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

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

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

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

The infographic consists of seven rounded rectangular boxes, each representing a different policing priority. Each box contains an icon, a title, and a brief description of the objective.

- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour** (Icon: hand with lightning bolt): Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime
- Acquisitive Crime** (Icon: padlock): Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending
- Road Safety and Road Crime** (Icon: winding road): Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads
- Public Protection** (Icon: person sitting): Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism** (Icon: globe): Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness
- Wildlife Crime** (Icon: paw print): Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and sea
- Serious Organised Crime** (Icon: network of nodes): Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime, including cyber crime



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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

Violence Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Acquisitive Crime

Road Safety And Road Crime

Public Protection

Serious Organised Crime

Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

Wildlife Crime

Objectives

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

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

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness

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

Outcomes

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

The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery

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

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

Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges



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Summary Report Perth & Kinross LPA

1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021

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 21 95.2	20/21 11 100	20/21 241 82.2
21/22 19 94.7	21/22 8 87.5	21/22 287 70
% +/- ↓-9.5% ↓-0.5%	% +/- ↓-27.3% ↓-12.5%	% +/- ↑19.1% ↓-12.2%
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 35 100	20/21 23 30.4	20/21 56 30.4
21/22 21 95.2	21/22 15 40	21/22 65 35.4
% +/- ↓-40% ↓-4.8%	% +/- ↓-34.8% ↑9.6%	% +/- ↑16.1% ↑5%
Acquisitive Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes Detect %	Off. Detect %	Off. Detect %
20/21 50 26	20/21 418 100	20/21 76 73.7
21/22 104 18.3	21/22 874 100	21/22 62 98.4
% +/- ↑108% ↓-7.7%	% +/- ↑109% /	% +/- ↓-18.4% ↑24.7%
Road Safety and Road Crime	Road Safety and Road Crime	Public Protection
Road Deaths - All	Serious Injury - All	Rape Inc Assault With Intent
Deaths Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 - N/A	20/21 12 N/A	20/21 9 22.2
21/22 - N/A	21/22 11 N/A	21/22 21 42.9
% +/- / /	% +/- ↓-8.3% /	% +/- ↑133.3% ↑20.6%
Public Protection	Serious Organised Crime	Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 – Sexual Crimes	Drug Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %	Crimes Detect %
20/21 72 47.2	20/21 18 77.8	20/21 130 76.2
21/22 86 60.5	21/22 40 62.5	21/22 122 89.3
% +/- ↑19.4% ↑13.2%	% +/- ↑122.2% ↓-15.3%	% +/- ↓-6.2% ↑13.2%



**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

Operating Context

This quarter has seen reductions in serious assault and robbery compared to quarter 1 of 2020/21 with an increase on common assault compared to last year.

HMP Perth continues to be a hotspot for violence however we continue to work with the management to identify preventions and interventions to impact on such violence along with assessing the impact of changes to our operating model allowing greater engagement with HMP Perth.

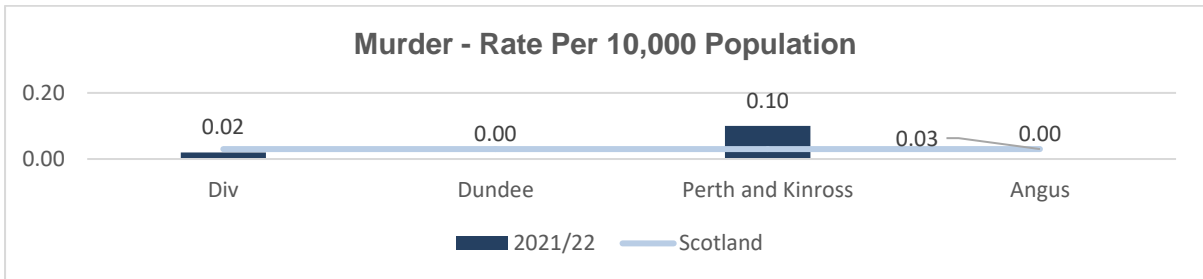
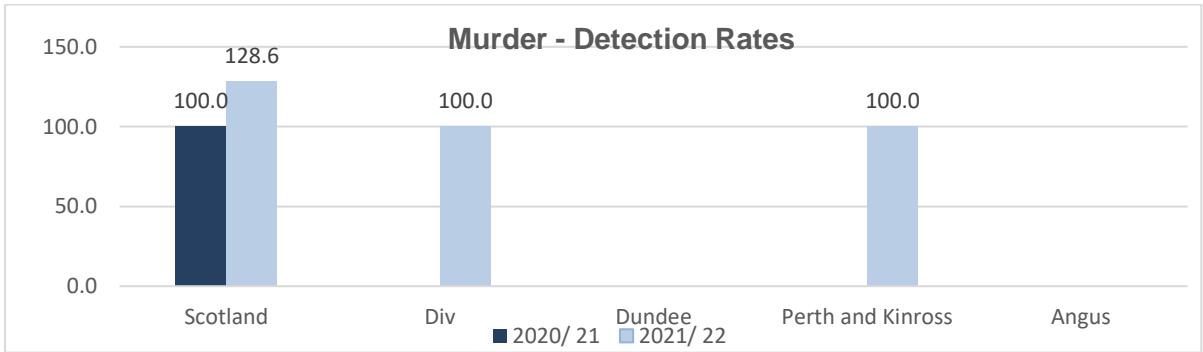
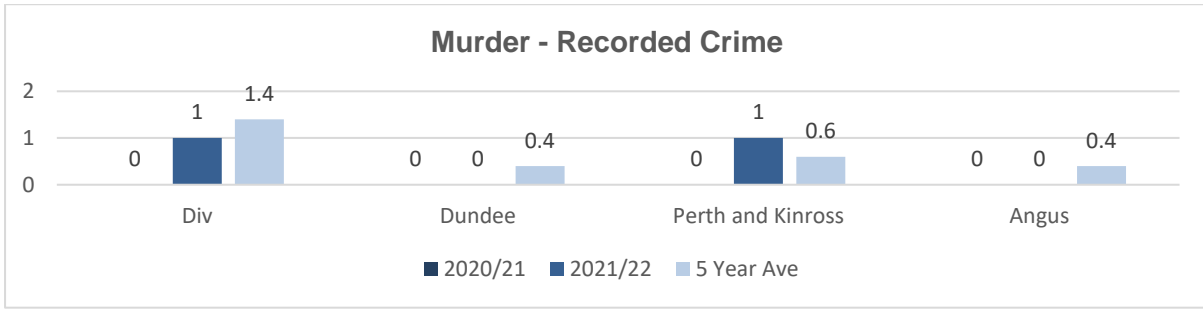
Domestic Abuse remains the most common contributory factor in assaults and we continue to note the levels of violence recorded between young people, during the early part of the quarter being as high as 41% of recorded assaults. Whilst boys aged 16-25 are the most common perpetrators and victims, children between Primary 7 and S2 have been involved in violence towards one another. Our commitment to reducing this violence and better engagement with young people continues under the guise of Operation Stung and towards the end of the quarter we have seen a reduction in violence between young people.

Relaxation of licensing laws, use of alcohol and lawful congregations of people in public spaces has led to a slightly different operating context as we move away from quarter 1.

Murder

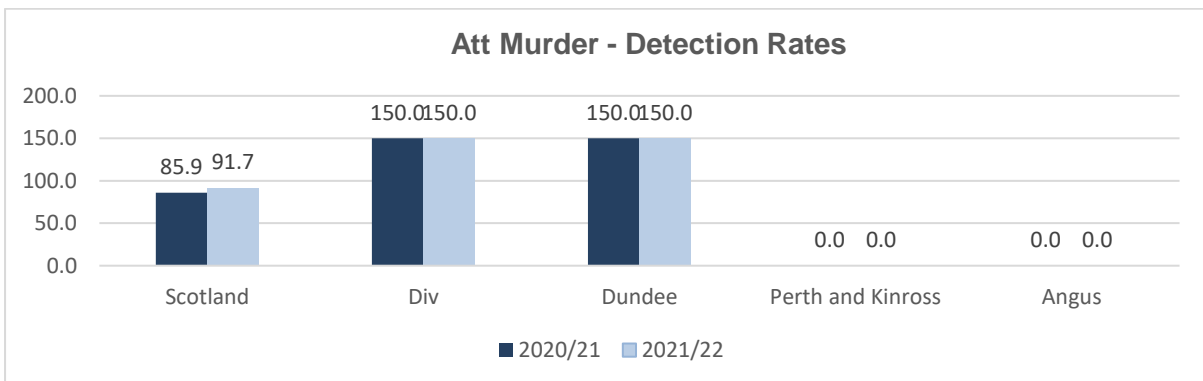
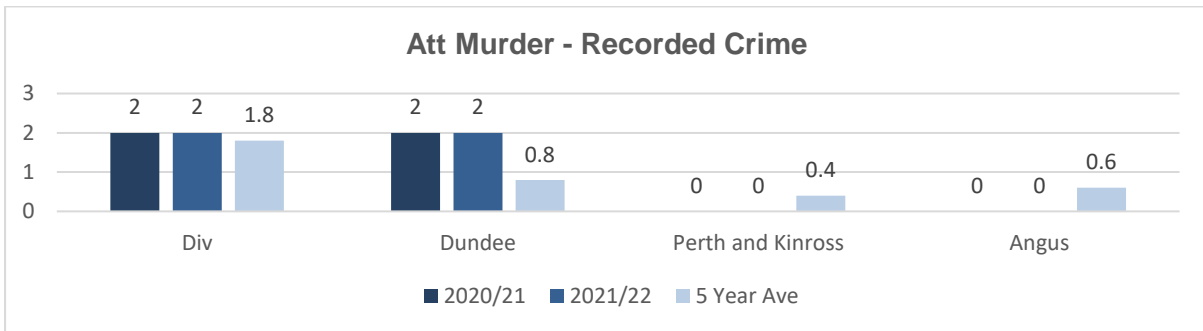
During this period there has been one recorded murder. On 2nd June 2021 a 55 year old male was found dead within a house in Perth City Centre. The enquiry was conducted by our Major Investigation Team and a 36 year old male, the son of the victim, was later arrested in England. There was no wider danger to the public and the criminal justice proceedings are ongoing.

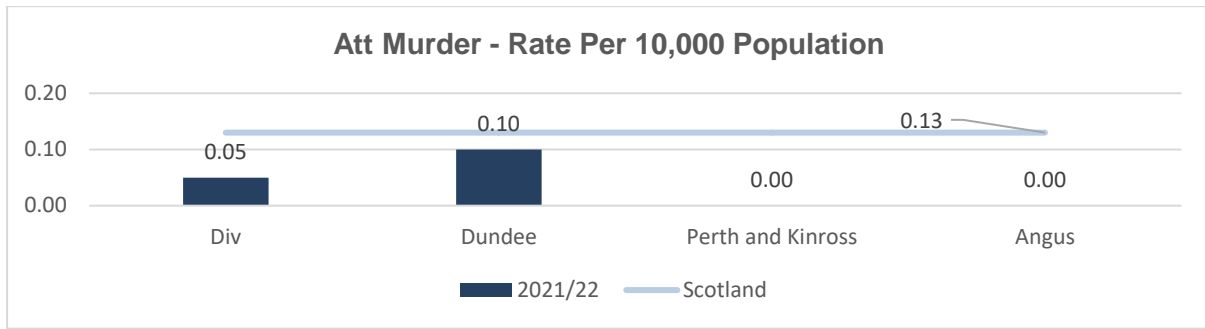
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Attempted Murder

There have been no attempted murders recorded during this reporting period.





Serious Assault

There have been 19 serious assaults recorded during this reporting period. This represents a slight rise from quarter 4 2020/21 however is a reduction of two crimes from the same quarter last year and remains below the five year average.

Detection rates remain stable with only one serious assault from the period remaining undetected. In this case a suspect was identified however insufficient corroborative evidence was available.

Showing similar patterns to previous quarters, around two thirds of the crime occurred in Perth with three of those taking place between prisoners at HMP Perth.

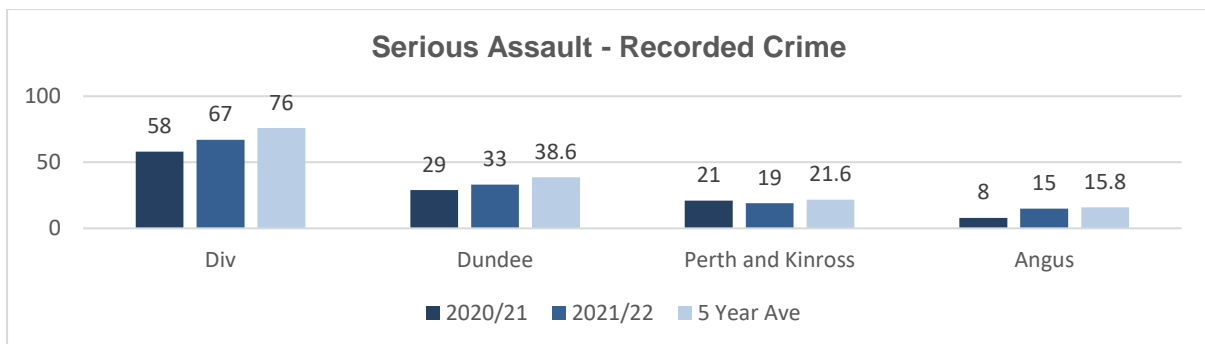
In all cases the perpetrator was known to the victim and in five of the recorded serious assaults young people were responsible for assaulting peers, in the most extreme case a 12 year old inflicting a serious injury upon a 9 year old.

Results

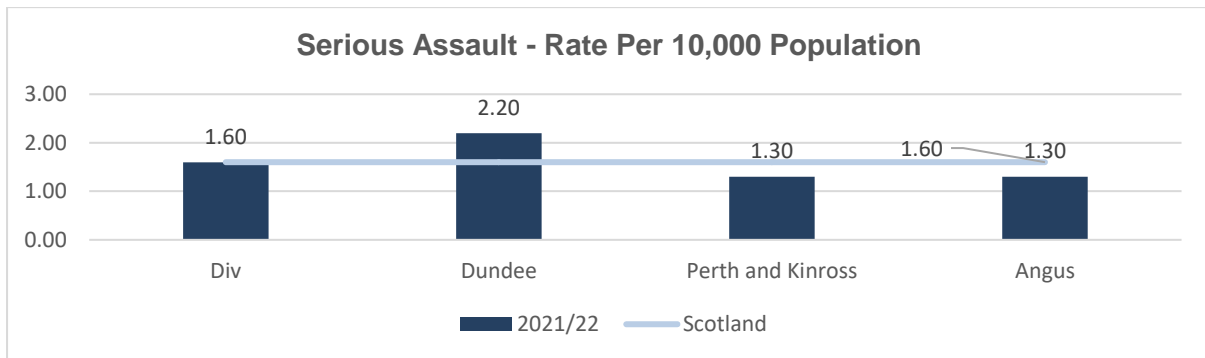
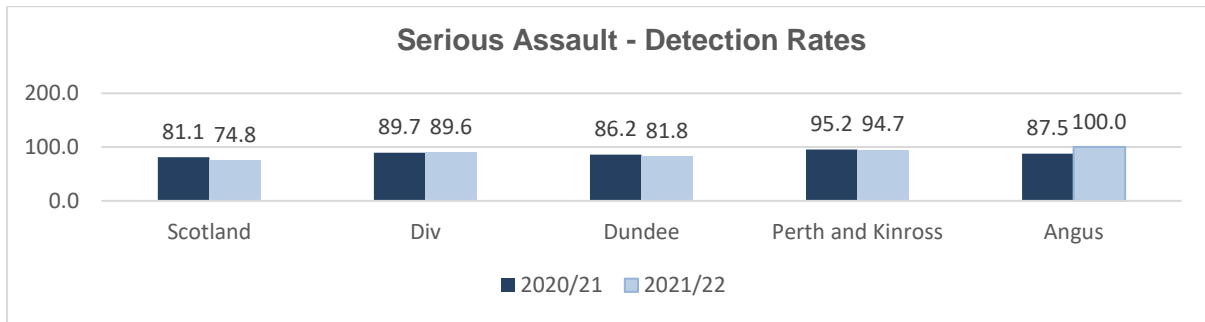
In April a 16 year old was arrested having assaulted a member of security staff at a retail premises in Perth.

In June a 16 year old was arrested having assaulted a 15 year associate with a weapon in a public street in Perth.

As a result of these incidents significant investigations took place into the activities of these two perpetrators and the 16 year old in the later example was identified as a repeat offender and charged with 10 offences relating to violence and anti-social behaviour.



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Common Assault

Common assaults have risen by 19% compared to the equivalent period last year and by 17.2% in relation to the 5 year average. This is a pattern which is replicated across other areas of Tayside.

Detection rates remain down on last year however occurrence rates still remain under other areas of Tayside and under the Scottish average.

Around 54% of the assaults occurred in Perth City Centre and in 73% of the recorded crime, the victim and perpetrator were known to one another. 43% of the crimes were committed within a domestic setting which is slight rise on the last reported quarter.

More crimes occur within a public space (54%) compared to private spaces (46%) and the most common locations for assaults were public streets, following by schools, HMP Perth and thereafter licensed premises.

72% of the offenders are male with children aged under 16 and young males between 25 and 44 the most common. This age break down is replicated amongst female offenders.

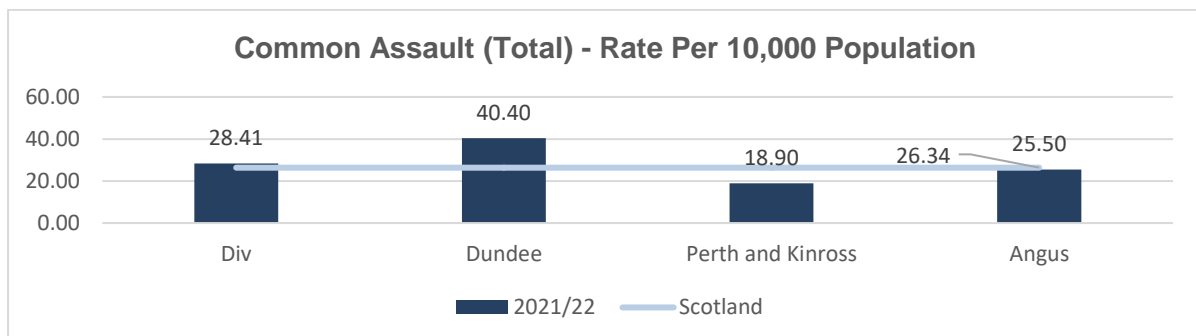
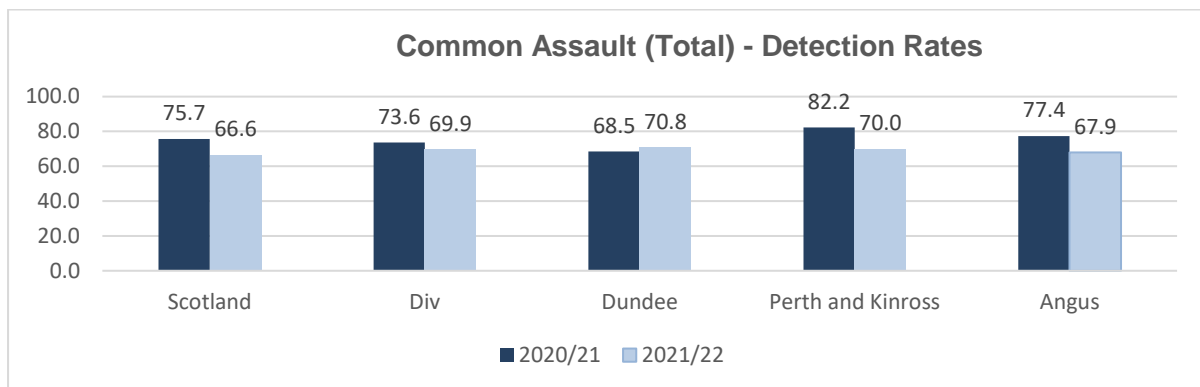
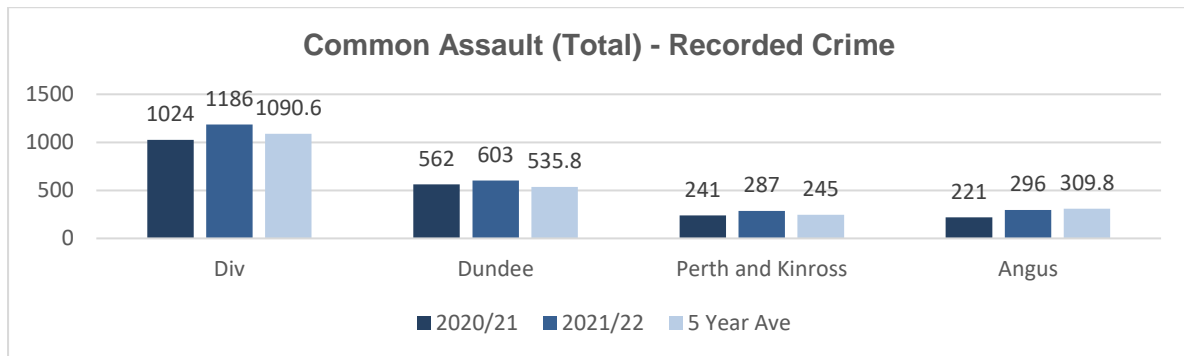
Whilst assaults on emergency workers are included in the figures below, it is positive to see these have decreased by 40% compared to the same reporting period last year. We are not however complacent with significant opposition and aggression still being shown on occasion to Police officers and emergency services partners.

Results

In May, following the success of St Johnstone in the Scottish Cup Final, the celebrations of supporters, players and officials were disrupted by a small group who congregated near the stadium, and threw pyrotechnics and missiles in an attempt to assault stewards and Police officers and breach the security cordon. They were dispersed by public order and mounted officers. An enquiry was carried out by local Community

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Officers and to date, 11 men between the ages of 20 and 42 have been arrested and subject to Football Banning Orders, following work with the football club.



Robbery

There were 8 recorded crimes of robbery during this reporting period. This represents a reduction of 27.3% on the equivalent period last year but remains above the five year average. Six of the robberies were committed in Perth with the remaining two in North Perthshire. The decrease in detection rate equates to two crimes. In one case the perpetrator has now been identified and reported to the Procurator Fiscal and the other crime remains a more complex enquiry involving identified suspects from out with Tayside.

During this reporting period a spike was seen in May with no crimes occurring in April and only one in June.

Whilst one of the crimes was committed within a domestic setting six were committed by persons known or suspected to be users of controlled substances and this is believed to be the catalyst for the commission of crimes. Three of the robberies were

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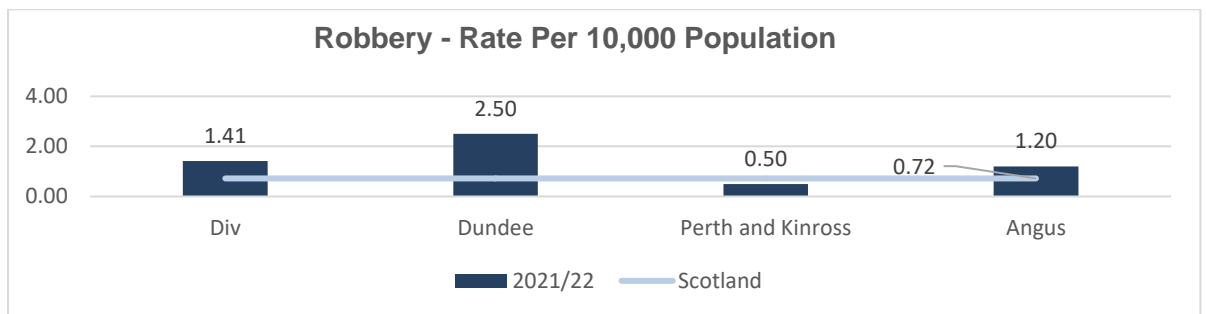
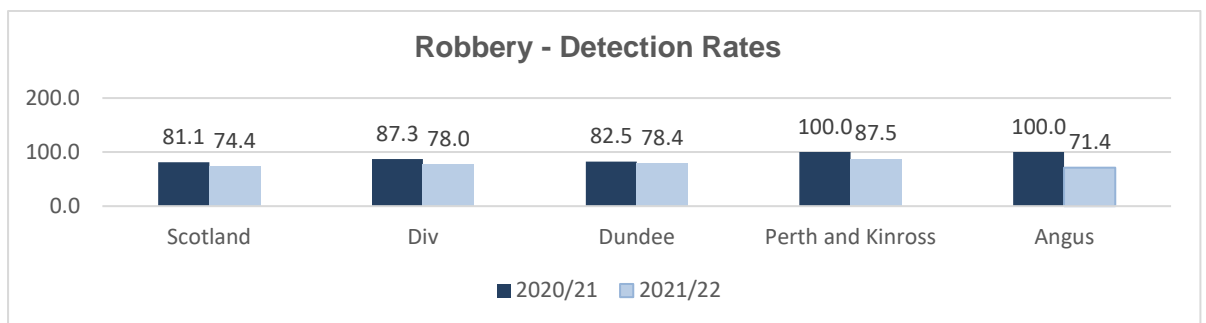
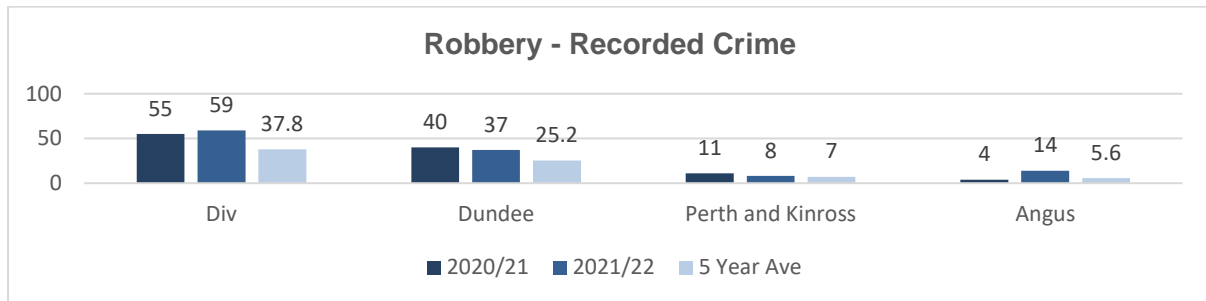
committed by the same male against different victims. All efforts are being made by the Police to have the perpetrators remanded in custody or alternatively ask the criminal justice system to impose conditions upon the perpetrators should they be released from custody.

Results

In May a 35 year old man was arrested in Perth having robbed a retail premises at knifepoint. His capture was largely down to the knowledge of local officers with the assistance of a Police dog.

In May 3 males aged 28, 32 and 33 were arrested having stolen cash from another male within a vehicle in Perth city centre, following an alleged drugs transaction.

In June a male and two females, aged 37, 32 and 56 were arrested having assaulted and stolen items of property from a male in North Perthshire. The victim was the ex-partner of one of the female accused.



Vandalism

There has been a slight increase in the number of vandalism committed during this recording period compared to the same period last year. The number recorded is almost identical to the five year average. Detection rates have reduced by 8.7% during this period.

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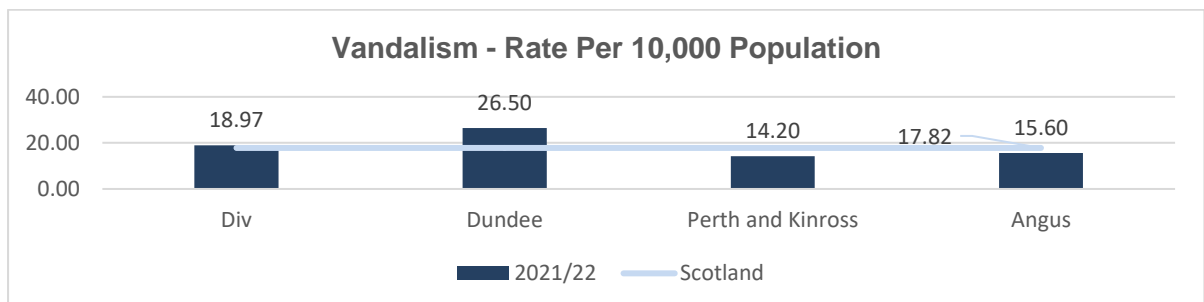
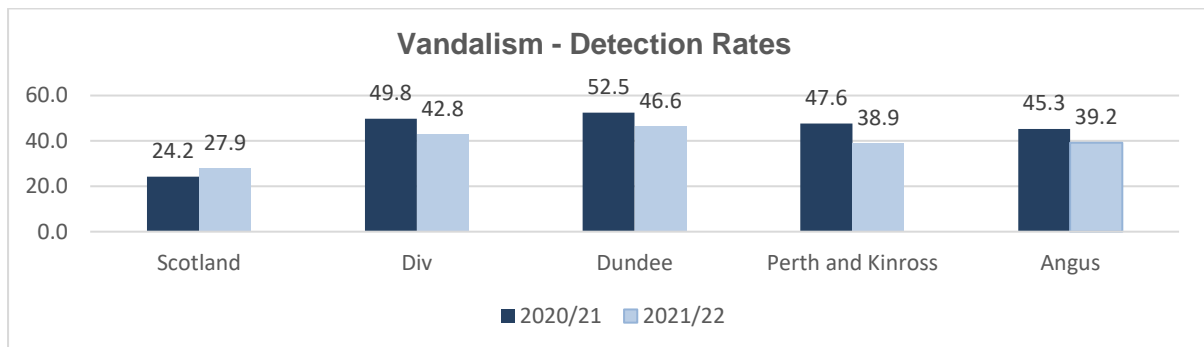
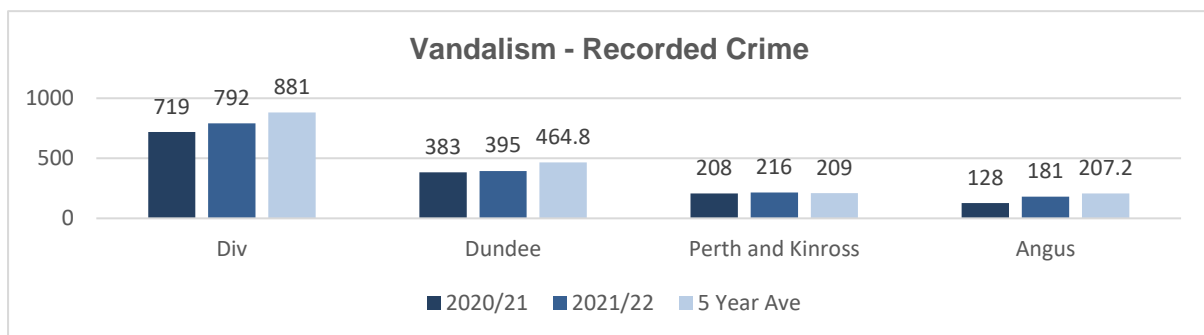
In the majority of cases vandalism are committed by persons over the age of 18 and there is little set pattern in relation to the type of crime being committed or geographical hot spot. As in previous reporting periods damage to vehicles discovered by owners and reported as vandalism remain the most common.

Around half of these crimes have been committed in North and South Perthshire which due to the rural nature of the towns and villages, has limited CCTV opportunities, which can often impact on the detection and deterrence of this crime type.

Police Scotland remains part of a new partnership to tackle the issues associated with high numbers of visitors to Perthshire and the anti-social behaviour that can lead to vandalism to trees and property. This partnership has reduced demand on policing but allowed greater information sharing opportunities around the small number of people intent of behaving in a criminal or anti-social manner.

Results

In May a large amount of damage was caused to Noah's Ark Activity Centre in Perth following reports of young people on the roof. Following enquiry by our Community Team a 16 year old male fully admitted responsibility for the incident and was charged with vandalism.



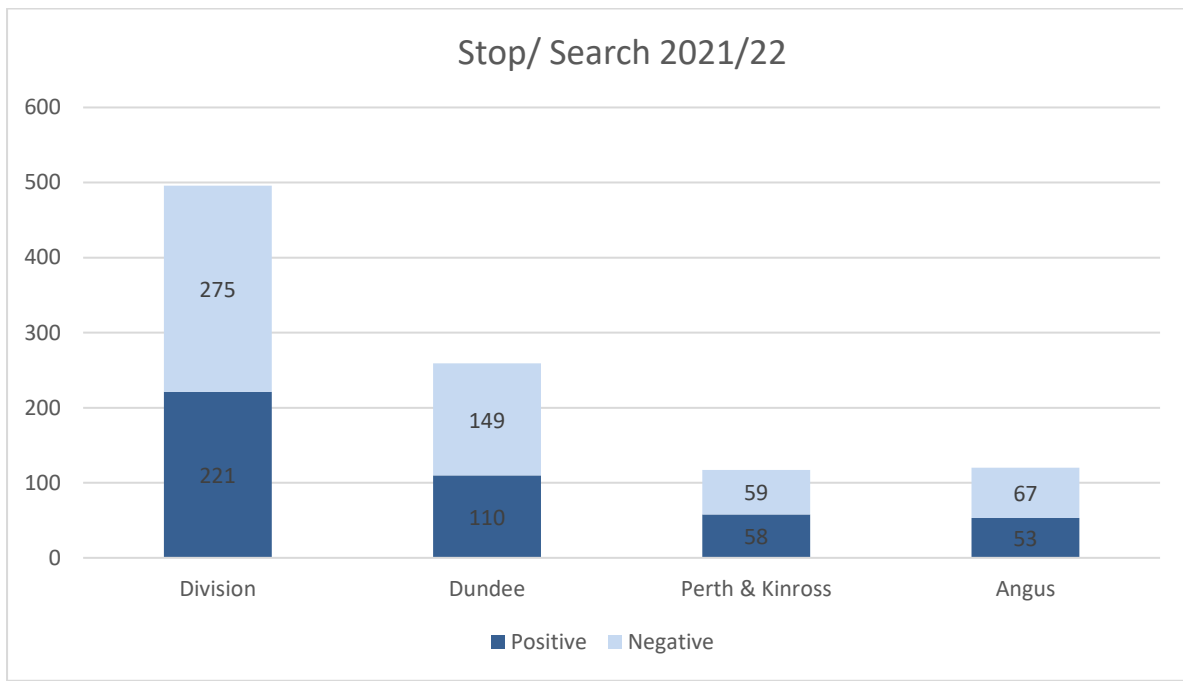
Stop Search

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. We are obliged and committed to ensuring that stop and search of a person is carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

Officers will explain why they have stopped an individual before any search, 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 117 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 58 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 49.6%.

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





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*

Operating Context

Acquisitive crime patterns are following similar patterns to those reported in previous quarters. Break-ins to houses have fallen with perpetrators continuing to focus on less well defended targets such as sheds, insecure motor vehicles and often turning to shoplifting.

Such volume crime is predominantly seen in Perth City Centre whilst higher value crimes are typically committed by criminals travelling into Tayside from outside the area.

Our Community Investigation Unit continue to lead on the investigation of crime series and crimes where it is suspected organised criminals are involved. They make good use of analytical information and intelligence and maximise their efforts to detect crime through use of specialist units and cross divisional policing.

Disruption tactics continue to be used with high profile prison release nominals and preventative patrols during the hours of darkness.

Occurrence rates of fraud continue to follow similar patterns to those seen throughout the COVID pandemic.

Domestic Housebreaking

During this period 15 housebreakings to domestic dwellings have been recorded. This represents a reduction from quarter 4, 2020/21, a reduction from last year and is 32.4% down on the five year average. Detection rates have increased by 9.6% and are almost double the national average detection rate.

The geographical split has changed from quarter 4 with 40% of the crimes occurring in Perth, 40% in North Perthshire and 20% in South Perthshire.

The crimes committed include attempts and on 4 occasions damage was reported to windows, door frames and door locks in circumstances which suggested an attempted at housebreaking. On more than one occasion the timeframe for the damage was wide limiting investigative opportunities such as CCTV and door to door enquiries. In these cases new built or vacant premises have been targeted due to them having lower levels of security present. In four cases long term vacant and unfinished properties under construction have been targeted.

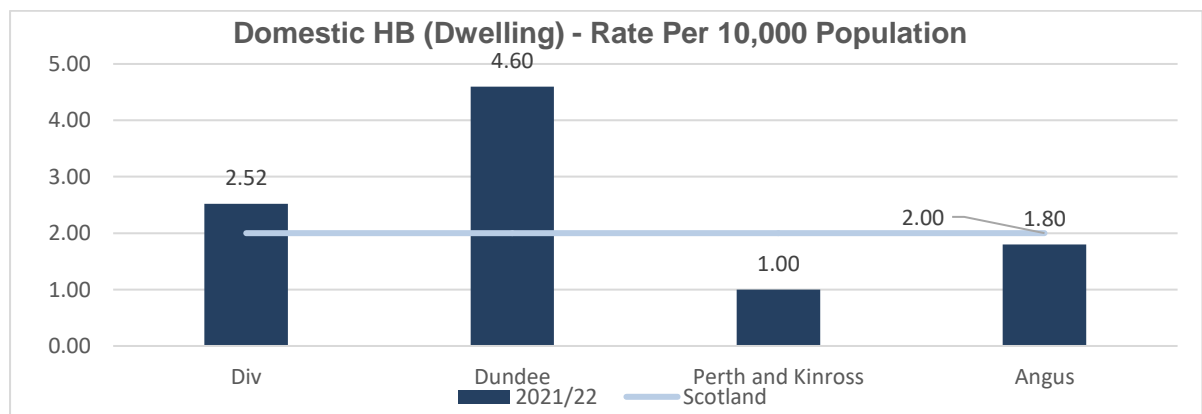
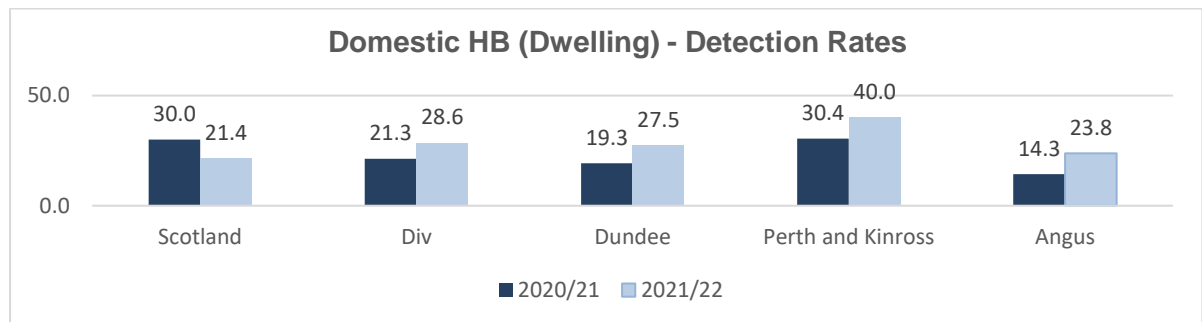
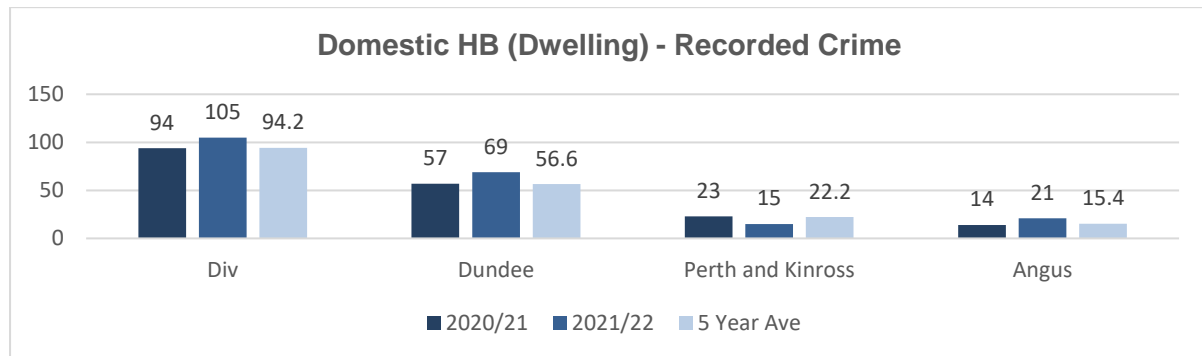
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Three of the crimes, all in Perth, were detected to perpetrators who were all known to be involved in the commission of other types of acquisitive crime.

Results

On 17th June two males from Fife were arrested and charged with a high value theft of metal from the former NATO site at Balado, Kinross.

In May CCTV enquiries allowed the identification of a 50 year old male and 44 year old female responsible for a Theft by Housebreaking to a dwelling in St Madoes. A search warrant subsequently executed at their home address linked the subjects to a number of other thefts around the Perth area.



Fraud

Reported fraud continues to rise in Perth and Kinross when compared to quarter 1, 2020/21 however the rate of increase has slowed considerably from that reported in

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quarter 4. Detection rates continue to be lower than we would like however are consistent with detection rates across the Division and Scotland.

Examination of fraud types reveal 5 main modes of perpetration. Around 20% of all reported frauds involve offering goods for sale, obtaining money by BACs or other online money transfer, and failing to send those goods. The majority of these have been through the online second hand market.

Around another 20% of crimes involve the theft or fraudulent use of a bank card or accessing another's online banking to purchase goods. The majority of fraudulent card use is via contactless payment and the online banking access and purchases have been predominantly due to obtaining true passwords. Around 11% of frauds are carried out by telephone with persons purporting to be from the victim's bank or other government agency such as HMRC. The victim is thereafter persuaded to transfer money to a "safe" account or is intimidated into paying a "fine". Finally, around 7% of frauds involve bogus workman type offences and a further 7% of frauds are committed when failing to pay for services obtained in the hospitality sector/ taxi service.

In this quarter, there has been fewer examples of vulnerable victims withdrawing sums of money from banks and this is likely down to the existing banking protocols designed to protect the elderly and the vulnerable.

As reported previously, increases may be due to the COVID pandemic and the general reluctance to deal in physical money with a greater shift to online payments including the purchase of second hand items. With contactless payments now being the preferred option in shops and an increased contactless payment limit, the fraudulent use of cards has likely become more desirable and easier. Police Scotland has consistently supported preventative campaigns and shared warning messages, both via the Area Commander's bulletin to be fed through the relevant watch schemes and on Police Scotland's social media pages.

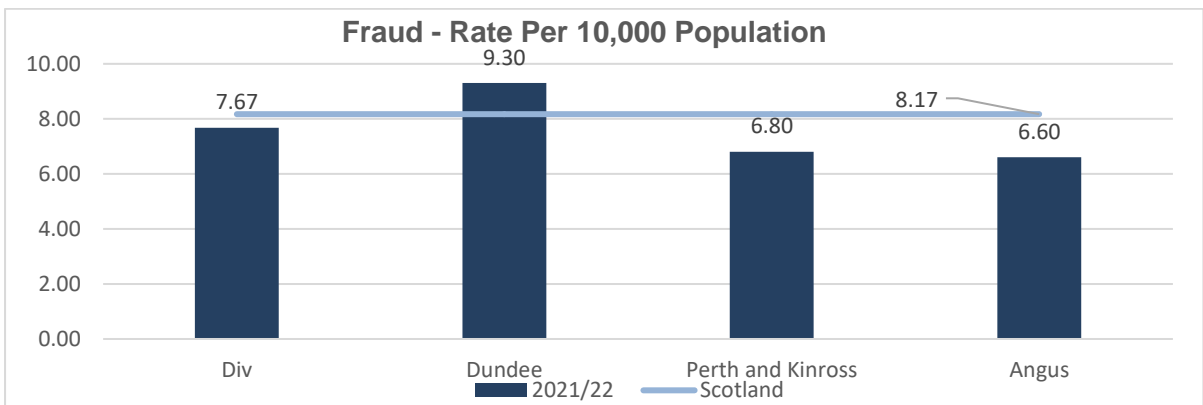
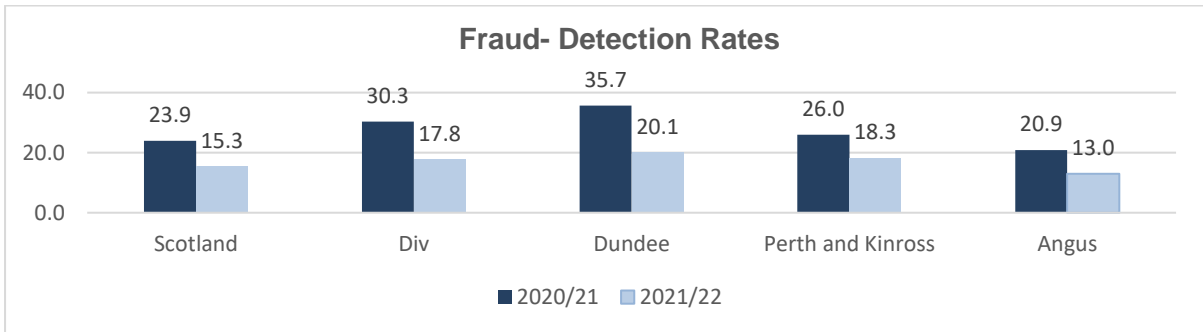
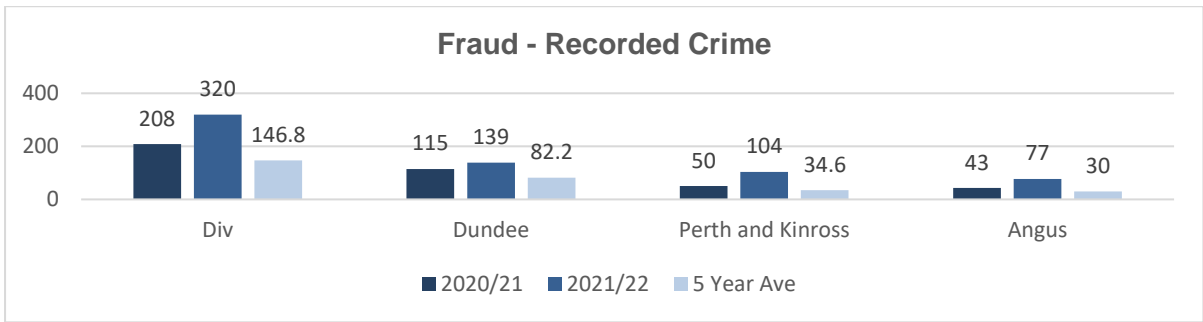
Results

In May an elderly male was identified as the victim of an elaborate fraud where the scammer had been sent over £80,000 to release an inheritance. After intervention by Police and partners, he has accepted this was a crime and has sent no more of his life savings.

Also in May, a 26 year old with learning difficulties was identified as having sent money to supposed American celebrities by means of voucher codes. Interventions by Police with the support of Adult Services Social Work led to the appropriate advice and support being provided and the victim being protected.

Whilst preventative actions were taken as a priority investigations are ongoing to identify those responsible.

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Theft by Shoplifting

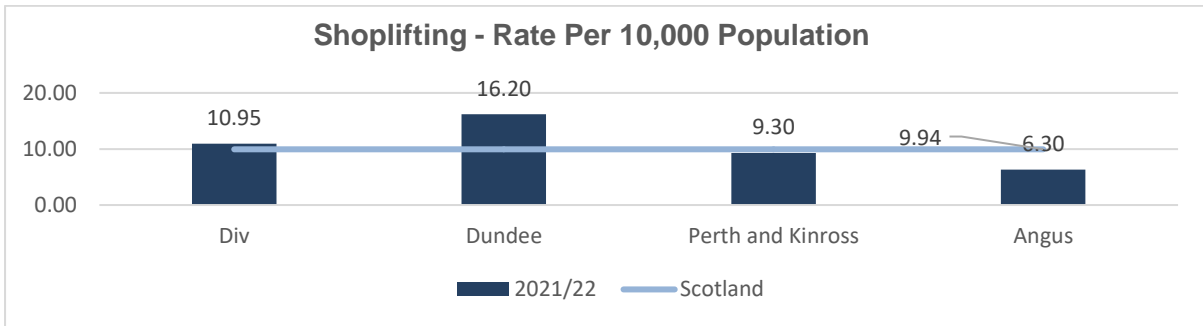
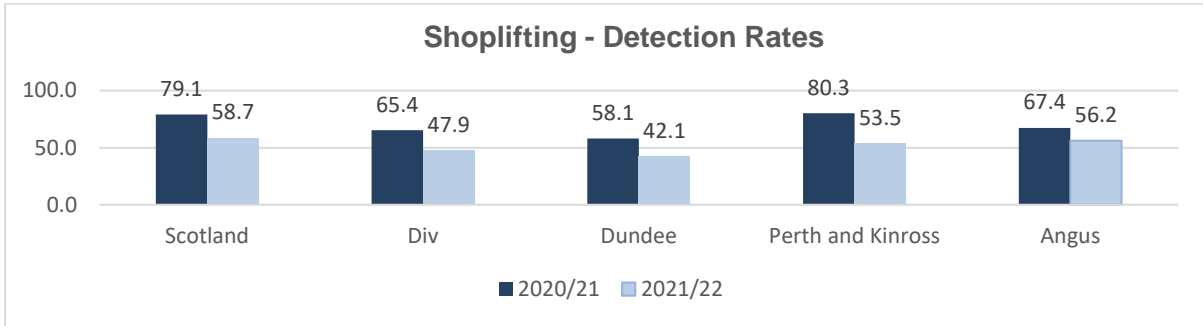
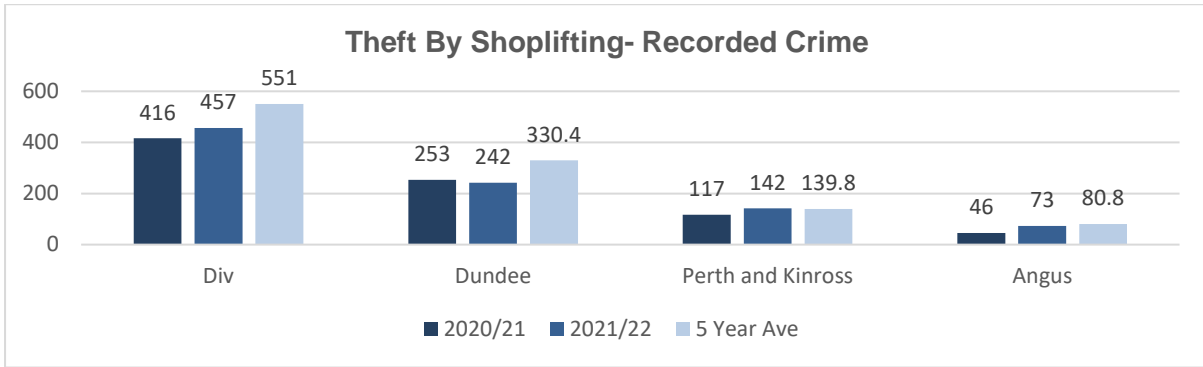
Occurrence rates for shoplifting have increased by 21% compared to the equivalent quarter in 2020/21. Detection rates have reduced by 26% in comparison with last year – this equates to around 38 crimes. Occurrence rates remain below the national average.

Analytical data provides early identification of vulnerable premises or problem areas which are entered on to local policing plans, leading to the disruption of known offenders. The geographical hotspot continues to be Perth City with 88% of all shoplifting offences recorded there, with 9% in South Perthshire and 3% in North Perthshire respectively. The majority of shoplifting in Perth City takes place within premises operated by large scale retailers.

Identification of perpetrators remains a challenge with the continued wearing of face masks. In relation to the detected cases, several individuals have been arrested and charged with multiple offences. Four offenders were responsible for 22 of the recorded crimes and in 3 cases, these offenders had also been responsible for housebreakings, demonstrating the prevalence of offending across many of the acquisitive crime areas.

Alcohol and food remain the most commonly stolen items.

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Motor Vehicle Crime

Motor vehicle crime has seen a 16% increase on last year and an increase of 13% against the 5 year average. A similar pattern is seen in Angus, whilst crime rates of this type remain well below the Scottish average. Despite this increase in numbers there has been a 5% increase in detection rates.

Just over 20% of recorded vehicle crime involved forcibly opening or attempting to open a vehicle to steal items but in another 20% of cases items were stolen from vehicles which were unlocked and unattended. The majority of these thefts took place within residential areas either outside the home address or within a private driveway.

In cases where vehicles are stolen, the majority of cases relate to those vehicles being taken without permission using the true key. Perpetrators are largely known to the owners of the vehicles, being family members or visitors to house parties. The vehicle is regularly recovered quickly following such thefts.

There is a significant number of vehicles being left insecure for varying time periods with valuable items such as phones and work tools left inside. This type of theft is often

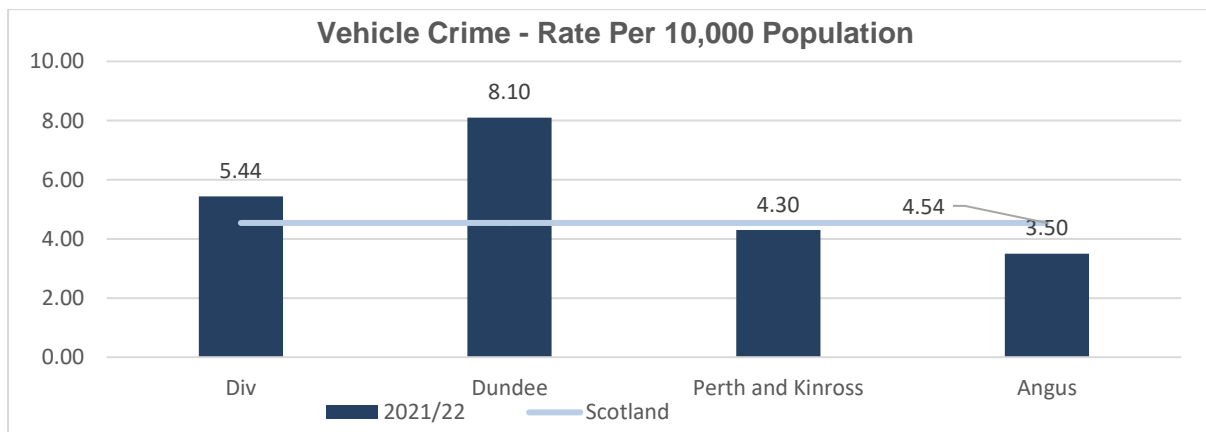
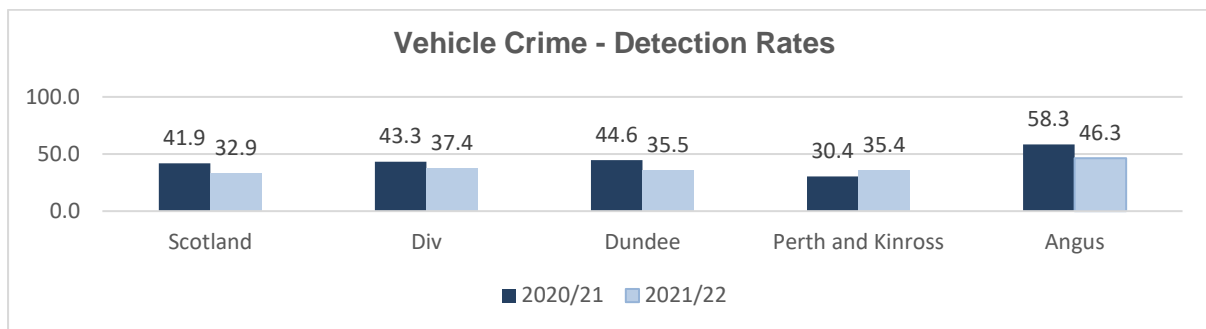
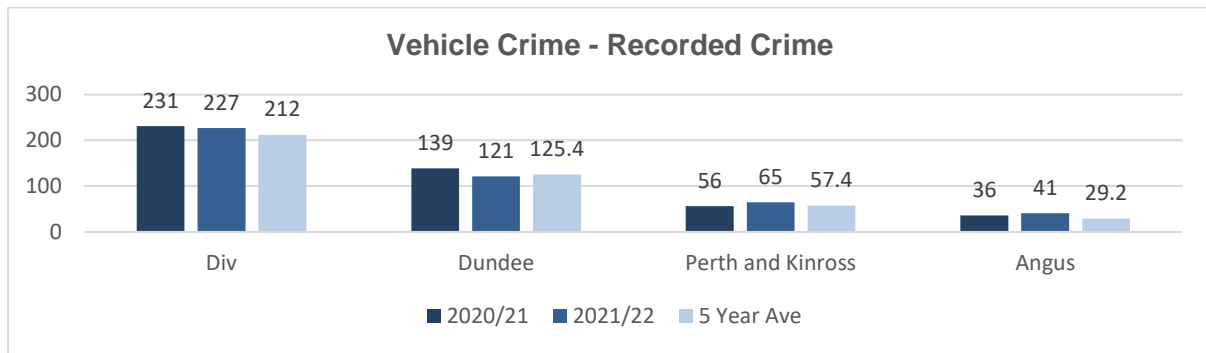
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opportunistic and yields little forensic opportunities. We continue to share messages about the need to lock vehicles and secure property.

Results

In April a digger valued at £13,000 was stolen from a building site in Crieff. Following enquiries by our Community Investigation Unit the vehicle was subsequently recovered in Fife and a 36 year male reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 13 June night shift response officers stopped a vehicle in Perth City Centre which was being driven erratically by what appeared to be a very young driver. The vehicle was abandoned and several children ran off. All were caught and it was ascertained the vehicle had been taken without permission from a parent. This proactive work may have prevented risk of injury to the child occupants of the vehicle and risk to other road users.



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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*

Operating Context

Operation CEDAR

As we move in to a new financial year it is important to again highlight the principles of Operation CEDAR which are 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 and to refocus our efforts to further improve safety on Tayside's roads.

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

There were no people killed on our roads during this reporting period.

Eleven people were seriously injured, a reduction of 8.3% from quarter 1, 2020/21.

Whilst serious injuries reduced, those that sustained a slight injury as a result of road traffic collisions in Perth and Kinross increased by a third, from 27 last year to 36 this

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quarter. This may be down to number of vehicles returning to the roads network following COVID lockdown measures.

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

April 2021 - Operation Close Pass
April 2021- Motorcycle Campaign
May 2021 - Global Road Safety week
June 2021- National Seatbelt campaign
June 2021- VRU Campaign

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit. 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 a wide range of driving behaviours including dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving to name but a few.

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

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads;

M90/A90
A9
A923
A93
A85
A92

From year to date a total of 8963 vehicles were stopped in the Tayside division by Roads Policing officers with a number of offences being detected and reported whilst a number of offenders were warned in respect of other road traffic contraventions.

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.

Of concern, Tayside Division have seen pursuit situations rise by 10.5% increase on the same period last year. Whilst Dundee had significantly more pursuits than both Angus and Perth & Kinross, geographical boundaries do not prevent these activities, and they demonstrate a growing willingness for offenders to attempt to evade the Police causing considerable danger to them, officers and other road users.

Operation Close Pass was introduced to Tayside Division in 2020 and continues to be conducted within all of Tayside's local policing areas. The introduction of Close Pass

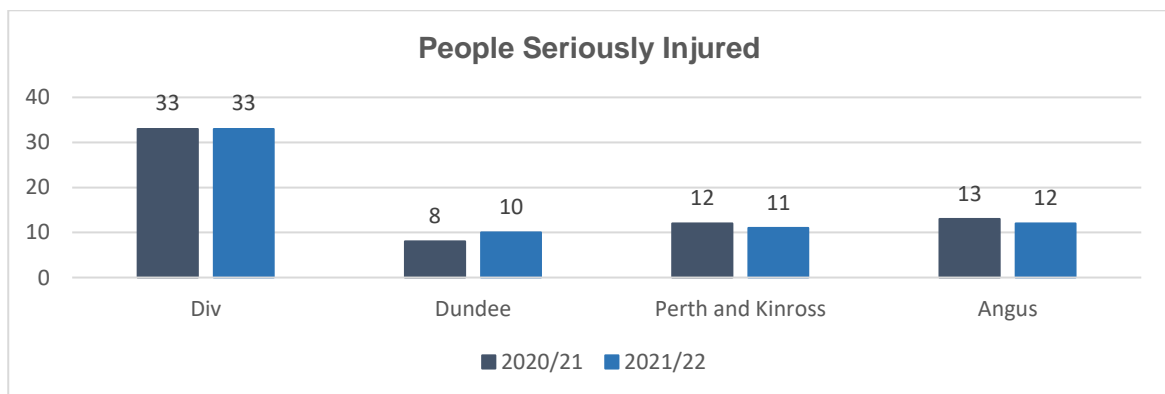
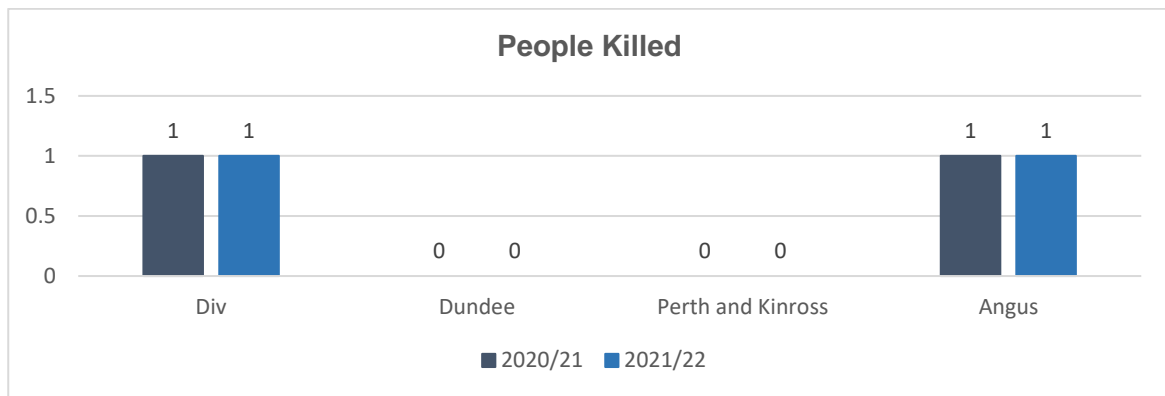
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was in response to a shift towards more active travel following COVID restrictions. This includes an increase in the number of people using Tayside's roads and paths for cycling.

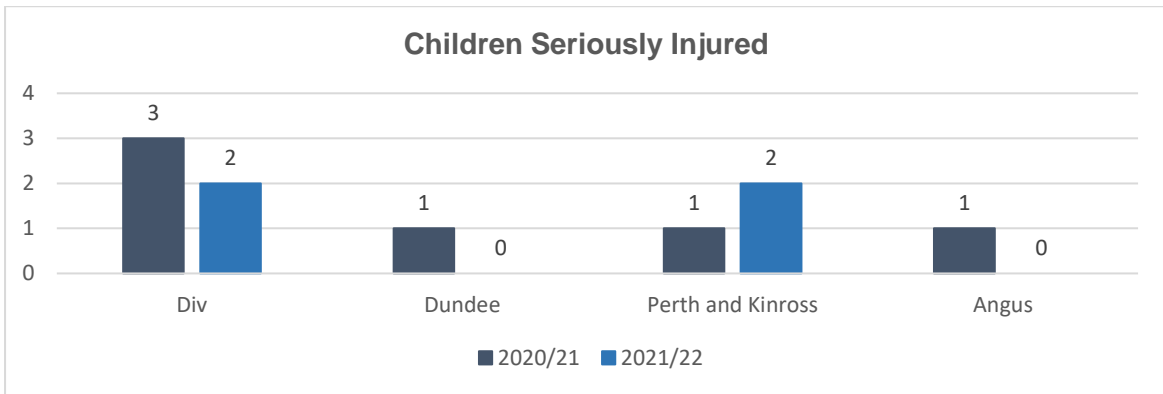
Plain clothes police officers cycle in traffic and are equipped with cameras which record video evidence of motorists passing too closely to the cyclist. The evidence can then be used to either educate drivers at the side of the road or, where appropriate, prosecute offenders or those deemed to be dangerous drivers.

The key objective of Close Pass is that the police are proactively dealing with dangerous driving before an accident occurs, rather than waiting for someone to be seriously injured or killed. This preventative approach allows for positive engagement and an opportunity to educate and increase driver awareness about the need to give cyclists plenty of space.

We continue to work closely with Cycling Scotland and Road Safety Scotland who have assisted with funding to purchase the required equipment.



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Speeding

Tayside Division detected 1483 speeding offences for the period under review, this is a 111.9% increase from the same period last year where we saw 700 offenders detected.

During the period under review and as seen in other areas speeding offences in Perth and Kinross increased by 109.1%. This may be attributable not only to the increased volume of traffic but additionally 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. Fewer vehicles result in less congestion and can result in increased speeds. Average speed detection safety cameras have become a permanent fixture on the A9 which means camera partnerships can increase deployment in other areas resulting in the detection of more offenders.

Speed detection falls in to the remit of daily business for Road Policing, however for the period under review a number of Route strategy days have focussed on not only the priority routes but also on roads which have been identified as problematic.

During activity officers from both the Road Policing Unit, Safety camera Unit and Divisional officers specifically targeted road users who contravene legislation.

Road Policing Unit have also held a number of joint cross border speeding days of action on a number of priority routes across the Division. The targeted roads included the A93, A85, M90 A92 & the A9.

Working closely with the local authority, we saw traffic monitoring equipment fitted to a number of locations to establish traffic flow/volume and average speed of motorists.

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

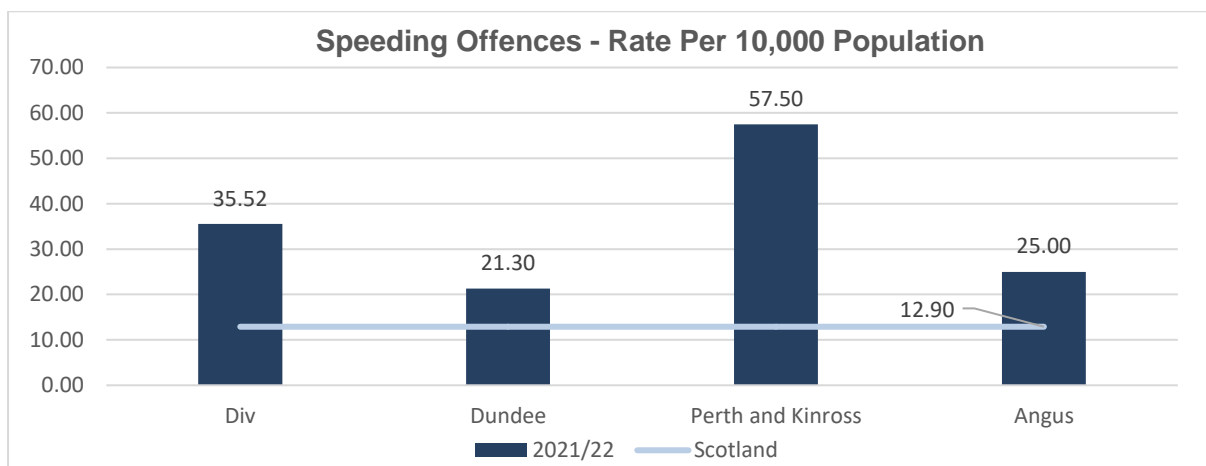
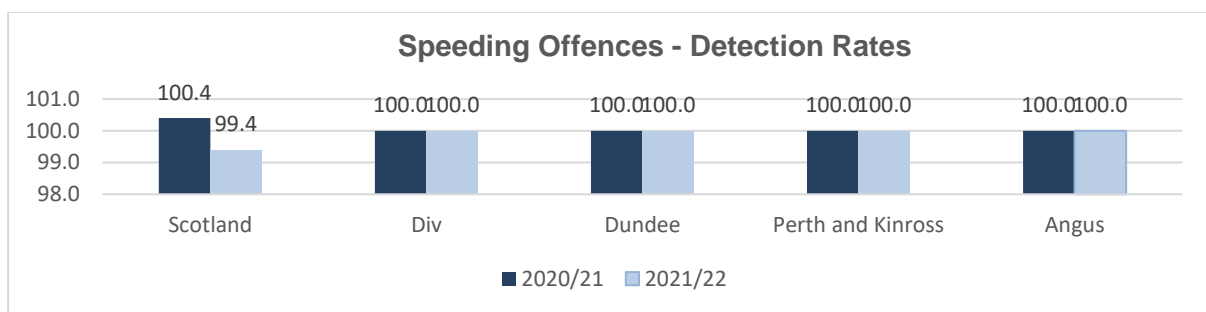
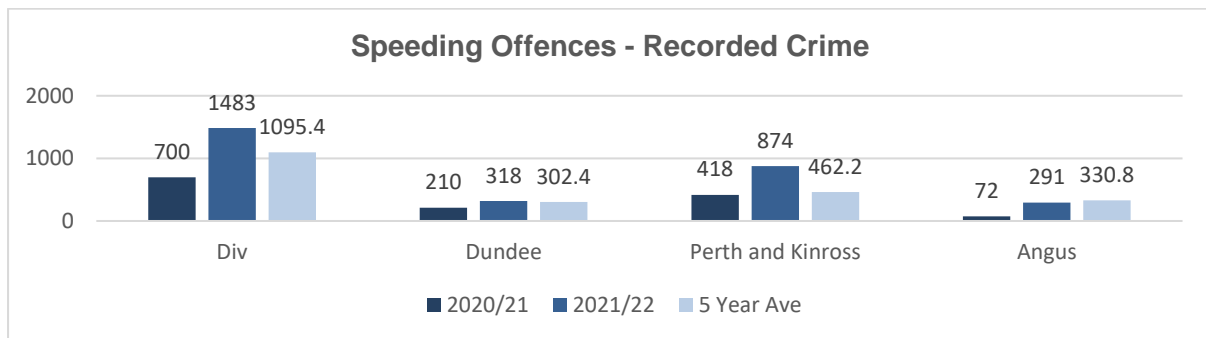
Some of the most notable speed detections for the Perth & Kinross area were;

- 118 mph exceed 70 mph limit
- 112 mph exceed 70 mph limit
- 107 mph exceed 70 mph limit
- 104 mph exceed 60 mph limit

Challenges

Police resources are being challenged by an increasing number of complaints received in relation to road users exceeding the speed limit. As a result of any complaint Police along with local Authorities will conduct percentile speed check to establish if there is indeed an issue.

A vast number of these checks highlight the perception of speed is the issue rather than road users exceeding the speed limit. The perception of speed can also be attributed to modified vehicles which are significantly louder than a standard motor vehicle.



Drink/Drug Driving

Positively, for the period under review, recorded Drink/Drug offences in Perth and Kinross has decreased by 18.4% compared to the same period of last year. Figures are still 20.2% above the 5 year average but well below the national average. There has been a significant improvement in the detection rates, up 24.7%.

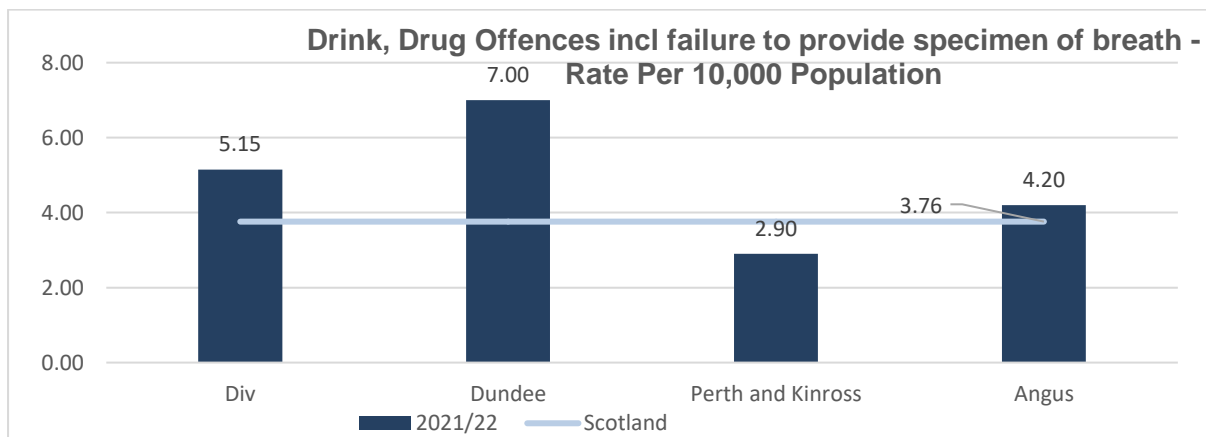
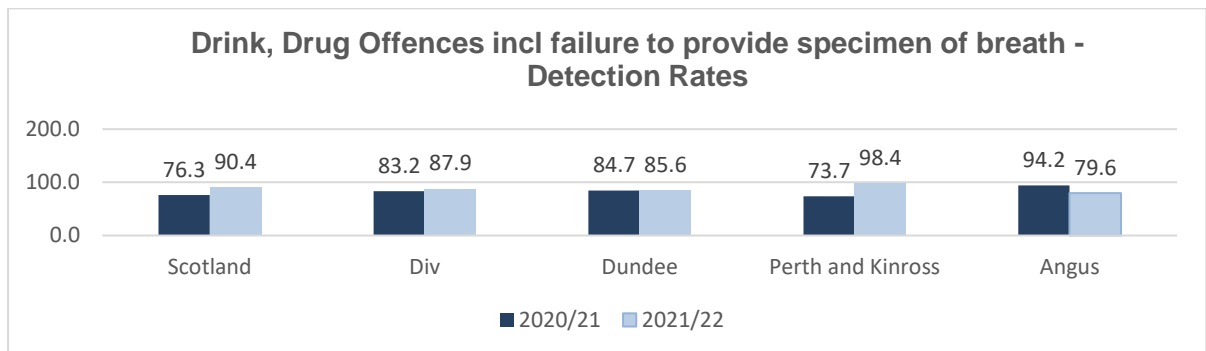
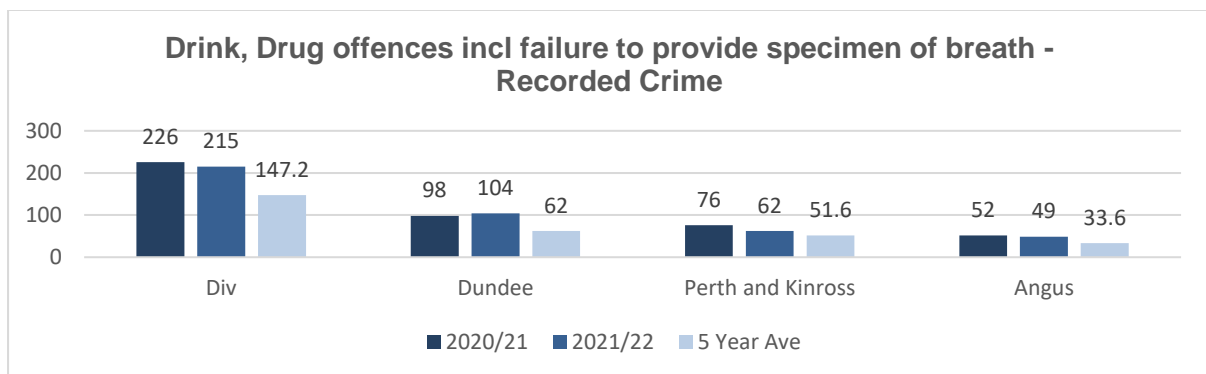
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Whilst direct comparisons are not available across Perth and Kinross, across Tayside 65% of the offences relate to alcohol and 35% to drugs.

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

Since COVID lockdown measures have eased, there has been a return to normality on the roads network with significant increased traffic volume, as such our continual efforts to improve road safety is as important as ever.

As we can see from the breakdown above drug wipe technology 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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Careless Driving

Careless Driving in Perth and Kinross has increased by 84% with a total of 72 offenders being detected compared to 39 the previous year.

This is predominantly due to COVID lockdown measures easing and a significant increase of vehicles on the roads network.

A number of drivers have not been behind the wheel for a significant period of time, which will increase the risk initially until they again familiarise themselves with the controls of the vehicle and driving conditions.

As such Road policing officers teamed up with Road Safety Scotland (RSS) and have created and released a number of educational videos. The videos highlight vehicle/motorcycle issues which can arise from lack of use and driving hazards to be aware of when you have not driven/ridden for a significant period of time. Both have been well received.

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

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' (Drink/Drugs, Seatbelts, Mobile Phones, Careless Driving and Speeding) 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. This will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

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 and 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.

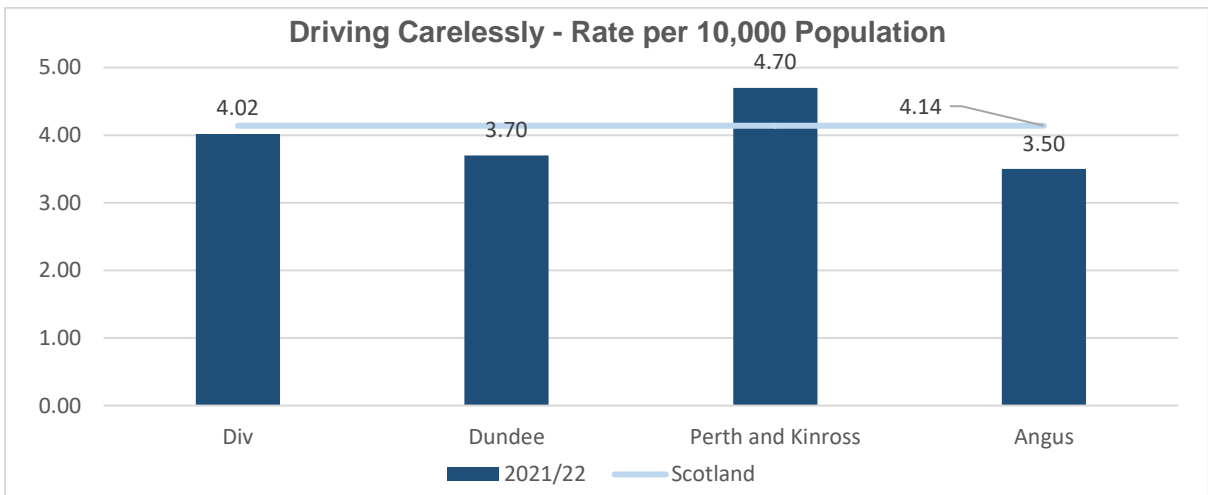
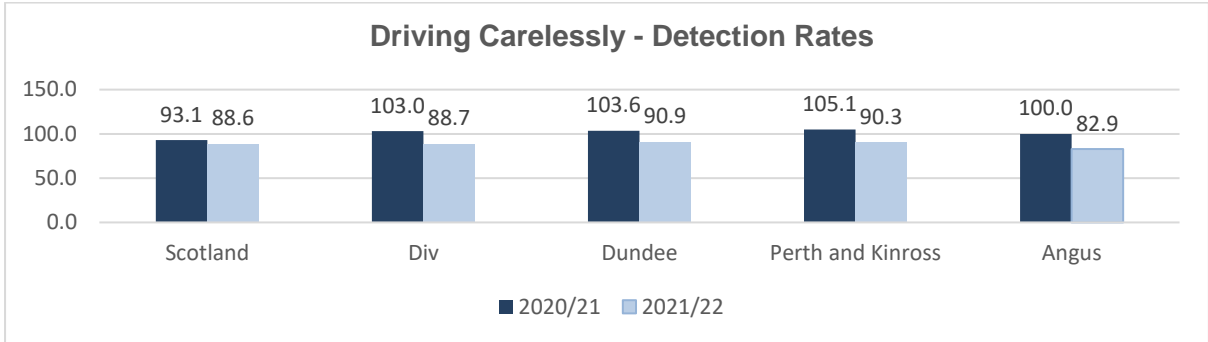
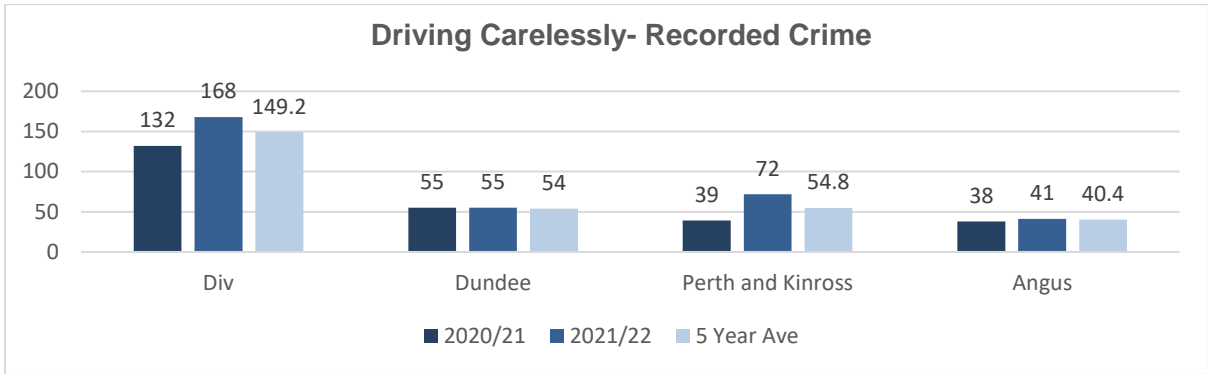
As is with all our operations, they are supported by partner agencies and road operating companies which maximises potential.

Challenges

Younger drivers are especially a challenge given their inexperience behind the wheel accompanied by peer pressure from their passengers. This has been compounded significantly due to the COVID pandemic which will led to annual education programmes such as Safe drive stay alive to be postponed. This was a lost opportunity to influence younger driver behaviour which may never be regained.

Going forward a number of different approaches are being researched for example the New Driver Intervention Scheme which has been extremely successful in the East of the country.

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Public Protection

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

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

Operating Context

Recorded incidents of Sexual Crime have increased since the equivalent period last year. This continues to be driven by increases in newer crime types, such as Indecent Communications and the possession of Indecent Images of Children. Many of these are committed with the internet as an enabler.

Reports of non-recent abuse continue to be a significant factor, indicating the work of the partnership to encourage victims to report past offences.

We continue to experience a significant demand from missing person reports. In this reporting period 100 missing person reports were received, which represents a 170% increase on the same demand from quarter 1, 2020/21. Five young people were subject of 29 of these reports and the greatest demand was from premises which accommodate looked after children from all parts of the UK. 60% of reported missing people are male and 60% are from the 10-19 age range.

Missing persons investigations have ranged from a joint investigation by local officers and specialists in 3 Police forces to trace two young people who were known to have gone missing from a local care establishment to be involved in County Lines Drug Dealing, to two local officers saving the life of a young person by talking them away from a well-known local suicide hot spot.

The requirement to respond to persons in mental health or other crisis increased during periods in quarter 1. In comparison to demand in early April, we saw an increase of over 100% during June 2021 in reports submitted to partners following the Police response to vulnerable persons. Much of this demand may come from other agencies unable to deploy the same number of staff on the front line. We continue to work with third sector providers such as The Neuk to ensure there are alternatives to Police Custody in cases where acute mental health interventions are not required.

Domestic Abuse

The crime rates represented in the table below are crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018. Four more crimes have been reported in comparison to the same reporting period last year however this can be expected due to greater use of this piece of legislation.

Of all domestic abuse incidents, about 39% resulted in a recorded crime. There continues to be a small rise of 3% in incidents reported to the Police but a greater rate

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of increase in recorded crime of 13%. This may be down to better crime recording or more proactive investigations.

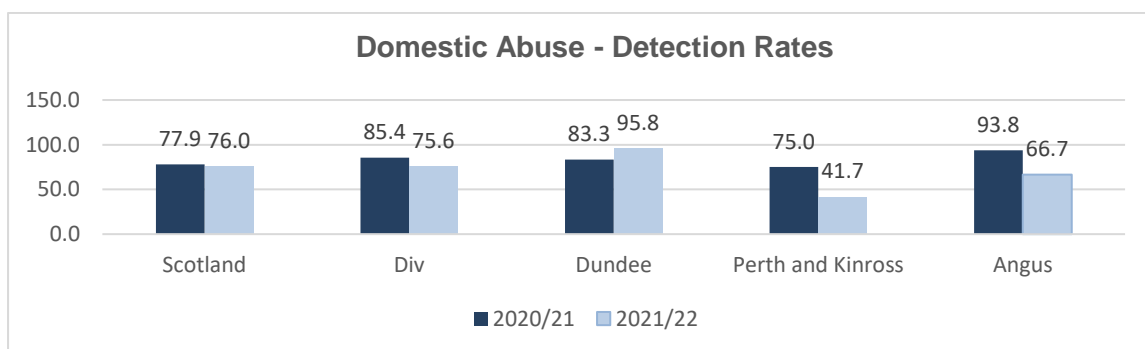
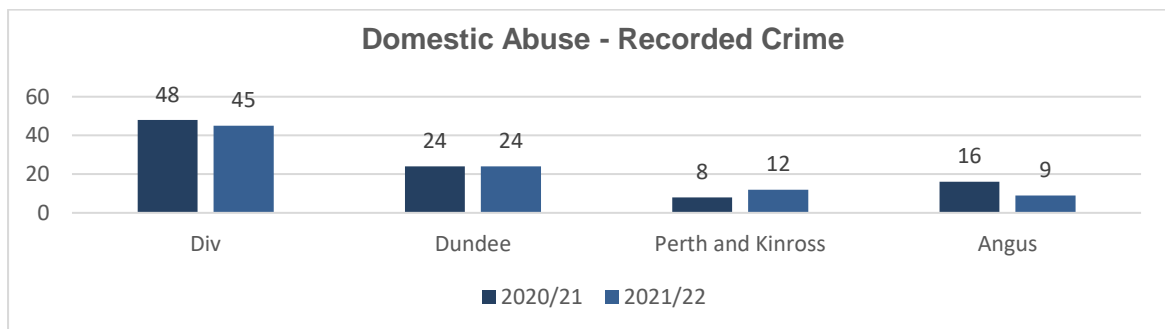
The majority of the perpetrators continue to be men with alcohol or substance abuse being a factor in a quarter of cases.

Repeat offenders continue to pose a challenge and during this reporting period offences have been carried out by persons who have been liberated and are on bail for like offences. We remain dependent upon the support of partners to support victims who remain within a relationship with an active offender and on occasions, abuse has taken place over a long period of time leading to more complex and lengthy investigations.

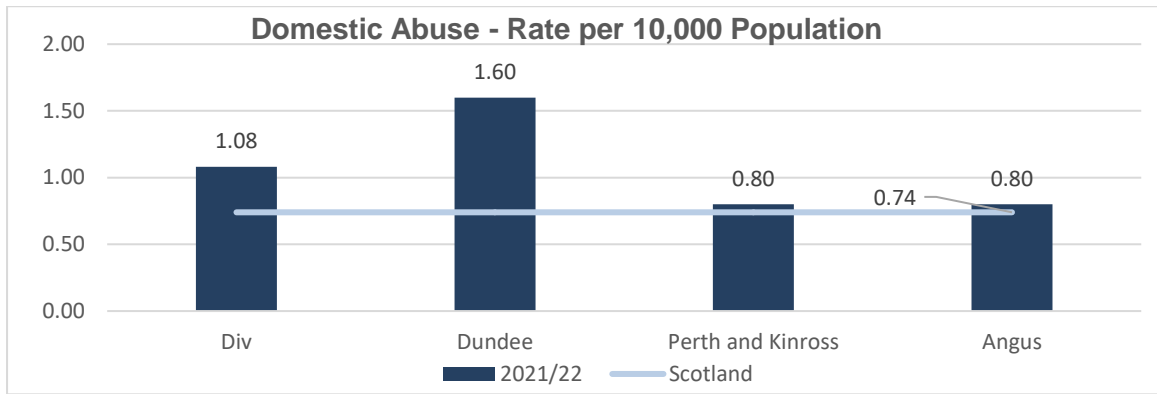
Results

Following proactive work in May by officers in Kinross a 53 year old male was arrested for a breach of bail having approached and threatened a victim who he had previously subjected to a serious assault. The male was subsequently remanded in custody and awaits trial, allowing specialist support services to assist the victim with safety planning.

On two occasions between 28th April and 1st May local officers in Perth arrested a 28 year old man for domestic abuse offences. Having committed an assault in April liaison with the victim's family revealed the perpetrator had returned to the address in breach of bail, leading to a second arrest. The male was later remanded in custody.



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Hate Crime

During this period there have been 10 recorded incidents which is slightly above quarter 4 but is level with recorded crime in the same reporting period last year.

Detection rates have dropped by 8.3% however this equates to one recorded crime. Of the 10 cases 50% occurred in North Perthshire with 40% being in Perth City. The main mode of perpetration continues to be abusive communications directed against non-UK nationals or persons deemed to be non-UK nationals due to their physical appearance. Police Officers continue to be repeat victims.

In 3 of the cases, crimes were committed by children under the age of 16 years old with one of those children responsible for 2 of the recorded crimes. The vast majority of the cases were detected and received a formal disposal. The single undetected case is very much a live investigation with corroborative evidence and a named suspect. It is anticipated that this case will be detected in due course.

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

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

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

National Hate crime awareness continues to be been driven locally using electronic material with no face to face promotion. Material has been shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres.

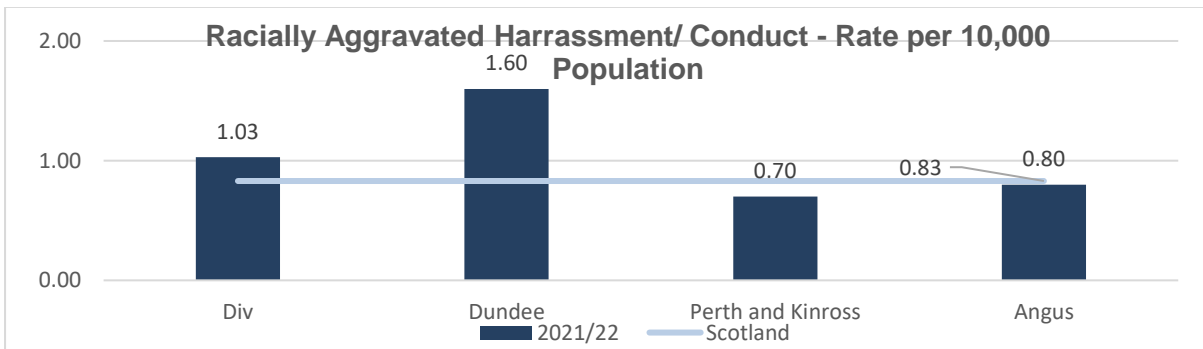
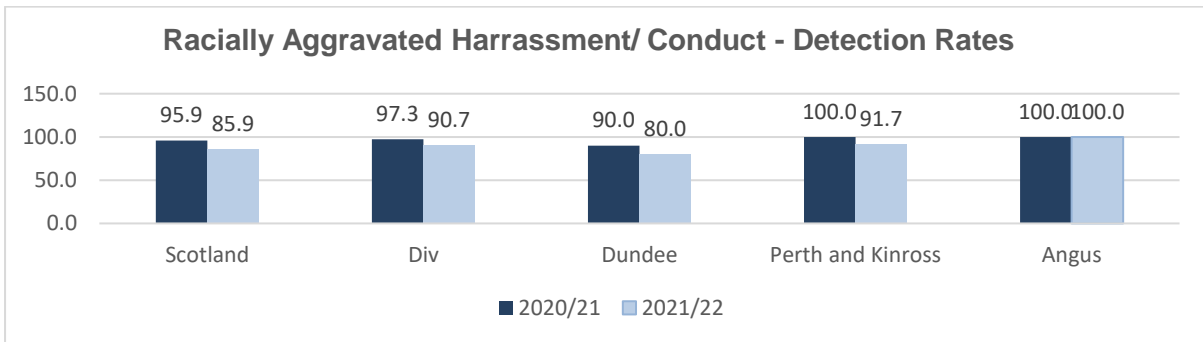
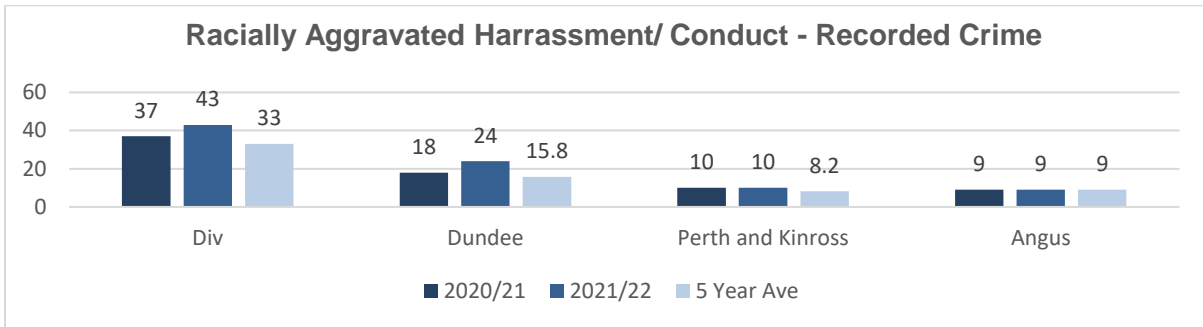
Results

In May a Preventions officer completed an input on Hate Crime at Bertha Park High School in Perth to demonstrate and educate the pupils on the negative and damaging effect incidents of this type can have on victims. This session was carried out to a defined group of pupils, highlighting what is acceptable language and to

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re-educate in relation to the bystander effect of doing nothing and is part of a peer education initiative.

In June Preventions officers attended a webinar on "Radicalisation in Education" which was hosted by Education Scotland. This supports work already carried out by the division in relation to educating students of all ages on the impact of Hate Crime and re-education negative behaviours.



Sexual Crime

Rates for reported sexual crime have risen in comparison to the equivalent period in 2020/21, a trend seen across Tayside and nationally.

Detection rates have risen in comparison to last year, reversing trends seen in other Tayside area. The prevalence of cyber-crime will continue to affect detection rates with examination of devices and enquiries with internet service providers taking longer than conventional enquiries.

Offences are equally distributed across wards with Perth City recording around one third of sexual crimes. Whilst recorded rapes have increased, the number of other

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sexual assaults have dropped and other sexual crimes, particularly those enabled by the internet continue to rise. Around one quarter of recorded sexual crime has a cyber marker.

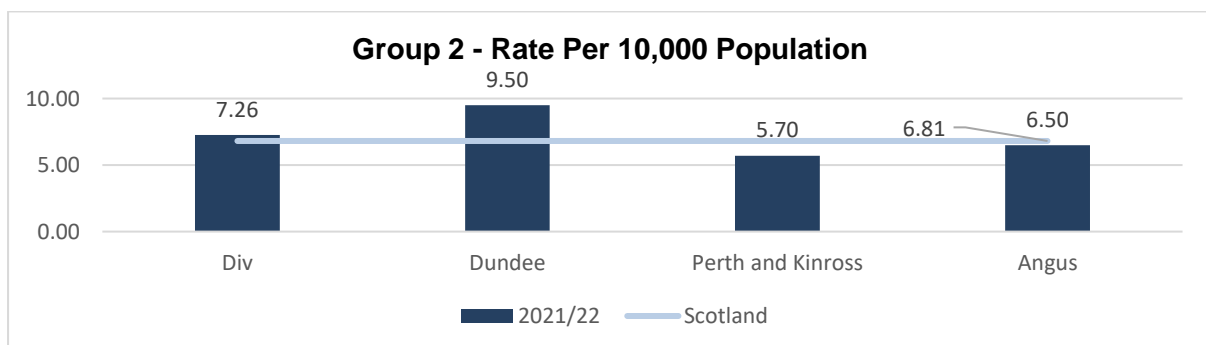
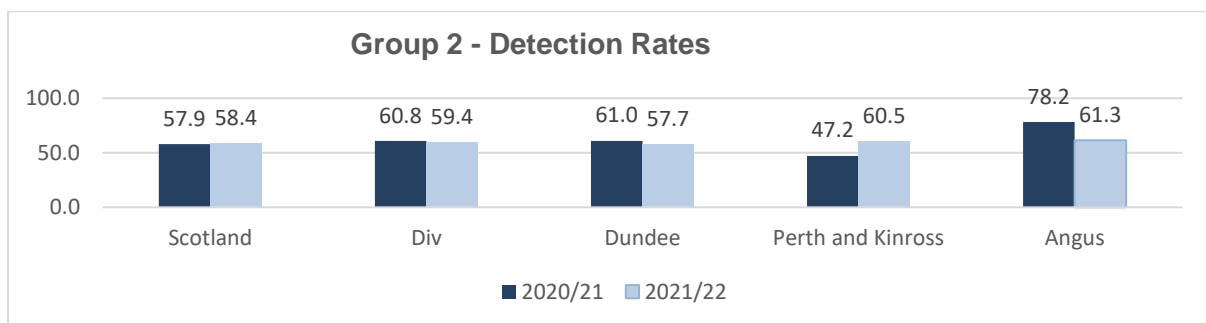
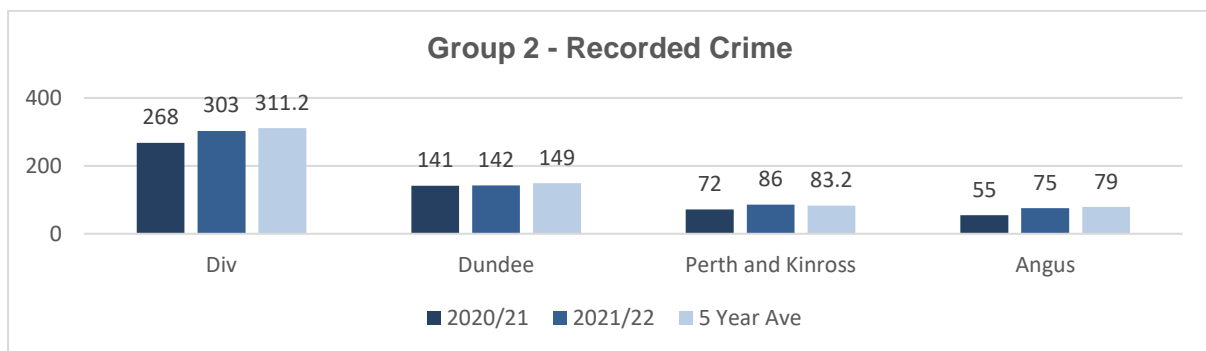
Victim analysis shows around 40% of victims are children aged 16 years old or under, with around 80% being females. Around 60% of these child victims report internet enabled offences.

With regard to reported rapes, 71% of crimes recorded in quarter 1 were non-recent in nature and in the majority of the cases, the perpetrator was known to the victim.

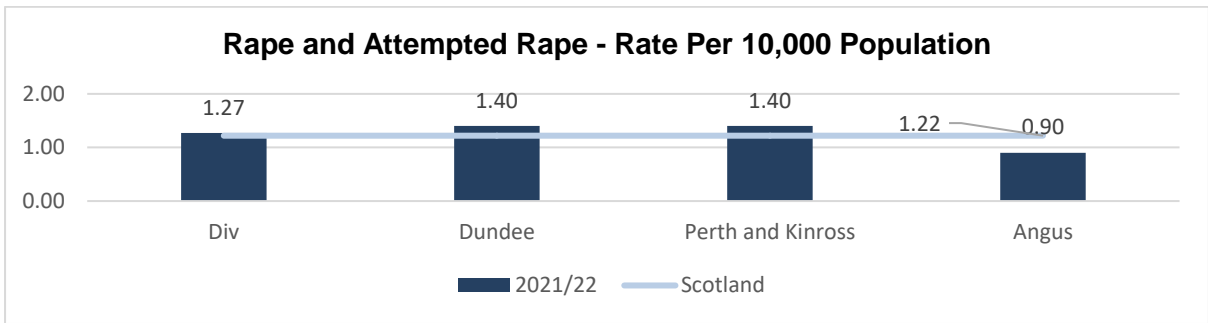
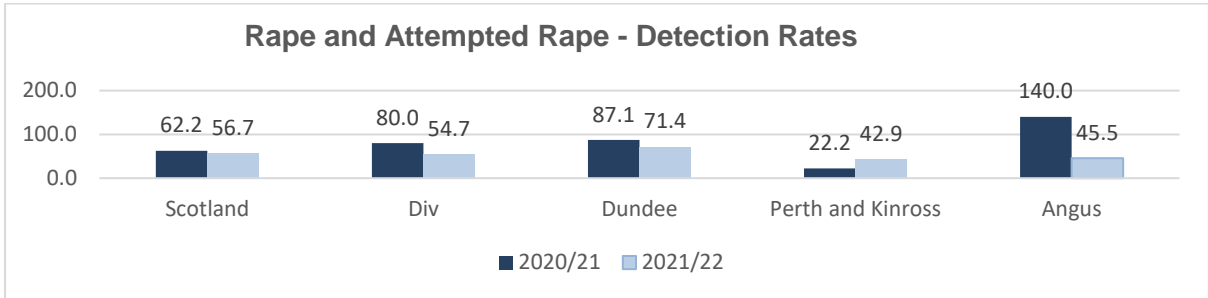
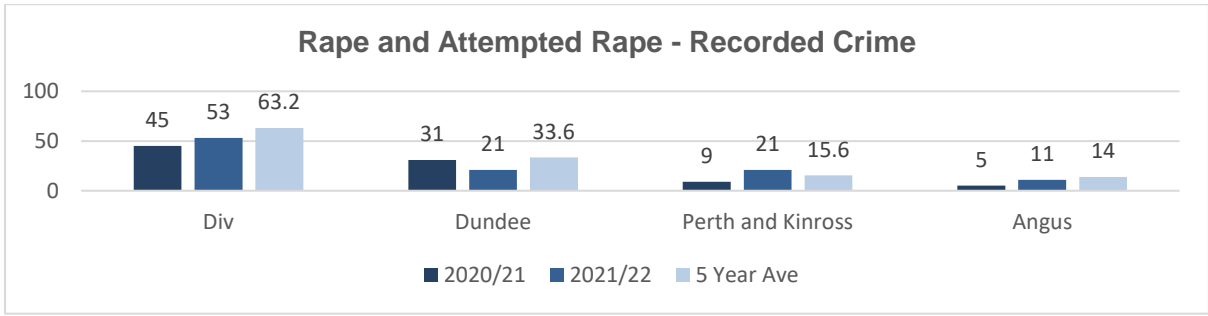
Results

In May local officers arrested a 35 year old male who had been responsible for four sexual exposures in the Luncarty area.

In June a 46 year old male was identified and arrested having on two separate occasions, whilst heavily under the influence of alcohol, approached two females within Perth, engaged them in conversation and attempted to kiss and touch them over their clothing.



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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:

- 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:

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

Operating Context

As reported in previous quarters Police and partners remain focused on persons from England who are believed to be involved in County Lines drug dealing in Perth and Kinross. Focused activities by Police and partners and positive actions by landlords have disrupted criminality at a city centre address in Perth however additional actions have been taken to prevent the subjects embedding themselves in the homes of other vulnerable people within the area.

Along with partners, we have begun to examine reports of Eastern European females in the Perth area engaged in possible commercial sexual exploitation. Enquiries between police, statutory and third sector partners are at an early stage in order to identify the exact nature of any criminality and links to other areas of Tayside and across Scotland.

Reaching enforcement at the end of April, an enquiry team consisting of specialist and local officers conducted an Operation into Human Trafficking and labour exploitation in North Perthshire. The enforcement, against four perpetrators was covered by local media and was well received within the community.

The Operation led to the highest number of victims identified so far in any Police Scotland Human Trafficking operation.

The Operation played a significant role in minimising community tensions in particular amongst migrant workers and non UK nationals who had been under the influence of the perpetrators for a considerable length of time.

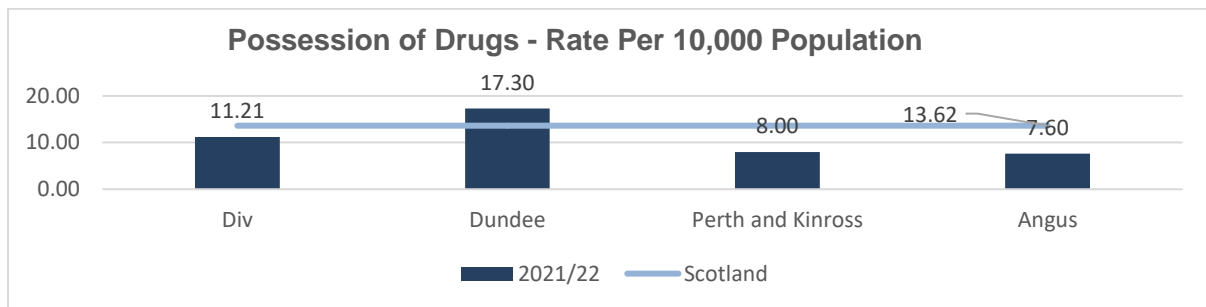
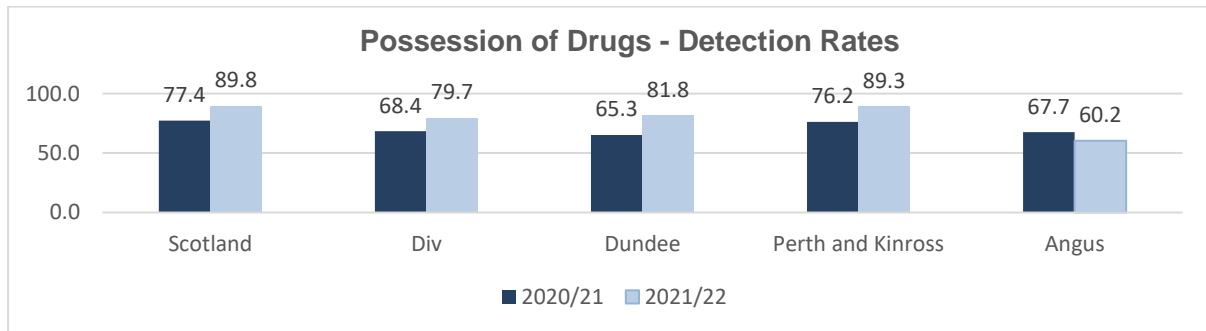
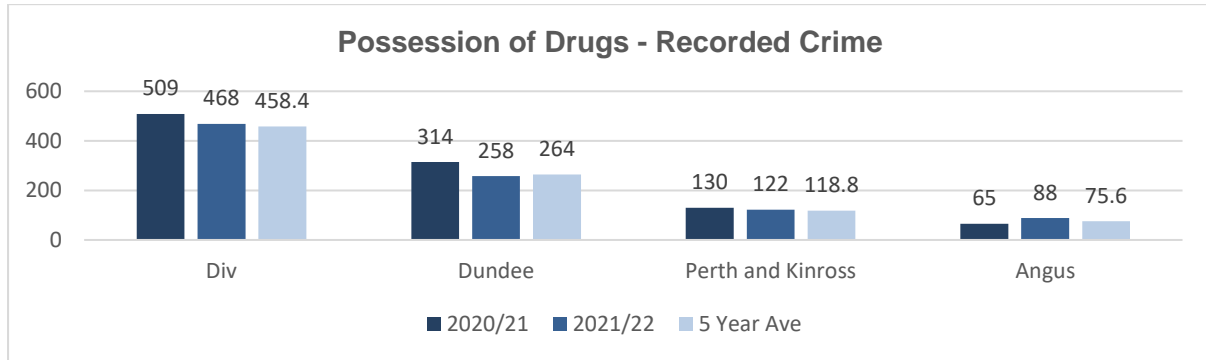
This operation contributed significant information towards the #EndLabourExploitation campaign, which was launched across Scotland in the spring to tackle modern slavery.

Possession of Drugs

Activity in this quarter shows similar patterns to the last year and may be down to less proactivity around licensed premises and the night time economy. Detection rates continue to be strong with early identification of controlled drugs from intelligence led searches.

Results

In May local officers executed a drug search warrant at an address in Perth. Personal quantities of drugs were recovered in addition to cash, however the activity provided evidence which allowed charges to be brought against a male from England thought to be heavily involved in County Lines drug dealing in Perth.



Supply of Drugs

Showing a similar picture quarter 4, recorded supply cases have again increased, by 66% in comparison to the equivalent period last year. Reasons for these increases are two-fold, firstly our continued proactive work by local teams to crave and execute drug warrants and secondly increases in multi-drug types being sent into HMP Perth.

Detection rates have dropped slightly however the demand upon forensic services will cause these rates to fluctuate.

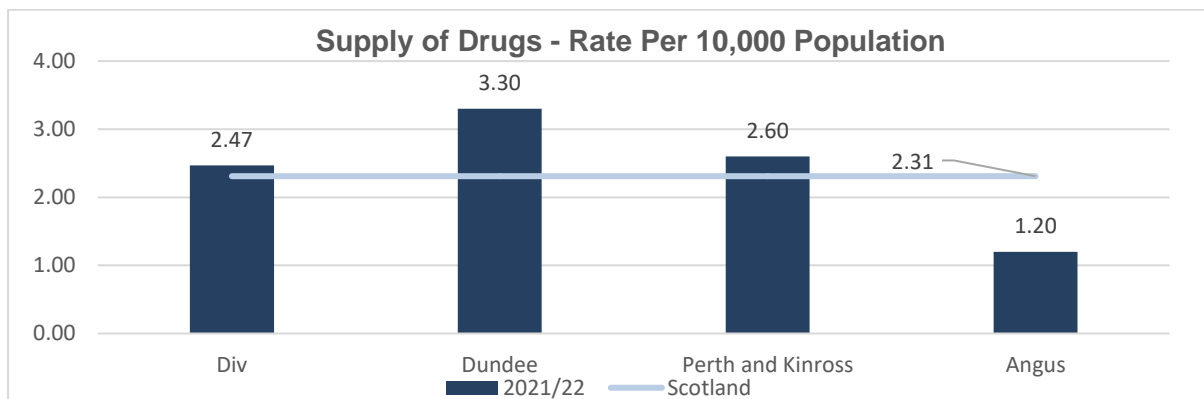
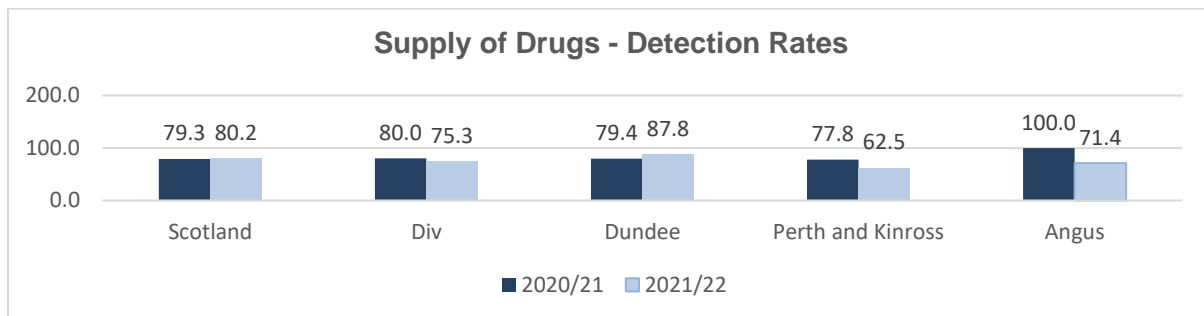
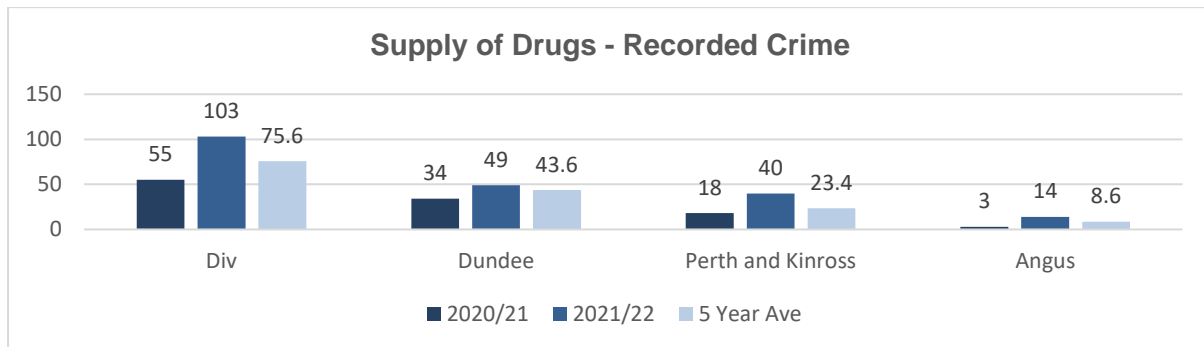
Our priorities remain unaltered, to target individuals who wish to supply drugs to young people and who supply substances which may endanger lives and contribute to increases in drugs deaths.

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Results

In April Roads Policing officers were carrying out a speed check on the M90 when a vehicle passed in advance of the speed limit. Officers followed the vehicle which reached speeds in advance of 110mph. The vehicle was eventually stopped at the South Inch in Perth and following a search Cannabis to the value of £9000 was taken possession of from the occupants who were from the Aberdeen area.

In May Community Investigation Unit officer simultaneously executed three search warrants at private addresses in Perth and Stanley and at a business premises in Perth. These address are all owned by a 31 year old male and his partner believed to be involved in the supply of Cannabis and Cocaine around Perth enabled by a social media account. As well as causing significant disruption, Cocaine was recovered along with cash with motor vehicles owned by the subjects.



Measure - Proceeds of Crime

The following values were recovered in Perth and Kinross in Quarter 1:

- Civil Cash Seizures £1,160.71
- Expedited Civil Recovery – no cases
- Assets for restraint – no cases



**Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
preparedness

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Operating Context

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 that a terrorist attack is likely.

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

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

A number of community officers are trained to be Local CONTEST Liaison Officers (LCLOs) providing a capability to promote CONTEST. This allows delivery of the strategy throughout the community as part of daily business. D Division have recently advertised the role of LCLO to increase the cadre of suitably trained officers.

Awareness raising literature has been distributed to LCLO's and CONTEST partners with regard to the ACT app and easing of restrictions, Fire as a Weapon, Manchester Enquiry Report, Protect Duty and also Project Servator.

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In April a Multi-Agency CONTEST Board meeting was held with representation from Police, Local Authorities, SFRS, Scottish Government, SPS and education. This multi-agency meeting is an opportunity for partners to discuss CONTEST related issues and the local CONTEST delivery plan. CONTEST partners were supplied with the catalogue of CT training/ inputs that can be delivered by CTSA's/Police Scotland.

CTLO/CTSA have visited HMP Castle Huntly to discuss training opportunities for staff.



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:

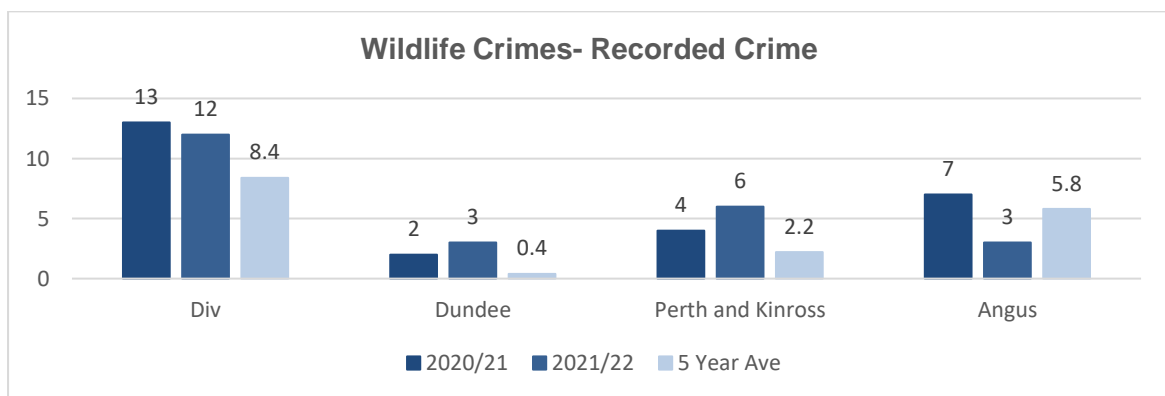
- *The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery*

Operating Context

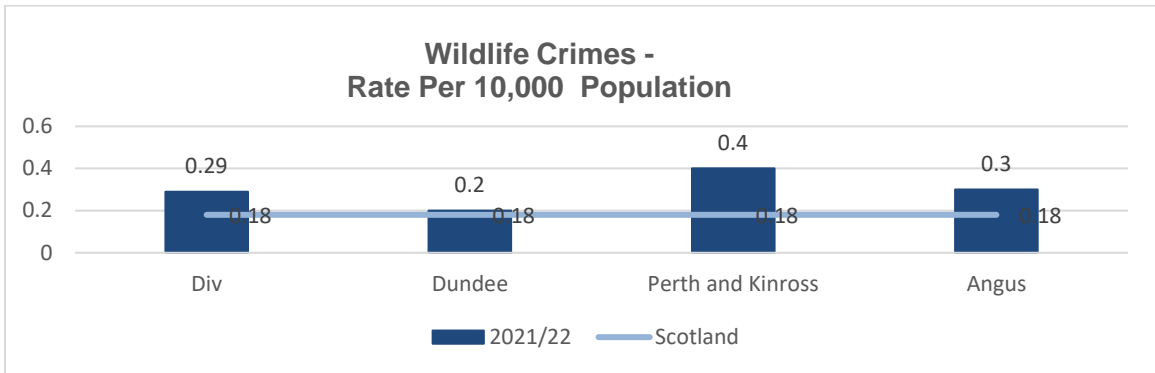
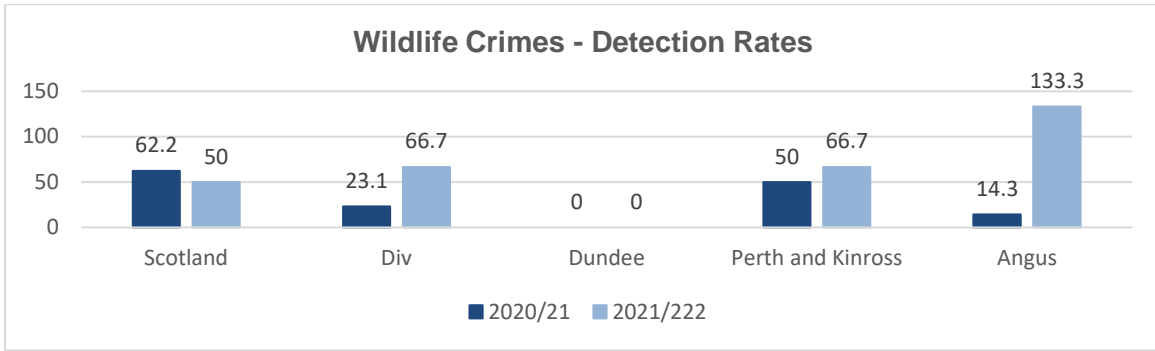
Perth and Kinross LPA is part of the Tayside Partnership Against Rural Crime (TPARC) which was launched in 2018. This activity feeds into the National partnership (SPARC) with Wildlife crime being at the forefront of that activity. Wildlife crime is any illegal act in Scotland affecting certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats. The current priorities are bat crime, badger persecution, raptor persecution, freshwater pearl mussel persecution, trade in endangered species, poaching and cyber enabled wildlife crime.

There has been a 50% increase in recorded wildlife crimes which equates to 2 crimes. It is also 172% above the 5 year average for this crime type. As well as an increase in recorded crime there has been a 16.7% increase in detection rates compared to this period last year and leaving 2 crimes undetected.

There has been no specific pattern to the recorded crime with the two undetected cases relating to the killing and ill treatment of a raven and the removal of beaver dams and disturbance of tunnels.



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Other Key Activity

Events

Whilst no significant events occurred during the quarter under review, the changing COVID landscape required a greater focus on the policing requirements around larger public gatherings. This activity will be in greater focus moving into quarter 2.

Other Key Activity

Activities in this quarter focused on the need to change our operating model in anticipation of gradual changes to legislation and guidance focused on the COVID pandemic.

The requirement to attend at house parties and public gatherings significantly reduced towards the end of the quarter however there was no reduction in demand around concerns for vulnerable people and local policing resources continue to find themselves focusing on the public health rather than the criminal investigation space.

Impact on staffing levels had stabilised as we move towards the end of the COVID pandemic however front line resources remain affected due to the high proportionate of younger unvaccinated staff members.

We have been pleased at the collaborations build with statutory and third sector partners, particularly as there are signs these may begin to reduce demand on our front line response officers. The partnership built to tackle visitor management issues has resulted in reduced instances of violence and anti-social behaviour, engagement with young people has improved due to the wider variety of multi-agency resources on the ground and we have seen the potential of The Neuk in freeing officers from considerable waits at acute mental health services in Dundee.

The opening up of licensed premises, and anticipated demand from events remains an area of focus moving into quarter 2. It is anticipated that public appetite to socialise and attend sporting and other events will continue to place pressure on local policing resources within the next months.

Moving into quarters 2 and 3, it is anticipated that a number of local officers and officers with specialist skills may be involved in the operation to Police the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow between 31st October and 12th November.

Our front line officers continue to work hard and display consistent compassion and professionalism despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic and demand is likely to continue in coming months as we return to a society closer to pre-COVID conditions.

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-Jun) ¹

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	128	132	3.1%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	176	195	10.8%
Off Duty Allegations	0	0	0.0%
On Duty Allegations	152	140	-7.9%
Quality of Service Allegations	24	55	129.2%

¹ Data is correct as at 30/06/2021.

Complaints in Tayside have increased by 3.1% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by increases in Angus of 38.52% and Perth & Kinross of 15.6%. However, a decrease was identified within Dundee City of 15.7%

Allegations in Tayside have also increased by 10.8%.

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.