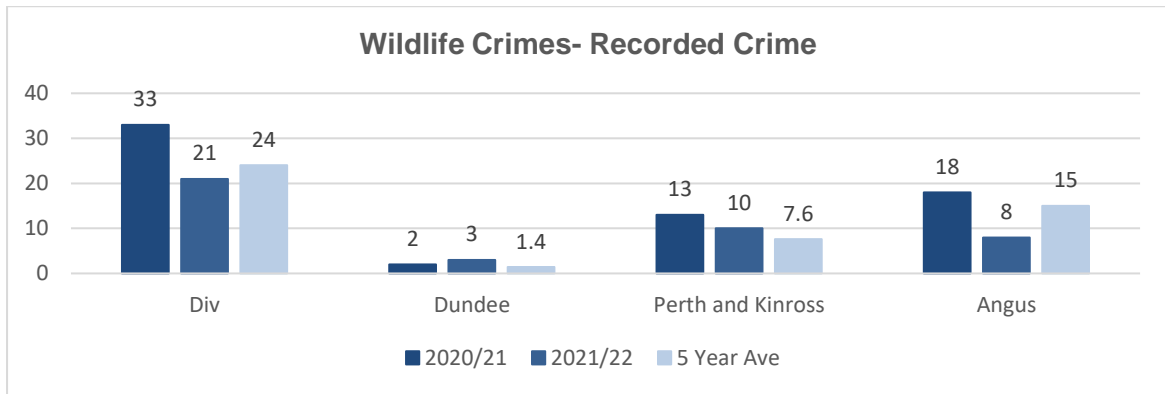
The overall number of wildlife crimes recorded YTD has declined when compared with previous YTD (3 fewer crimes) however remains slightly above the 5 year average.

All Wildlife crimes are reviewed by a dedicated Wildlife Crime Liaison Officer based within CID who provides advice and guidance to investigating officers and acts as link to national assets within Specialist Crime Division and wider partnerships.

Responsibility for the investigation of wildlife crime can lie with any operational officer and a Wildlife Crime toolkit has been created to further ensure consistency of investigative practice and this is further supplemented by a new online training package for all operational officers.

Results

These provisions, coupled with ongoing awareness raising campaigns and operations, is reflected in the detection rates for Wildlife Crime, which have increased when compared with previous YTD and are higher than the national average.



Complaints about the Police

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

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

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

Complaints Received

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

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

¹ Data is correct as at 31/03/2022.

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

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

Please note that the data above covers all complaints and allegations against Tayside Division. Therefore, this does not include resources from Specialist Divisions which provide services within the area (e.g. Contact, Command and Control).

Appendix

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

Reporting Period³

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons)²					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FORCE / SCOTLAND	5 347 600	5 373 000	5 404 700	5 424 800	5 438 100	5 463 300
Tayside	413 800	415 040	415 470	416 090	416 080	417 470
Angus	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 280	116 040	116 200
Dundee City	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 710	148 750	149 320
Perth & Kinross	148 930	149 930	150 680	151 100	151 290	151 950

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.