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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

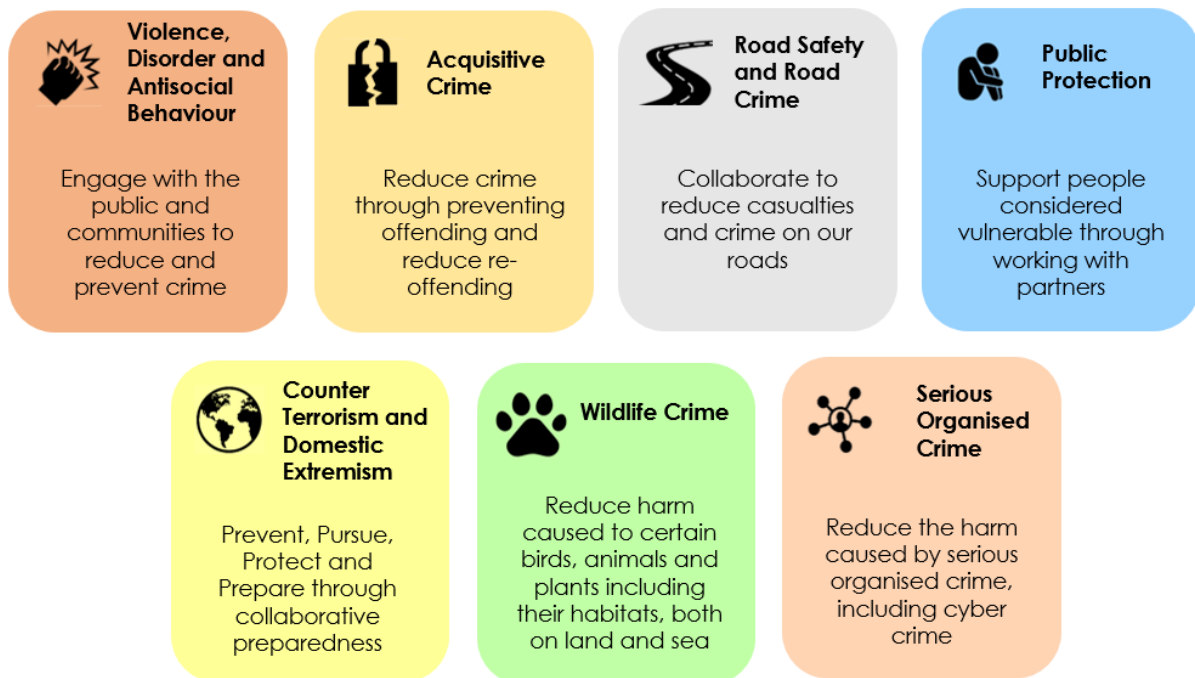
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Perth & Kinross Council and will report to the Housing and Communities 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 June 2022 to 30 September 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 and 1 April 2022 to 30 September 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.

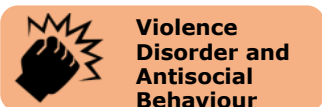
The information contained within this document compliments Force Priorities and supports reporting through Community Planning Partnership structures.



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



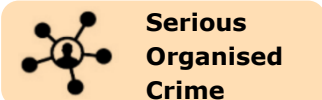
Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



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 2022 to 30th September 2022

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

 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour		
Serious Assault			Robbery Inc Intent			Common Assault - Total		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	40	90.0%	21/22	17	76.5%	21/22	568	68.8%
22/23	36	72.2%	22/23	29	65.5%	22/23	650	69.4%
% +/-	-10.0%	-17.8%	% +/-	+70.6%	-11.0%	% +/-	+14.4%	+0.5%
 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			 Acquisitive Crime			 Acquisitive Crime		
Emergency Services Assault			Housebreakings -Dwellings			Motor Vehicle Crime		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	60	98.3%	21/22	37	32.4%	21/22	116	32.8%
22/23	61	98.4%	22/23	44	20.5%	22/23	112	50.0%
% +/-	+1.7%	0.0%	% +/-	+18.9%	-12.0%	% +/-	-3.4%	+17.2%
 Acquisitive Crime			 Road Safety and Road Crime			 Road Safety and Road Crime		
Fraud			Speeding			Drink/ Drug Driving		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	167	16.8%	21/22	1515	100.0%	21/22	107	91.6%
22/23	216	13.4%	22/23	529	100.0%	22/23	70	90.0%
% +/-	+29.3%	-3.3%	% +/-	-65.1%	0.0%	% +/-	-34.6%	-1.6%
 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 %
21/22	3	N/A	21/22	40	N/A	21/22	46	41.3%
22/23	3	N/A	22/23	36	N/A	22/23	30	80.0%
% +/-	0.0%	/	% +/-	-10.0%	/	% +/-	-34.8%	+38.7%
 Public Protection			 Serious Organised Crime			 Serious Organised Crime		
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes			Drugs Supply			Drug Possession		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	187	48.7%	21/22	63	76.2%	21/22	187	89.8%
22/23	204	61.8%	22/23	45	82.2%	22/23	124	104.0%
% +/-	+9.1%	+13.1%	% +/-	-28.6%	+6.0%	% +/-	-33.7%	+14.2%

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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:

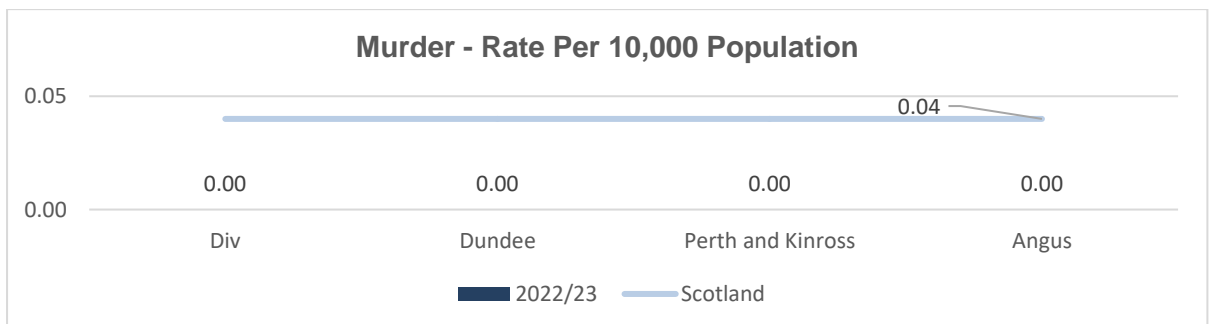
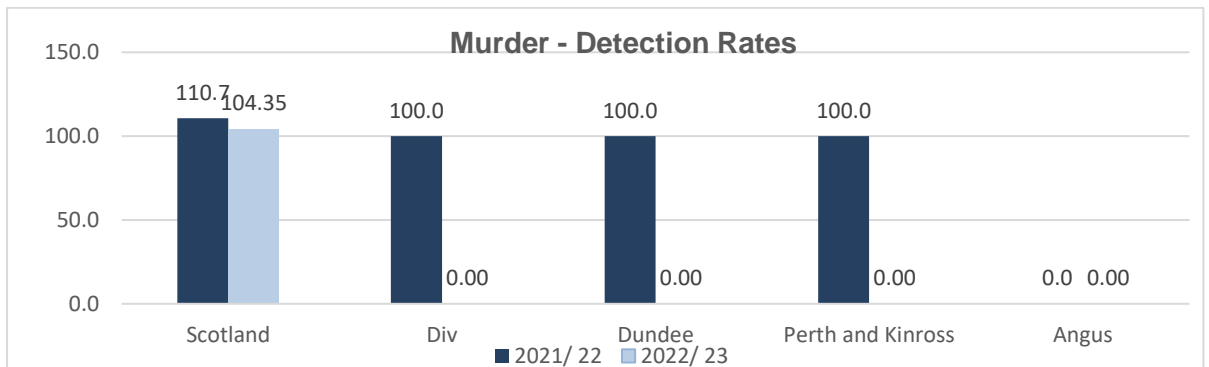
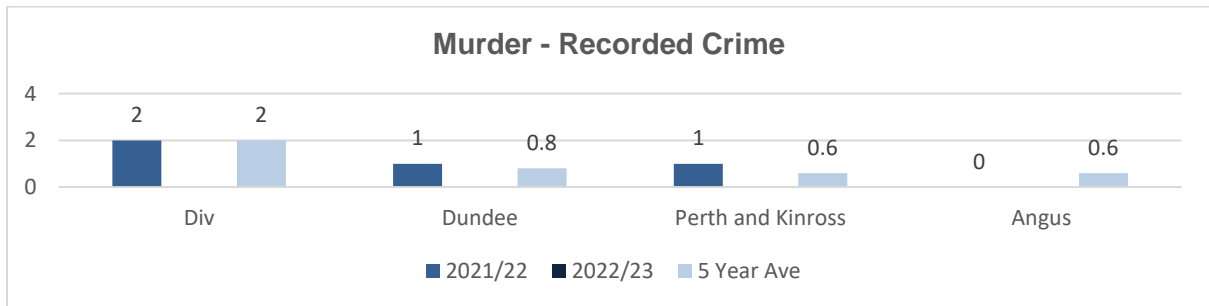
- Giving every child the best start in life
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

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.



Attempted Murder

There have been two attempted murders recorded during the reporting period, both of which were quickly detected.

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The first of these incidents took place in a public street in City Centre area of Perth whereby a 38 year old male sustained injuries when he was deliberately driven at by a car. Thankfully the injuries sustained were minor in nature, however the reckless nature of the act and utter disregard for the potential consequences of striking someone with a vehicle resulted in the crime being classified as an attempted murder.

The victim and perpetrator were known to each other prior to the offence taking place and it is assessed this was linked to a wider family dispute.

The investigation was led by Perth and Kinross Criminal Investigation Department and a 53year old male was promptly arrested and charged with attempted murder and other offences relating to linked incidents. He is currently awaiting trial.

The second incident took place within a private dwelling in Perth City whereby a 50 year old female sustained injuries as a result of being attacked with a hammer.

While this was not a domestic related incident the victim and perpetrator were known to each other and the consumption of drugs and alcohol were significant factors in the attack. The victim was treated at hospital and is thankfully making a good recovery.

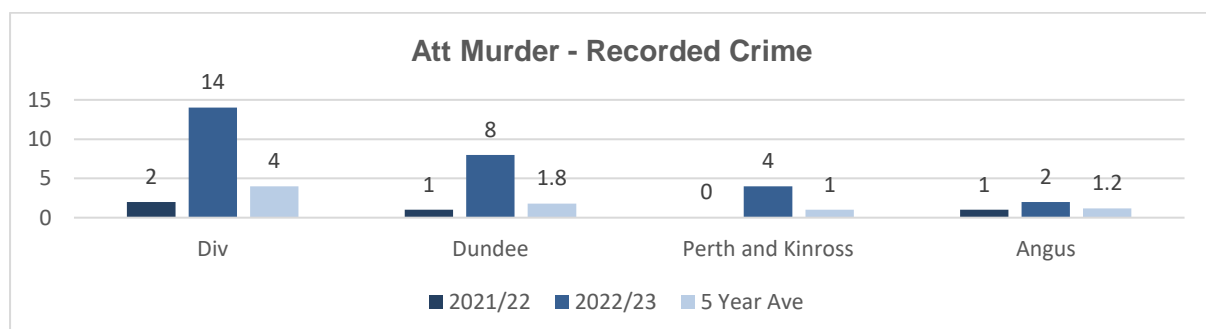
A 43 year old male from Perth was arrested at the scene of the incident, was charged with the offence of attempted murder and is awaiting trial.

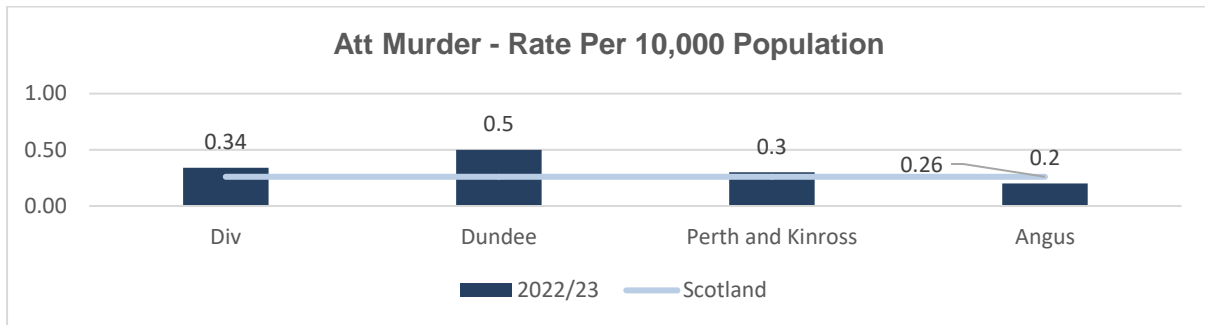
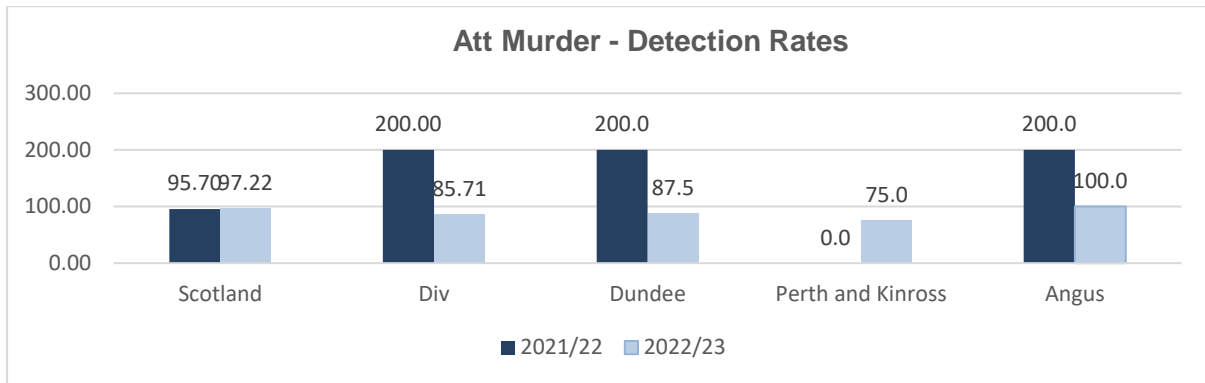
These incidents bring the total number of recorded attempted murders recorded YTD to 4, an increase of 2 crimes when compared to the previous year. In the majority of cases recorded this year the injuries sustained by victims have been relatively minor, however the nature of the assault and, in particular, the use of vehicles as weapons on 2 occasions has led to these crimes being classified as attempted murders.

The use of vehicles is not commonplace and perhaps highlights the spontaneous nature of some of the offences with perpetrators using items readily to hand as weapons.

The serious nature of these offences means investigations are usually led by our local Criminal Investigation Department under the oversight of the locality Detective Inspector, who is an experienced and qualified Senior Investigating Officer (SIO).

This focus and governance is reflected in the performance in this area with detection rates sitting at 75% at the end of the reporting period. 1 incident remained under active investigation at the end of the reporting period, however this has now also been brought to a successful conclusion with the offender being charged and remanded in custody awaiting trial.





Serious Assault

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.

Occurrence rates for Serious Assaults remain lower than LYTD with 4 fewer crimes recorded than during the same period in 2021/22. This occurrence rate is lower than the 5 year average and below the national rate per head of population.

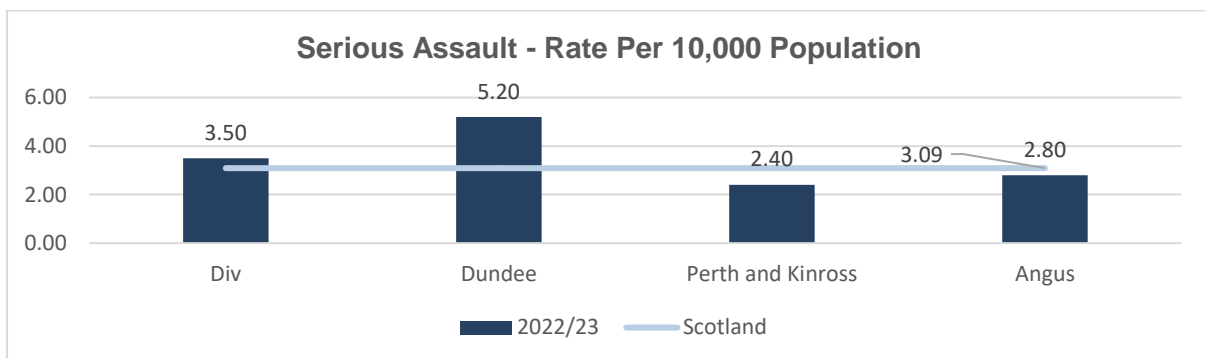
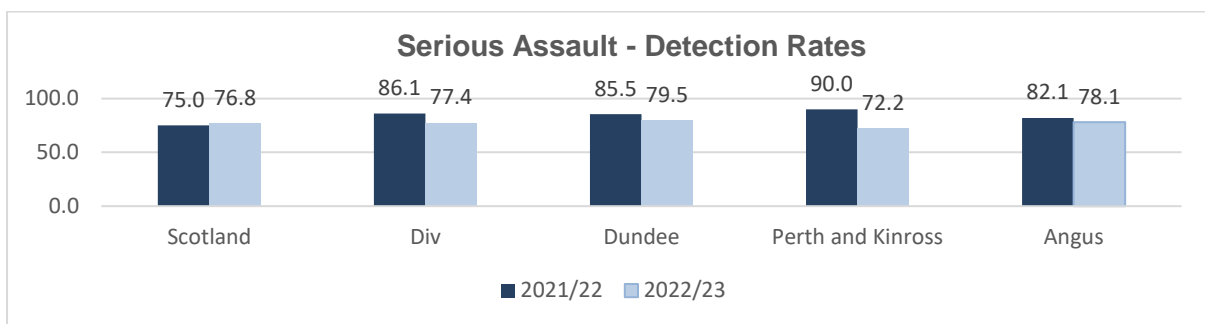
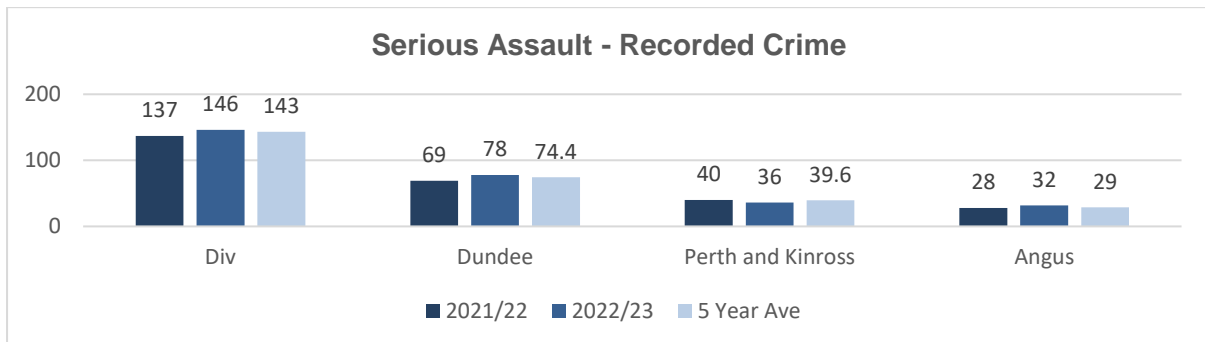
Of the 19 serious assaults recorded during the reporting period 9 occurred in public spaces, 2 occurred within HMP Perth and the remainder occurred in private dwellings.

In the majority of cases the victim and offender were known to each other prior to the offence taking place – including incidents within domestic or other familial settings.

Five crimes were perpetrated using a weapon.

We have seen a marked improvement in detection rates during Q2 which have risen from 53.8% in Q1 to 72.2% at the end of Q2, albeit this remains lower than LYTD.

11 cases remain under active investigation and it is anticipated we will see further improvements in the detection rate as these investigations are brought to a conclusion.



Common Assault

There were 340 common assaults recorded during the reporting period, an increase of 30 over Q1 and brings the total for the year to 650. This is an increase of 82 over LYTD.

These figures include Domestic Assaults and Assaults on Emergency Service Workers.

Although there has been an increase in the number of common assaults recorded occurrence rates in Perth and Kinross remain below both divisional and national averages per head of population.

25% of the common assaults recorded during this period relate to domestic offending and, as per previous reporting a number of these are considered non-recent in nature i.e. the offence occurred more than 12 months prior to being reported to police.

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Police Scotland continues to encourage historical reporting of these crime types to promote the safety of domestic abuse victims.

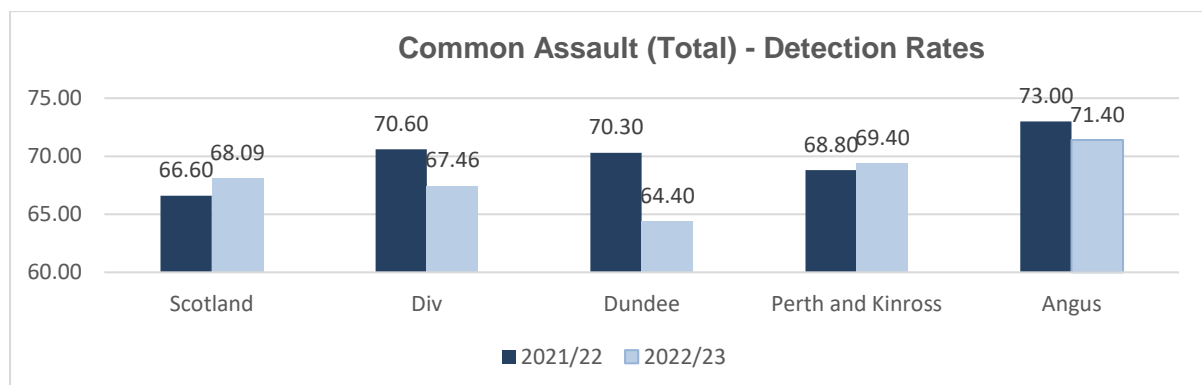
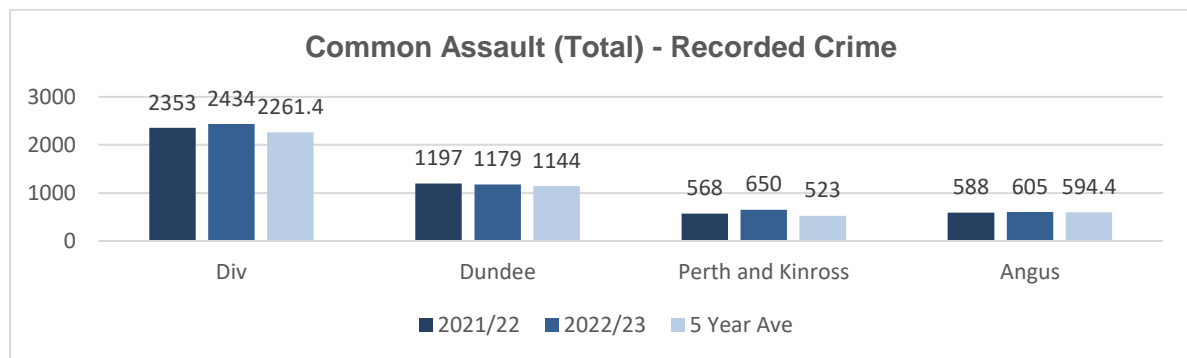
The locations of these incidents varies with a broadly equal split of 45% of offences occurring in private spaces and 55% occurring in public spaces. The majority of public space offences took place outside, however we have seen a small number occurring in licensed premises.

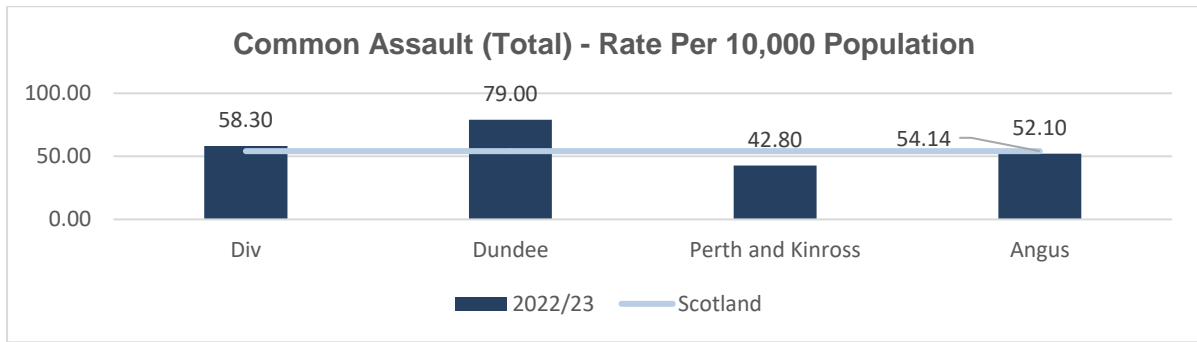
Alcohol and drugs remain a factor in a proportion of common assaults as well as other crimes of violence and disorder. In Perth, Operation Centresafe runs on a Friday and Saturday and provides a dedicated resource to patrol the city centre of Perth in and around licensed premises during the Night Time Economy. We have recently carried out a similar operation in Blairgowrie, utilising local officers and support from other divisional resources.

The age range of offenders varies between 11 years old to 63 years old with the majority of offenders, 75%, being males. 60% of offenders are between 26 and 45 years old.

We continue to actively target repeat and prolific offenders, ensuring that all opportunities to detect or disrupt their offending are taken and, where vulnerabilities are identified they are signposted to relevant support from partner agencies in an effort to divert them away from further offending.

The detection rate for this crime type remains largely static, however is currently above both the divisional and national rates.





Robbery

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

The response to Robberies remains a Divisional priority and all activity is aligned to the Robbery Action Plan. A Robbery toolkit has been developed to ensure consistency of investigative practice and provision of support to victims.

A dedicated Perth & Kinross Detective Inspector maintains oversight of all robberies and ensures a CID input from the initial reporting. The majority of robberies are investigated by detective officers.

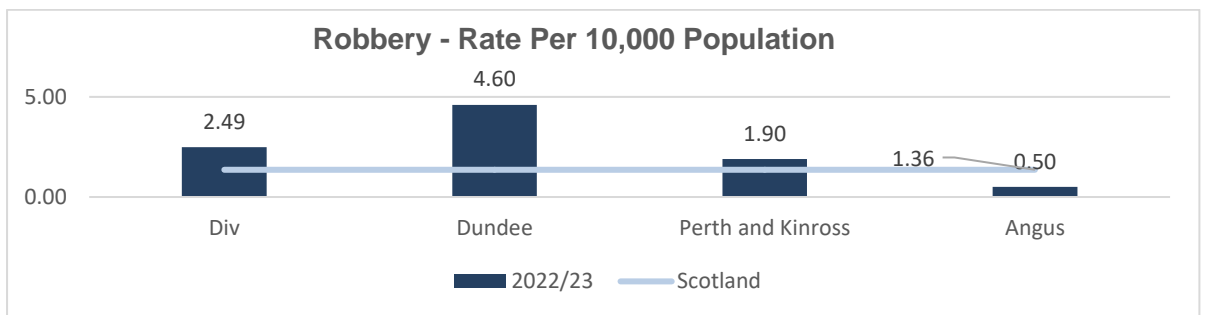
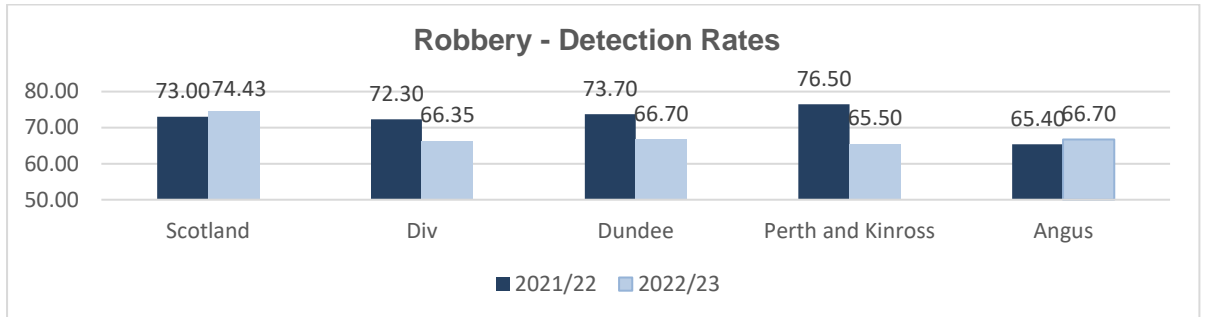
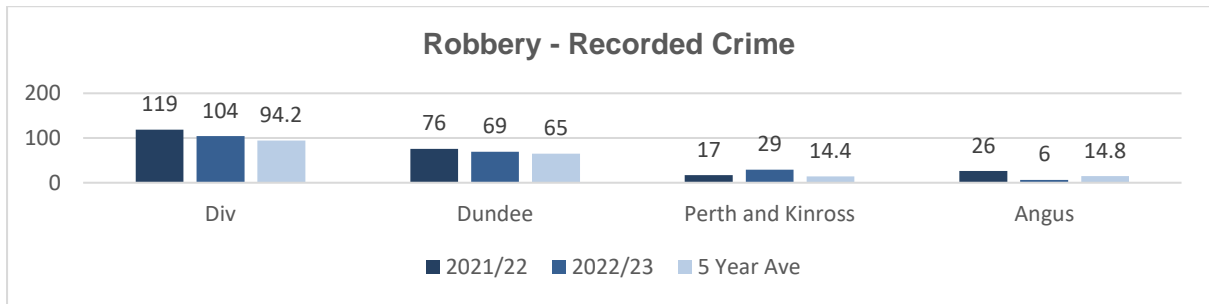
The focus remains on prevention with proactive activity aligned to geographic areas where higher levels of violent crime are seen, targeting those who are wanted on warrant for serious and violent crime to ensure early arrests are made. We also work closely with colleagues from our Divisional Partnerships 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 18 robberies recorded during the reporting period, which brings the YTD total to 29. This is an increase of 12 additional crimes when compared to LYTD.

Analysis of these crimes (Q2) has shown that ten occurred in Public Spaces with the remainder occurring within a private dwelling.

In the majority of cases the victim and perpetrator were known to each other prior to the offence occurring.

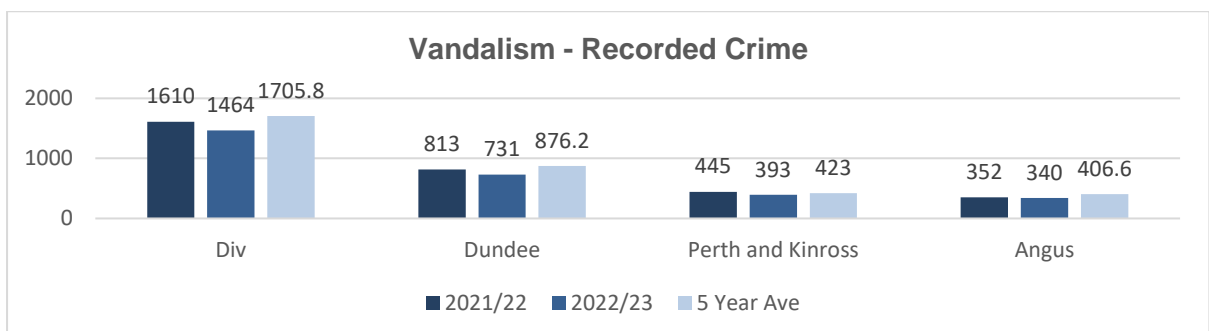
The detection rate for the YTD sits at 65.5%, lower than LYTD rate of 76.5%. Again, six crimes remain under active investigation and it is anticipated the detection rate will improve as these investigations are brought to a conclusion.

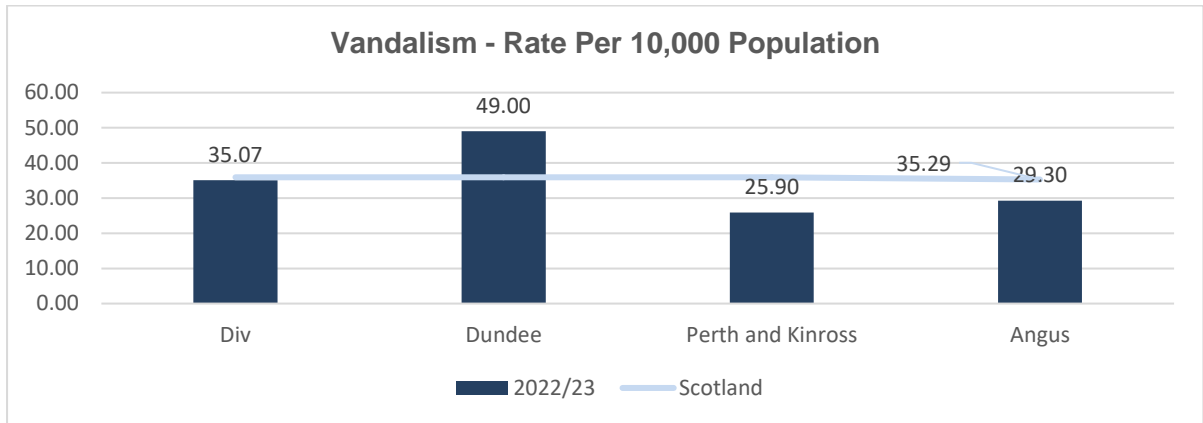
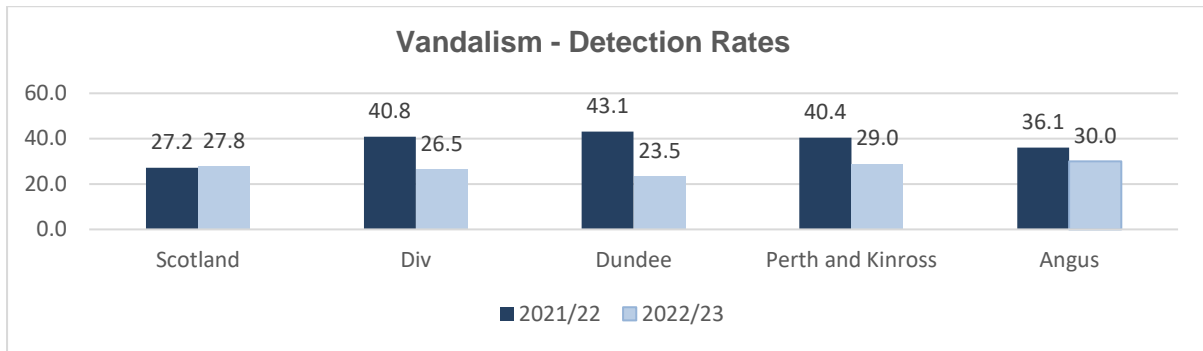


Vandalism

We have seen a reduction in the occurrence rate for vandalism in comparison with LYTD (9 fewer crimes) and detection rates remain broadly in line with the National average.

Offences are sporadic in nature with no particular themes or trends identified, however we continue to work closely with partners in Safer Communities to ensure any issues or areas of concern are identified at the earliest opportunity.





Stop Search

Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic in the prevention, investigation and detection of crime, with the intention of keeping people safe and improving community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion into their personal liberty and privacy and Police Scotland are committed to ensuring that when it is necessary to stop and search a person it is carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

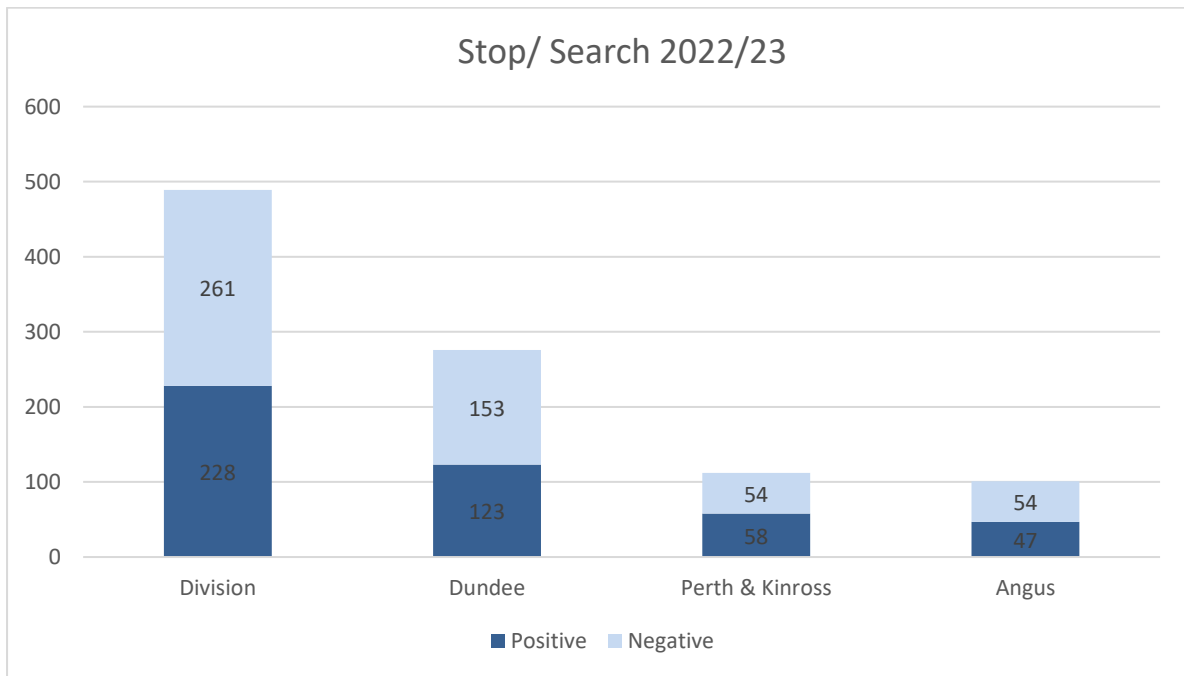
Officers will explain why they have stopped an individual before any search and explain what they are looking for. After the search, officers will provide the individual with a receipt for the search, which contains information about their rights and how they can access a copy of their stop and search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

In the reporting period 112 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 54 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 48.2%.

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

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Ethnicity Breakdown for Q2 YTD 2022/23			
Ethnicity	Negative	Positive	Total
White Scottish	41	39	80
White British Other	4	5	9
White Irish	0	1	1
White Polish	1	0	1
White Other	1	9	10
Any Mixed Ethnic Group	2	2	4
Indian	0	1	1
Asian Other	1	0	1
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	3	1	4
Not Provided	1	0	1
Total	54	58	112





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*

Domestic Housebreaking

The figures for Housebreaking includes all attempted housebreaking and instances of housebreaking with intent to steal (i.e. where the security of the property has been overcome but no property stolen).

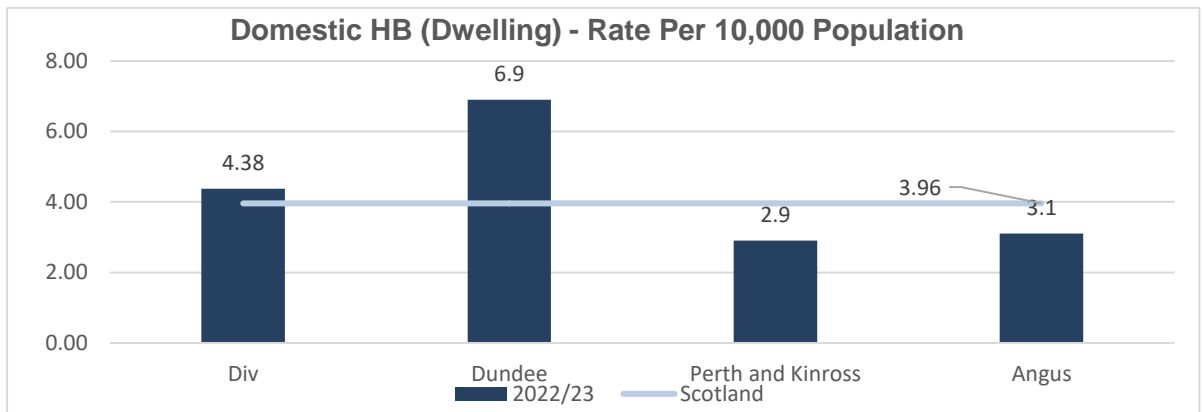
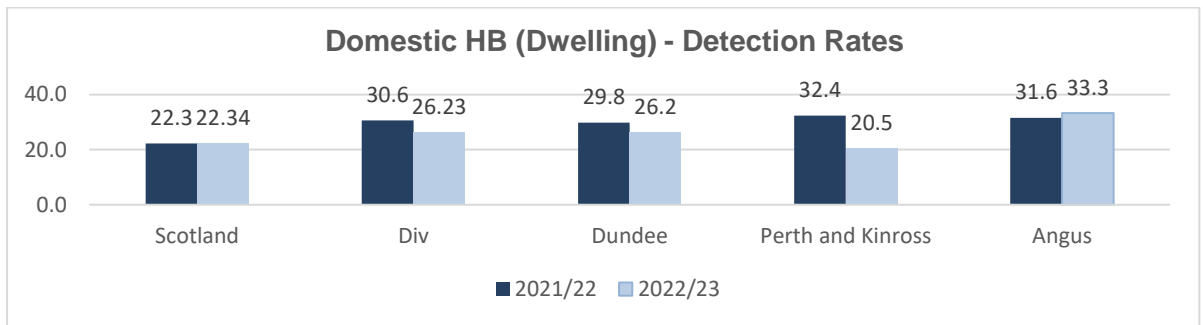
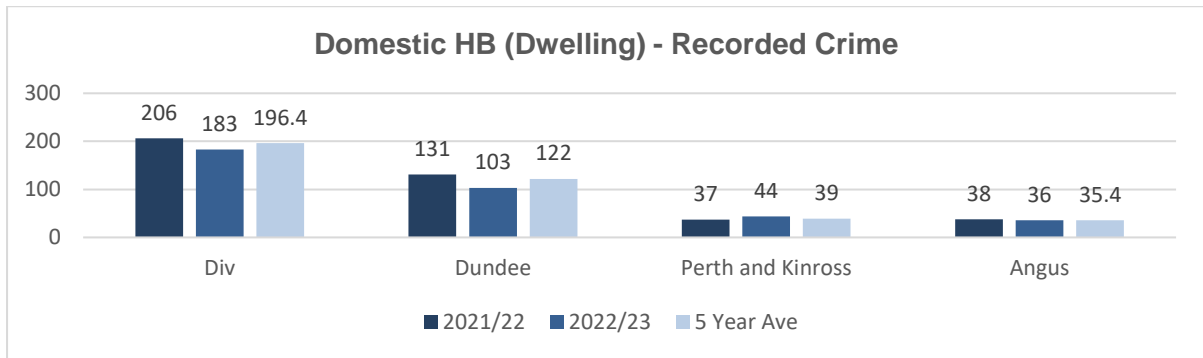
While occurrence in Perth and Kinross remain below both divisional and national averages (per head of population) instances of domestic housebreaking have continued to increase, albeit the rate has reduced considerably from over 90% in Q1 to 18.9% at the end of Q2 (7 additional crimes when compared with LYTD).

A number of factors may have contributed to this including the return to this type of criminality from perpetrators who had targeted other crime types during the pandemic, reduced security during the summer months with families leaving properties unoccupied during holiday periods. In addition there has notably been an increase in perpetrators travelling from out with the Tayside area with the rural areas of Perth and Kinross and areas close to arterial routes being particularly targeted.

The Community Investigation Unit continue to prioritise domestic housebreaking along with other associated acquisitive crime, predominantly motor vehicle crime. The CIU has oversight of all housebreakings within the locality and leads the response in line with the Housebreaking Toolkit, ensuring a robust response to all reported crime. Priority enquiries continue to focus around CCTV and forensic opportunities to maximise the impact of these investigative tools. Along with the CID locality model the dedicated Detective Inspector maintains supervision of the CIU providing consistency and continued analysis of methods, hot spot areas and prolific offenders.

To combat travelling criminals the Division links in with counterparts in Fife and Central Scotland to share, information on overnight crime and this sharing of information and intelligence is replicated with other areas throughout Scotland via a national Acquisitive Crime Forum.

Detection rates have seen a marked increase from 12% at the end of Q1 to 20.5% at the end of Q2. This remains lower than LYTD, however a number of crimes remain under active investigation and it is anticipated we will see further improvements in performance in this area as these are brought to a conclusion.



Fraud

A total of 216 Frauds have been recorded year to date, with 116 recorded during Q2. This continues with the national theme of the crime of fraud increasing. This has been a common theme since the first lockdown in 2020 where perpetrators sought different ways to fund their criminal behaviour. As in previous reporting periods, a number of these crimes continue to be perpetrated online as internet usage increases. A variety of apps are used along with ever changing schemes to exploit vulnerable and less technologically aware.

As stated, total reports YTD are at 216 which is significantly higher than the 167 recorded by the end of Q2 last year and over double the 5 year average of 90.4.

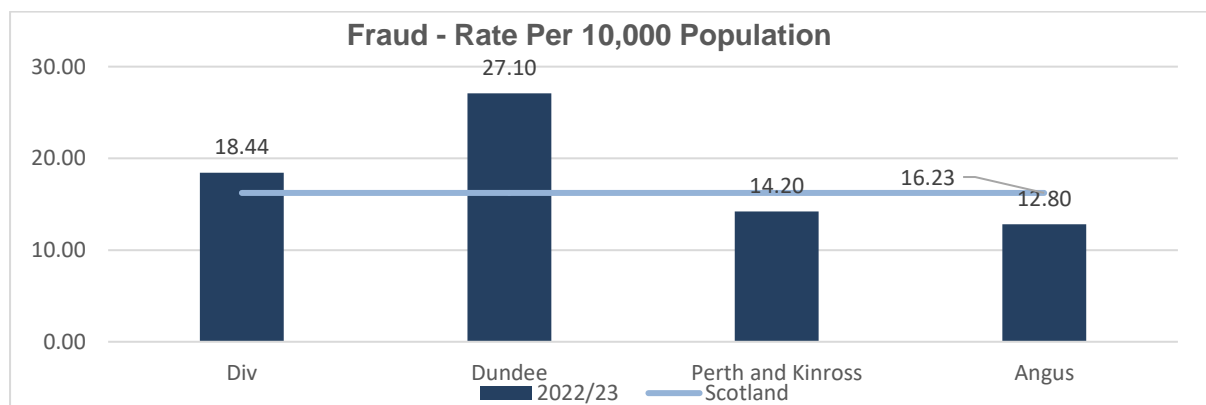
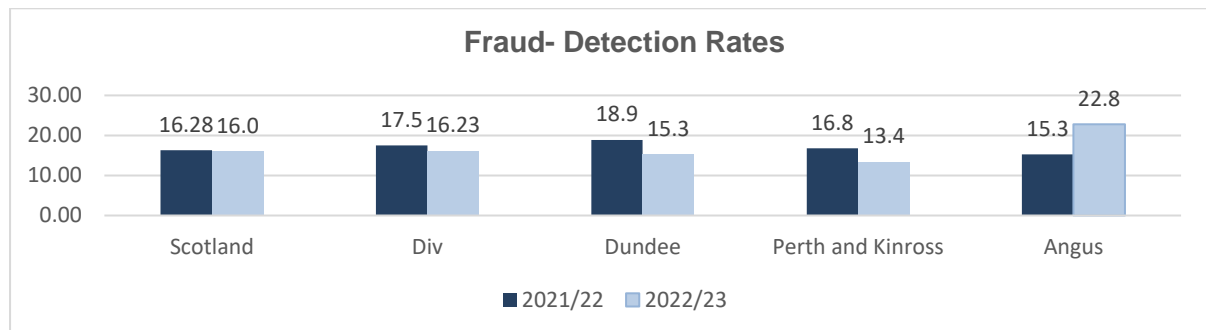
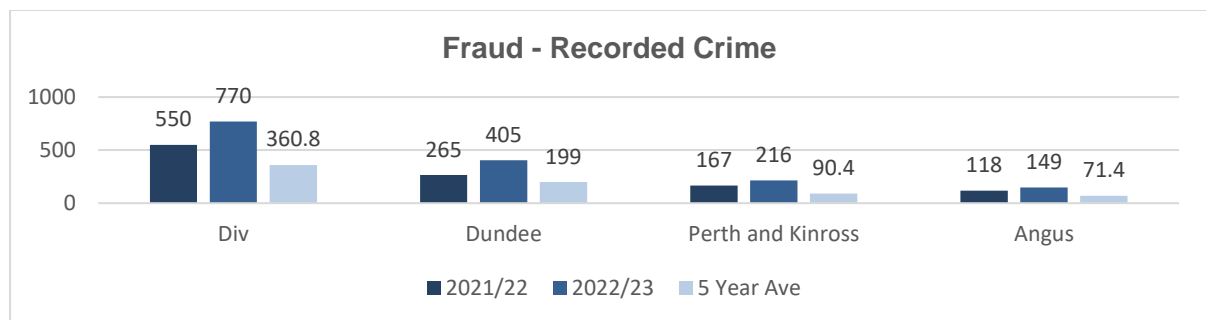
Analysis of these crimes shows 64 crimes (30%) have the 'cybercrime' tag indicating an 'online' element. Most of these 'cybercrimes' (at least 70%) target individuals at their home address although three cases involve businesses.

Detecting frauds carries significant challenges and involve protracted enquiries involving multiple agencies and institutions.

Further to this 70 enquiries remain under live investigation with the likelihood that further crimes will either be detected or transferred out of P&K as the criminality has taken place elsewhere in the UK or even abroad.

As per previous reporting periods the complexities of online crime continue to provide challenges with many of the software applications used located out with the UK adding additional time delays and barriers to obtaining information. Likewise many of the perpetrators of these crimes are located out with the UK providing an additional barrier to their identification and opportunities to bring to justice.

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



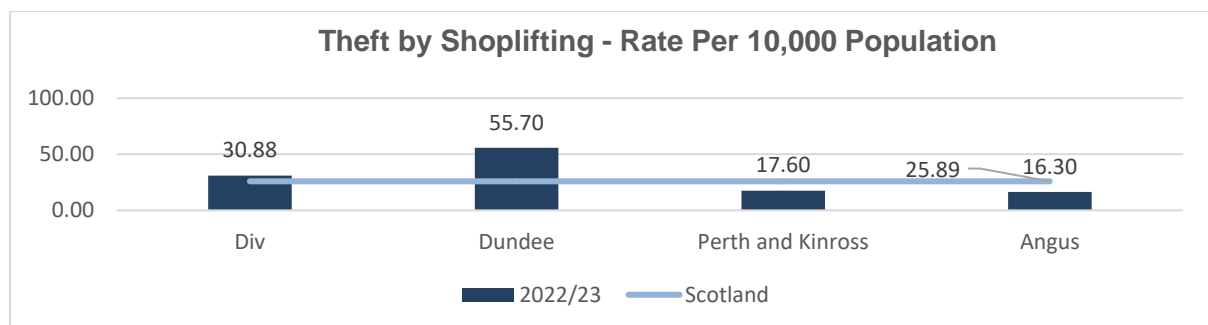
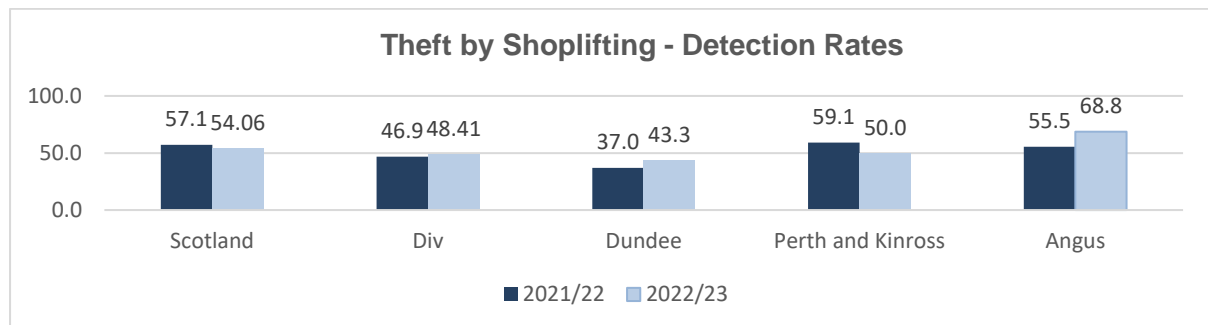
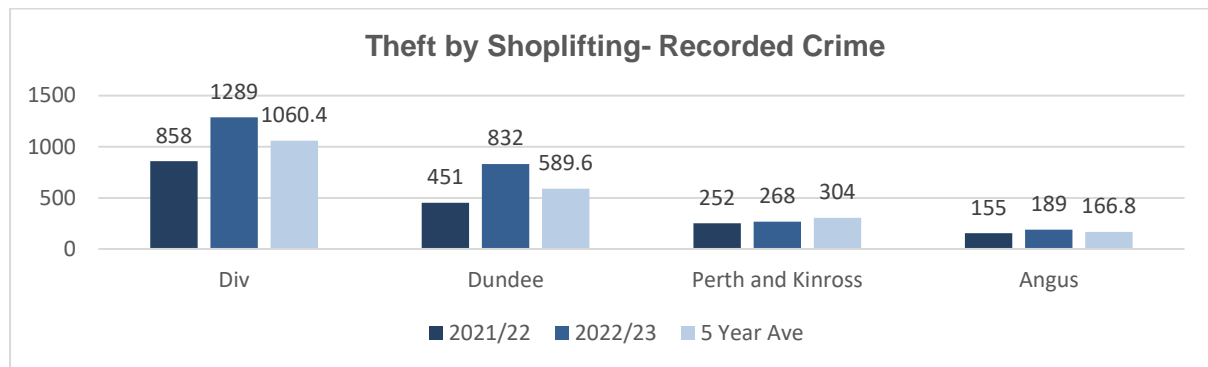
Theft by Shoplifting

There have been 268 crimes recorded YTD with 126 occurring during Q2, this represents an increase of 16 crimes when compared with LYTD.

Analysis shows that during this reporting period 58% of crimes occurred within Perth city centre 22% in North Perthshire and 20% in South Perthshire.

Detection rates have improved slightly over Q1 however remain below LYTD.

The Divisional Preventions Officers continue to liaise with the retail sector and offer crime prevention advice in respect of stock placement within premises in order to reduce this type of crime being committed.



Motor Vehicle Crime

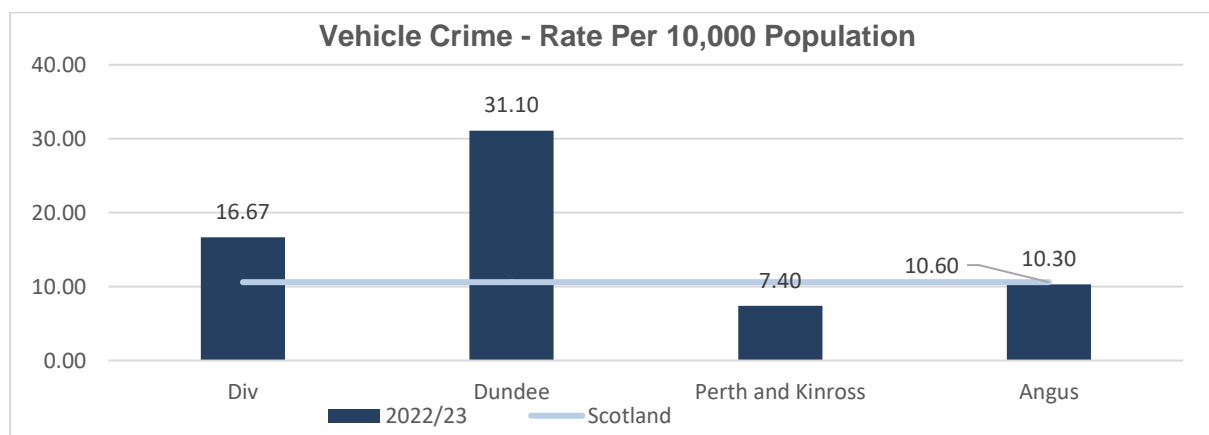
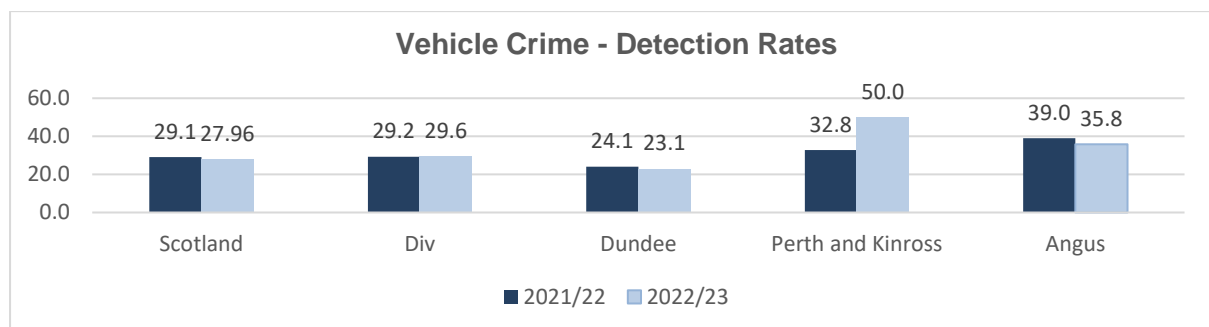
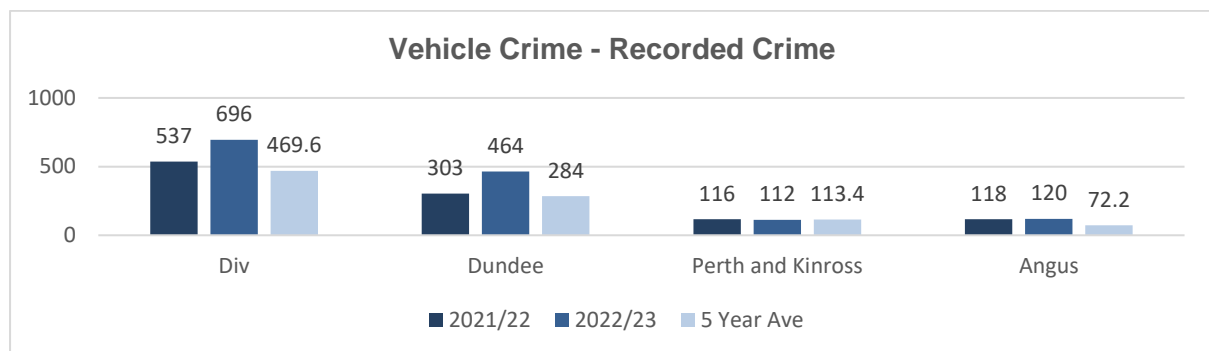
All acquisitive crimes are reviewed on a daily basis and discussed and where crime series are identified investigations are prioritised and local officers are supported by the Community Investigation Unit and Locality CID. All forensic opportunities are maximised in an effort to quickly identify and arrest perpetrators and we work closely

with colleagues in our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions department to offer advice in relation to crime prevention and target hardening.

We also continue to actively manage known perpetrators, including those individuals previously mentioned in our Q1 report who had been responsible for an increase in vehicle crime in the Perth area.

This activity has seen positive results with occurrence rates for motor vehicle crime decreasing in Perth and Kinross (4 fewer crimes when compared to LYTD) at a time when we have seen marked increases elsewhere in the Division.

On another positive note, the detection rate for motor vehicle crime at the end of Q2 was 50% - well over the same period last year (32.8%) and very favourable in comparison to the national detection rate of 28.0%.





**Road Safety
and Road
Crime**

Collaborate to
reduce casualties
and crime on our
roads

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Operation CEDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tragically Perth & Kinross LPA have suffered 2 adult fatalities for the period under review

The first incident occurred on the 12th August 2022 on the A90 Perth to Dundee road near to the junction leading to Errol. A 32 year old female passenger lost her life when the vehicle she was travelling in left the road and collided with a tree.

The second fatality occurred on the 16th of September 2022 on the A9 Pitlochry to Perth road near to Dowally. Tragically a 69 year old female driver of a car lost her life when the vehicle she was driving lost control and collided with a vehicle travelling in the opposing direction. The deceased was on holiday in the UK and was an American national, the passenger in the vehicle was also seriously injured however is now making a slow but steady recovery.

This takes Tayside Divisions total number of fatalities year to date to 3, which is the same as LYTD.

Perth & Kinross LPA have had 36 persons seriously injured as a result of collisions which is a 10% decrease comparable with the same period last year where we saw 40 person seriously injured.

Unfortunately, Perth & Kinross LPA have had a very slight increase of 7% in persons slightly injured as a result of road traffic collisions.

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

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

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

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads;

M90/A90	(Perth & Kinross LPA)
A9	(Perth & Kinross LPA)
A923	(Perth & Kinross LPA)
A93	(Perth & Kinross LPA)

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A85 (Perth & Kinross LPA)
A92

For the period under review, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 7568 motorists across the Tayside area.

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

July 2022	Summer Drink/Drug Drive campaign Commercial vehicle week Motorcycle Safety campaign
August 2022	Drug Driving week
September 2022	Vulnerable road users Project EDWARD

In Perth & Kinross LPA notable speeds recorded for the period under review were;

115 mph exceed 70mph limit
107 mph exceed 70mph limit
101 mph exceed 70 mph limit
91 mph exceed 60 mph limit
73 mph exceed 50 mph limit

Road Policing officers continue to provide high visibility and support to divisional officers throughout the Perth & Kinross area. 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. By effectively working with Partners, the aim is to create a safer Tayside by effectively working together to make the roads in Tayside safer for all users.

Safer roads

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

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- Addressing speeding by reducing speed limits, detection, engineering and education.

Safer people

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

Safer vehicles

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

NDS

The New driver Scheme (NDS) has been successfully delivered in a number of educational establishments within the Perth and Kinross area.

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.

It is hoped the scheme will be delivered Tayside wide in 2023.

Rider Refinement North (RRN)

The Launch of Rider Refinement North (RRN) is set to run from the 21st May 2022 through to October 2022 with 8 sessions being scheduled. RRN is an opportunity for members of the public to purchase a day's motorcycle awareness with Road Policing Advanced Riders accompanied by an observer from the IAM.

The course includes a presentation, demo rides and observational rides, the course is designed as a gateway to advanced riding and is run in partnership with Local Authority, Road Safety Scotland, IAM & RoSPA. The course costs attendees £40 which includes a lunch. Unfortunately demand always exceeds supply with only limited places available. Initial delivery of RRN has received extremely positive feedback

with some excellent learning and opportunity to influence riding behaviour with candidates travelling from across Tayside to participate.

As RRN has been refreshed, the 2022 season is being evaluated by Caroline Hood from Robert Gordon University, we look forward to the evaluation report.

National Motorcycle Campaign

The National motorcycle campaign continues and will again see RP focussed patrols on priority motorcycle routes throughout the division with joint working with neighbouring divisions and the SCU to detect and deter any motorcycle offences. C division have recently launched an unmarked motorcycle initiative which on first outing was very successful, as such efforts are being made to utilise similar techniques within Tayside Division, this includes a media strategy prior to deployment.

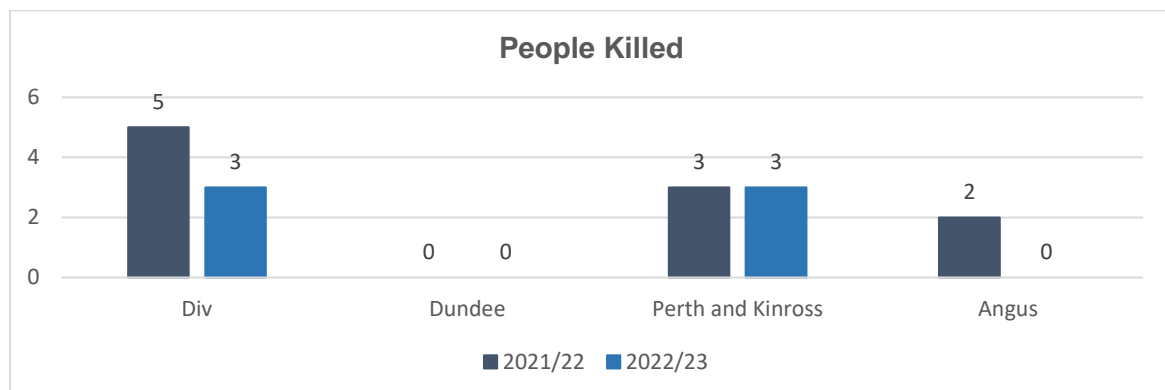
Operation Closepass

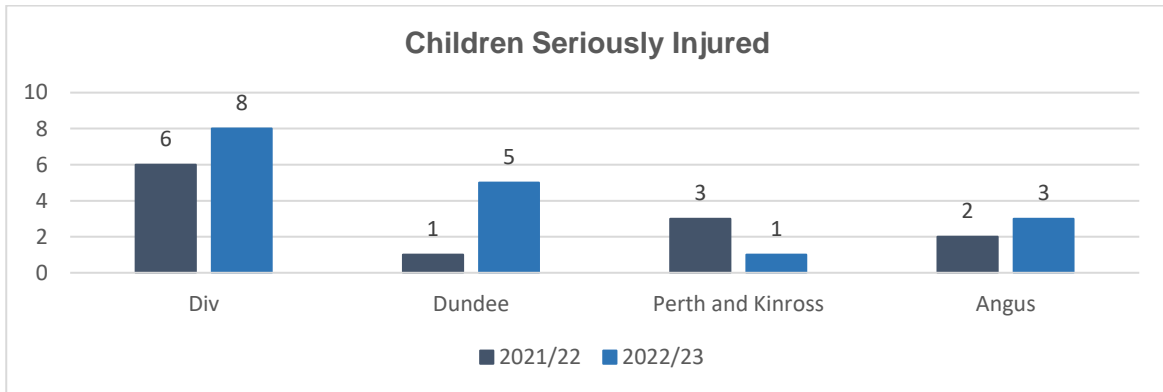
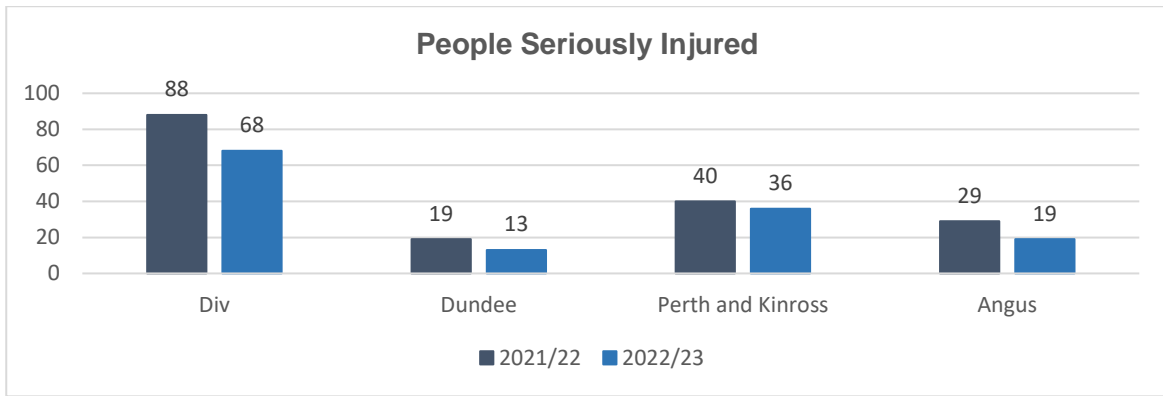
Operation Closepass has again been delivered in Perth & Kinross LPA by Road Policing Officers, the message is that everyone deserves to be able to use Scotland's roads safely, and it is for all road users to take responsibility, whether they are on two, four or more wheels, powered or on foot.

Driver Engagement North

Driver engagement north will be held across Tayside in the forthcoming months where older drivers and their families will be able to take part in an interactive driving session. Driver engagement is aimed at highlighting potential driving weaknesses the Driver Engagement North project makes use of an interactive driving simulator to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities.

The event has already been held at Dobbie's Perth, and was a resounding success with a number of positive interactions and a number of people finding the simulator slightly more difficult than first anticipated.





Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Perth and Kinross have significantly decreased by 65%, this is significantly lower than the 5 year average.

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

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

Additionally the removal of a number of temporary average speed detection cameras on the A9 will have an impact on the number of detections. This said specific patrols have been dedicated to the A9 and most motorists are abiding by the speed parameters in place.

Divisionally Tayside as a whole have had a significant decrease with a total of 929 offenders detected which equates to a 67% reduction compared to the same period the previous year.

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

Activity

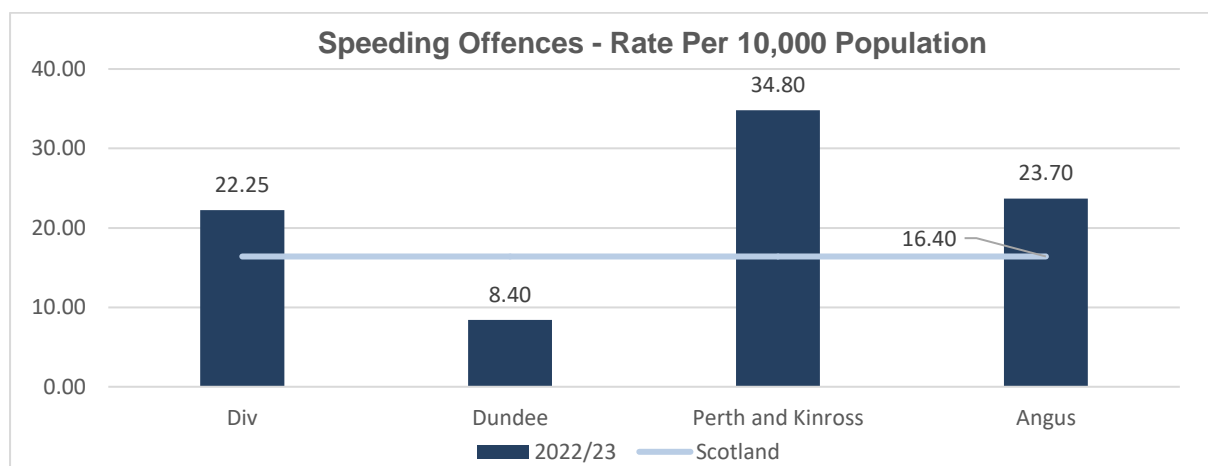
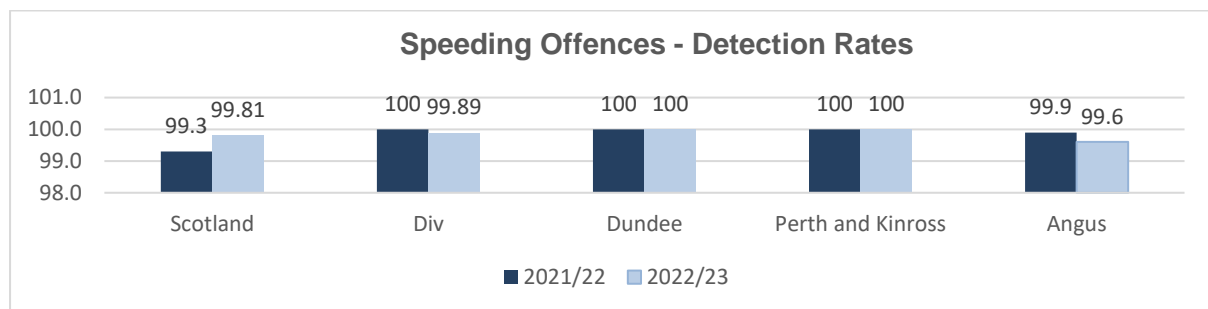
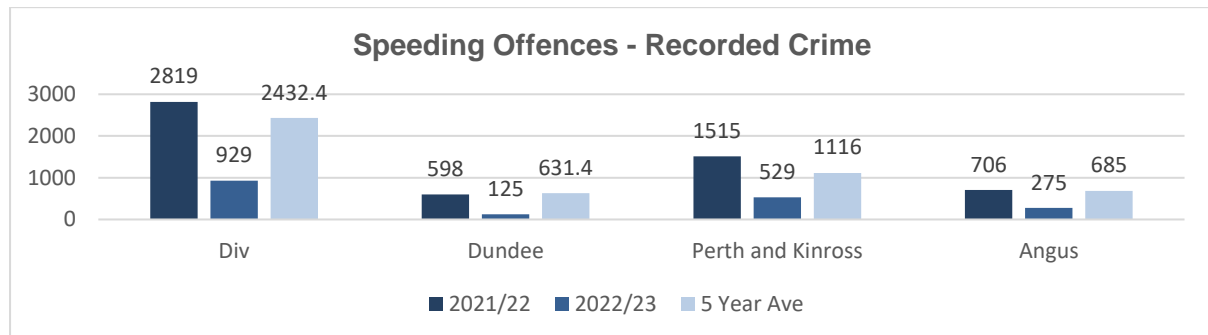
The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing Officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

Close working relationships continue with N, NE, P and C Division, 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 529 speeding offences were detected in Perth & Kinross, which is a significant decrease compared to the year previous, this figure also remains below the 5 year average.



Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Perth & Kinross LPA have experienced a significant decrease of 34.6% compared to the same period of last year, this is extremely positive. This is also significantly lower than the 5 year average.

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

Across Tayside Division 221 Drink/drug driver detected for the period under review, this is a significant decrease of 39.5% comparable to the data from the previous year, again which is extremely positive.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division year to date have conducted 370 breath tests and carried out 75 drug wipes, 25 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.

Activity

The detection of drivers who are impaired through either Alcohol or Drugs falls in to the daily business for Road Policing. However during the period under review Road Policing officers took part in the national Drink/Drug Driving & Drug Driving week campaigns.

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

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

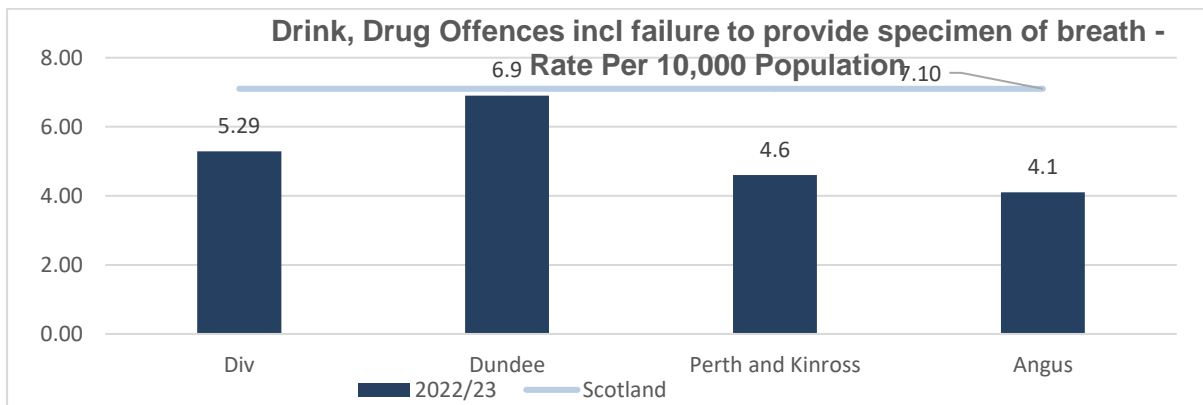
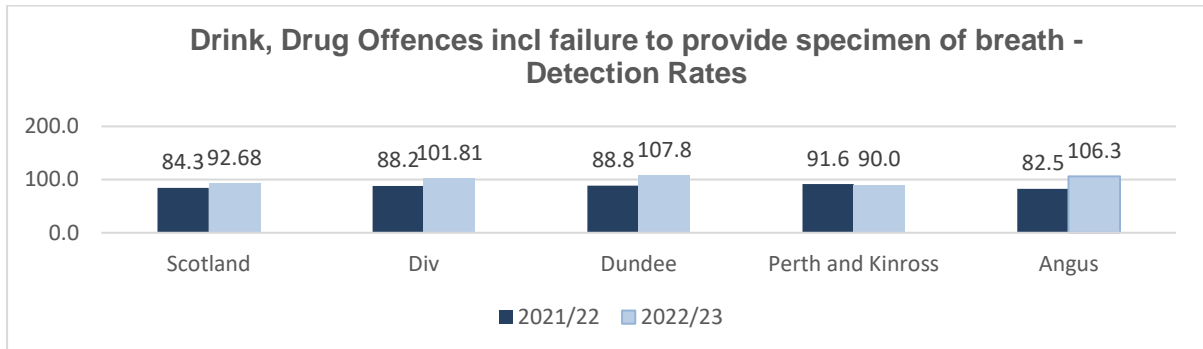
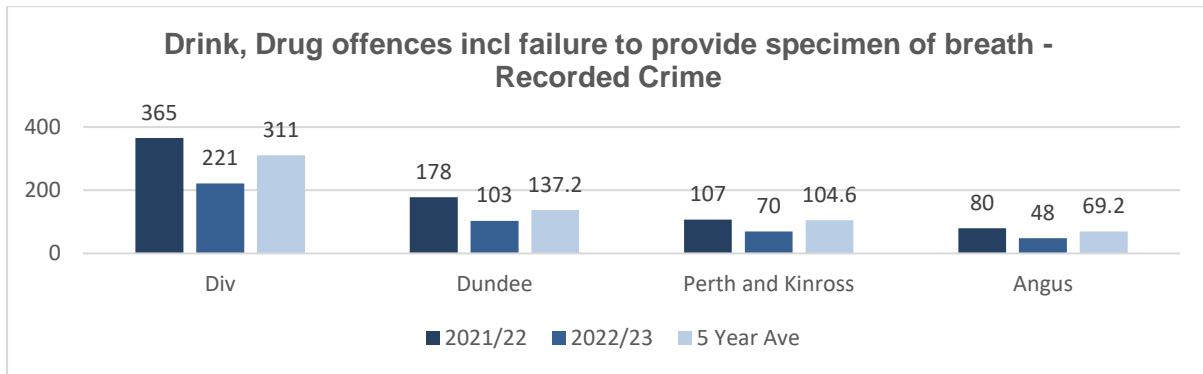
Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

Results

During the period under review 70 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Perth & Kinross area. This is a significant decrease of 34.6% 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 some road users are continuing to drive whilst under the influence which is completely unacceptable.



Careless Driving

Perth & Kinross LPA saw a significant 30% decrease in Careless driving compared to the same period last year. This figure is significantly lower than the 5 year average.

Tayside Division also experienced a significant decrease with 248 offenders being detected which equates to a 34.4% decrease comparable with the same period the year previous.

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

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

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' and working with partners, Tayside Division road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement,

education activates and influence the provision of engineering solutions (3 E's). This will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

Activity

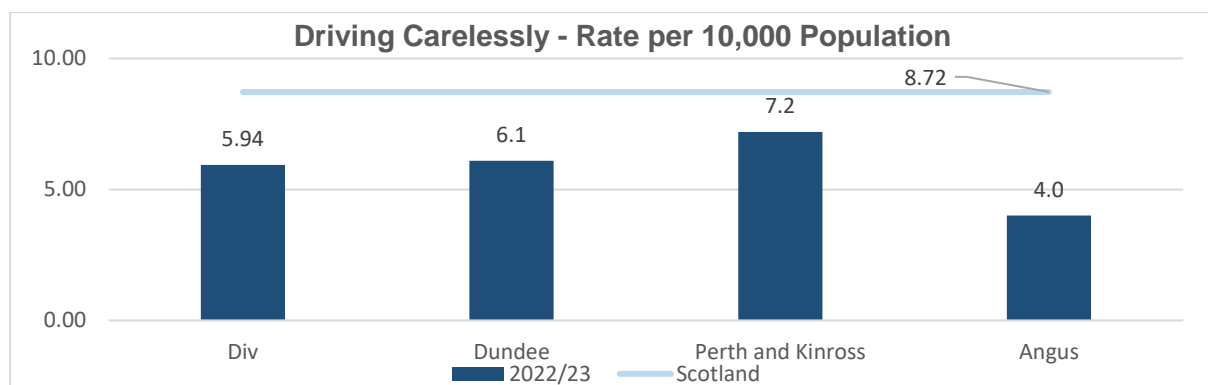
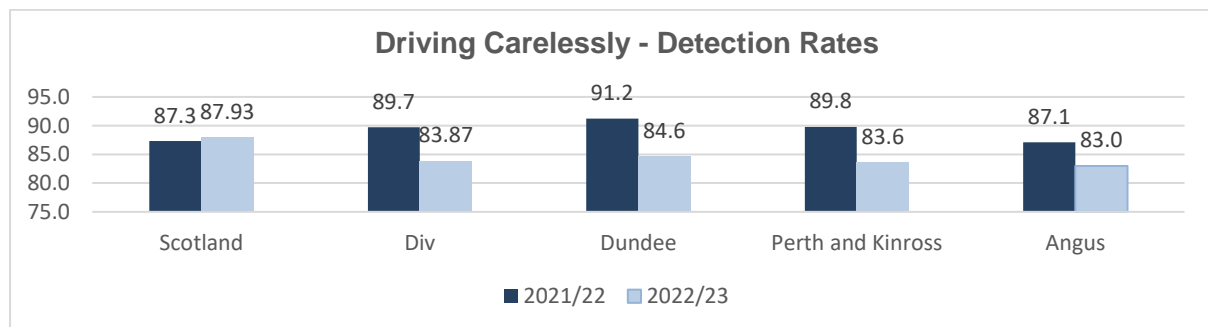
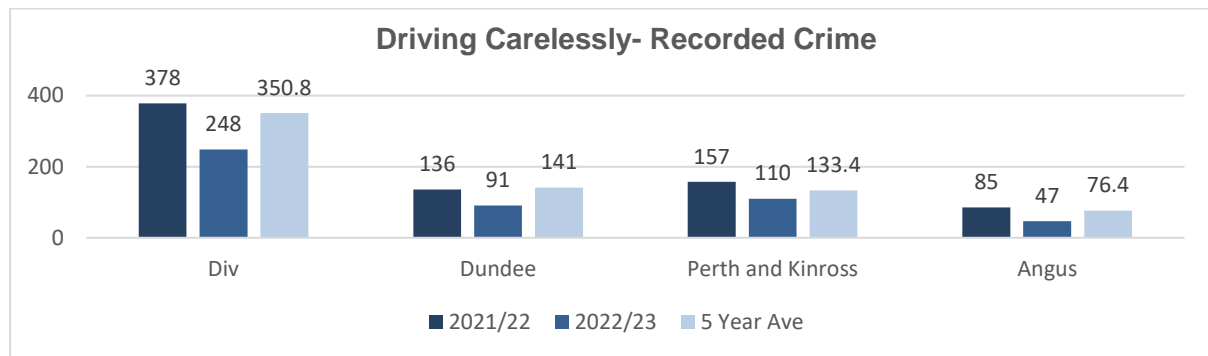
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

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

Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Perth & Kinross.

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

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





**Public
Protection**

Support people
considered
vulnerable through
working with
partners

This activity will link in with and support the 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*

Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse remains a priority for the Division and all domestic incidents in Perth & Kinross are subject of review, both by local 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.

There has been an increase in DASA crimes recorded in Perth & Kinross compared to 2020/2021 (5 additional crimes). This increase may be attributable to improvements made in our response to Domestic Abuse, including an uplift of specialist Domestic Abuse Officers dedicated to Perth & Kinross. This increase in specialist resource has allowed us to enhance our response to Domestic Abuse with additional guidance being provided to response officers in relation to the identification of the often hidden coercive and controlling behaviour DASA offences. It has also enabled the introduction of a revised quality assurance process for all domestic crimes and incidents to ensure that the service we deliver to victims is in accordance with national standards.

The detection rate for DASA offences has seen an improvement on the 2020/21 figure. A small number of DASA offences, which are undetected, remain under active investigation by Local Perth & Kinross officers and colleagues from Specialist units, including the DAIU and the Domestic Abuse Task Force. A number of these outstanding enquiries form part of more complex investigations, which can be protracted in nature.

The level of reported Domestic Abuse incidents in Perth & Kinross is largely in line with the average national rate per 10,000 of population.

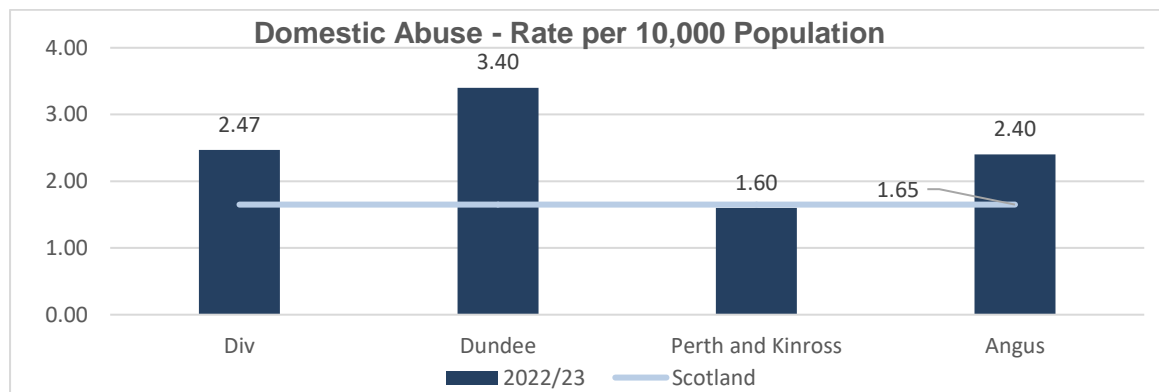
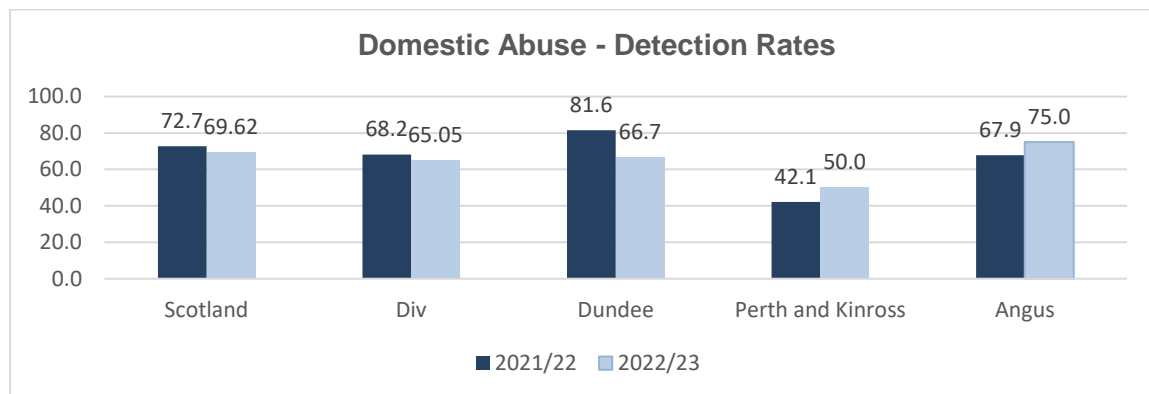
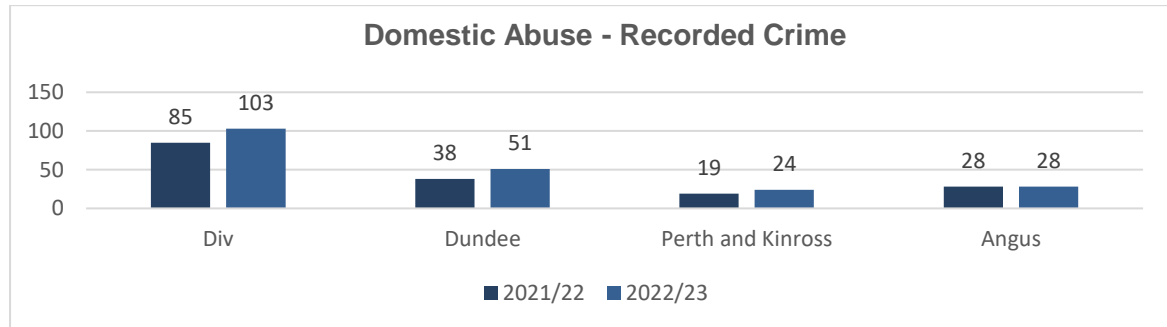
Along with specialist departments, including the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and National Domestic Abuse Task Force, we continue to work with partner agencies to ensure safeguarding of victims and pursue every opportunity to target perpetrators and prevent further harm.

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During Q2, the Domestic Abuse Task Force had 3 live MATAC investigations involving Perth & Kinross perpetrators.

Significant court outcomes during Q2:

A 42 year old male appeared at Perth Sheriff Court having been found guilty of a DASA offence committed against a previous partner and also several breaches of bail conditions. He was sentenced to 18 month's imprisonment and given a 5 year Non Harassment Order.



Hate Crime

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

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

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

Activity

During the reporting period Third Party Reporting refresher training has been delivered to existing centres and plans are in place to deliver Third Party Reporting/Hate Crime café style sessions to local partners and 3rd sector support agencies at PKAVS, Perth. The intention is to raise awareness of what Hate Crime is, Third Party Reporting mechanisms and relevant support services. It will also be used as a networking opportunity and a workshop is planned to find better ways of engaging with seldom heard communities and those most likely to experience hate crimes/incidents.

Officers from our Preventions Interventions and Partnerships (PIP) team met with PKAVS to seek advice on how to build a better understand of hard to reach communities into new community engagement report, following "Picture of a Pandemic".

Work is also ongoing through Perth and Kinross Equalities Forum to better coordinate initiatives and communications on identified calendar dates to maximise impact, make best use of resources and reach as many people as possible.

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

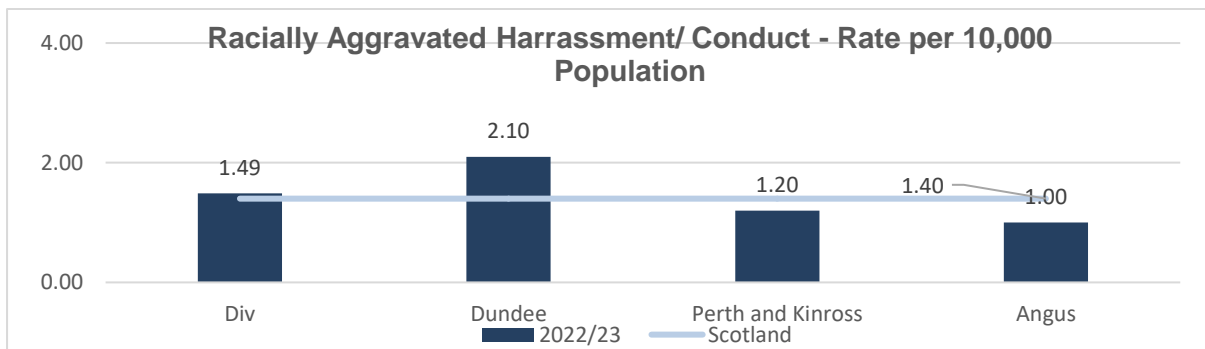
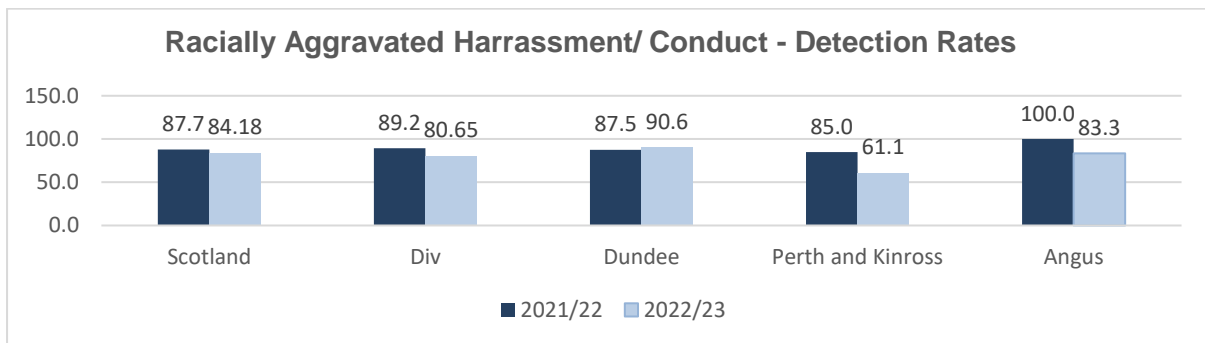
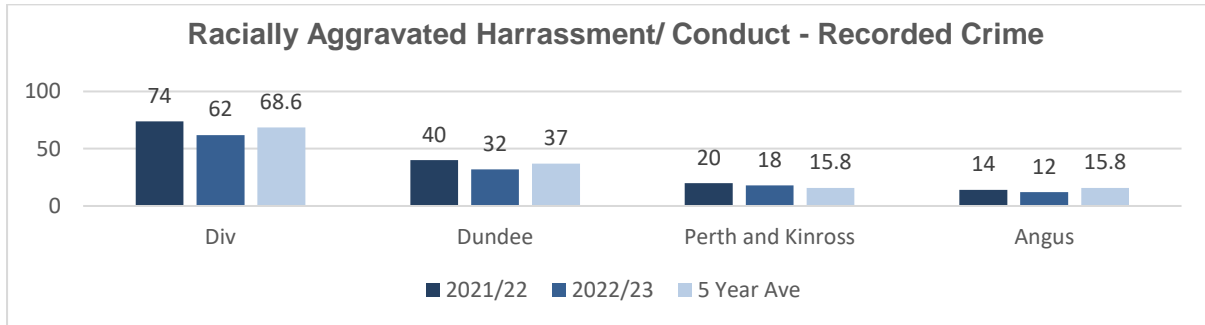
Police attended Show Racism the Red Card Event at Perth City Chambers. The event was organised by Saints in the Community with P7 Pupils from various local schools also in attendance.

The session was very well run and beneficial, with children fully engaging in the seminar. At the end of the session, police participated in a panel discussion answering questions on how to tackle racism and the effects it has on Society.

PIP officers also delivered talks the community group at Perth Welfare Society who support people from ethnic minority communities in Perth and Kinross. Talks focussed on raising awareness around Hate Crime reporting and Third Party Reporting Centres and reporting mechanisms. There was also a question and answer session with members and members were asked how police could be more accessible to them/provide a better service locally. The following feedback was received from the event organiser "We had positive feedback from attendees, they felt it was good to hear from the Police directly and liked the idea of Perth Welfare Society and Police Scotland working in collaboration".

Fresher's events throughout August and September 2022 at Perth College covering drugs, internet safety, hate crime and general safety.

The occurrence rates for Hate Crime are marginally lower than LYTD (2 fewer crimes)
Detection rates remain lower than LYTD, however as with other crime types a number of crimes remained under active investigation at the end of the reporting period.



Sexual Crime

Activity

There was an increase in sexual crimes recorded in Perth & Kinross in comparison to 2020/2021 levels (17 crimes), which is also above the 5 year average.

The level of recorded crime for Rape and Attempted Rape is lower than 2020/2021 with 16 fewer crimes recorded, which is also below the 5 year average.

As per previous reports, many sexual offences which are reported 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).

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Recent analysis shows 24% of all recorded sexual offences and 38% of rapes fall into this category.

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 one another.

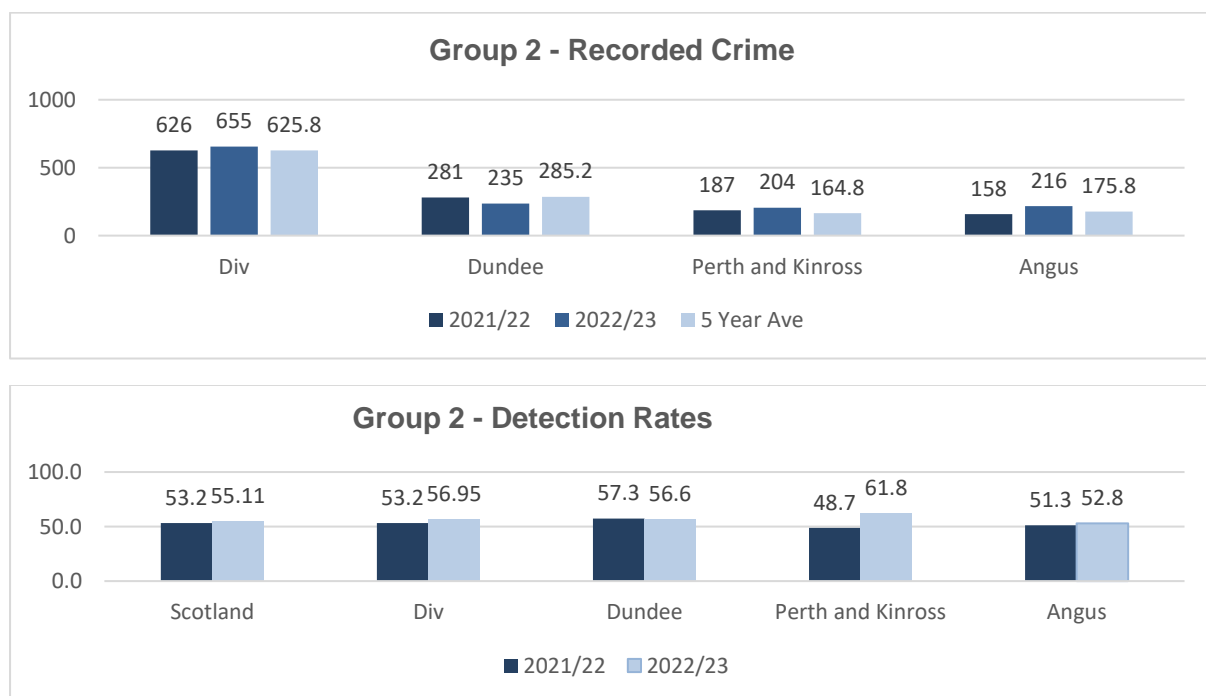
All rape investigations are conducted by specially trained officers and are overseen by an experienced Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) and are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed.

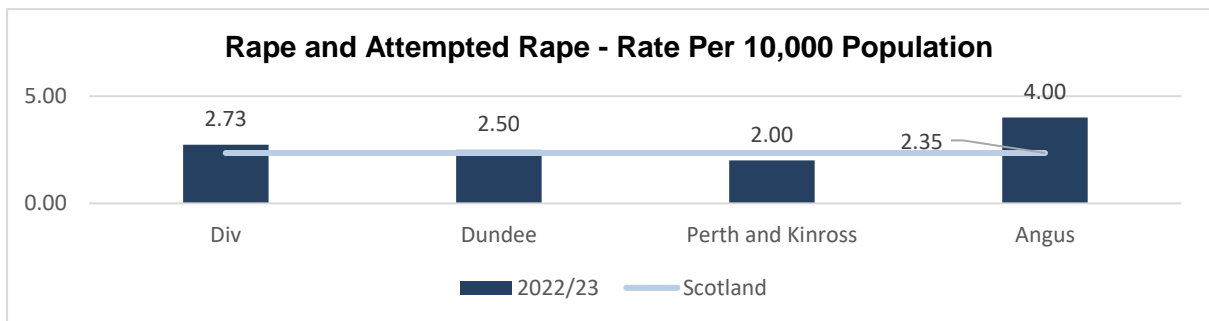
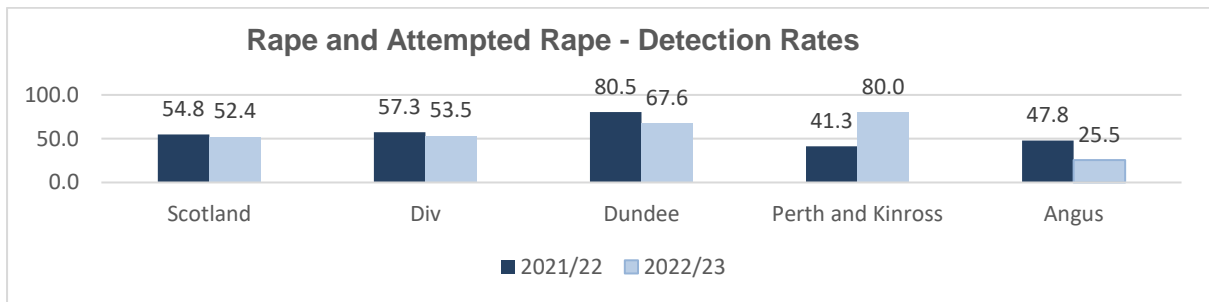
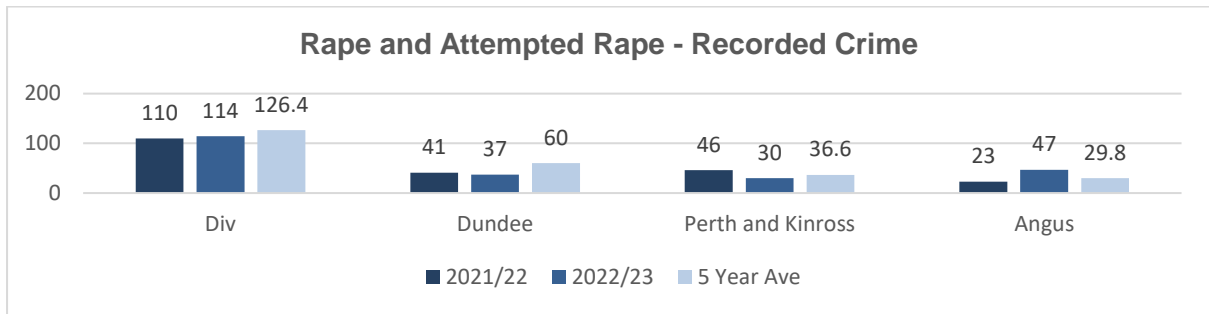
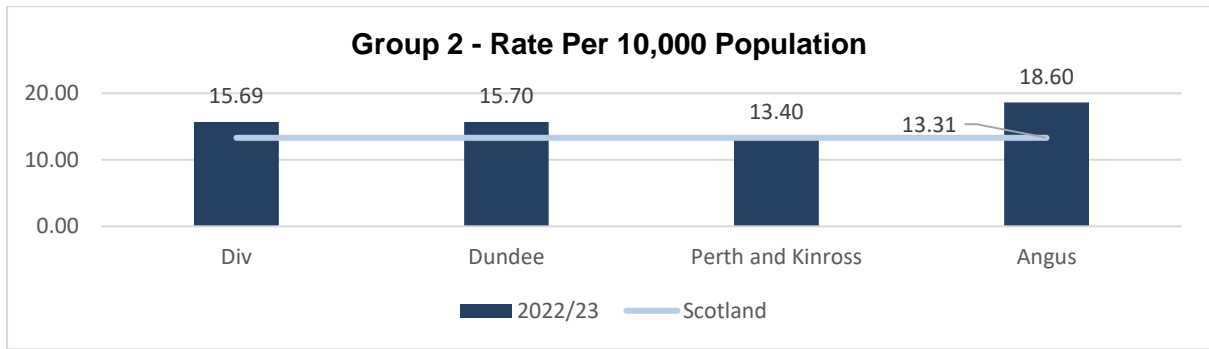
Results

The detection rates for rape and sexual crime are significantly higher than 2020/2021, while a number of more complex enquiries remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

Challenges

It is positive that there is increased confidence in reporting non-recent sexual crime, however this presents challenges as investigations are more protracted and evidence which may provide corroboration may have been lost due to the passage of time. As previously reported, Tayside Division created a dedicated team to deal with non-recent sexual offences and we continue to ensure that victims are offered the support of partner agencies throughout and after the enquiry.







Serious Organised Crime

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

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

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- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy

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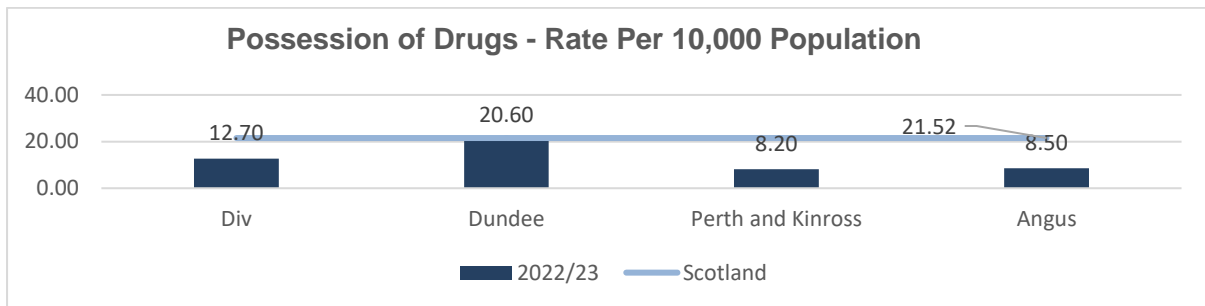
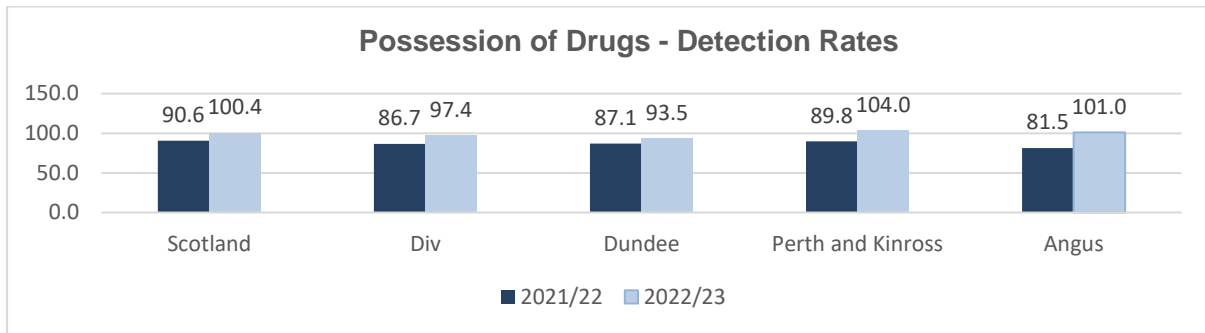
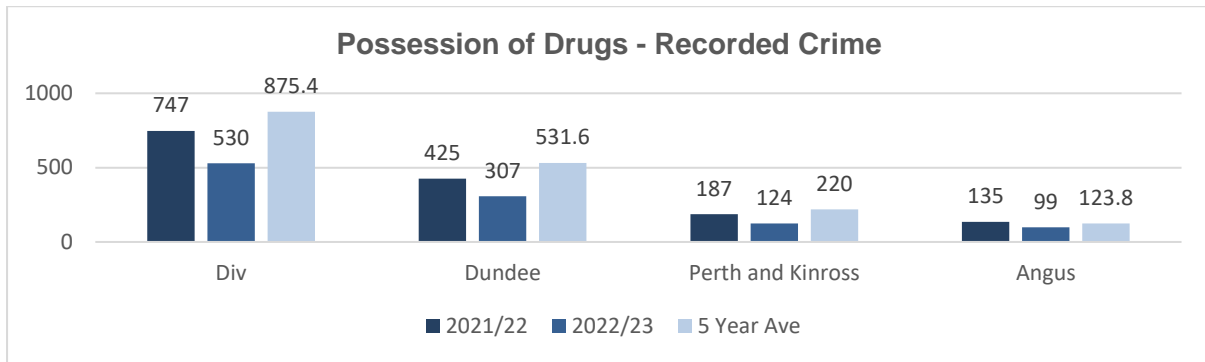
The pursuit of individuals involved in drug related serious and organised crime across Perth and Kinross remains a priority. We are aware of the national issues associated with County Lines and Cuckooing and take all available steps to reduce the harm this presents to the most vulnerable people in our communities. This type of practice is closely monitored through the Divisions Cuckooing Operations Group and our Intelligence Unit.

Our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions team augment the good work carried out by local officers and continue to work with key partners to support victims who are being targeted and exploited. We take every possible opportunity to identify and arrest those individuals involved in County Lines and Cuckooing behaviour. We continue to apply our resilient response to any such report of these activities seeking to drive these offenders out of our communities.

The availability of controlled drugs within Perth and Kinross continues to act 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. Welfare visits continue to be carried out to ensure victims are identified, supported and referred to appropriate services where possible.

Possession of drugs figures remain below levels recorded in previous years, however are higher than figures recorded in Q1. The detection rate of 104% reflects backlogs experienced at the Police Laboratory with results now being obtained which allow us to detect offences recorded out with the reporting period.

A mix of Class A, B and C drugs continue to be recovered consistent with previous reporting periods and with no new or emerging drug types being identified.



Supply of Drugs

We continue to prioritise our response and enforcement through the development of quality intelligence and accurate analysis. This development and enforcement is coordinated locally by our Divisional Serious and Organised Crime Team and involves specialist support from colleagues in national Divisions including Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Units and Operational Support Division.

In July, the Divisional Serious and Organised Crime Team carried out a Drugs Search Warrant and recovered a large Cannabis Cultivation in Blairingone. Approximately 500 Cannabis plants were recovered and a male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

In August, the Divisional Serious and Organised Crime Team carried out drugs search warrants in relation to an ongoing operation and recovered 248g of herbal Cannabis, 12g of Cocaine, approx. £36500 and other paraphernalia indicative of drug dealing. Those involved were reported to the procurator fiscal.

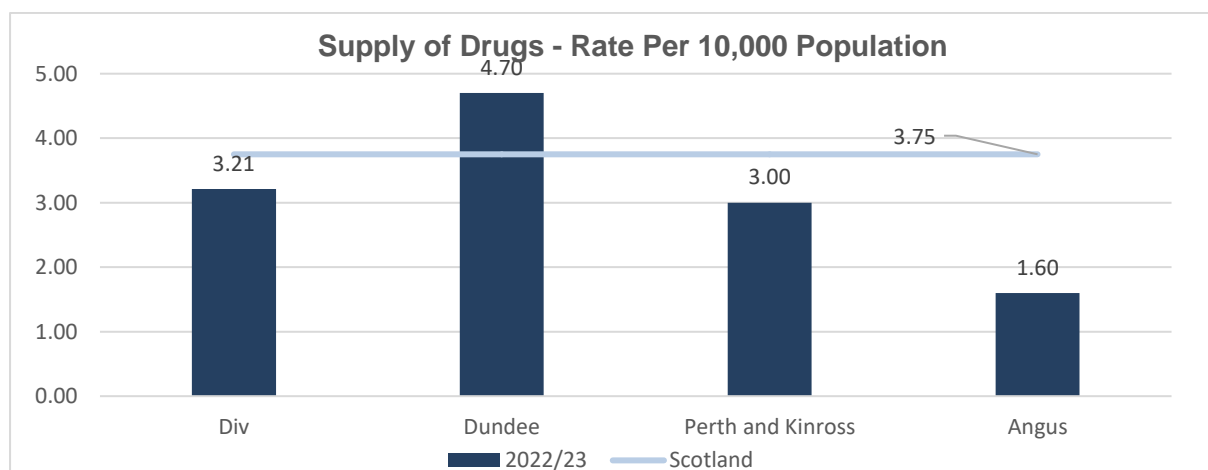
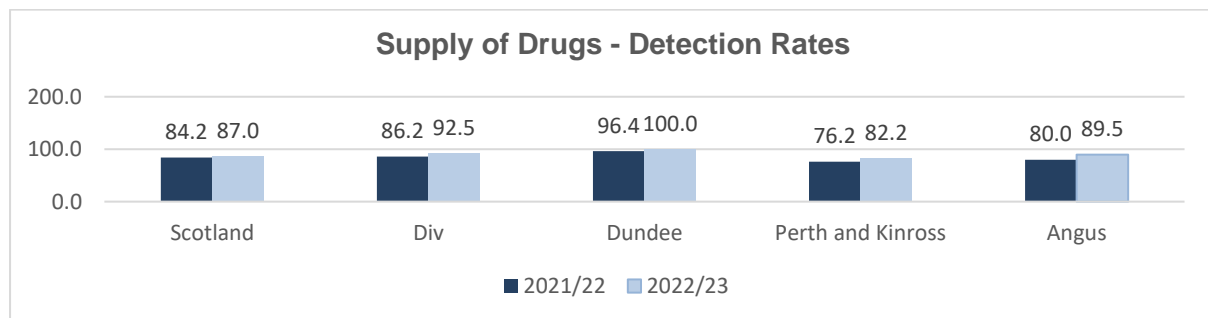
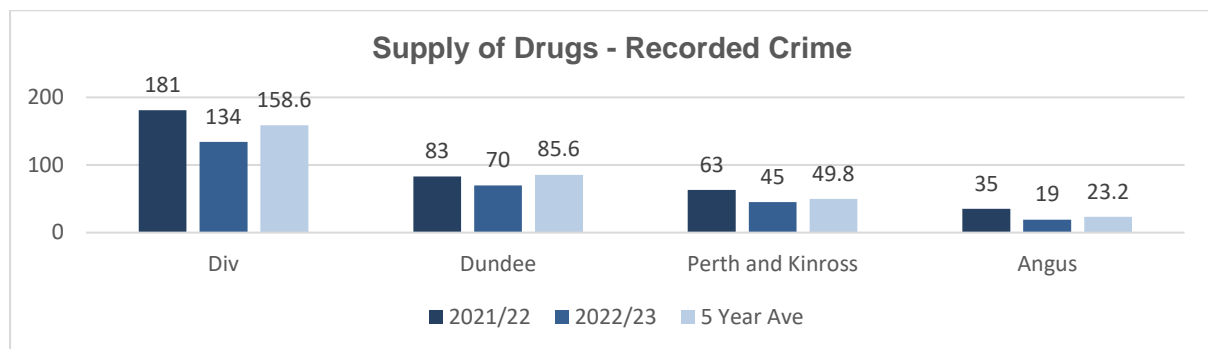
Also in August a vehicle linked to the supply of Cocaine throughout the Tayside area was stopped by police on the A90 near to Forteviot. £155000 was recovered from the vehicle. The occupants were released pending further enquiry.

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 involved in the supply of drugs. The Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway continues to play an important role in this collaborative approach.

There remains a cultural problem in respect of drug addiction within parts of Perth and Kinross, which drives demand and provides a market for those criminals who would seek to exploit vulnerable people. Enforcement activity is one part of the solution, however the sustained focus of the Police and partners remains critical in tackling the broader social impact of drugs within the area.

There has been a reduction in the number of Drug Supply offences recorded when compared to LYTD (18 fewer crimes), a trend which is reflected throughout the Division.

Detection rates have increased when compared to LYTD, however are currently marginally lower than the Divisional and National Averages.



Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizure Referrals: £1,080.00

Assets for Restraint: £6,886.68



**Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
preparedness

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:

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

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.

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

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- 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*

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.

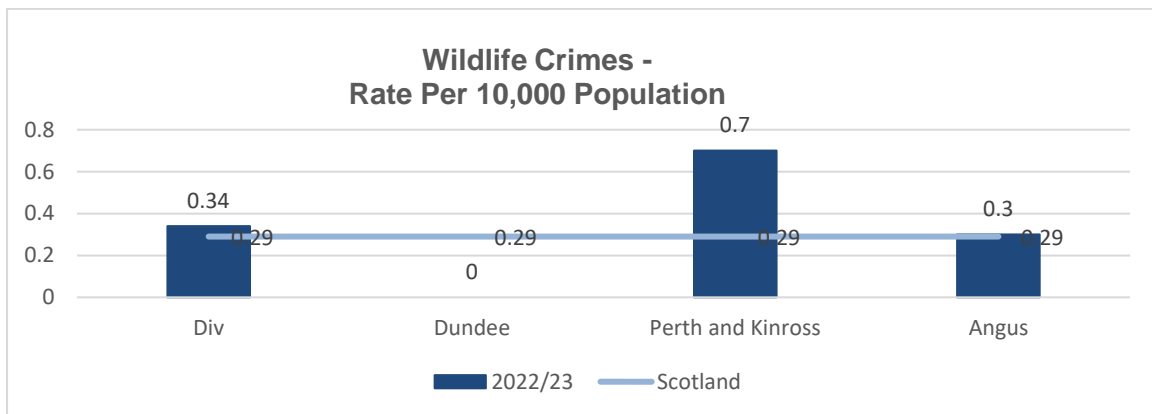
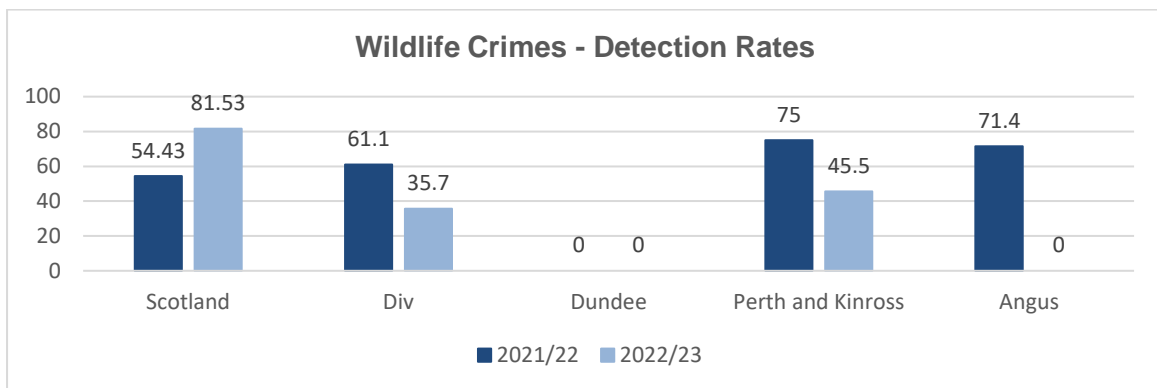
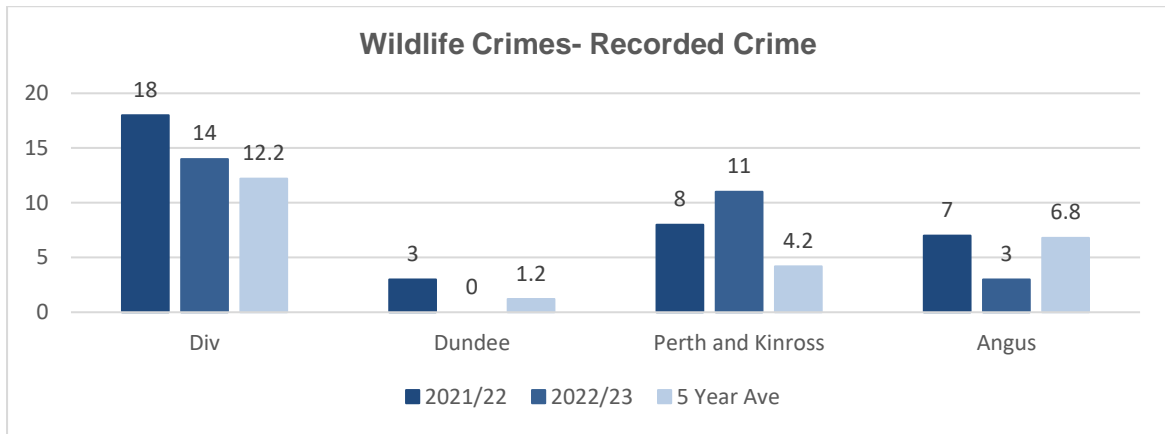
The overall number of Wildlife crimes recorded YTD has increased marginally when compared to 2021/22 (3 additional crimes). Analysis of the crimes recorded reveals no particular pattern in relation to the type or location of offences committed.

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 a direct 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 ensure consistency of investigative practice and this is further supplemented by a new online training package for operational officers.

Detection rates for Wildlife crime are currently lower than LYTD, however a number of these crimes remain under active investigation with some awaiting the result of forensic examinations.

In July 2022 a 16 year old male was reported to the Children's Reporter for a contravention of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Disturb nesting bird). The offence was committed in May 2022 in the Luncarty area and the accused was identified following enquiries by local officers.



Complaints about the Police

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

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

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

Complaints Received

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

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

¹ Data is correct as at 30/09/2022.

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

Appendix

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

	Reporting Period ³					
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons) ²					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FORCE / SCOTLAND	5 347 600	5 373 000	5 404 700	5 424 800	5 438 100	5 463 300
Tayside	413 800	415 040	415 470	416 090	416 080	417 470
Angus	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 280	116 040	116 200
Dundee City	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 710	148 750	149 320
Perth & Kinross	148 930	149 930	150 680	151 100	151 290	151 950

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

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