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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 October 2021 to 31 December 2021, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020 and 1 April 2021 to 31 December 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: road winding through hills): 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 31st December 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	Crimes	Crimes
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
20/21	20/21	20/21
21/22	21/22	21/22
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
62	29	754
85.5	86.2	76.4
54	34	851
85.2	79.4	67.8
-12.9%	+17.2%	+12.9%
-0.3%	-6.8%	-8.6%
 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	 Acquisitive Crime	 Acquisitive Crime
Emergency Services Assault	Housebreakings -Dwellings	Motor Vehicle Crime
Crimes	Crimes	Crimes
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
20/21	20/21	20/21
21/22	21/22	21/22
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
102	45	204
100	11.1	37.3
89	72	154
97.8	30.6	37.7
-12.7%	+60%	-24.5%
-2.2%	+19.4%	+0.4%
 Acquisitive Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime
Fraud	Speeding	Drink/ Drug Driving
Crimes	Crimes	Crimes
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
20/21	20/21	20/21
21/22	21/22	21/22
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
193	1436	198
21.8	100	84.8
291	1779	151
12.9	100	89.4
+50.8%	+23.9%	-23.7%
-3.9%	/	+4.6%
 Road Safety and Road Crime	 Road Safety and Road Crime	 Public Protection
Road Deaths - All	Serious Injury - All	Rape Inc Assault with Intent
Crimes	Crimes	Crimes
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
20/21	20/21	20/21
21/22	21/22	21/22
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
0	41	45
N/A	N/A	57.8
4	52	65
N/A	N/A	44.6
/	+26.8%	+44.4%
/	/	-13.2%
 Public Protection	 Serious Organised Crime	 Serious Organised Crime
Group 2 - Sexual Crimes	Drugs Supply	Drug Possession
Crimes	Crimes	Crimes
Detect %	Detect %	Detect %
20/21	20/21	20/21
21/22	21/22	21/22
% +/-	% +/-	% +/-
260	79	347
55.0	78.5	102.3
274	86	257
43.4	67.4	90.3
+5.4%	+8.9%	-25.9%
-11.6%	-11%	-12%

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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

Operating Context

This quarter has seen an increase in Robbery and Common Assault but a decrease in Serious Assault and assaults against emergency workers.

HMP Perth continues to feature as a hot spot however joint work with SPS continues and changes are being considered to our operating model to ensure we can focus on preventions activity.

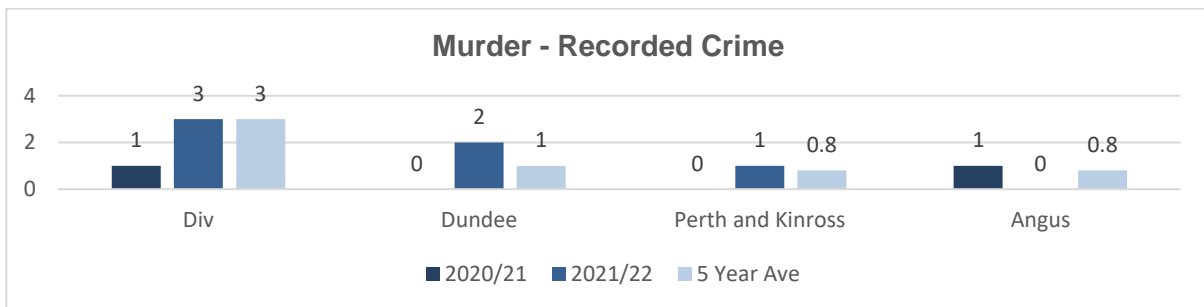
Domestic Abuse remains the most common contributory factor to violence however of concern are the growing links between violence and addiction. With the additional link between crime and poverty and wider vulnerability we are engaged in discussions with Criminal Justice Partners to ensure our vision includes pathways to divert both victims and perpetrators from the further commission of violence.

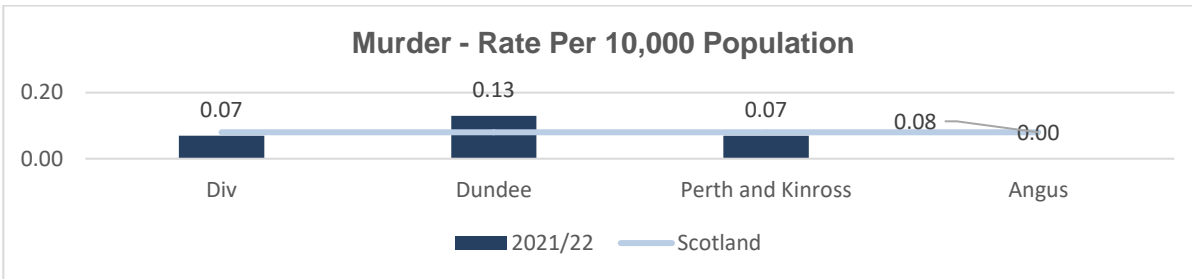
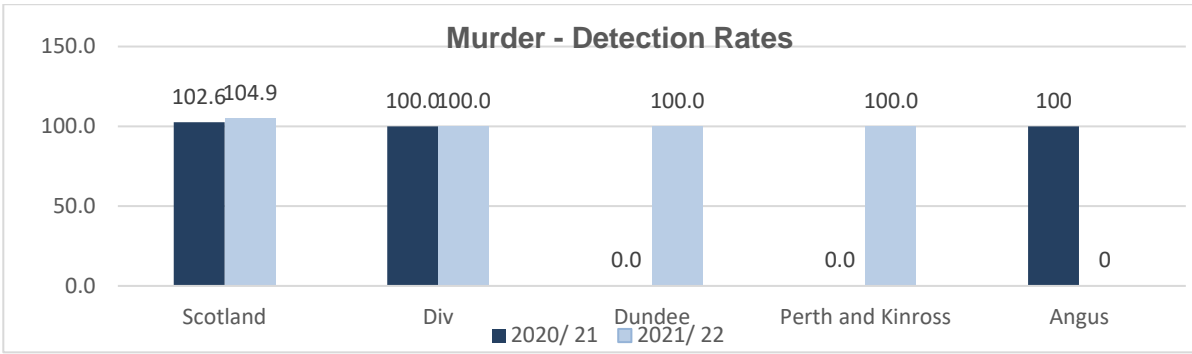
The involvement of young men in violence continues to be a concern and whilst the reported numbers have reduced work is ongoing with partners at a Strategic level to understand the impact of COVID lockdown and external influences on young people.

As we return to normality around the night time economy our Community Teams continue to work with licensed premises to prevent and disrupt any public space violence influenced by alcohol or substance use.

Murder

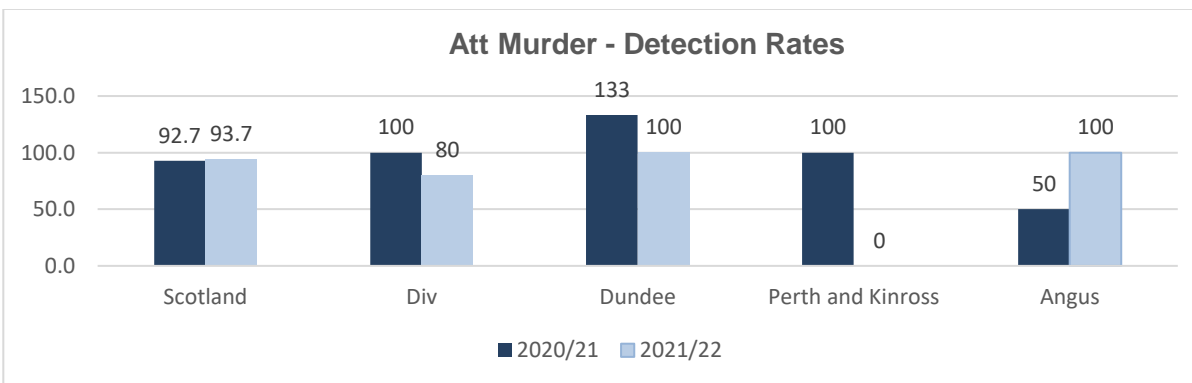
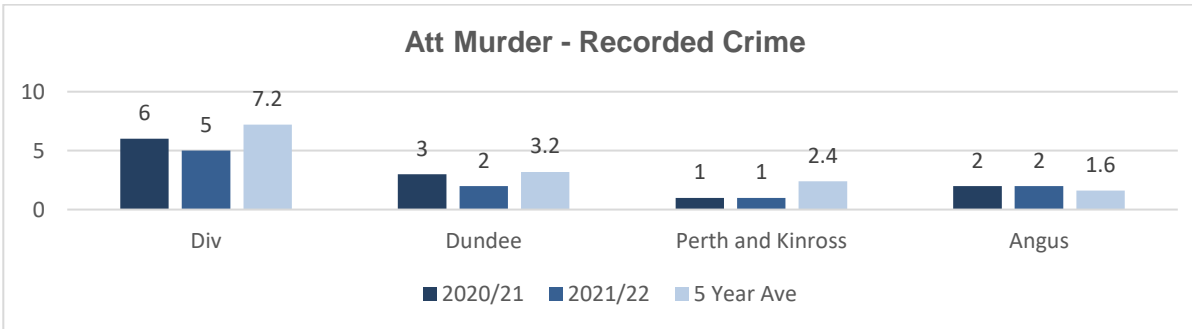
There have been no murders recorded during this reporting period.

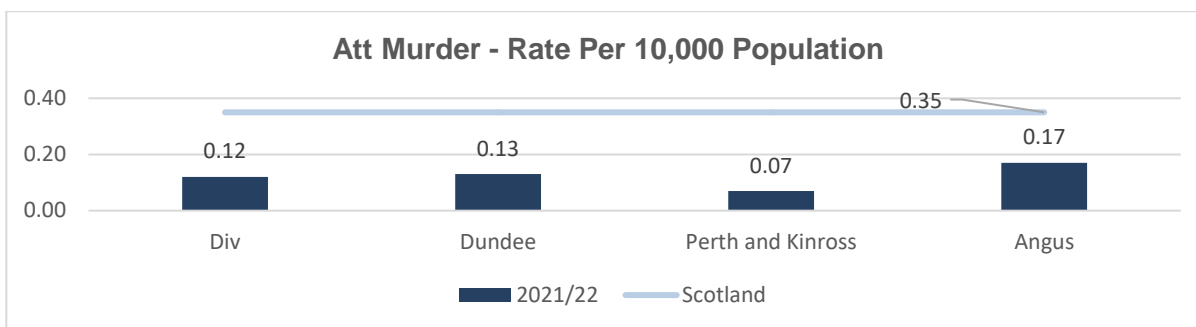




Attempted Murder

There has been one attempted murder recorded during this reporting period. In December 2021 a vehicle was deliberately driven on multiple occasions at a pedestrian in Kinross. A 41 year old man and 40 year old woman have since been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.





Serious Assault

There were 17 serious assaults recorded during this reporting period. This represents a reduction of one crime from quarter 2 and an overall reduction in serious assault from the numbers recorded at this time in 2020/21.

Detection rates remain slightly below quarter 2 but are identical to those in 2020/21. The difference in detection rate from quarter 2 amounts to 2 crimes and enquiries remain underway. In those cases which remain undetected the victim/witnesses have been under the influence of alcohol and difficulty has been encountered in obtaining details about the incident.

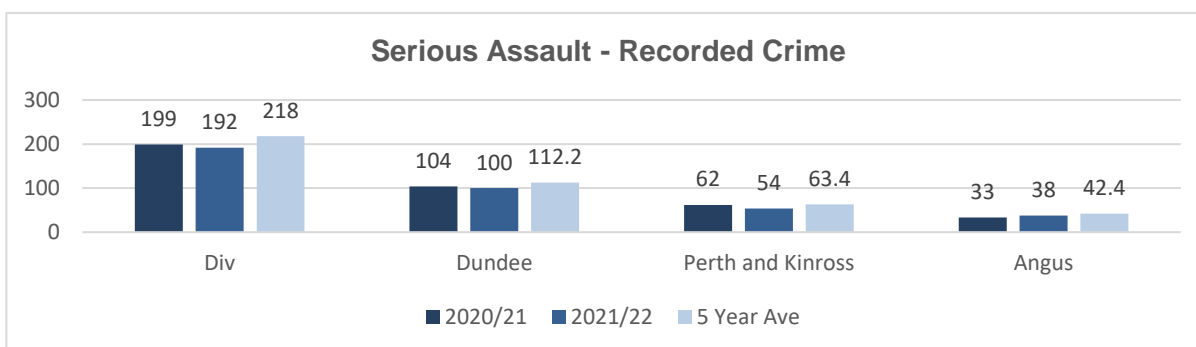
As before a little under a third of recorded serious assaults took place at HMP Perth and a similar number were domestic assaults.

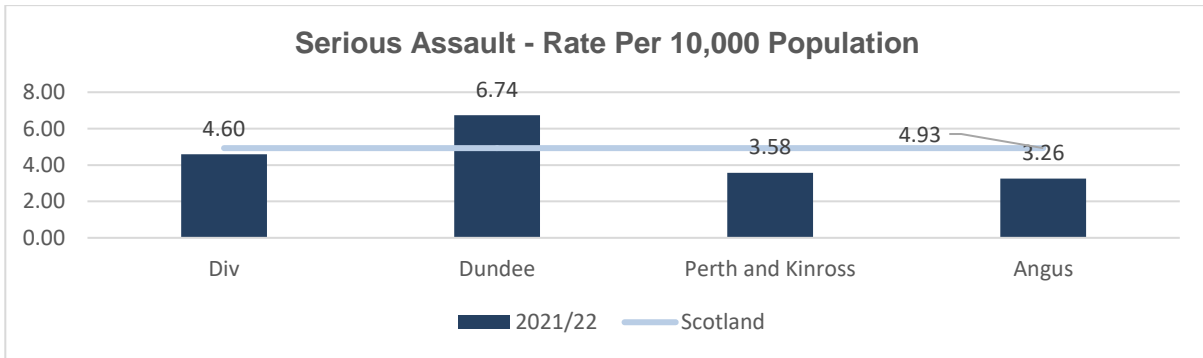
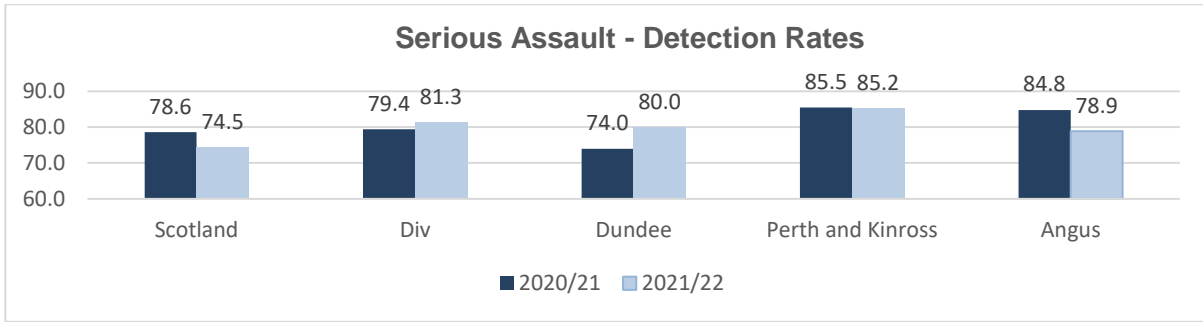
In the majority of those other cases alcohol played a significant part, the victims and perpetrators were known to each other or in each other's company and the assaults took place within the night time economy or in the vicinity of licensed premises. Few of the incidents in this reporting period have involved weapons.

Results

In October 2021 a 27 year old male from Blairgowrie and a 25 year old male from Kingussie were arrested following a large disturbance outside a licensed premises in Blairgowrie where the victim sustained a serious injury.

In November a 28 year old man was arrested following a disturbance in Mill Street, Perth where another male sustained a serious injury.





Common Assault

Common assault remain higher than the equivalent period in 2020/21 and the number of crimes has risen by 44 when compared to quarter 2. Crime volumes peaked during November and thereafter reduced in December during the run up to the festive period.

Detection rates are down on the equivalent period last year however a number of enquiries remain ongoing.

Over half (51%) of common assaults occurred within Perth City and around a third were committed within a domestic abuse setting.

There was an equal split between public space and private space crimes however the swing back to private space in minimal compared to quarter 2 (2%). Public space assaults can occur in public streets however also include schools, shops, licensed premises and prisons. Focused policing plans are in place to proactively target repeat perpetrators and those on bail for acts of violence, particularly domestic offenders. These plans also inform joint patrols and work in public spaces with a higher risk of assaults being committed, such as HMP, retail premises and hospitals.

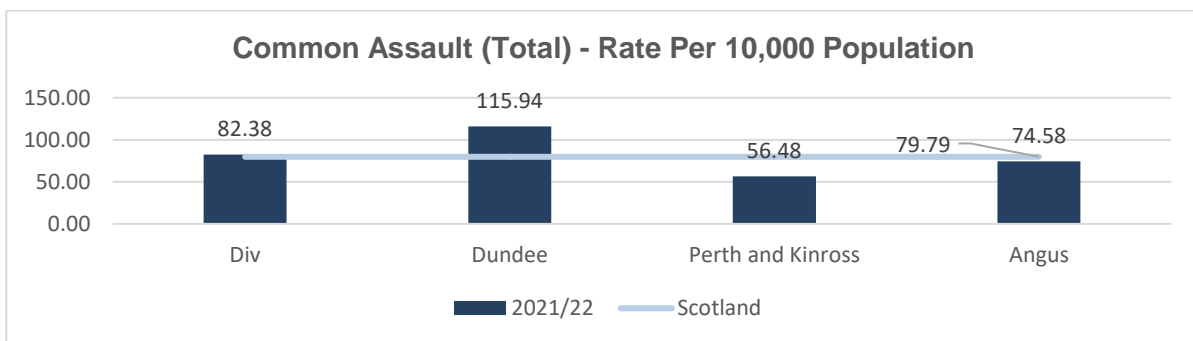
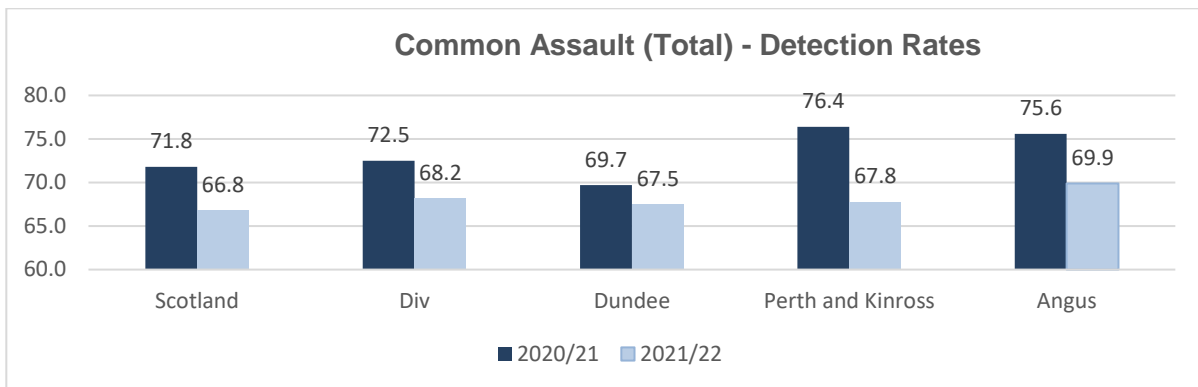
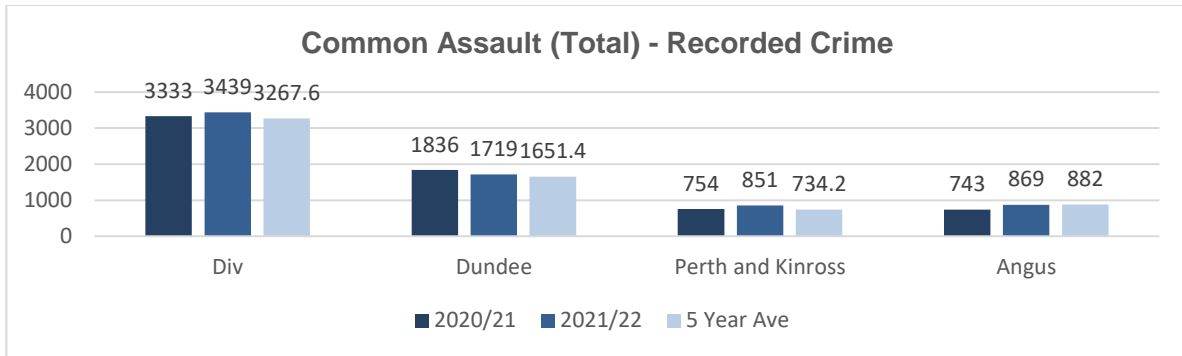
The majority of offenders are male (74%) with young males between 24 and 34 the most frequent offenders. Young males aged under 16 also feature heavily, accounting for a fifth of all male accused.

It is again positive to see a continuing reduction in assaults against Police and other emergency services workers.

Results

In October a 33 year old man was arrested having threatened and assaulted a member of staff at a major retail outlet in Perth.

In November a 15 year old was reported to the Scottish Children's Reporter Agency after a group of young people approached a Police Officer in Crieff and assaulted him with a weapon.



Robbery

There were 18 Robberies during this reporting period, with a peak during late October and the first two weeks of November. This represents an increase since quarter 2 and reported crimes are above the same figures from 2020/21.

Detection rates remain slightly below 2020/21 but above quarter 2. There remain three crimes undetected for this period and all remain under enquiry. In one case, identification of the perpetrator remains outstanding and in two cases the people involved are known however insufficient evidence exists. In one of these cases the perpetrator has been charged with a number of other offences from the same incident.

In all but two crimes the perpetrators were known to the victim and three of the crimes involve offending within a domestic setting. Three of the crimes occurred during the same incident and are recorded as such due to the presence of three different victims.

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Few of the crimes occurred within a public place and there was no commonality of location. Only one of the crimes in this period involved the use of a weapon.

In 60% of the cases the motivation behind the crime appears to be the recovery of monies due to others from addiction problems and in one case prescribed medication was forcibly removed from an adult.

In 35% of cases, and becoming more regular, is the forcible removal of a phone from the victim during an argument, often in an attempt to recover footage of an earlier incident. One of these incidents involved the removal of a phone from an older male child from a group of peers.

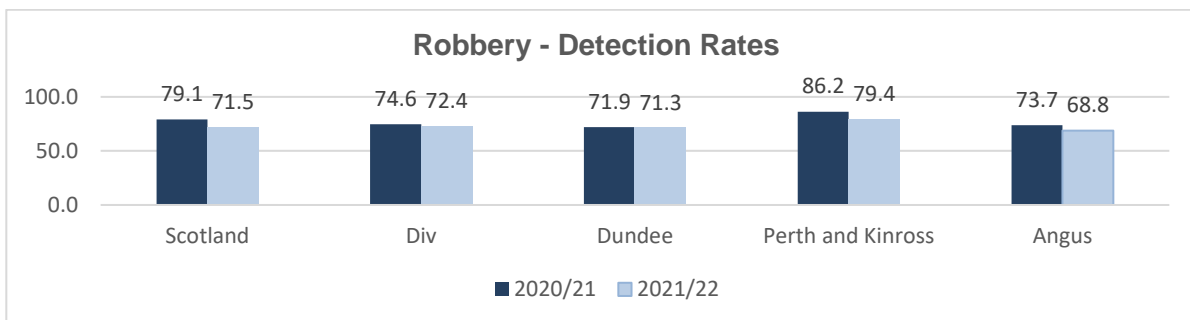
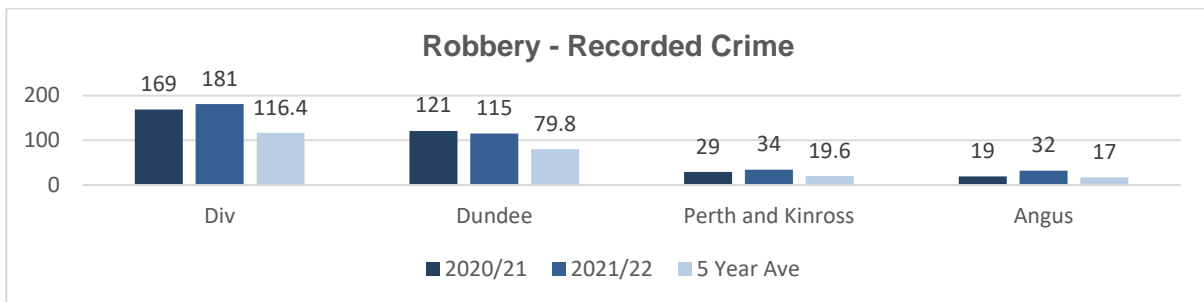
Given the increasing links between this type of criminality and poverty, addiction, mental health and wider vulnerabilities we continue to work with criminal justice partners on approaches that can provide more positive outcomes to victims and perpetrators.

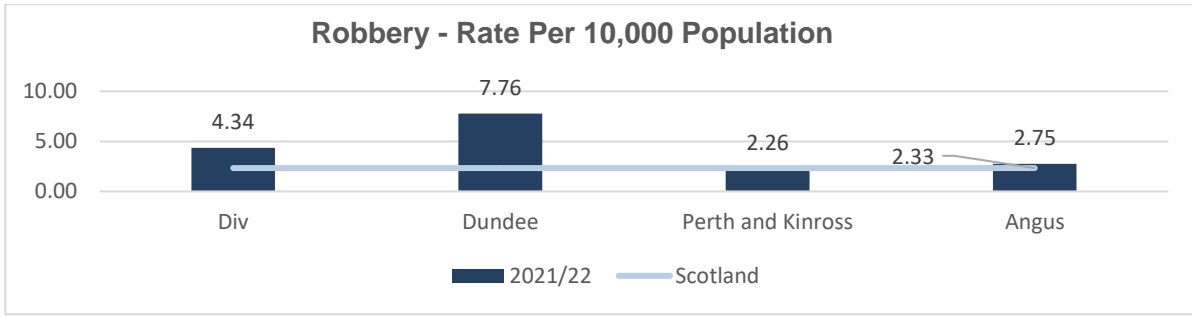
Results

In November three males under 16 were reported for the forcible removal of a ruck sack and phone from another young person in Crieff.

In November a 46 year old man was arrested for stealing money, by force, from a vulnerable neighbour at an address in Perth.

Also in November, a 24 year old male was arrested having forcibly removed cash, a phone and a vehicle from three associates at different locations in Perth.





Vandalism

There has been a rise in recorded vandalisms during this reporting period compared to the same period in 2020/21. Detection rates continue to be slightly down from last year.

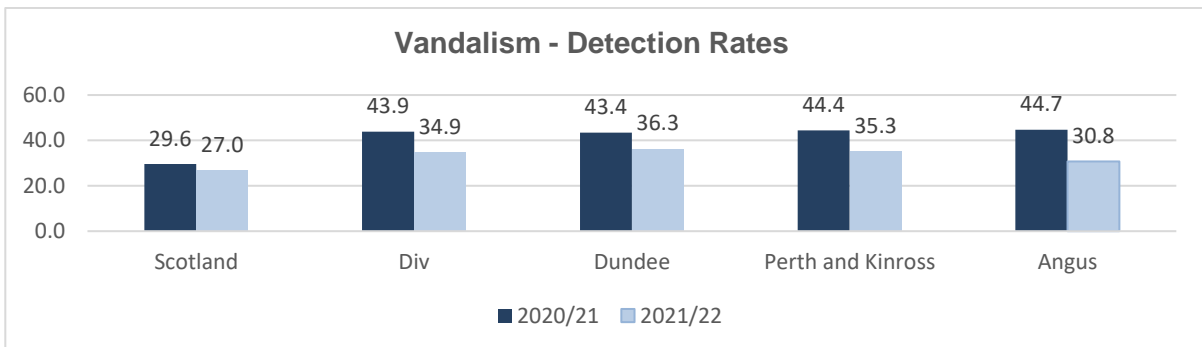
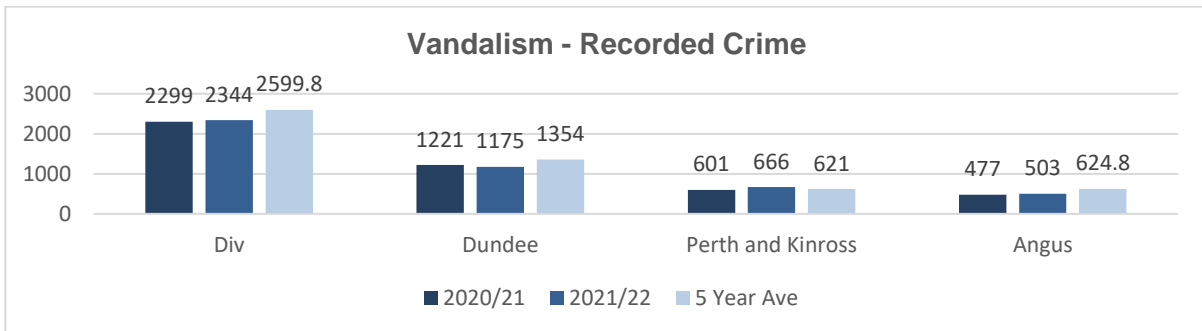
Continuing the theme from previous periods over half the reported vandalisms relate to damage to vehicles discovered by owners and reported as vandalisms. Investigative opportunities to identify the location, determine exactly how the damage was caused and identify any offenders are often limited.

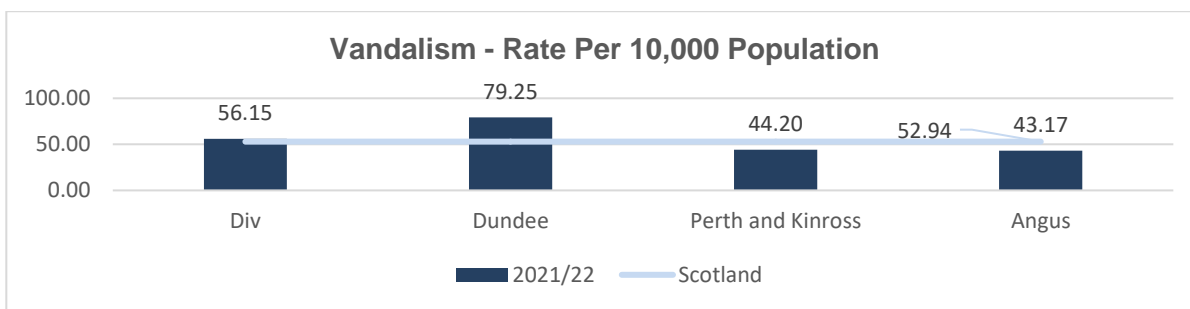
The geographical split is evenly spread across Perth, North and Perthshire and given this period included school holidays we saw a small number of vandalisms to schools.

Results

In October, two young children under 12 were found to be responsible for damaging a number of cars in Perth.

In November a 54 year old man was charged with causing damage to a gate whilst trying to force entry in to Forestry Commission land within North Perthshire.





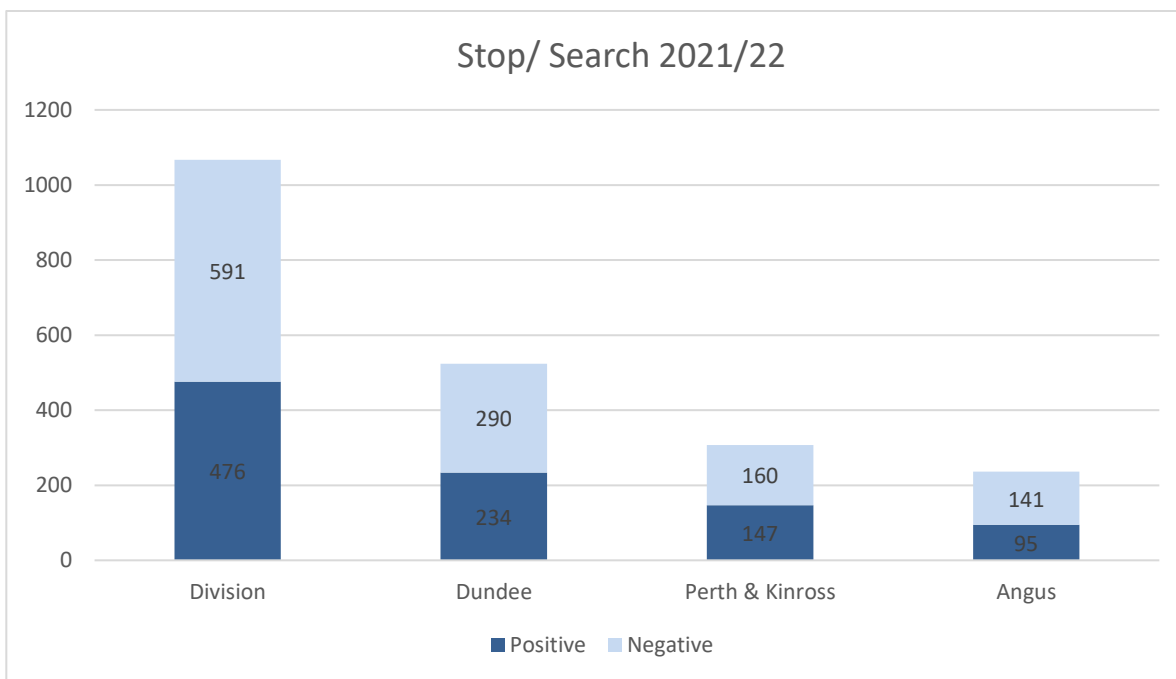
Stop Search

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 307 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 147 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 47.9%.

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





**Acquisitive
Crime**

Reduce crime
through preventing
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Operating Context

This quarter has seen a continuation of the trend seen in quarter 2 away from motor vehicle crime towards other forms of acquisitive crime.

Much of the crime in Perth City has trended towards housebreakings to local authority or housing authority properties, often by associates of the householder. Where perpetrators are identified in Perth it is common for them to be involved in other acquisitive crime such as shoplifting or have linked issues with poverty or addiction.

Crime trends in the more rural areas have involved travelling criminals and some outstanding work has taken place between local officers and other Divisions, such as Edinburgh, Fife and North/East Divisions to identify organised criminals targeting domestic dwellings and commercial premises in rural Perthshire.

Fraud continues to present a challenge to Policing, particularly cyber enabled fraud, and we continue to work with our partners on preventions and support for victims.

Domestic Housebreaking

During this period 34 housebreakings to domestic dwellings have been recorded. This represents an increase from quarter 2 and an increase in reported rates when compared to the same period in 2020/21. Detection rates remain strong in comparison to the same reporting period last year and remain above Divisional and national averages. The work of our Community Investigation Units, response units and Proactive CID continues to result in some positive enforcement.

The geographical split remains consistent with roughly half the crimes occurring in Perth and 25% each in North and South Perthshire.

Crimes in Perth remain indistinct in pattern and are generally housebreakings or attempts targeting cash and similar portable items, perpetrated by persons from the area and often associates of the house occupier.

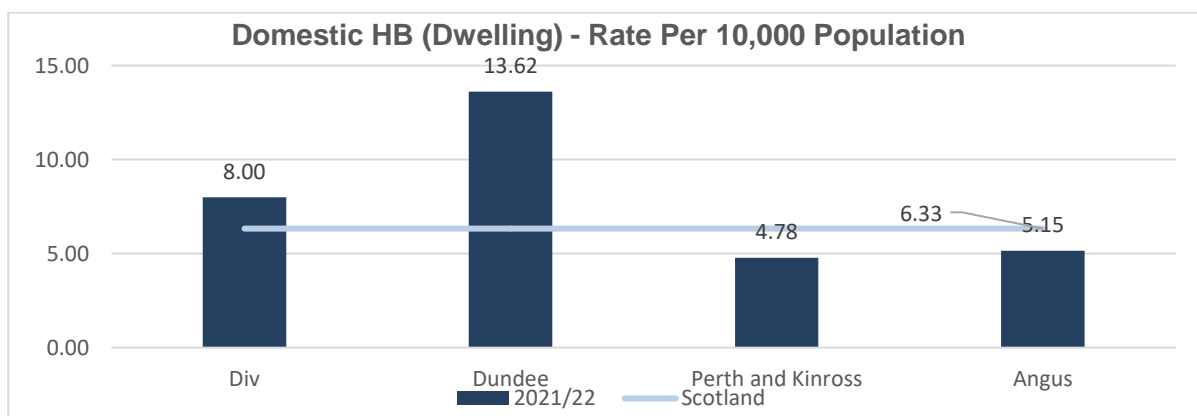
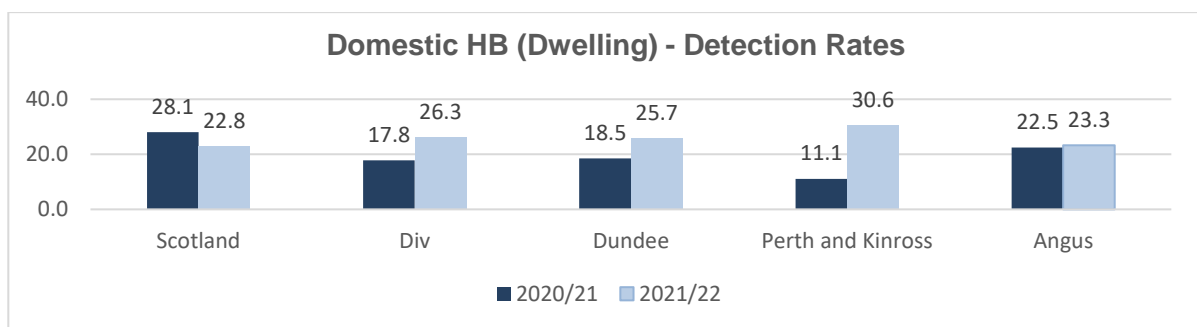
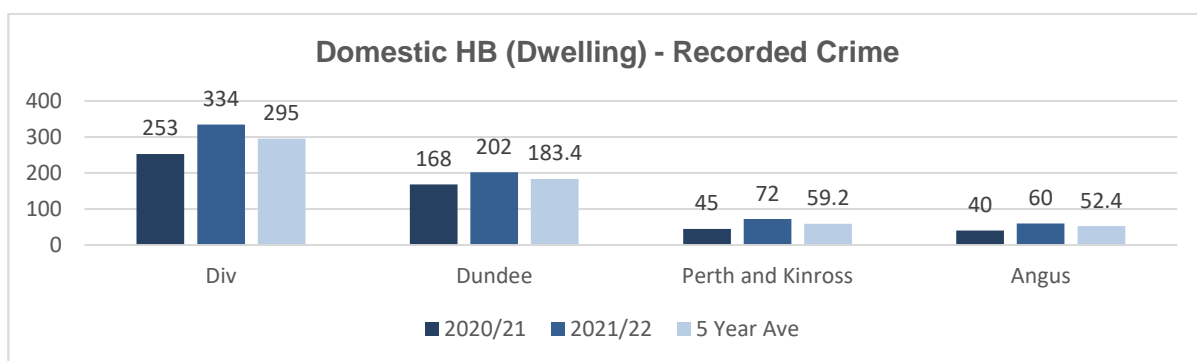
Crimes in South and North Perthshire often relate to the targeting of higher value property from unoccupied houses in rural areas with perpetrators often travelling into the area from outside.

Patrol plans remain in place to ensure visibility in more rural areas, particularly in the hours of darkness and we are supported by Road Policing colleagues and other national Divisions to target travelling criminals.

Results

In October a 26 year old man was arrested having broken into his ex-partner's house in Perth and stolen a number of items, including gifts intended for the children of the house.

Following extensive enquiry with officers from Aberdeen, two males from the south coast of England have been identified for 7 housebreakings to properties in Aberdeenshire and Tayside, targeting jewellery. One of these incidents took place in early November in South Perthshire.



Fraud

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Rates of reported fraud continue to be higher than figures from the comparative period in 2020/21. Similar rates are seen across Tayside and nationally. Detection rates are now slightly above figures from quarter 2.

Following changes in local crime recording systems it is clear that around 33% of all frauds are cyber enabled, making use of the internet for commission. As reported in previous quarters, the three most common types of fraud remain the fraudulent use of bankcards or accessing online banking to purchase goods, the persuasion of a victim to transfer money to an apparent "safe" account and the failure to provide or pay for goods from a previously agreed transaction.

We are pleased to see the continued success of banking protocols to prevent financial harm coming to vulnerable people and work with our partners in Trading Standards and the local authority to target scams and highlight potential fraudulent schemes.

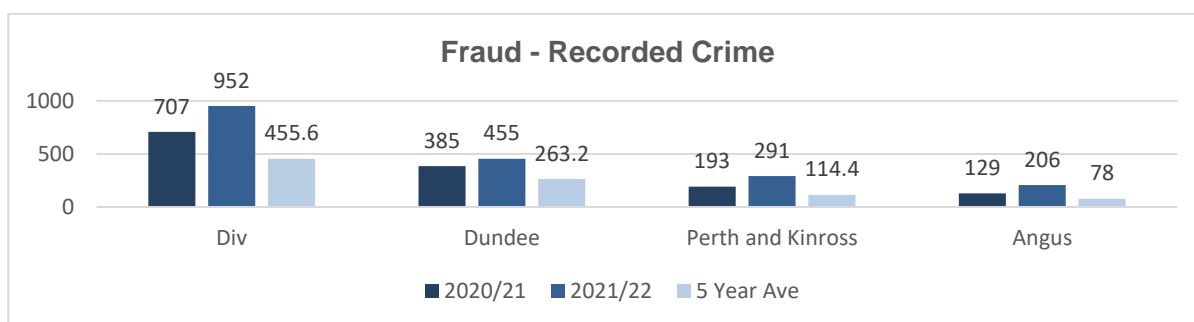
We continue to share alerts and bulletins, primarily via social media with the local authority and partners. These include regular cyber alerts shared with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland.

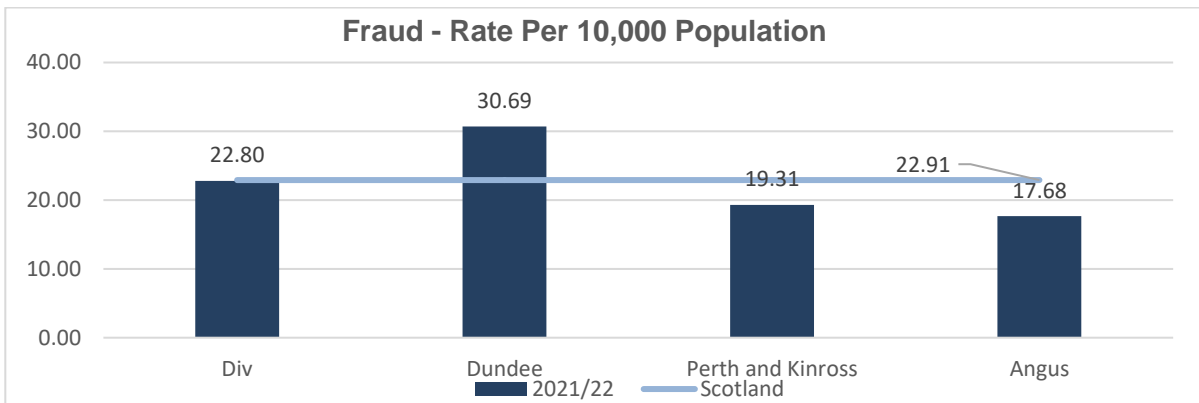
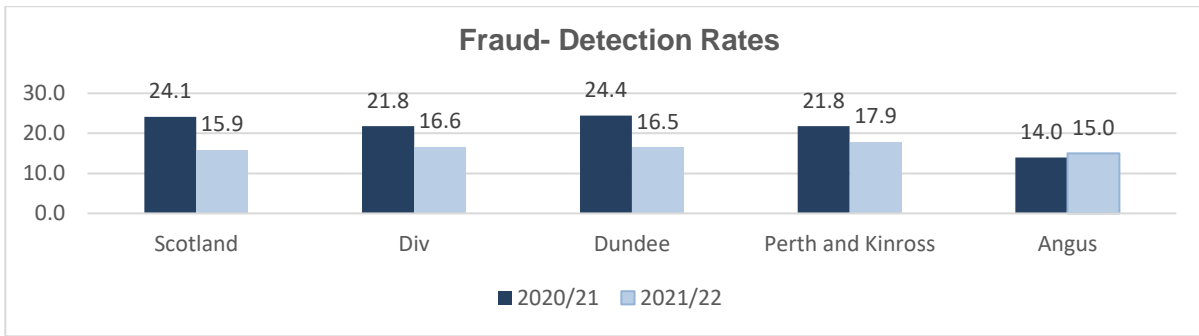
During this quarter Police in conjunction with the Gannochy Trust provided Fraud leaflets, No Cold Caller door stickers and doorstep crime/scam advice leaflets following a report of a door to door salesperson offering clothing around a sheltered housing complex. These were distributed to over 300 local residents.

Results

In mid-October a male from Crieff was remanded in custody following an extensive enquiry into extortion and fraudulent schemes carried out within the South Perthshire area.

In December a 45 year old female was arrested having gained access to the home of a Perth resident having fraudulently presented herself as a charitable collector for a local church. The female thereafter stole money from within the house.





Theft by Shoplifting

Recorded rates of shoplifting have continued to drop in this quarter with 30% less crimes recorded in comparison to the equivalent period in 2020/21. During this quarter the retail environment was less restricted than in 2020/21 and positive joint working took place between local officers and major retail outlets, being a particular focus during our festive policing arrangements in December.

Detection rates remain slightly below 2020/21 however are higher than quarter 2 and remain above Divisional and national figures.

Around 90% of the incidents recorded occur within Perth and given the majority of offences occur within known retail outlets our local patrol plans remain consistent.

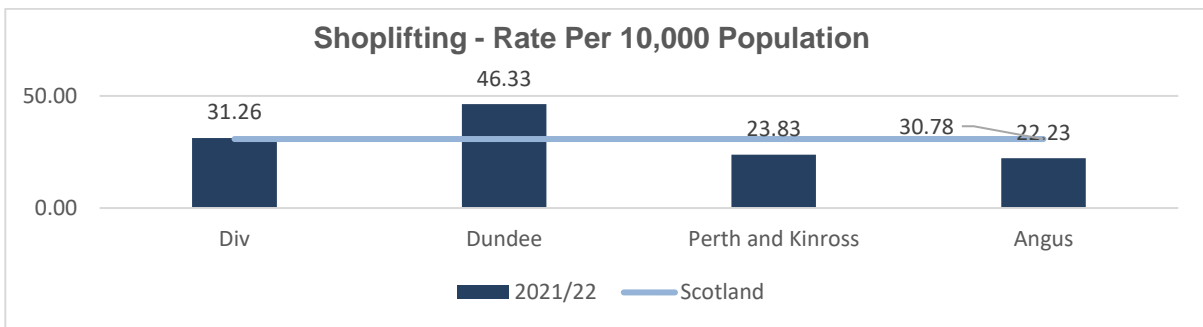
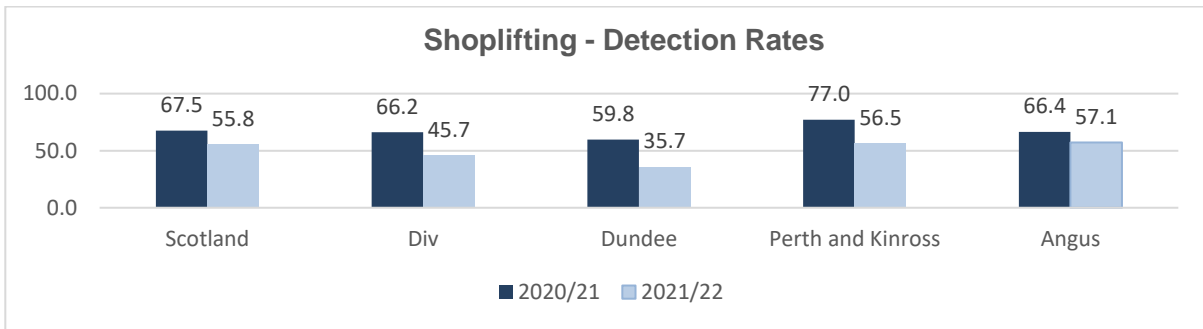
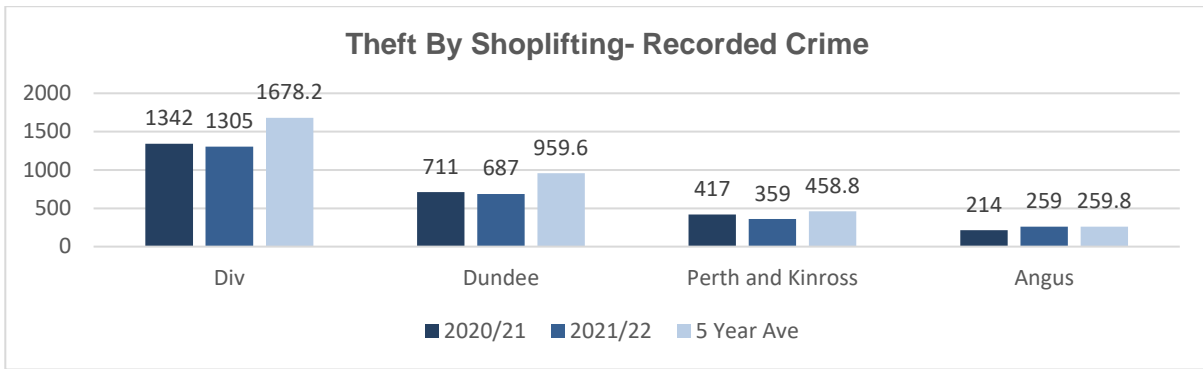
Alcohol remains the most commonly stolen item in around 60% of cases and other common stolen items remain food and cosmetics.

Increasingly, we see regular shoplifters become known to Police and retail staff allowing for detection opportunities and there is a clear link between shoplifting, poverty and alcohol abuse, with perpetrators often acknowledging addiction problems when in contact with the Police.

Results

During October a 41 year old male was charged with 3 thefts by shoplifting from three different retail premises in Perth.

In the week before Christmas, during festive patrols, a 26 year old female was charged with 3 shopliftings from different retail premises in Perth.



Motor Vehicle Crime

This quarter has seen a further reduction in motor vehicle crime of over 50% from the equivalent period in 2020/21. Detection rates remain strong sitting higher than the equivalent period last year and higher than Divisional and national averages.

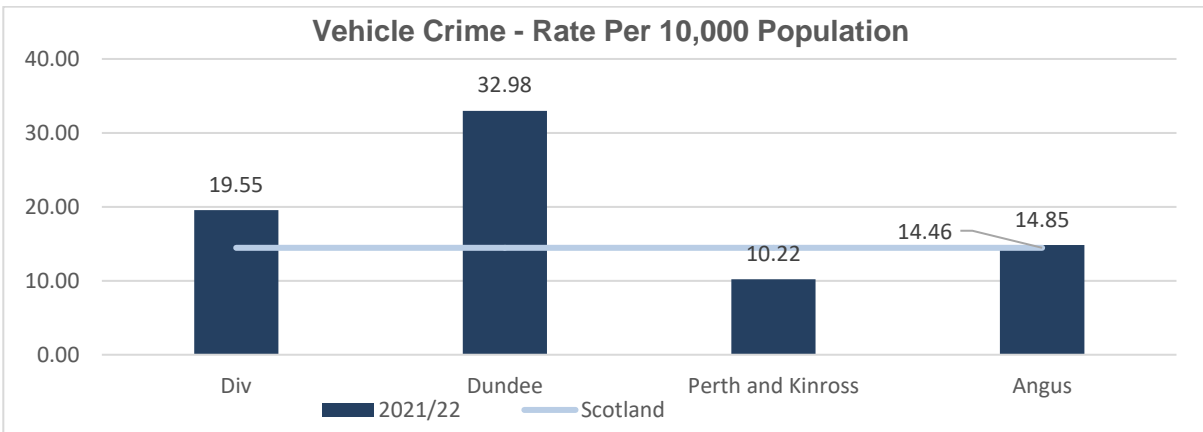
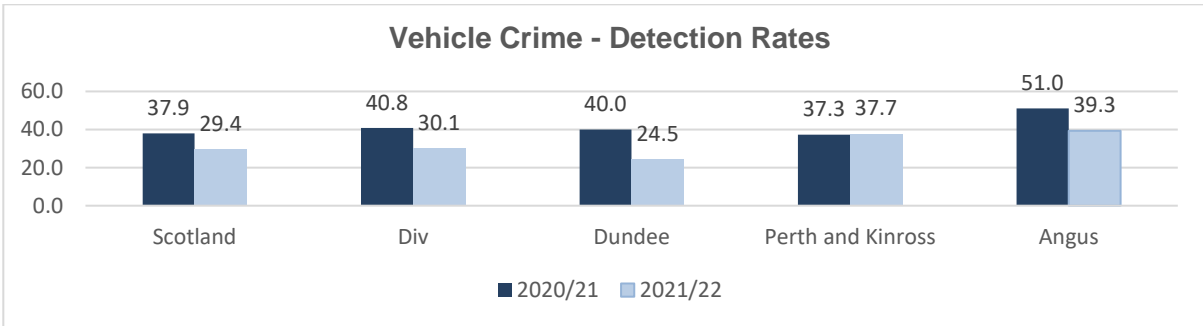
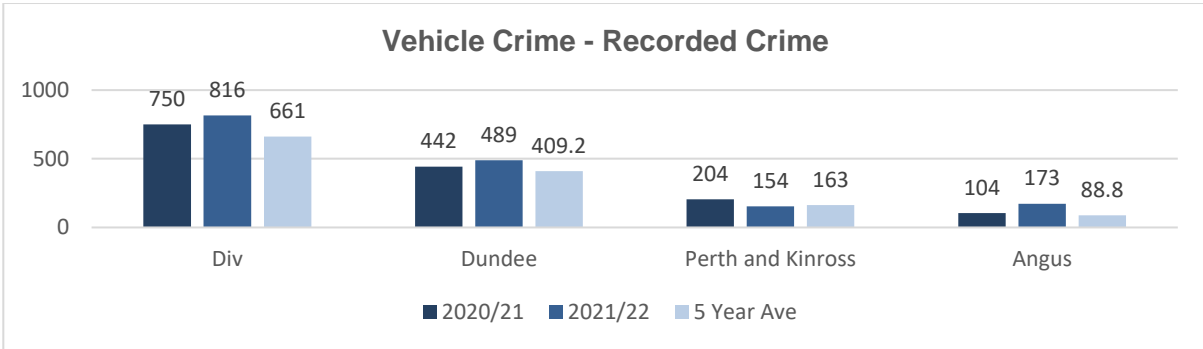
We still receive reports of valuable items which have been stolen from secure or insecure vehicles however it is pleasing to see these crimes reducing in frequency. In addition we receive reports of vehicles having been stolen by true key by associates or family members of the vehicle owner.

Throughout this quarter we have seen a trend towards vehicles, vehicle parts and keys being stolen by more organised crime groups travelling into Perth and Kinross to commit crime series. As such we have been successful in cross referring these crimes with housebreakings to dwellings and commercial premises.

Results

In October a 21 year old male from Dundee was reported for a crime series which included the theft of a quad bike from a farm in North Perthshire.

In this quarter 4 young males from Dundee were arrested and reported for housebreakings to two motor retailers in Perth and South Perthshire and the subsequent theft or keys, vehicle parts and a high value motor vehicle.





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Operating Context

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.

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

Tragically, Perth & Kinross has experienced one fatality during this reporting period.

On the 4th November 2021, a 55 year old male lorry driver was tragically killed when he lost control of his vehicle on the M90 near to Perth.

At the end of quarter 2, Perth and Kinross has seen 52 serious collisions, a 27% increase compared to the same period last year. It is assessed that the reduction

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in Covid-19 restrictions and a return to increased vehicles on the road will again be a contributory factor.

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

Local Policing and Roads Policing 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 the area which were subject to focussed operation activity.

At the end of this quarter, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 18,489 motorists which is an increase of 2223 from last year.

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

October 25th – 31st Getting ready for winter campaign

November 1st – 7th Commercial vehicle campaign

November 15th – 21st BRAKE road safety week

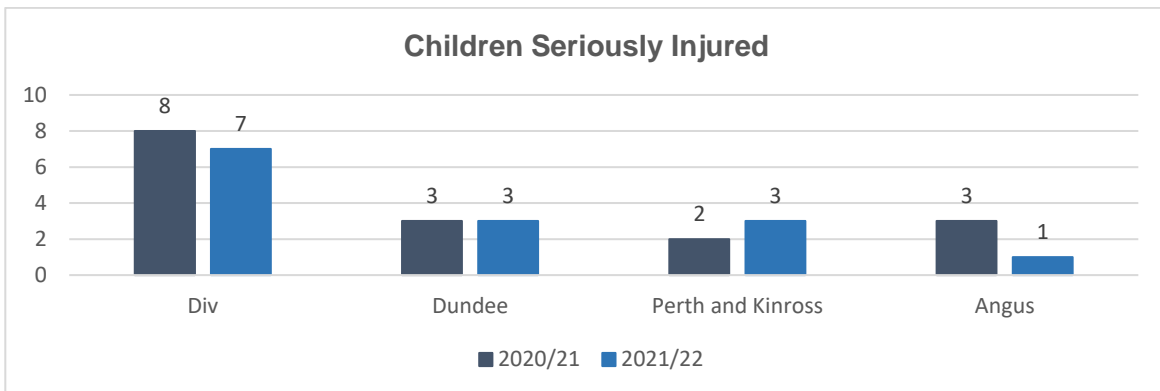
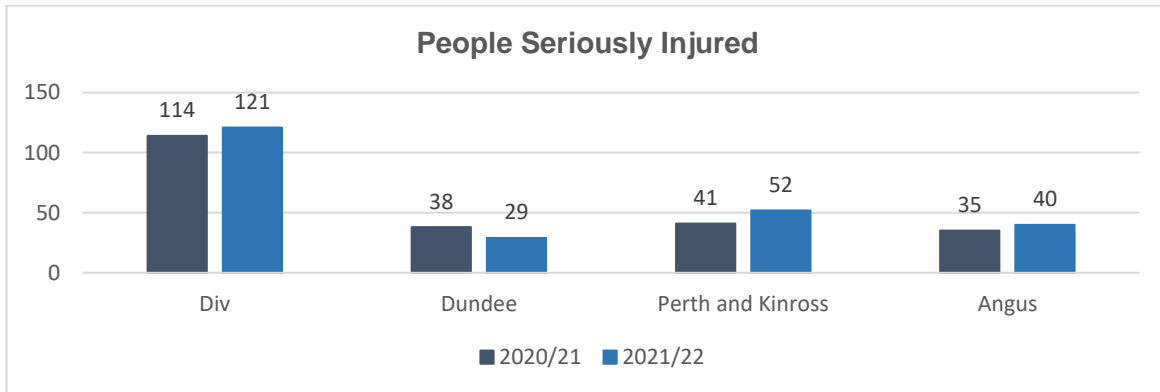
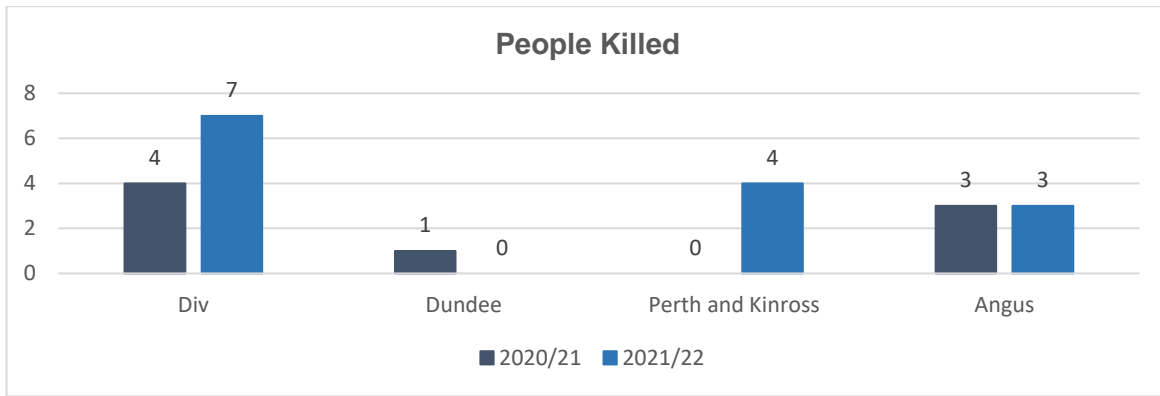
December 1st – 30th Festive Drink/Drug drive campaign

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

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

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

These 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.



Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Perth and Kinross have again significantly increased. This is attributable partly to more 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.

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

Close working relationships continue with neighbouring Divisions, all of which 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.

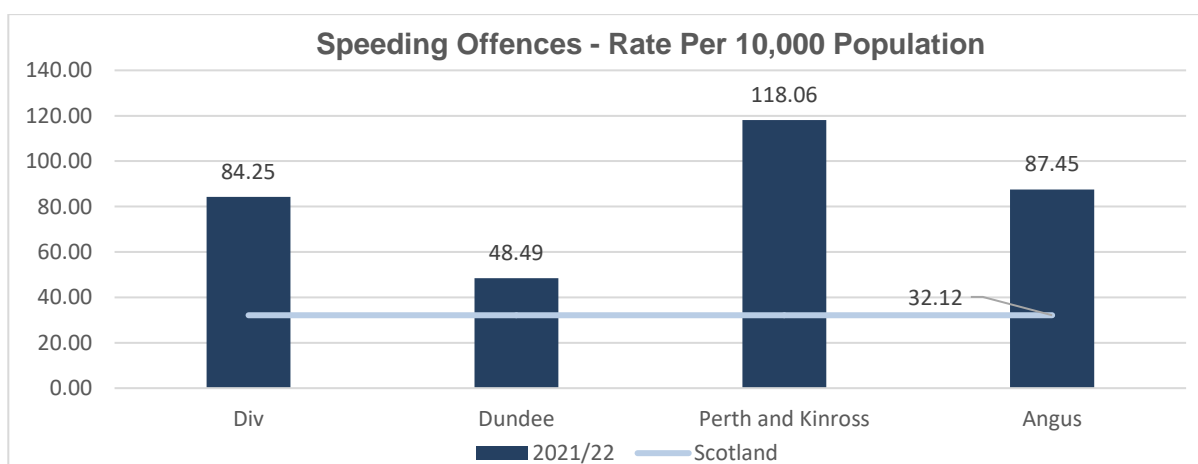
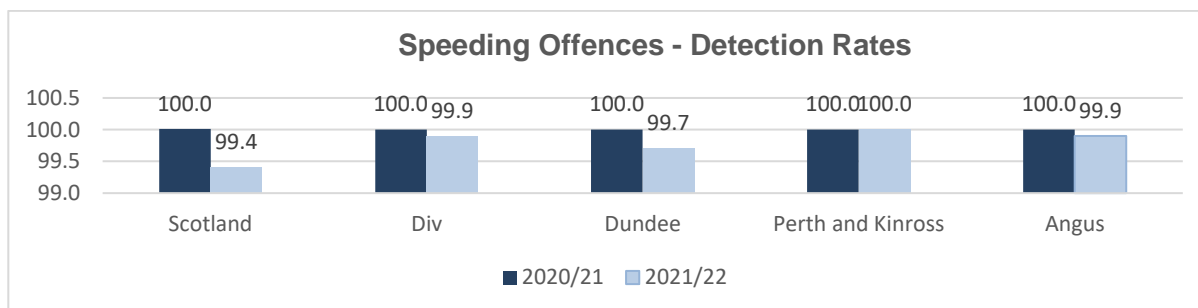
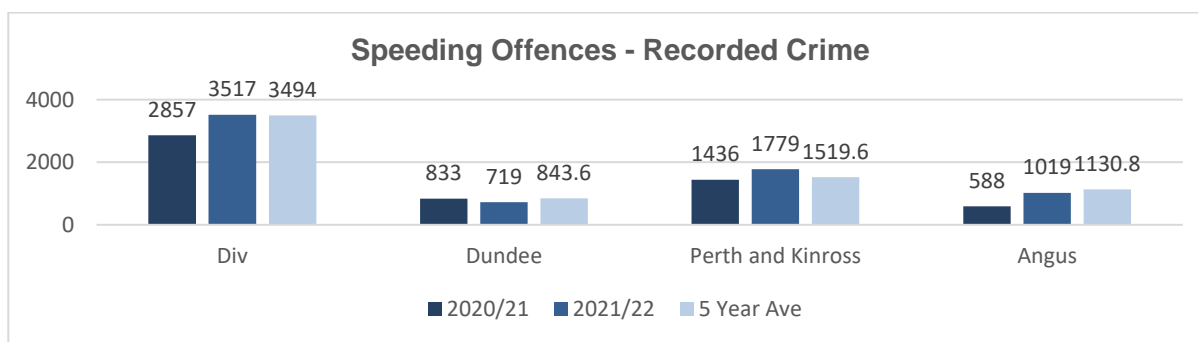
In Perth & Kinross LPA notable speeds recorded for the period under review ere;

107 mph exceed 70mph limit

103 mph exceed 70mph limit

93 mph exceed 60 mph limit

56mph exceed 30 mph limit



Drink/Drug Driving

Positively, during the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Perth and Kinross decreased by 24% compared to the same period of last year. Similar decreases were seen across the Division.

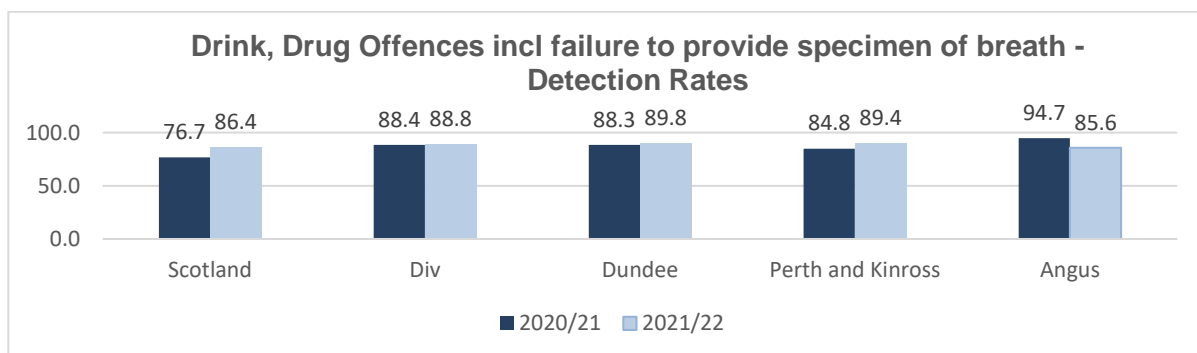
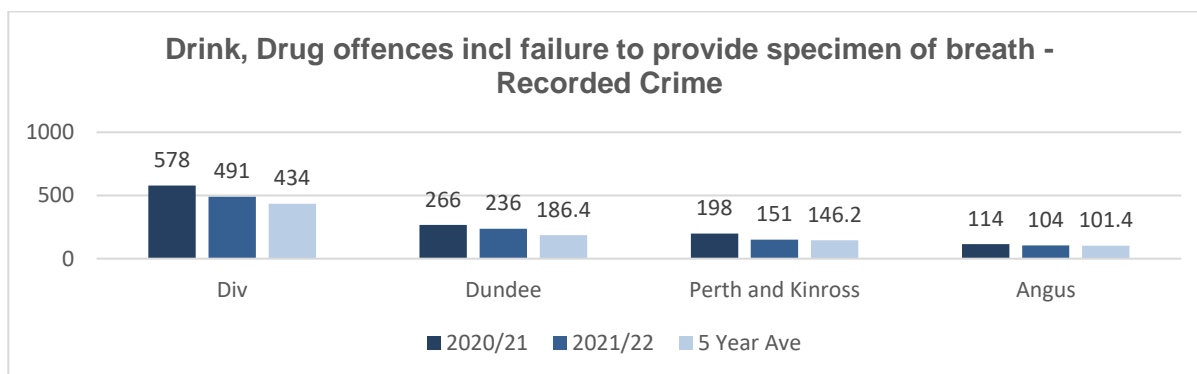
Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 1866 breath tests year to date and conducted 234 drug wipes, 117 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.

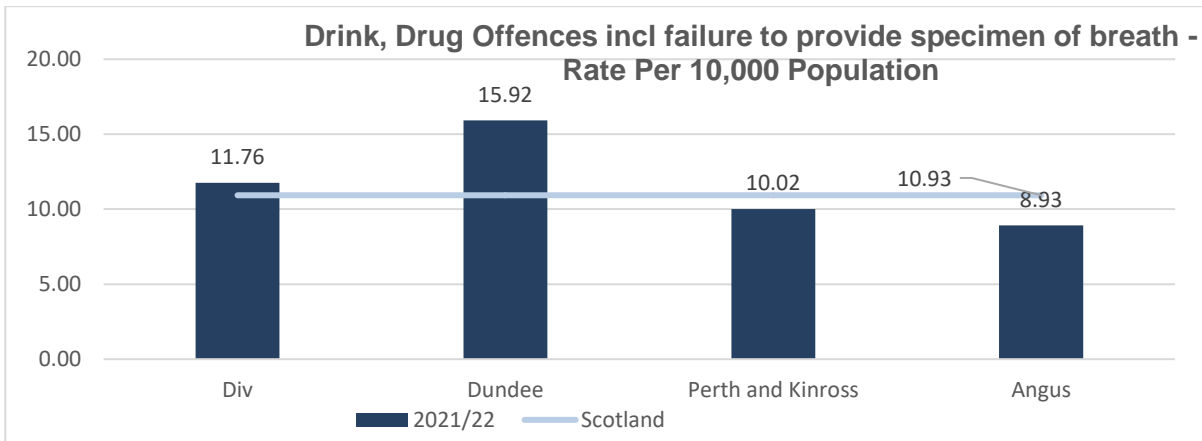
Between 1st December and December 30th 2021, Police Scotland held the Festive Drink & Drug Drive Campaign which saw dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit and divisional officers specifically target road users who drive whilst under the influence.

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

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.

As is evident from the figures the drug wipe testing kit featured heavily in the media and was prevalent throughout the duration of this campaign, it will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving.





Careless Driving

This quarter saw a 2.5% increase in Careless Driving offences within Perth and Kinross, when compared to the same period last year.

Again, it is considered reasonable to assume that the reduction in Covid-19 restrictions and a return to increased vehicles on the road will again be a correlating factor for the increase.

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

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' (careless driving, drink/drug driving, seatbelts, mobile phones 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 (3 E's). This will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

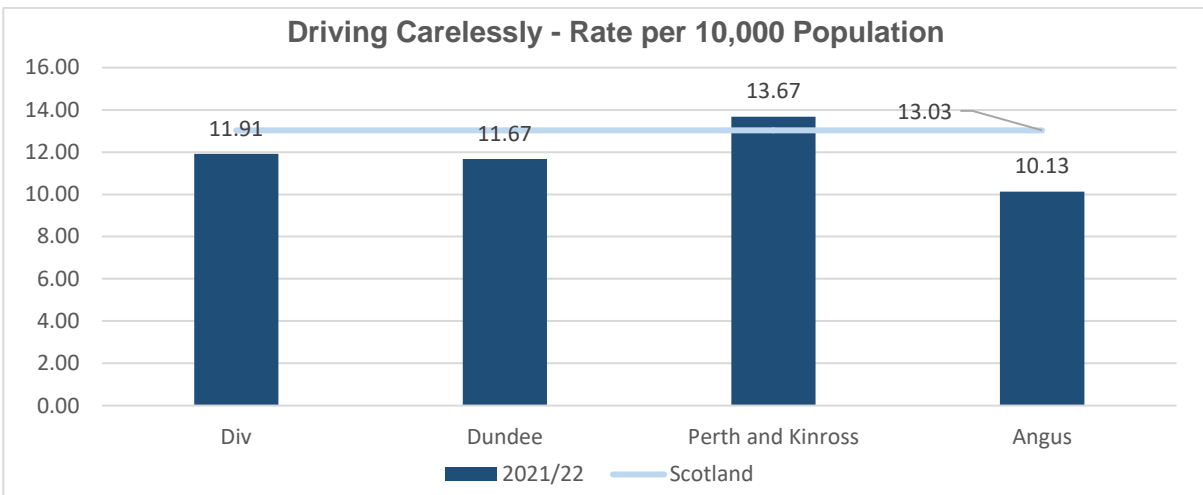
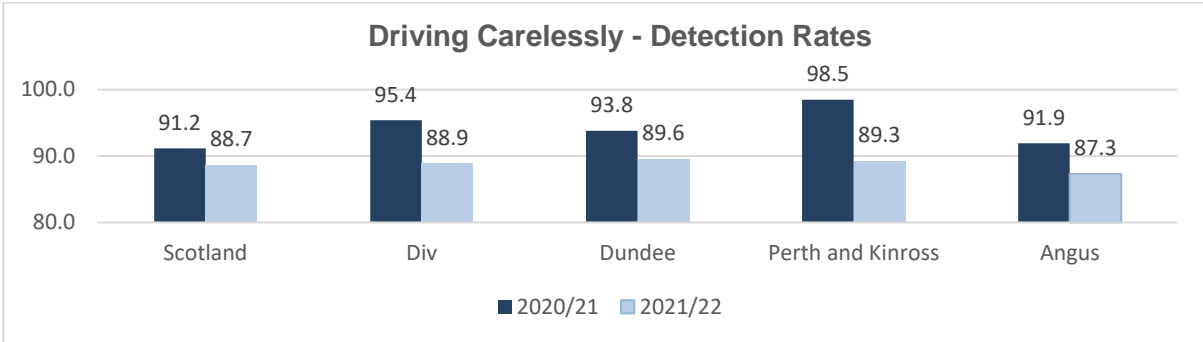
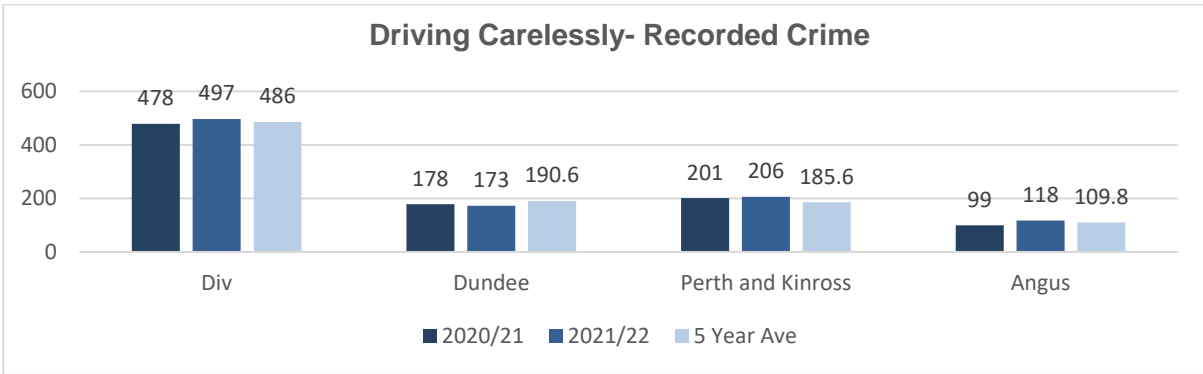
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

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.





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*

Operating Context

Recorded incidents of sexual crime have continued to incrementally increase against five year averages driven by the increase in cyber enabled crimes, often directed against children. We are seeing increases in reports of historical abuse, both child abuse and within a domestic setting and we work with partners to improve the confidence of victims in coming forward.

This quarter saw the 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls. Police Scotland supported the initiative participating in a number of events and carrying out an intensification period focusing on enforcement against domestic perpetrators, in order to show our continued commitment to the campaign.

Gender based violence is an ongoing threat in our local communities and remains a priority. It was pleasing to see work with licensed premises and partners has reversed a concerning trend seen in quarter 2 towards sexual offending in public spaces, particularly within pubs and clubs. We continue to work towards the formal establishment of safe spaces in our towns.

During this quarter Police Scotland launched the highly successful "Don't be that guy" campaign, which asked men to introspect on their own behaviour.

Much of response policing demand continues to be dominated by missing persons and concern for person calls, and this quarter has been no different. We continue to look for opportunities with Public Protection and Criminal Justice partners to reduce the demand on policing and identify better outcome for the most vulnerable in society who often turn to the Police for help.

Domestic Abuse

The crime rates represented in the table below are crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018. Twelve crimes have been recorded in this quarter, three more than quarter 2. Given there a number of common law crimes which can be committed and have a domestic abuse aggravator these figures should be viewed in context, however increasing used of the statutory legislation is welcomed.

Detection rates have significantly risen since quarter 2.

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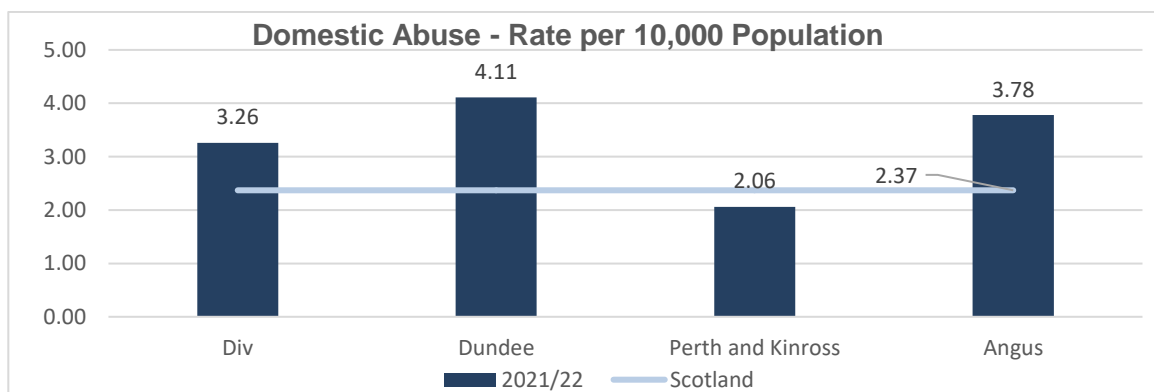
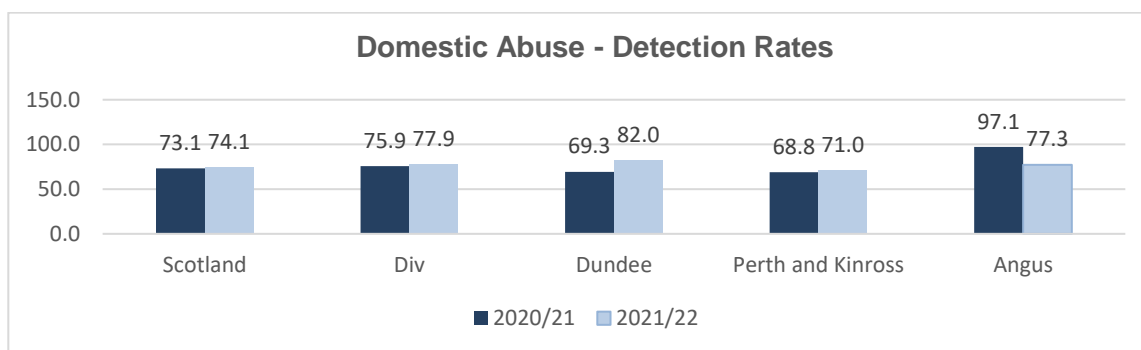
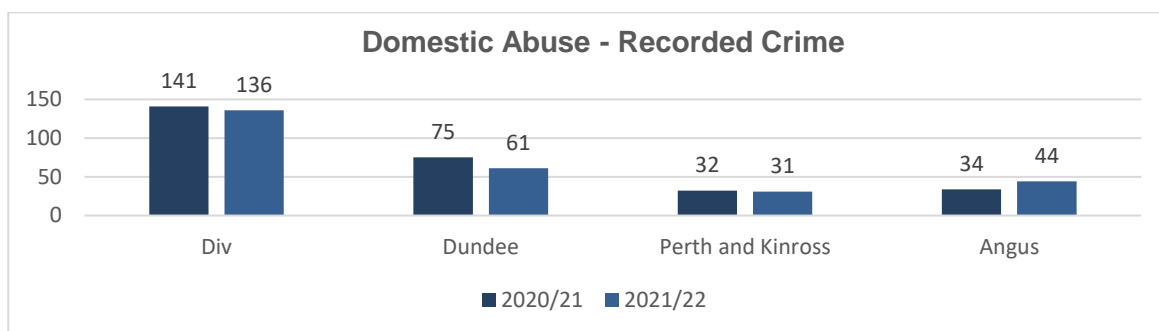
Of all domestic incidents reported to Police, about 40% result in a recorded crime. This figure has remained stable and is roughly aligned with Divisional figures. We saw a very small increase (less than 1%) in the total number of domestic incidents reported to the Police in comparison with quarter 2, however we work with partners to increase victim confidence in coming forward to the Police, so increases of this nature can be viewed positively.

The majority of offenders continue to be men with alcohol or substance use a common factor.

Results

In October a 22 year old man was arrested at a house in Scone having assaulted his partner with a weapon. His actions caused significant risk to a new born baby within the house.

In October a 27 year old man was arrested for presenting a weapon at his pregnant partner. Following his arrest, significant coercive control was identified over a number of months for which the perpetrator was reported.



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Hate Crime

During this quarter there have been twelve recorded crimes, two more than quarter 2. Detection rates have fallen slightly but undetected crime numbers remain low and a number of enquiries are ongoing.

There has been little change in the regular mode of perpetration, the most common of which 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 and alcohol is a regular feature in this type of crime.

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

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

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.

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

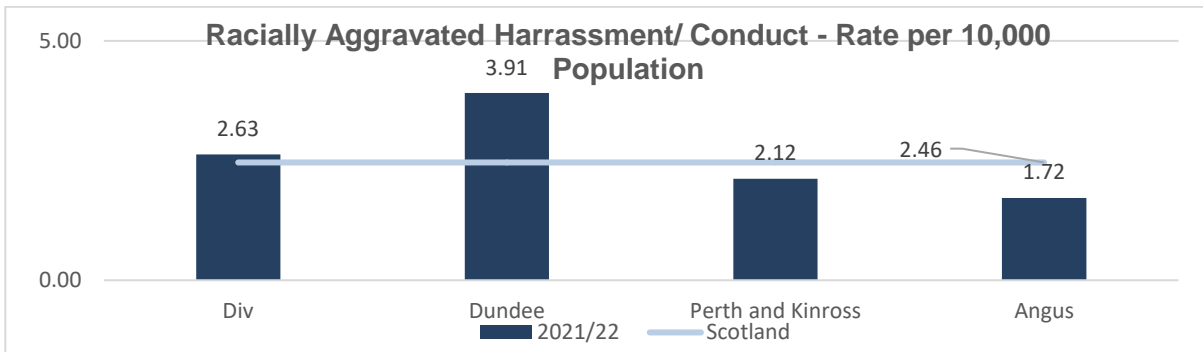
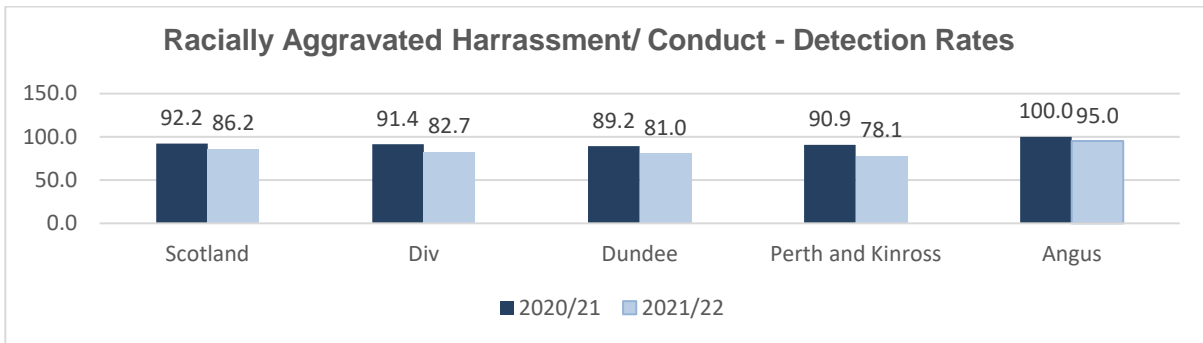
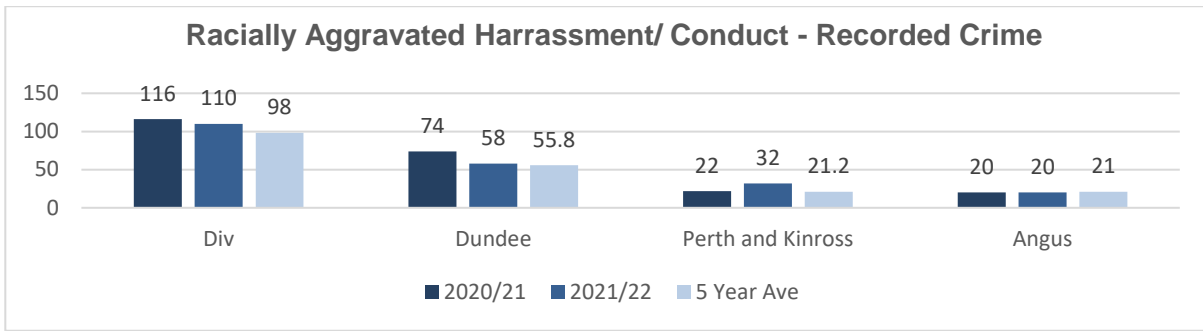
National Hate Crime awareness continues to be driven locally using electronic material with little face to face promotion. Material has been shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres.

All Keep Safe premises in Tayside continue to be supported with regular contact provided by the Police.

The next Hate Crime Awareness Week will be in March 2022.

Results

In October a 37 year old female was arrested in Perth for assaulting and shouting homophobic remarks towards a Police Officer.



Sexual Crime

Recorded sexual crime has fallen by 14% in comparison to the equivalent period in 2020/21, however overall recorded crime rates remain higher across the year to date than 2020/21 and is above the five year average. Detection rates remain slightly down on 2020/21.

Around 40% of victims of sexual crime are children under the age of 16 with females representing 85% of that total. Child victims remain lower in cases of rape and higher in cyber enabled offences, particularly the sharing of images online. We continue to see regular reports of Sextortion cases, where sexual information or images are used to extort further sexual favours and/or material gain from the victim. The perpetrators for this type of crime are almost exclusively believed to come from overseas, however this mode of perpetration can be used by ex-partners.

It is pleasing to see a significant reduction in the number of crimes occurring in public spaces. A trend was identified in quarter 2 of unwanted sexual assaults in licensed premises however only one similar crime has been reported this quarter, in early October. Work continues into the establishment of safe spaces however I am encouraged by the joint work with licensed premises to reverse this trend.

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This reporting period has seen twenty recorded rapes, a reduction of four from quarter 2. This figure however remains above the five year average.

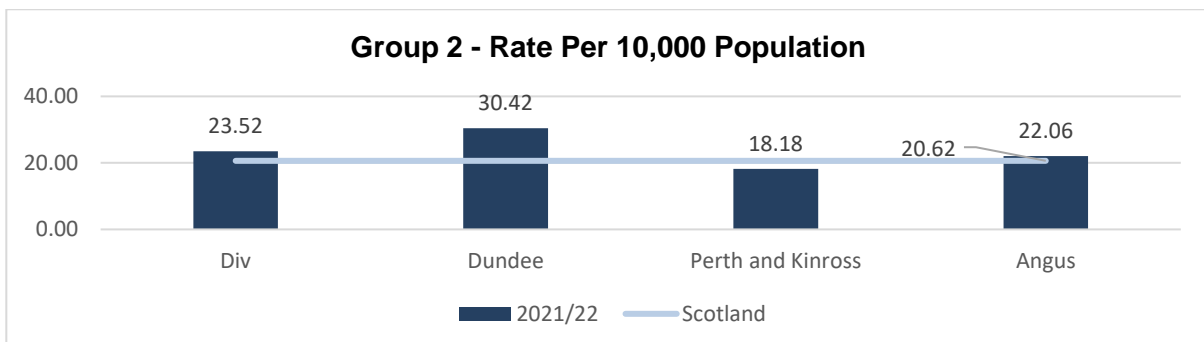
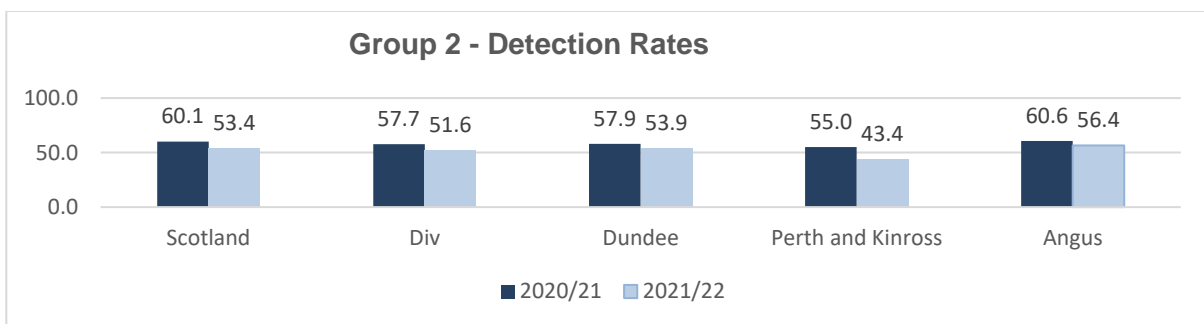
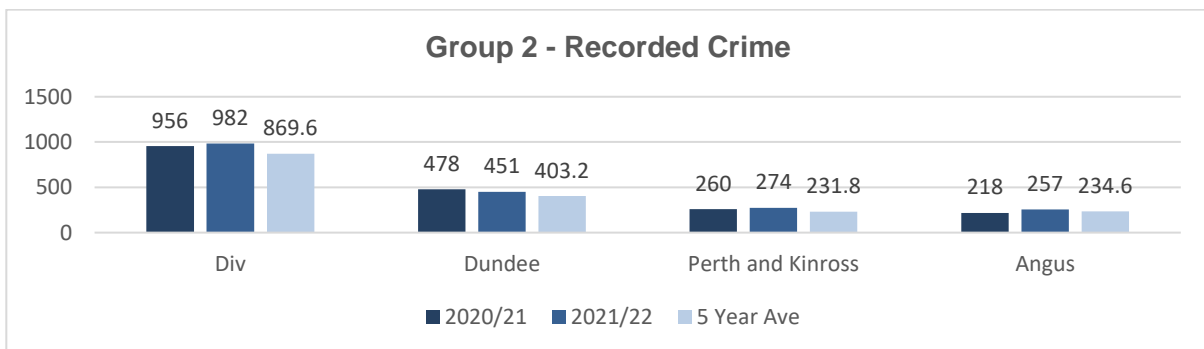
When examining recorded rapes in more detail, it can be seen that in this quarter 82% of the recorded crimes took place more than one year before the recording period, and 70% of the recorded crime involved four victims who had reported multiple historic offences.

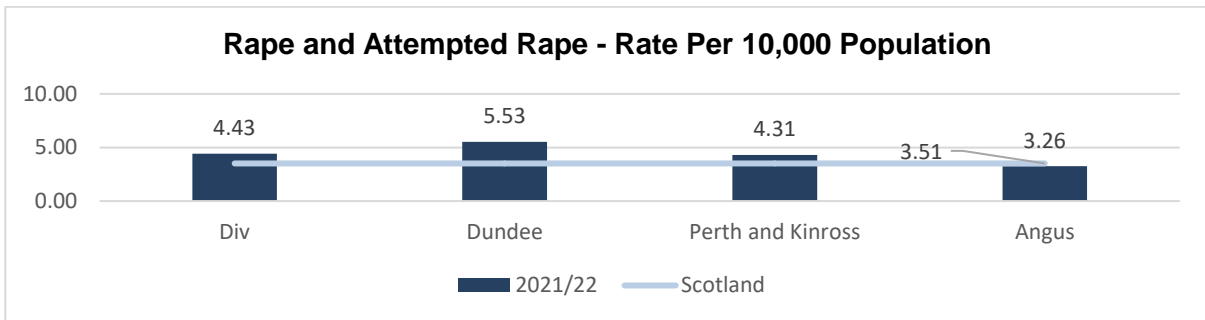
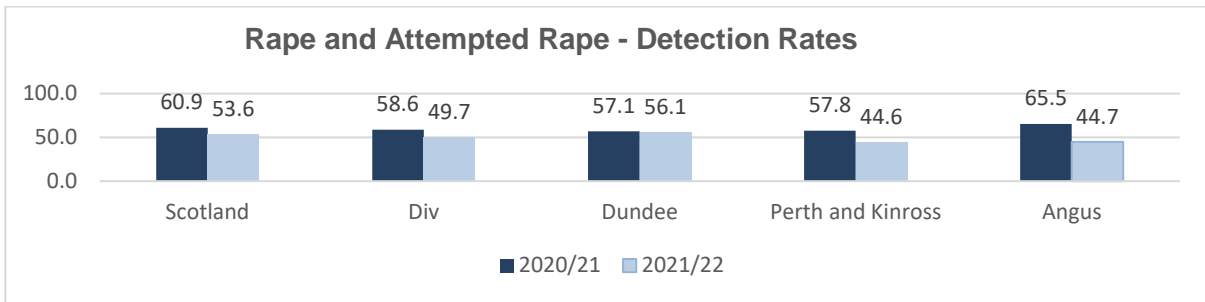
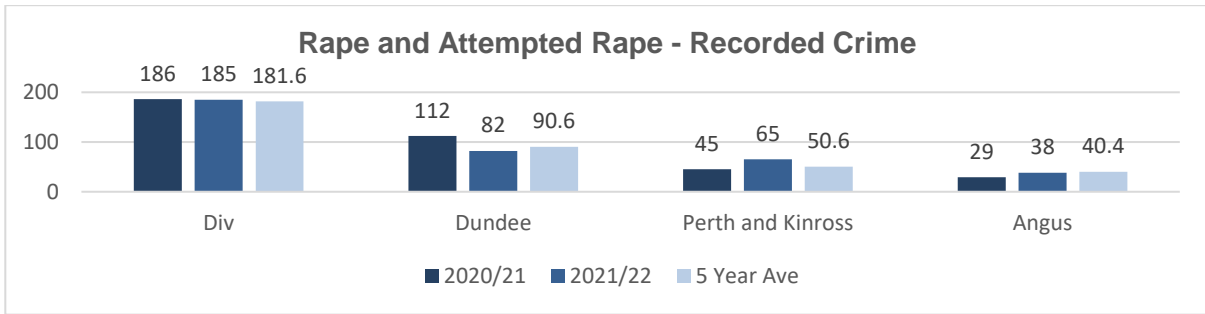
Whilst detection rates remain slightly below desired levels we have made some notable arrests in connection with historic investigations and given around 56% of recorded crime is cyber enabled, many of our investigations await examination of electronic devices.

Results

In December a 24 year old man was arrested following the rape of a female in Blairgowrie on Christmas Day.

Following an extensive enquiry during this quarter, a 32 year old man was arrested in January 2022 for multiple historical sexual offences, including a number of rapes against three victims.







**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

Our Community Investigation Unit, supported by partners, remain focused on identifying and disrupting persons from North East and North West England who have a presence in Perth and Kinross for the purpose of drug dealing. Such focus led to enforcement action in December against a number of persons located at 5 addresses.

The supply of drugs into HMP Perth continues using a variety of new and innovative methods. This quarter saw a proactive operation with SPS and other agencies designed to disrupt drone activity in the area of HMP Perth.

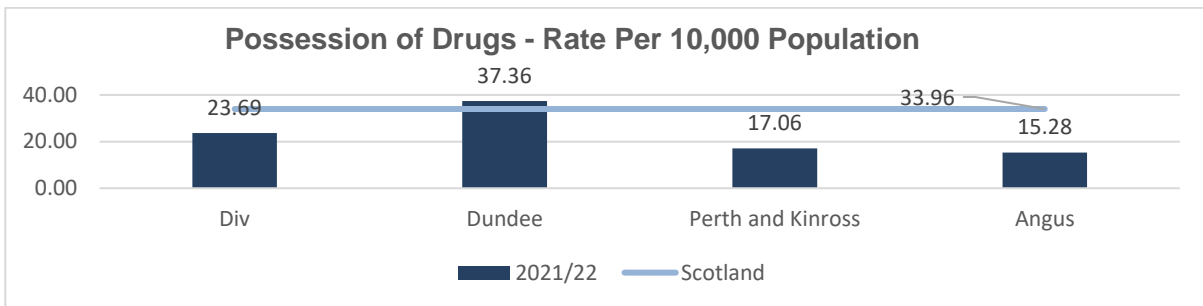
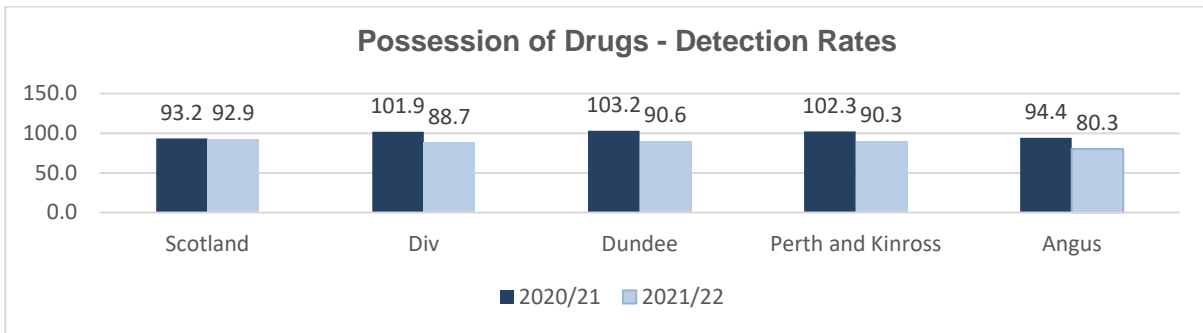
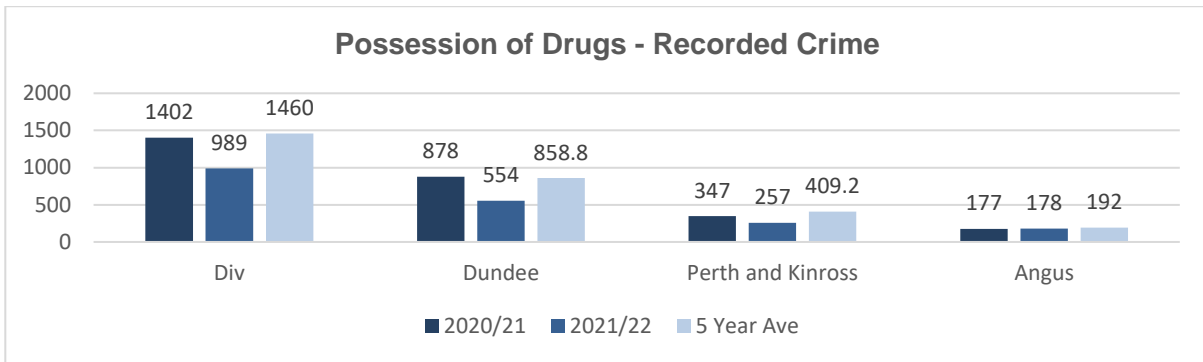
We remain reliant on our colleagues within Roads Policing, who continue to provide notable success in and around Perth targeting vehicles carrying drugs throughout the local roads network, preventing wider distribution across Scotland.

Possession of Drugs

Activity in this quarter has dropped in comparison to the five year average and this was impacted further by changes to COVID restrictions brought about by the Omicron variant which compromised plans for proactivity around the festive period. Officers however continue to generate results from the use of stop/search powers.

Results

In December following the receipt of intelligence, a Roads Policing Unit stopped a vehicle on the A90 between and Perth and Dundee. The male driver of the vehicle, who was unfit to drive through drugs, was found in possession of Heroin and Benzodiazepines with a value in excess of £100,000.



Supply of Drugs

Supply cases remain higher than the corresponding period last year and above the five year average.

With the ongoing presence of drugs in the community we continue to prioritise the distribution of Cocaine and its impact on violence within communities, the presence of street benzodiazepines which impact the behaviours of vulnerable substance users often involved in criminality and we will pursue any person who wishes to supply drugs to children.

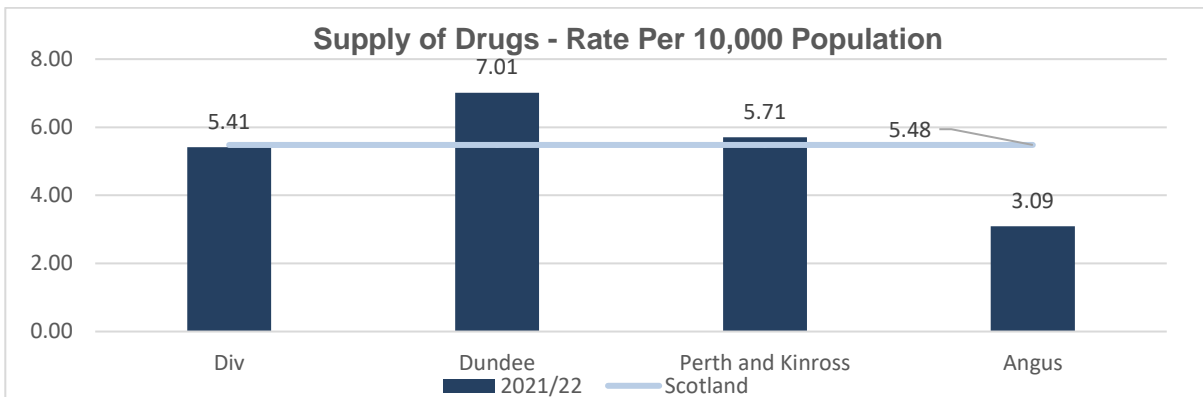
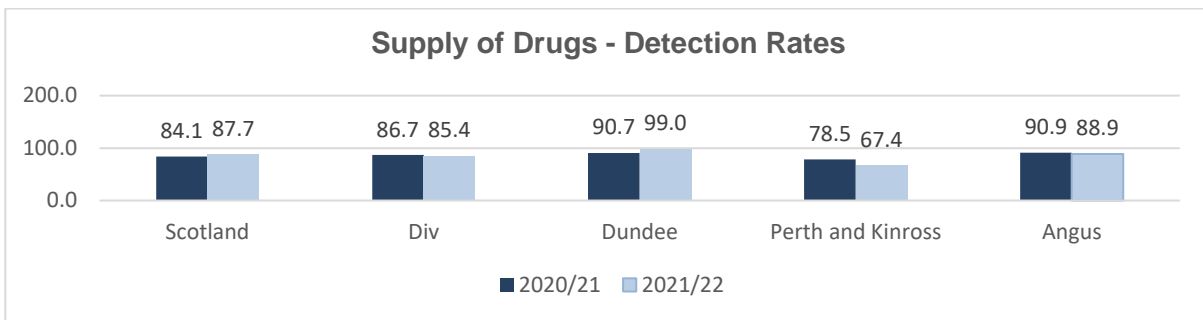
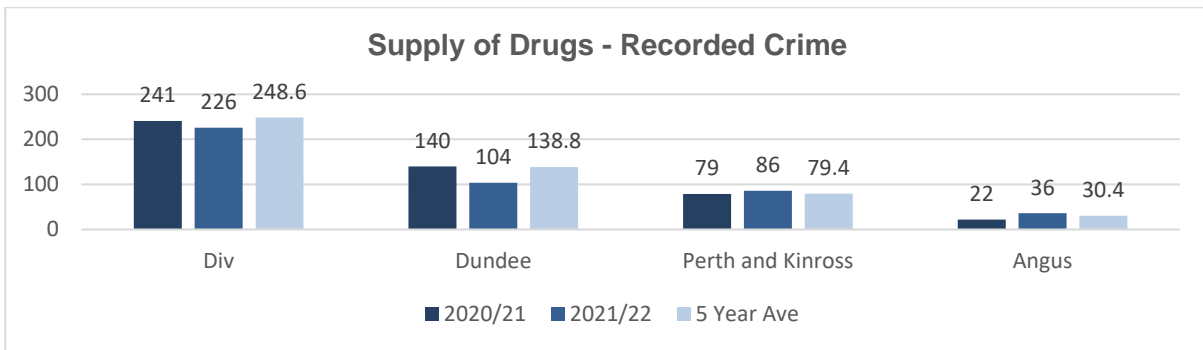
We continue to work with HMP on disrupting the flow of drugs into prisons.

Results

In December, Police executed 5 drugs search warrants in Perth leading to the arrested of four men between 16 and 24 for offences in connection with the supply of drugs. A further two men and one female were also charged with drug related offences. Officers recovered Cannabis, Cocaine, Heroin and Diazepam with a total value of over £12,000.

In December officers and staff at HMP Perth recovered a suspicious package which when opened contained Cocaine with a potential value of over £32,000. This is a

typical example of the excellent joint work between local community officers and HMP staff.



Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizures: £1,647.73

Expedited Civil Recoveries: no cases

Assets for restraint: £47,850



**Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
preparedness

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

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

Operating Context

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL.

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

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

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



Wildlife Crime

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

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- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

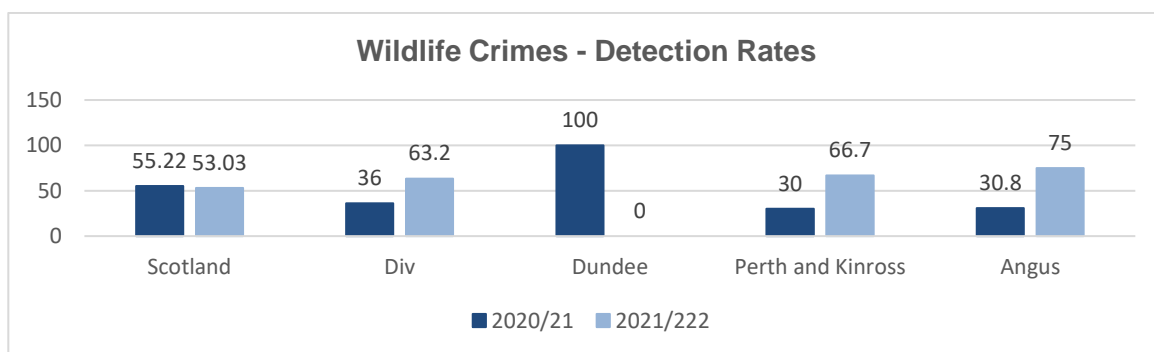
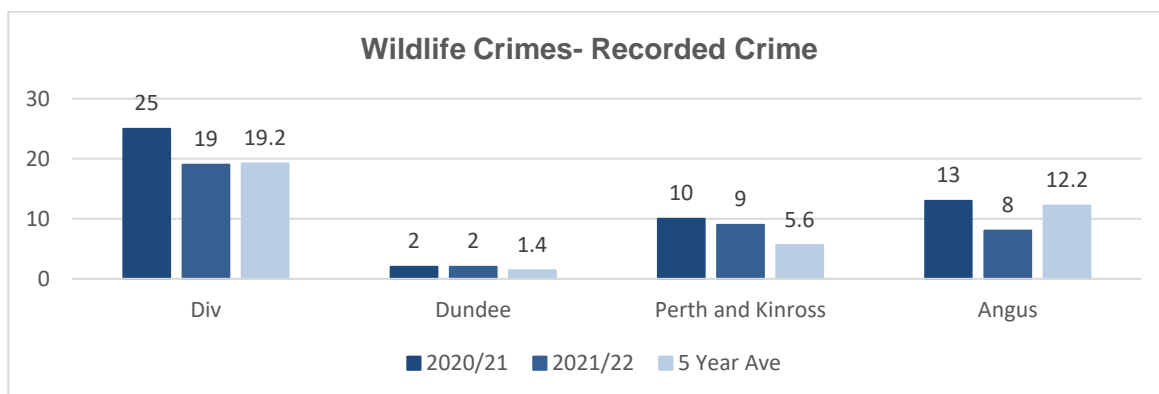
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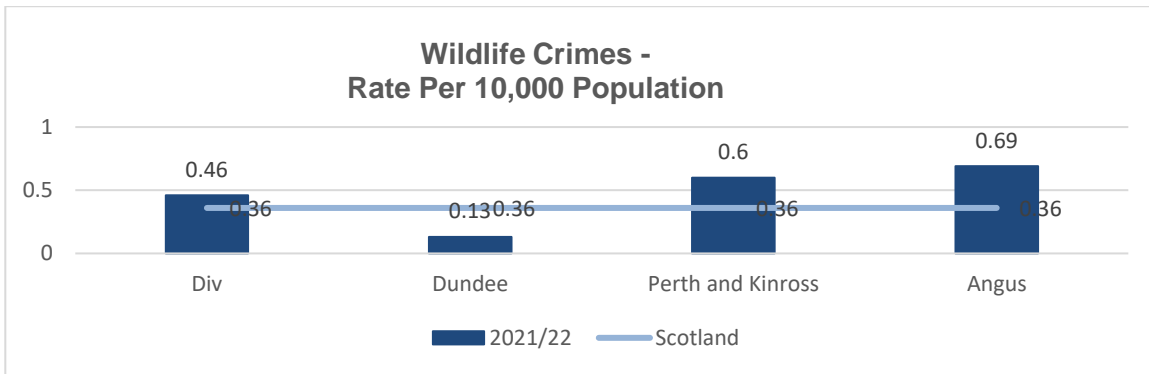
- *The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery*

Operating Context

Only one wildlife related crime was recorded this quarter and crime rates remain similar to the corresponding period last year.

Wildlife officers were engaged in checks of various fresh water pearl mussel sites across Perth and Kinross during this quarter as part of Operation Wingspan and it was pleasing to see this operation win a UK Wildlife award as Policing Operation of the Year.





Other Key Activity

Events

The Divisional Licensing Team have processed a total of 518 applications within this quarter.

Between 1st October and 31st December 2021, the team processed 192 occasional licence applications for licensed premises within Perth and Kinross.

In general, licensed premises across the area have positively observed the COVID restrictions placed on them and have worked closely with the LSO from the local authority and the licensing team.

During this quarter there were 67 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises within Perth and Kinross. Although there has been 67 recorded incidents, there is no evidence to suggest that there risk associated to one particular premises and the vast majority of incidents have been assessed as having been dealt with appropriately by the licence holders and staff.

The Divisional Licensing Team along with the local Policing teams across Perth and Kinross have carried out 140 inspections at licensed premises.

On 16th November 2021, the Divisional Licensing Team delivered by-stander training to members of the trade and P&K Licensing Forum. This training was well received and it is hoped the training can be delivered to more members of the trade and stakeholders when the easing of Coronavirus allows.

Other Key Activity

Activities in quarter 3 were affected by the need to be continually reactive to changes in guidance around the COVID pandemic. Following the demand brought about by the re-opening of licensed premises and the reactivation of events policing at the start of the quarter the lead up to Christmas coincided with the emergence of Omicron variants and created additional challenges to policing. Service delivery during this period was challenged by the highest absence rates since the pandemic began however as we emerged into quarter 4 these absence rates had begun to stabilise.

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Between 31st October and 12th November a number of local officers were deployed to the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow. Local Divisions were supported by national departments and probationers from the Police College to ensure business as usual and our officers returned having been involved in the safe policing of a significant international event.

October and November saw the activation of Operation Moonbeam, to provide a preventative response to seasonal increases in anti-social behaviour and other criminality around Halloween and bonfire night. Joint working took place with SFRS, the local authority, Trading Standards and retailers to prevent the widespread distribution of fireworks, engagement took place with communities via local media and co-ordinated patrols took place between the relevant agencies on the weekend of bonfire night. Given this coincided with COP26, it was notable that no significant incidents of disorder or criminality took place across Perth and Kinross.

Between 25th and 29th November local resilience arrangements were stood up in response to Storm Arwen, which resulted in damage to property and power shortages to a number of houses and businesses across Perthshire. Local partnerships reacted swiftly to identify and protect vulnerable communities and learning will be taken from this event to ensure an even better response to future weather related events.

On 22nd November the Chief Constable formally opened Police Scotland's new office, in Crieff, co-located with partners from Perth and Kinross Council. The successful completion of the Crieff Estate will enable future plans to transform our estate across Perth and Kinross to ensure it reflects our commitment to partnership and can attract, retain and empower our people as well as supporting the use of technology to improve operational effectiveness.

Complaints about the Police

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

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

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

Complaints Received

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

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	417	412	-1.2%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	673	632	-6.1%
Off Duty Allegations	4	1	-75.0%
On Duty Allegations	578	422	-27.0%
Quality of Service Allegations	91	209	129.7%

¹ Data is correct as at 31/12/2021.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 1.2% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by increases in Angus of 36.9% and Perth & Kinross of 1.8%. However, a decrease was identified within Dundee City of 17.0%

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased by 6.1%. This is determined by an increase in Angus of 39.2%. However, a decrease was identified within Perth & Kinross of 13.6% and within Dundee City of 13.6%

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:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons)²					
Reporting Period³	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FORCE / SCOTLAND	5 347 600	5 373 000	5 404 700	5 424 800	5 438 100	5 463 300
Tayside	413 800	415 040	415 470	416 090	416 080	417 470
Angus	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 280	116 040	116 200
Dundee City	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 710	148 750	149 320
Perth & Kinross	148 930	149 930	150 680	151 100	151 290	151 950

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

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