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

# 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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 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.

<b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	<b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	<b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b>
<b>Serious Assault</b>	<b>Robbery Inc Intent</b>	<b>Common Assault - Total</b>
Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %
20/21   45   91.1	20/21   20   85.0	20/21   510   76.7
21/22   37   89.2	21/22   17   76.5	21/22   563   68.7
% +/-   ↓17.8%   ↓-1.9%	% +/-   ↓-15.0%   ↓-8.5%	% +/-   ↑10.4%   ↓-7.9%
<b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b>	<b>Acquisitive Crime</b>	<b>Acquisitive Crime</b>
<b>Emergency Services Assault</b>	<b>Housebreakings - Dwellings</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle Crime</b>
Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %
20/21   62   100	20/21   27   18.5	20/21   121   22.3
21/22   60   98.3	21/22   38   31.6	21/22   114   33.3
% +/-   ↓-3.2%   ↓-1.7%	% +/-   ↑40.7%   ↑13.1%	% +/-   ↓-5.8%   ↑11.0%
<b>Acquisitive Crime</b>	<b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>	<b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>
<b>Fraud</b>	<b>Speeding</b>	<b>Drink/ Drug Driving</b>
Crimes   Detect %	Off.   Detect %	Off.   Detect %
20/21   107   19.6	20/21   926   99.9	20/21   142   83.8
21/22   180   15.0	21/22   1512   100	21/22   107   91.6
% +/-   ↑68.2%   ↓-4.6%	% +/-   ↑63.3%   ↑0.1%	% +/-   ↓-24.6%   ↑7.8%
<b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>	<b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>	<b>Public Protection</b>
<b>Road Deaths - All</b>	<b>Serious Injury - All</b>	<b>Rape Inc Assault With Intent</b>
Deaths   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %
20/21   -   N/A	20/21   28   N/A	20/21   29   44.8
21/22   3   N/A	21/22   36   N/A	21/22   45   42.2
% +/-   /   /	% +/-   ↑28.6%   /	% +/-   ↑55.2%   ↓-2.6%
<b>Public Protection</b>	<b>Serious Organised Crime</b>	<b>Serious Organised Crime</b>
<b>Group 2 – Sexual Crimes</b>	<b>Drug Supply</b>	<b>Drug Possession</b>
Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %	Crimes   Detect %
20/21   160   45.6	20/21   44   81.8	20/21   227   93.0
21/22   188   47.3	21/22   62   72.6	21/22   191   87.4
% +/-   ↑17.5%   ↑1.7%	% +/-   ↑40.9%   ↓-9.2%	% +/-   ↓-15.9%   ↓-5.5%

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**Violence,  
Disorder and  
Antisocial  
Behaviour**

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime

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**Operating Context**

This quarter has seen reductions in serious assaults and robberies compared to quarter 1 however there have been slight increases in common assault and vandalism. It is pleasing to see a reduction in assaults on emergency workers.

HMP Perth continues to be a hot spot however we have prioritised work with their staff to identify additional opportunities for preventions and interventions along with creating more efficient joint working practices.

Domestic Abuse remains the most common contributory factor in assaults and we continue to see young men be the most common perpetrators in all categories. The quarter being reported on includes school holidays and we have seen a seasonal increase in damage to schools.

It remains a concern across all areas of ASB and violence that young men, in particular between the ages of 10 and 17, are continuing to come to our attention.

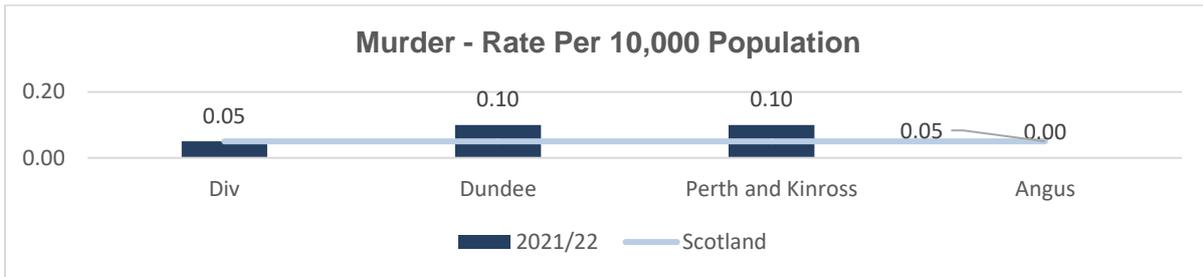
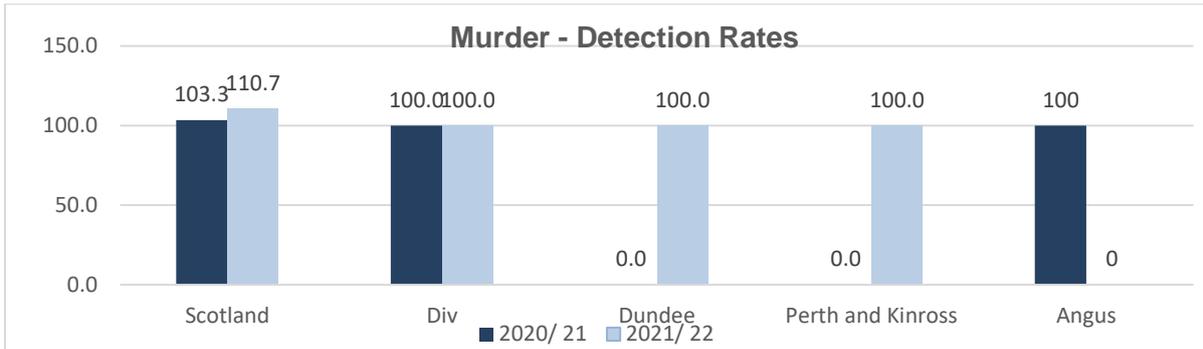
The partnership established to tackle visitor management issues has continued to work effectively and its success has significantly reduced the demand on policing.

This quarter saw a continued re-establishment of the night time economy and we are working with our partners in the licensing trade on ways to reduce violence and anti-social behaviour in town centres.

Murder

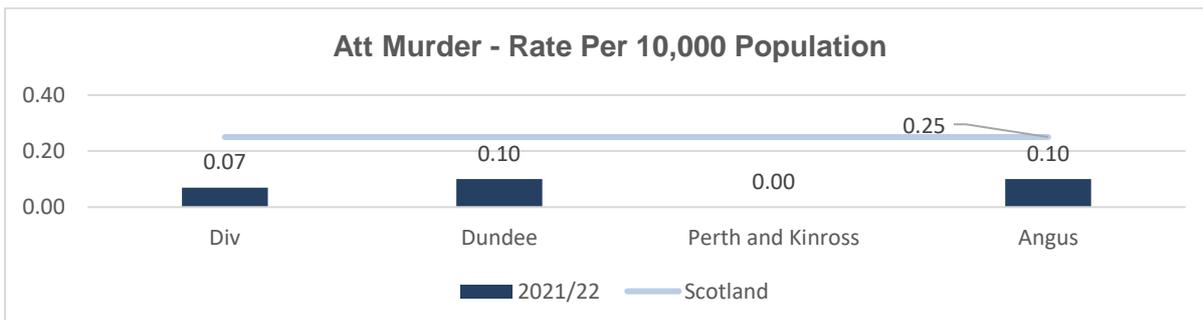
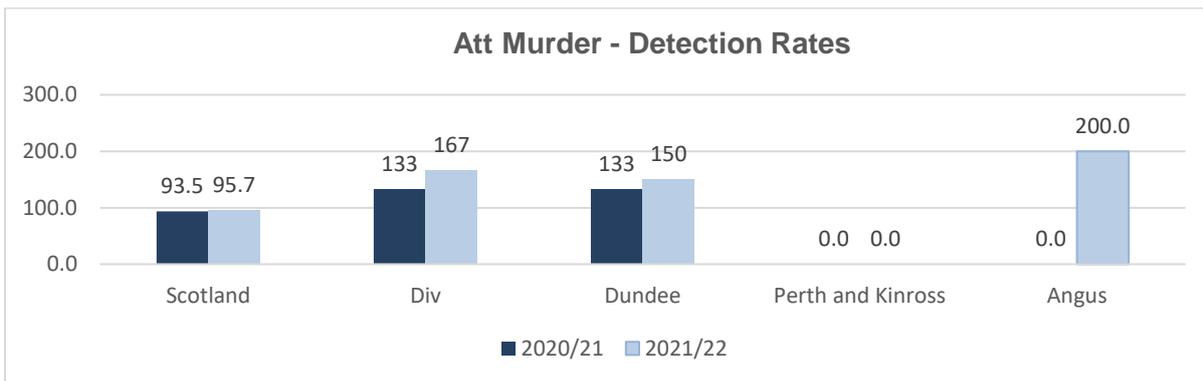
There have been no murders recorded during this period.





Attempted Murder

There have been no attempted murders recorded during this period.



Serious Assault

There were 18 serious assaults recorded during this reporting period. This represents a reduction of one crime from quarter 1, and a 17% reduction in serious assaults from the numbers recorded at this time in 2020/21.

Detection rates remain slightly below quarter 1 however are above Tayside and national averages. Only two crimes in this period remain undetected and in both cases named suspects and forensic enquiries remain underway.

A little under a third of the recorded serious assaults took place in HMP Perth and Castle Huntly.

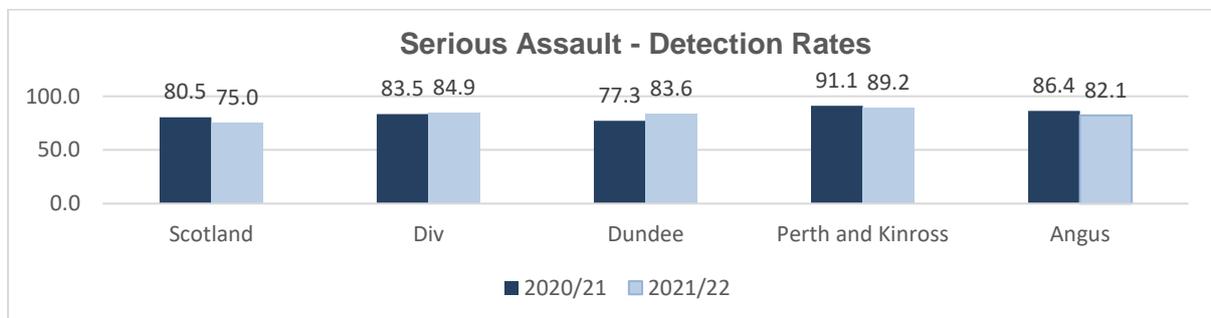
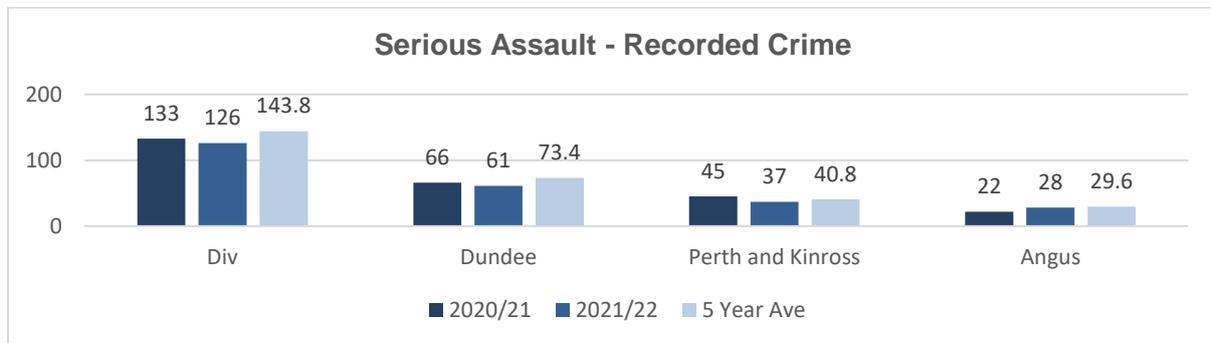
In all but two cases the perpetrator was known to the victim and alcohol continues to remain a significant factor in all assaults.

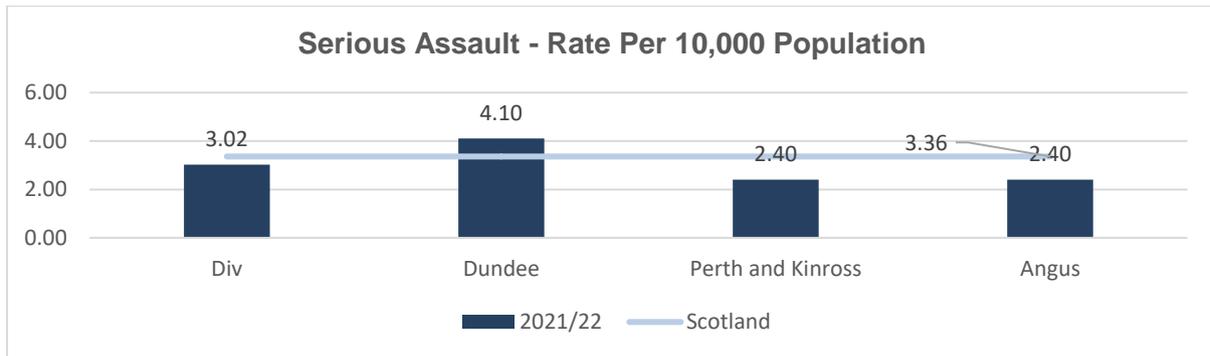
It is pleasing to see a reduction from quarter 1 in the number of serious assaults committed by young people against other young people. One crime however did feature an attack on one 14 year old boy by another pupil at a local school.

Results

On 1<sup>st</sup> August a 26 year old male was assaulted with a bladed weapon following a large disturbance in Alyth. Following significant enquiry by local and CID officers a 21 year old man was arrested and charged.

On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 a 35 year old female was seriously assaulted when she was thrown against a shop window in Perth City Centre. A 41 year old female was later arrested and charged.





### Common Assault

Common assaults are 10% higher than the equivalent period in 2020/21 however occurrence rates are slowing. Recorded crime rose by 4% between quarter 1 and quarter 2 2021/22, less than the corresponding 12% increase between quarter 1 and quarter 2 2020/21.

Detection rates remain down on equivalent periods last year.

Over half (52%) of common assaults occurred in Perth City and in around 67% of the crimes the victim and perpetrator were known to each other. Around one third of the crimes were committed within a domestic setting.

More crimes occur within a public space (56%) than private spaces. Public space assaults can occur in public streets however these figures also include schools, shops, licensed premises and prisons.

The majority of offenders are male (72%) with young males between 18 and 44 the most frequent offenders. Worryingly, younger males aged between 10 and 17 account for around one quarter of the male perpetrators, confirming the need for a continued commitment to work with schools and young people.

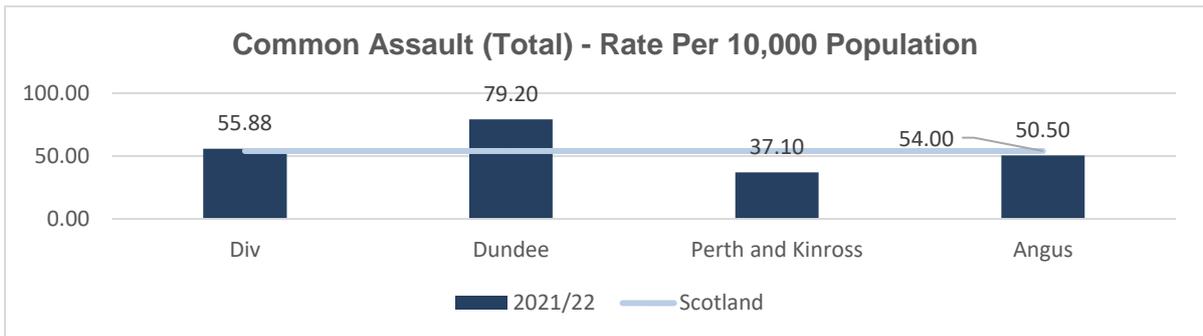
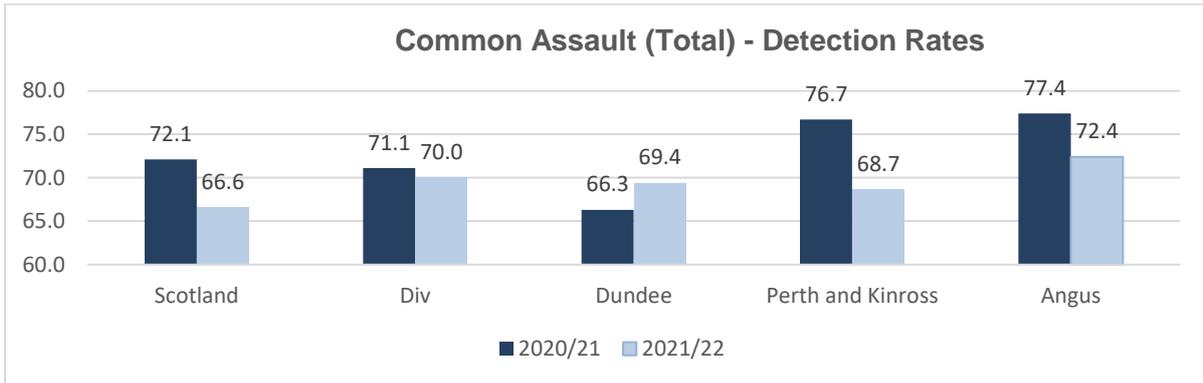
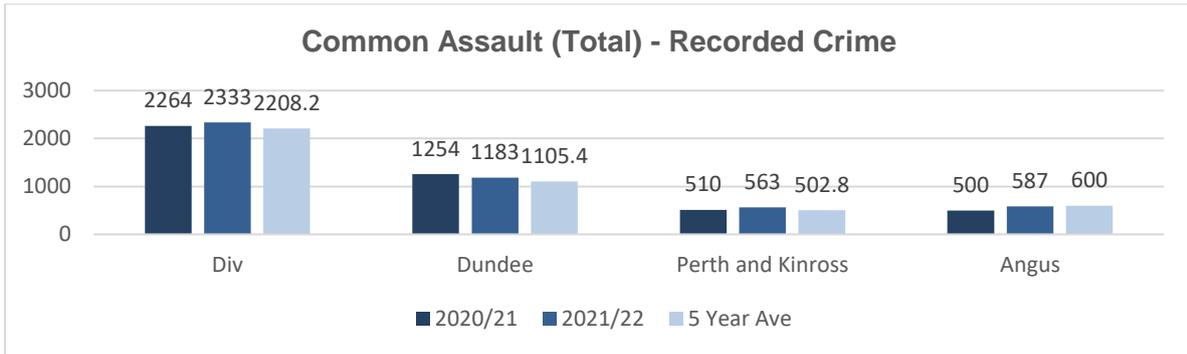
It is positive to see assaults on emergency workers are decreasing however we remain aware of the impact these can have on officers and other key workers.

### Results

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 a 19 year old male was arrested at McDiarmid Park after he assaulted two Police Officers who had challenged him for using controlled drugs during a Premiership football fixture.

On 8<sup>th</sup> September a 41 year old man was arrested having threatened and attempted to assault the senior charge nurse within A&E at Perth Royal Infirmary.

On 16<sup>th</sup> September a 50 year old man and 44 year old woman were arrested having threatened and assaulted retail workers within Perth City Centre.



Robbery

There were nine robberies or attempts recorded during this period. This represents the same number of crimes as this period in 2020/21 and one more crime than quarter one. Seven of the robberies were in Perth City with one each in North and South Perthshire.

Whilst there is a slight decrease in detection rates from the equivalent period in 2020/21 this represents two crimes. In one case, it has not been possible to obtain sufficient information from the victim to allow significant enquiry. A suspect is currently being sought in respect of the other crime which will be detected.

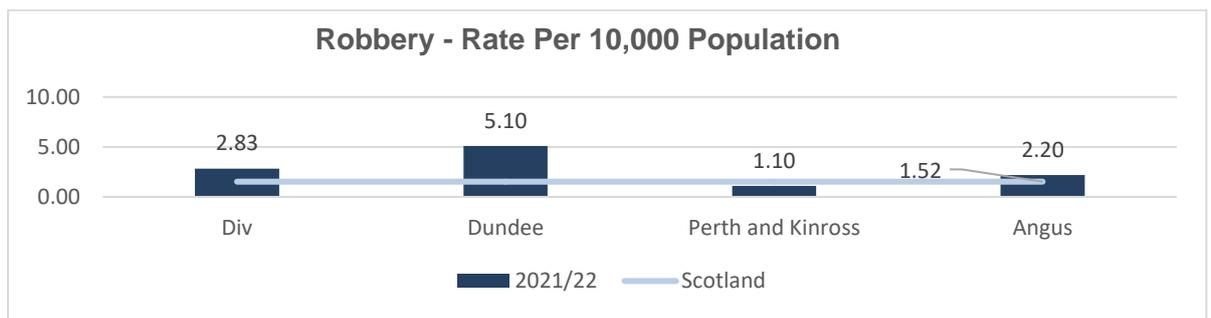
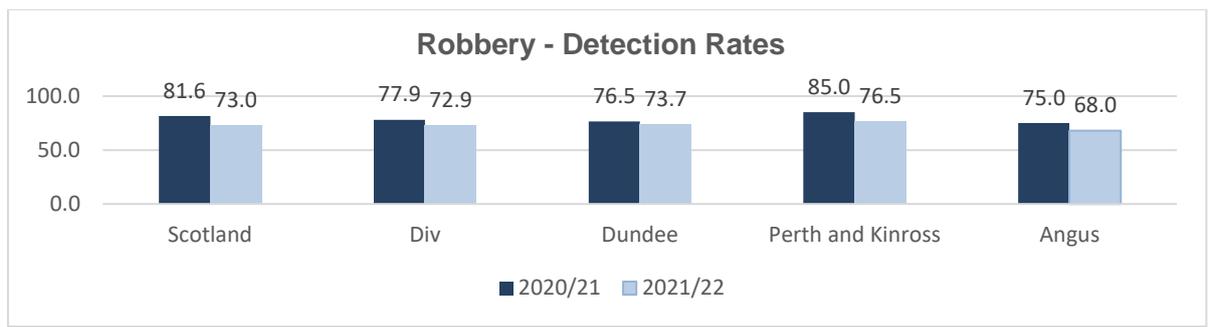
In seven of the crimes the perpetrator was known to the victim, and in those other cases a bag of alcohol was stolen by force from a victim during the night-time economy and a phone was stolen from a car driver following a road rage incident. In five crimes weapons were used and these were all during incidents where perpetrators were known to the victim and all featured the use of controlled substances as an aggravator. In response to the continued involvement of controlled

drugs in such crime police and partners continue to focus on outreach work to divert people from substance use and the identification of persons vulnerable to exploitation by organised criminals.

**Results**

On 16<sup>th</sup> July a male stole property by force from his ex-partner in Perth. This 29 year old male was later arrested and charged with robbery.

On 15<sup>th</sup> September, following a road rage incident in Almondbank, a phone was stolen from a male who had recorded the actions of the other driver. A 28 year old man was subsequently arrested and charged.



Vandalism

There has been a 6% increase in the number of vandalisms committed during this period compared to the same period last year. Detection rates continue to be slightly below rates from last year.

As reported in previous periods around half of the reported vandalisms relate to damage to vehicles discovered by owners and reported as vandalisms. These are

often reported after the time/date of occurrence reducing the number of investigative opportunities available.

Again, the geographical split in reported crimes is more evenly spread across Perth and North/South Perthshire than in other crime types.

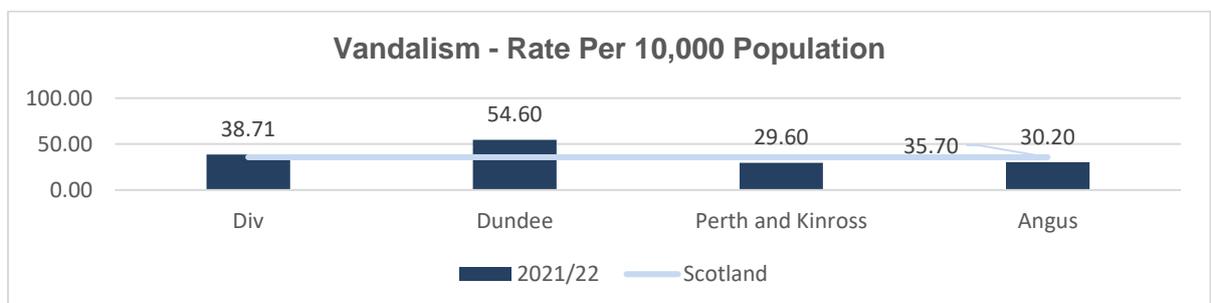
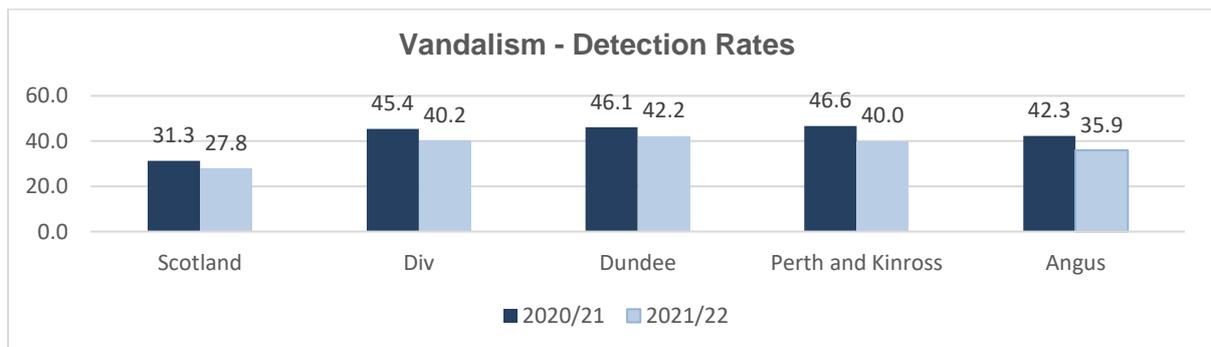
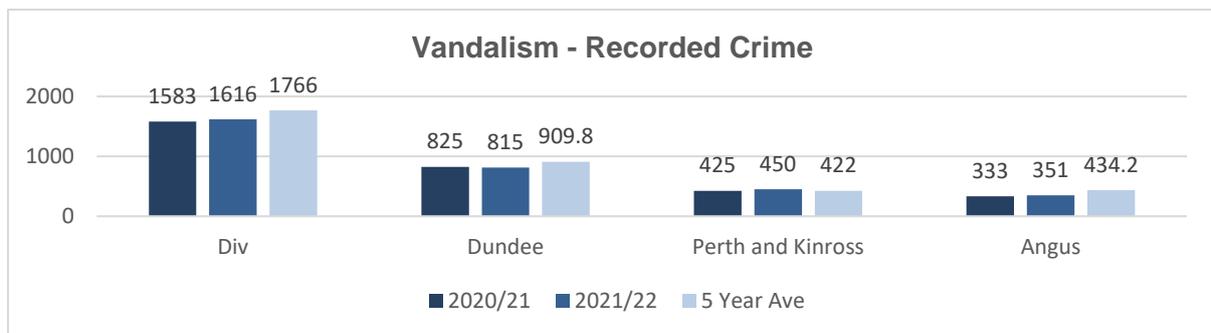
Given this reporting period included the school holidays we saw a small increase in the number of incidents reported at schools.

The continued success of the multi-agency partnership around visitor management has led to a reduction in incidents and damage which has required the attendance of police.

**Results**

In July a 16 year old male was charged with vandalisms to Stanley Primary School between 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of that month.

Between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> September four young people between the ages of 13 and 15 were identified for committing a number of vandalisms to vehicles and other private property in the Crieff area.



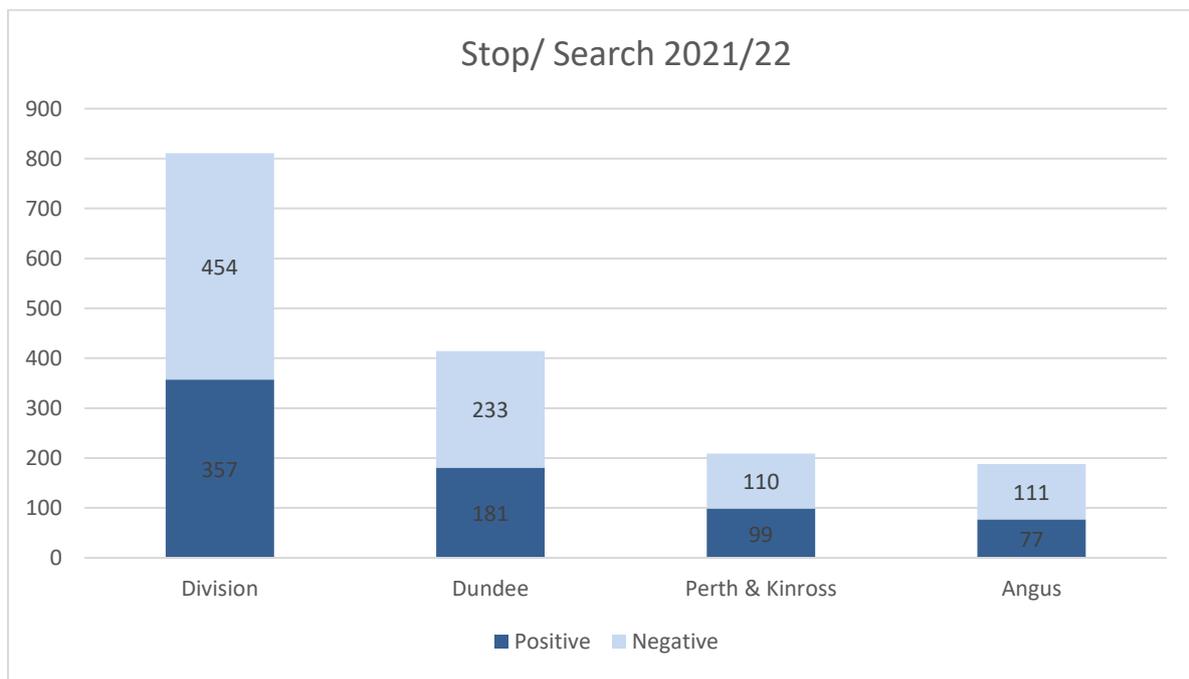
Stop Search

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 209 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 99 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 47.4%.

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





### Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending

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

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### Operating Context

Quarter 2 saw an unexpected shift in the pattern of reported acquisitive crime with criminals targeting less well defended targets such as sheds, motor vehicles and shoplifting becoming less prevalent and break-ins to houses increasing.

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

Our Community Investigation Unit continue to lead on acquisitive crime investigations and have made some significant contributions during this quarter to identifying perpetrators in crime series. Their work with colleagues in Angus and Proactive CID to detect Tayside wide crime series was notable along with joint work with colleagues in Edinburgh to target a crime group committing crimes across the Lothians and Perth and Kinross.

Occurrence rates for fraud continue to follow similarly reported patterns.

#### Domestic Housebreaking

During this period 23 housebreakings to domestic dwellings have been recorded. This represents an increase from quarter 1 and an increase on reported rates when compared to quarter 2 2020/21. Detection rates have risen by 70% compared to this reporting period last year and remain above national and Divisional averages. This is a measure of the proactive work carried out by local teams and particularly the Community Investigation Unit along with neighbouring Divisions.

The geographical split has altered with increasing numbers of crimes reported in Perth City Centre, around 52%. The remaining crimes are split equally between North and South Perthshire.

Many of the crimes fall within two distinct patterns. Not exclusively, but many of the crimes in Perth city centre are attempts at housebreaking where damage is reported to windows, door frames and locks in circumstances which suggested an attempted crime.

In North and South Perthshire, the reported crimes are generally break-ins to domestic dwellings when the occupiers are not present, often targeting tools and cycles. Local

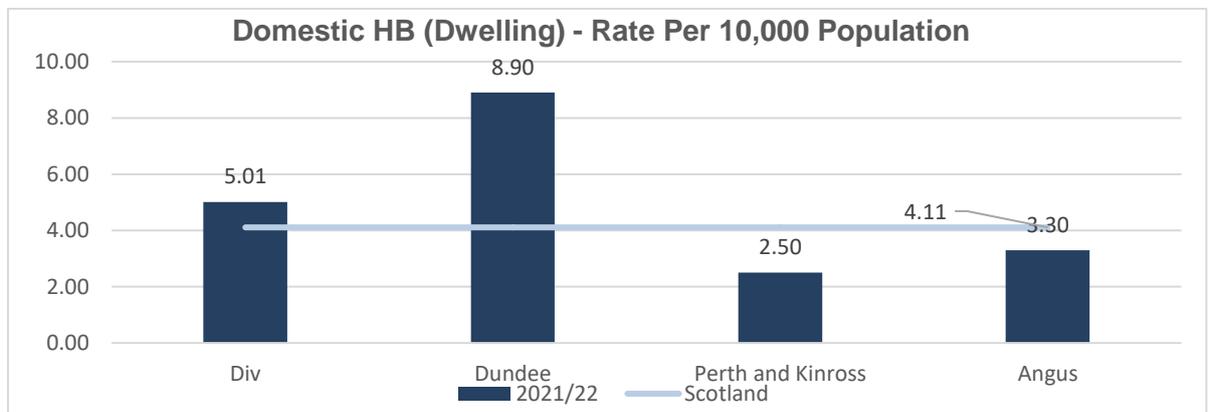
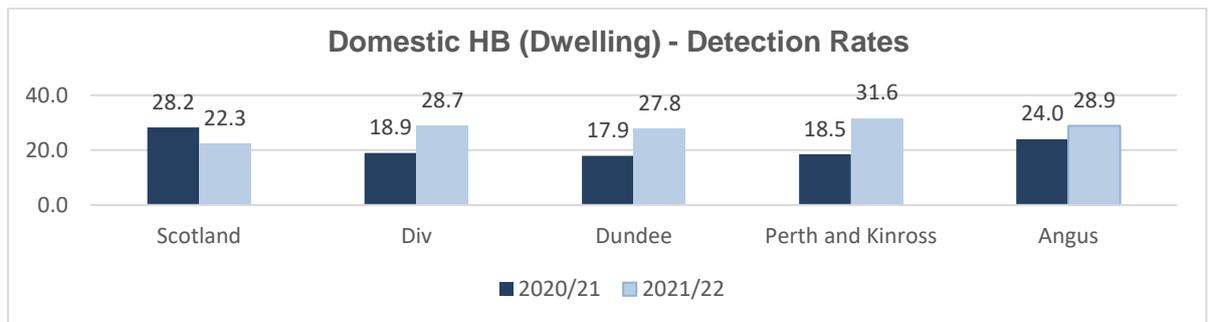
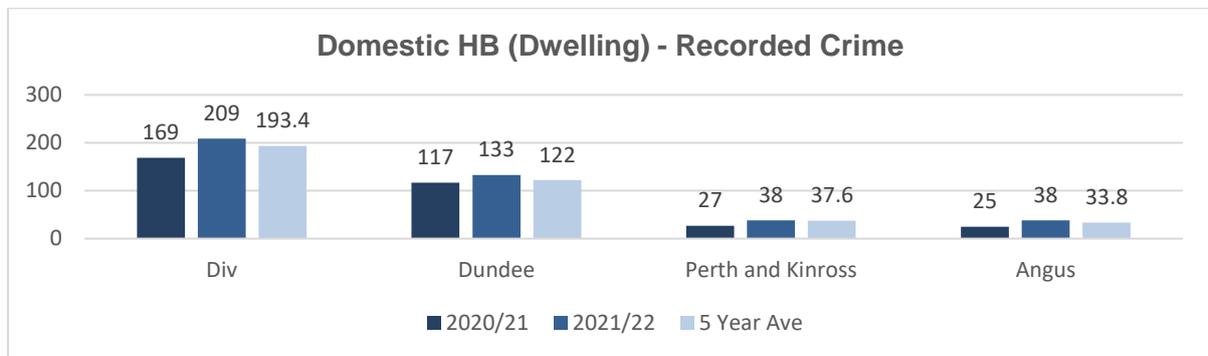
officers and partners continue to offer security advice and carry out security surveys in order to prevent such patterns of crime.

**Results**

Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August a 40 year old male was responsible for three breaks-ins and attempts to properties in Bridgend and Craigie. He was later arrested and charged with these offences.

On 28<sup>th</sup> July two homes in Scone were broken into. Links were made to a group of young males from Edinburgh active in utilising vehicles bearing false plates to travel across Scotland targeting domestic and commercial properties from which to steal bicycles. A 17 year old member of this crime group has since been identified as responsible for these offences and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

In September warrants were executed at three addresses in Dundee and Angus in relation to a number of crimes including the theft of three motorbikes from a property in Meigle. During the enquiries two additional stolen quad bikes were recovered. Two males aged 25 and 28 have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.



Fraud

Rates of reported fraud continue to be high and remain above comparative figures from this period last year. Detection rates continue to be lower than we would like however are consistent with national and Divisional rates and a number continue to have ongoing enquiries.

The most prevalent type of fraud reported has generally fallen into three categories.

The most common, at around 23%, was the theft or fraudulent use of a bank cards or accessing another person's online banking to purchase goods, exacerbated by the majority of fraudulent card use being via contactless payment.

The next most common at just under 20% involved the victim being persuaded by a person purporting to be from the person's bank or other government agency, most often by telephone, to transfer monies or goods to a "safe" account.

Around 15% of the reported crime involves the offering of goods for sale, obtaining monies by online money transfer and thereafter failing to send those goods.

There continues to be fewer examples of vulnerable victims withdrawing sums of money from banks and this may be down to the continued success of current banking protocols.

Police Scotland continues to focus along with partners on preventative campaigns and warning messages across a range of media.

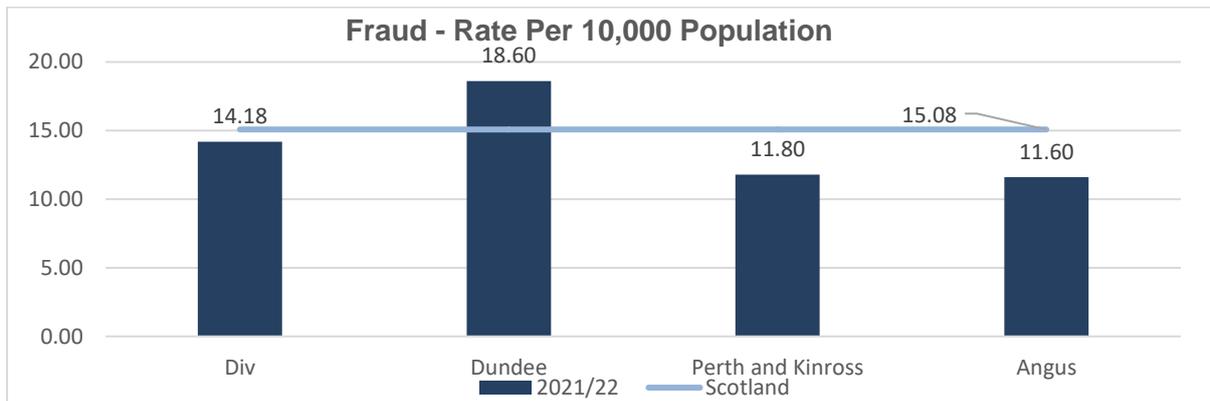
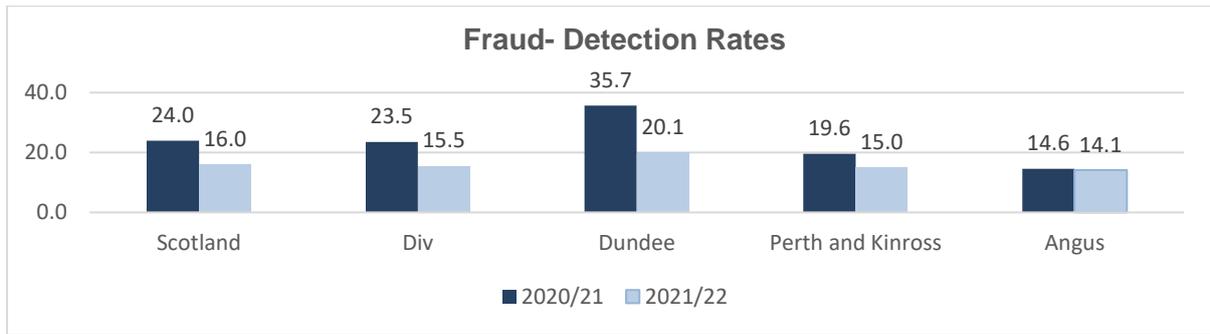
**Results**

At the end of September a 27 year old male from Dumfries and Galloway was reported to the Procurator Fiscal having been provided with a five figure sum of money by a householder from Perth in return for works which were never carried out. This was a result of joint work with Trading Standards.

Also in September a report was received from an elected member about a vulnerable female who had been visited by a potential bogus workmen purporting to be from the Council. As a result of the contact the female was visited by Police and partners, a security doorbell was fitted and a letter drop was carried out in the neighbourhood.

At the end September a 28 year old male from the Crieff area was arrested following a long investigation into drug dealing, loan sharking and debt collection by intimidation, towards a number of vulnerable people. He was later remanded in custody.





Theft by Shoplifting

Rates of reported shoplifting have dropped by just over 20% compared with quarter 1 and whilst the retail environment was different during the equivalent period in 2020/21 there have been 59 less recorded crimes compared to the equivalent period last year.

Our data continually allows us to identify vulnerable areas within retail premises which are entered onto local policing plans, allowing disruption of known offenders. Perth continues to dominate reported shoplifting offences with around 90% of all incidents recorded there. The majority of shoplifting in Perth takes place within premises operated by large scale retailers.

Alcohol remains the most commonly stolen item in around 65% of reported crimes. Toiletries and cosmetics remain the next most commonly stolen item at around 30%.

A smaller number of offenders are responsible for a large number of crimes with one male having been charged and reported for 15 offences during this reporting period. These individuals have also been responsible for other acquisitive crime demonstrating the continued prevalence of offending across the different crime areas.





Motor Vehicle Crime

This quarter has seen a 25% reduction in motor vehicle crime compared to quarter 1 and reported crimes are below the equivalent period in 2020/21. Detection rates are similar to quarter 1 and sit above the rate recorded in 2020/21.

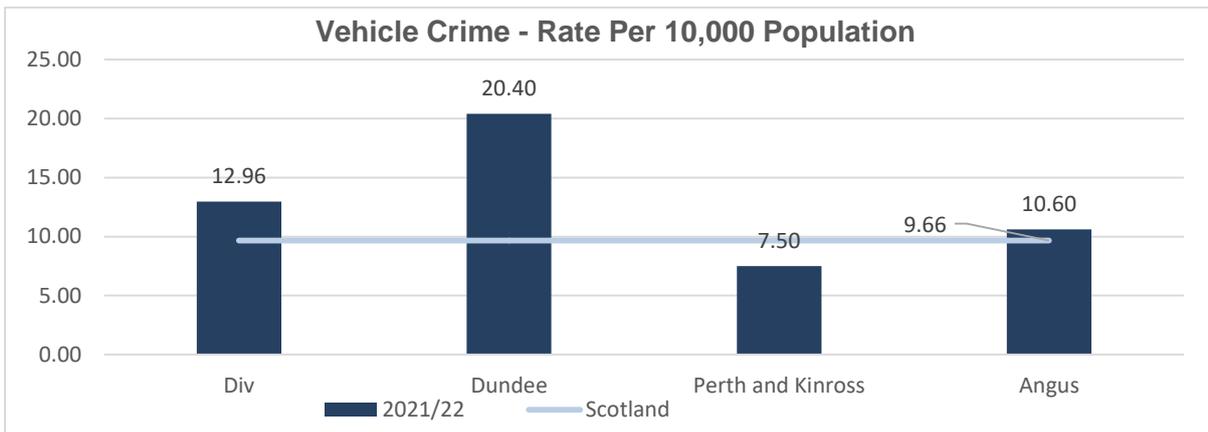
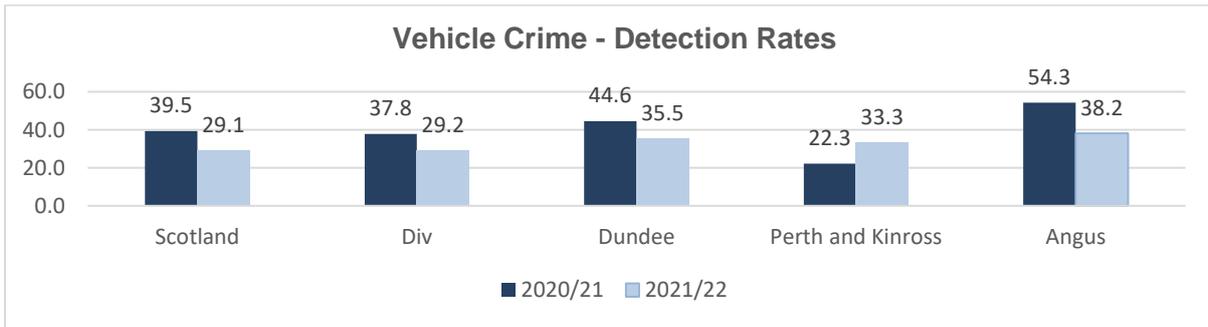
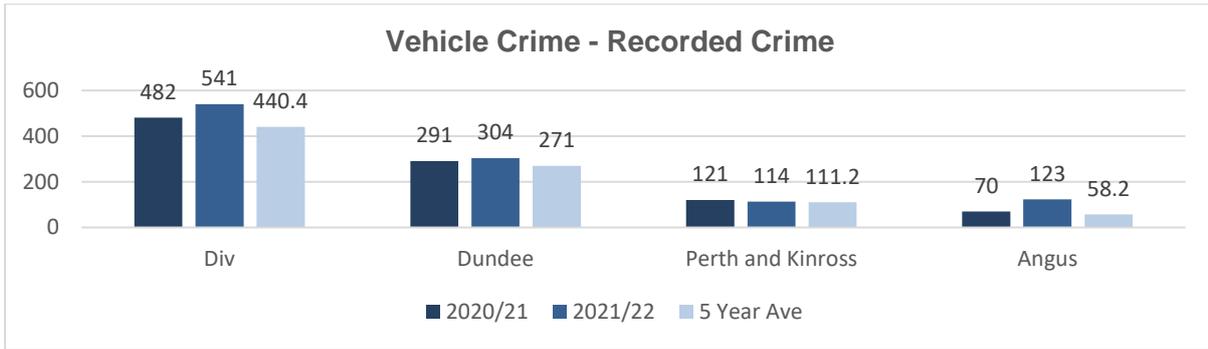
The two most common modes of perpetration are entering an insecure vehicle to steal high value items such as laptops and wallets and the taking and driving away of vehicles without the permission of the owner. In these cases the persons responsible are often known to the owners of the vehicles and the thefts occur using the true key following visits to their home address or house parties. The vehicle is usually recovered after such thefts.

It is pleasing to see the reducing prevalence of thefts by breaking into locked vehicles this quarter, the risk of which has previously resulted in the sharing of safety messages.

Results

In July a 38 year old male was arrested in the Crieff area following a short pursuit after he stole an ex-partner's vehicle whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Following the theft of a quad bike from near Coupar Angus a 21 year old male from Dundee was arrested. This was the culmination of an enquiry between CID and local officers into a group of young males from Dundee who had been responsible for a number of rural crimes throughout Angus and Perth and Kinross.





**Road Safety  
and Road  
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**Operating Context**

Operation CEDAR

The principles of Operation CEDAR are regularly being 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 and Kinross has experienced three road traffic fatalities during this reporting period.

In July, a 36 year old male motorcyclist was killed on the A911 when he lost control of the machine and subsequently collided with a tree.

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In August, an 18 year old female driver of a car lost her life when she collided head on with another vehicle. The incident occurred on the A9 near to Dunkeld, and a passenger in the car was also seriously injured as a result of the collision.

Also in August, a 23 year old female passenger was killed when the vehicle she was travelling in collided with a tree on the A94. The male driver of the vehicle was also seriously injured as a result of the collision.

At the end of quarter 2, Perth and Kinross has seen 36 serious collisions, a 28.6% increase compared to the same period last year. It is assessed that reduction of COVID-19 restrictions and an increasing number of road users may be a factor.

There have been 55 slight injury collisions, a 5% reduction on the same reporting period last year.

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 and drink/drug driving.

Based on strategic assessment a number of priority locations have been identified within the area which have been subject to focussed operation activity.

At the end of quarter 2, there have been a total of 12,932 vehicles stopped in Tayside division. This resulted in a number of offences being detected and reported, whilst a number of offenders were warned in respect of other road traffic contraventions.

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

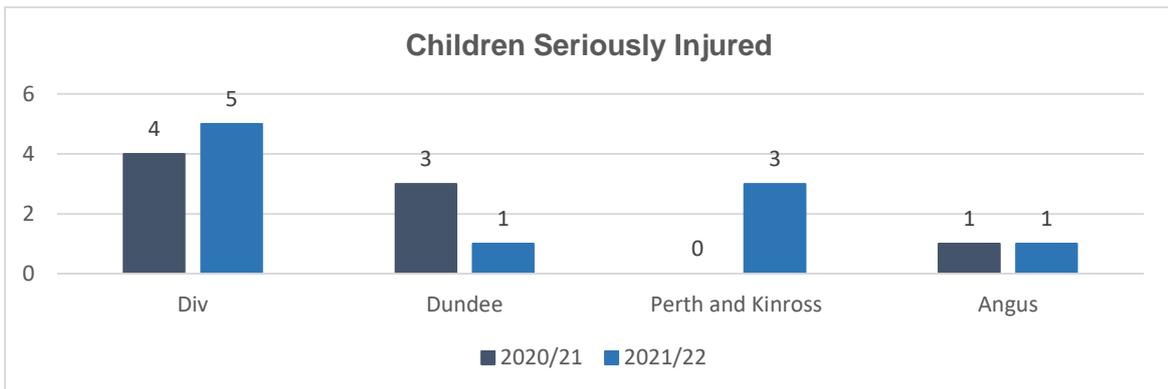
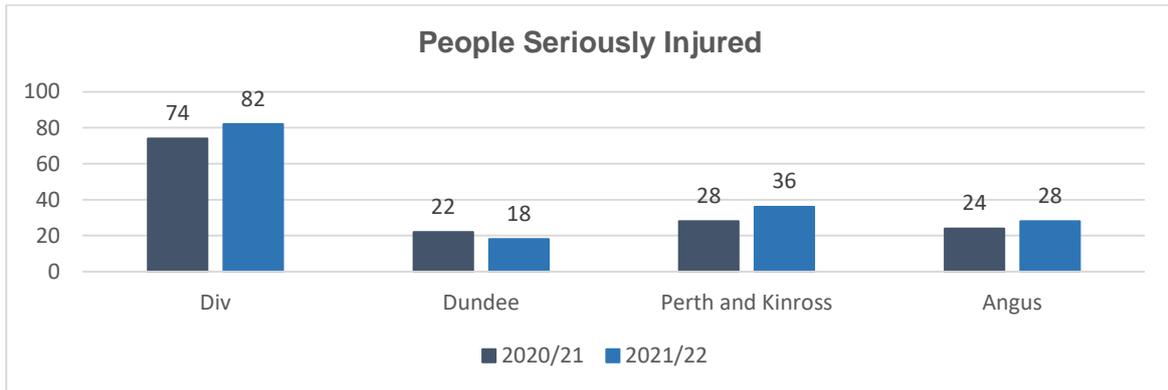
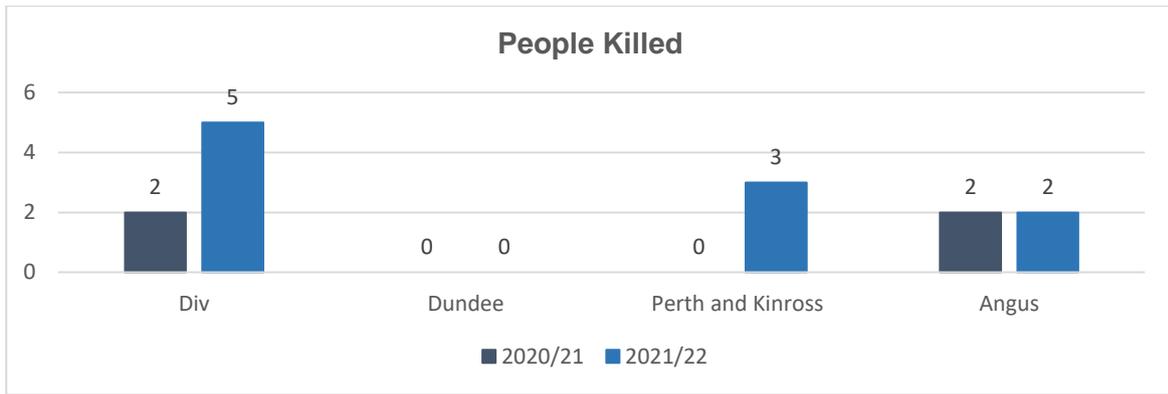
### **Vulnerable Road Users - 6 - 19 September 2021**

#### **Project EDWARD 13 – 17 September 2021.**

#### **National Motorcycle Campaign 5 April – 30 September**

Over the duration of this campaign, across Scotland a total of 148 periods of activity were carried out resulting in 1656 motorcyclists being stopped.

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.



### Speeding

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

Divisionally, Tayside has also experienced a significant increase with a total of 2810 offenders detected.

### Results

Between the 19<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2021, the national Speeding Campaign was held. This involved dedicated officers from the Road Policing Unit, Safety Camera Unit along with Divisional officers targeting areas throughout out Tayside Division. A number of offenders were detected with a variety of disposals utilised.

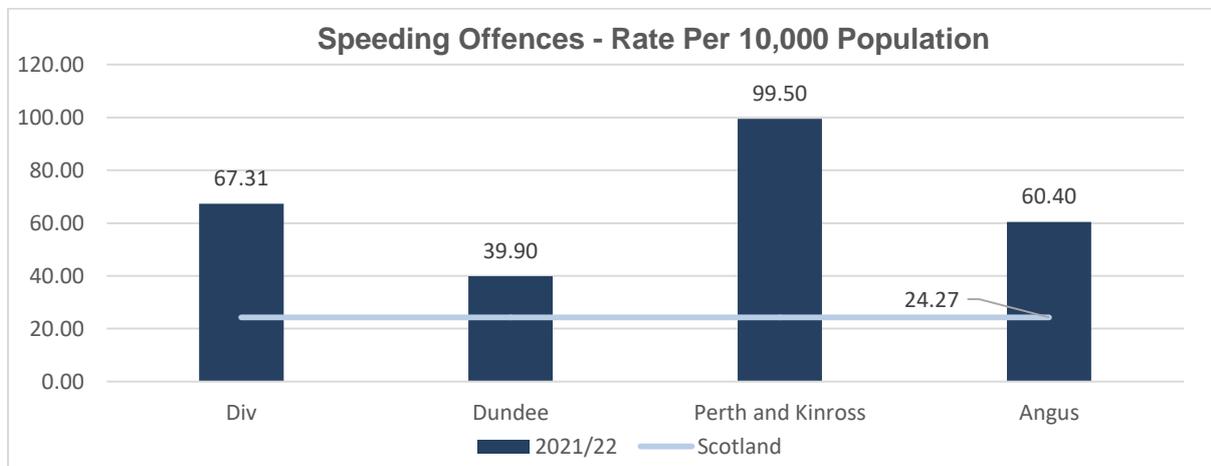
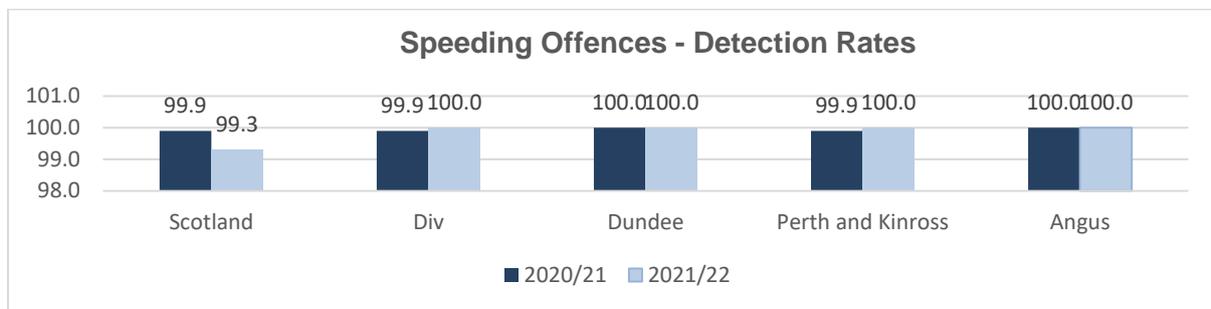
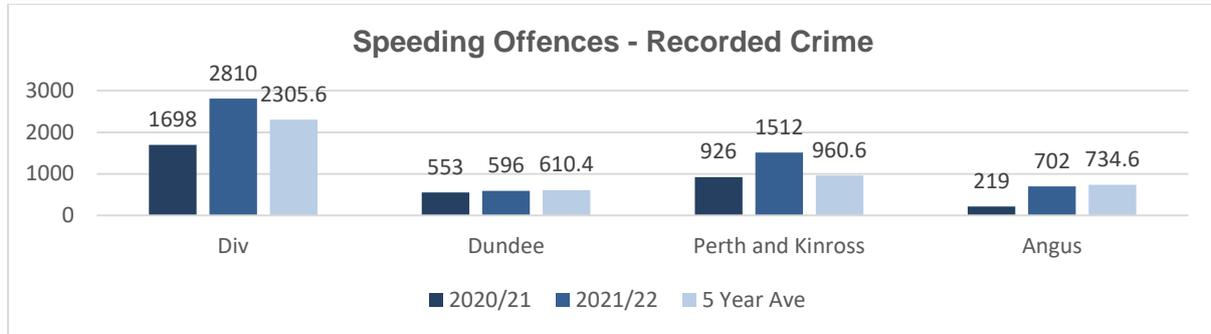
Notable speeds seen in Perth and Kinross were

105 mph exceed 70mph limit

101 mph exceed 70mph limit

100mph exceed 70 mph limit

58mph exceed 30mph limit



Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences have decreased compared to the same period of last year. Similar decreases have been seen across Tayside Division.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 657 breath tests year to date and conducted 143 drug wipes, 72 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.

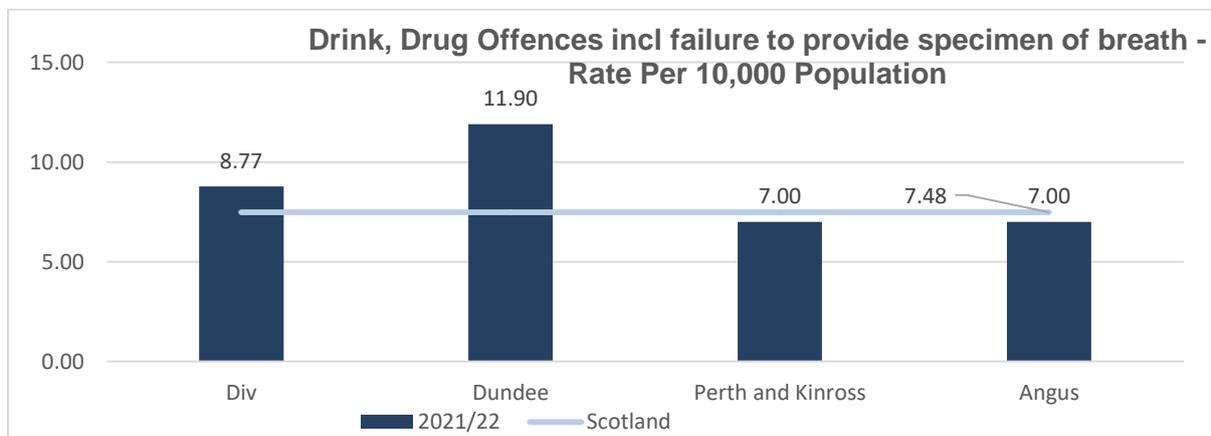
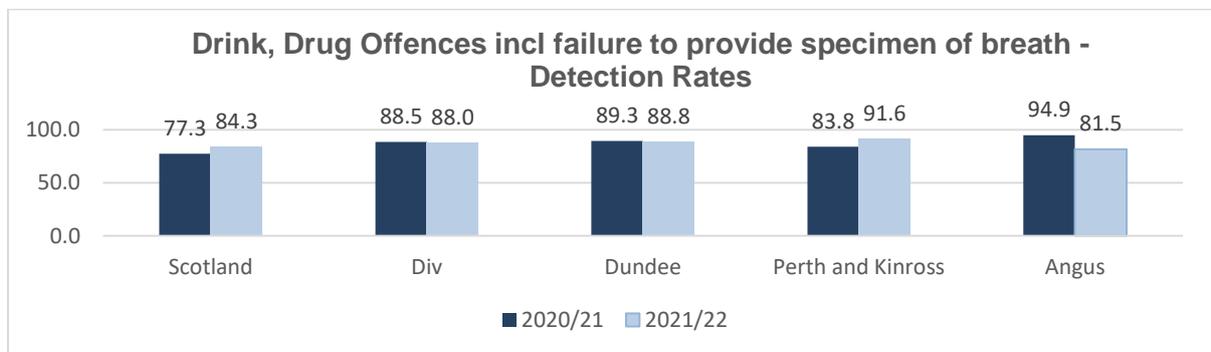
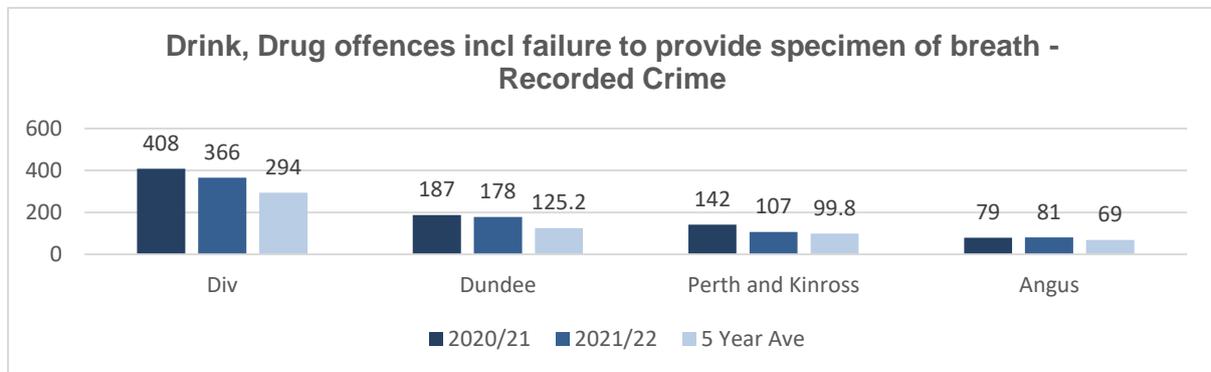
Results

Between 19th July & 8<sup>th</sup> August, Police Scotland held the Summer 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 offenders who drive the morning after being under the influence.

A number of different media messages were used to raise awareness and actively encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour.

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

Perth and Kinross experienced a 14.6% increase in recorded offences of Careless driving compared to the same period last year.

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

Part of the key to reducing Careless driving figures is to focus on influencing driver and road user behaviour. By focusing on the 'Fatal 5', Tayside Division Road Policing Unit, working with our partners, 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.

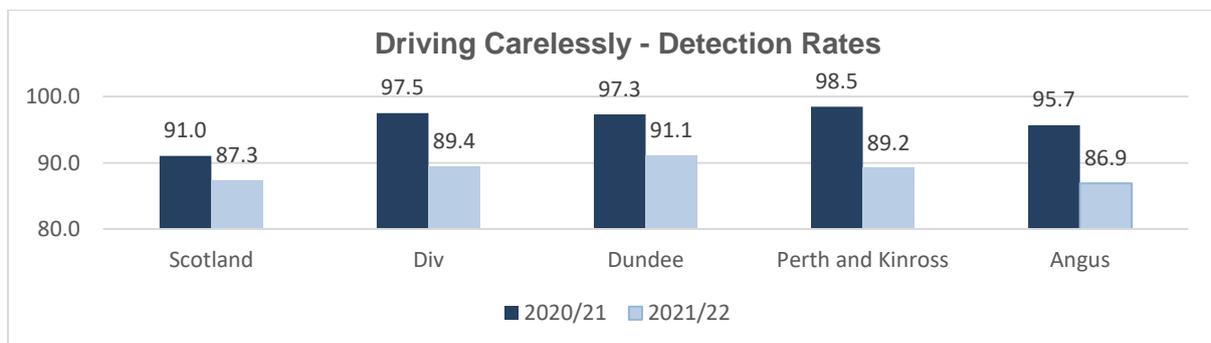
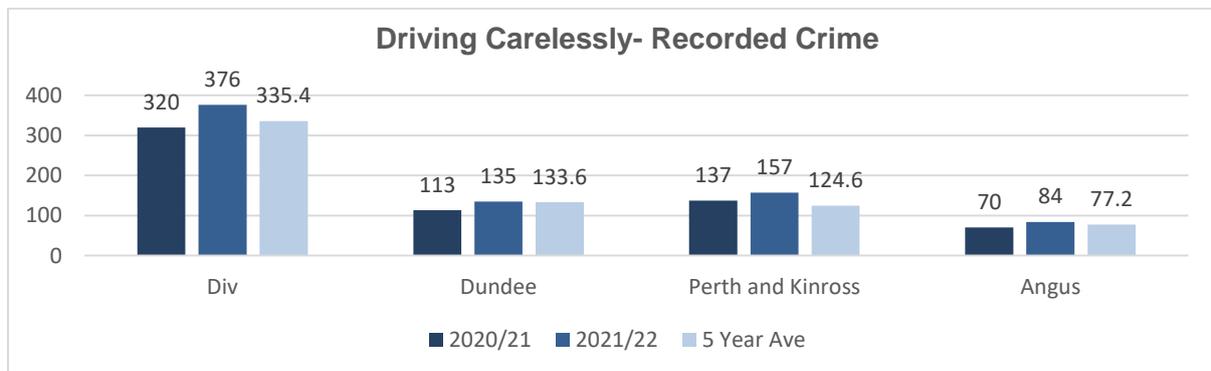
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

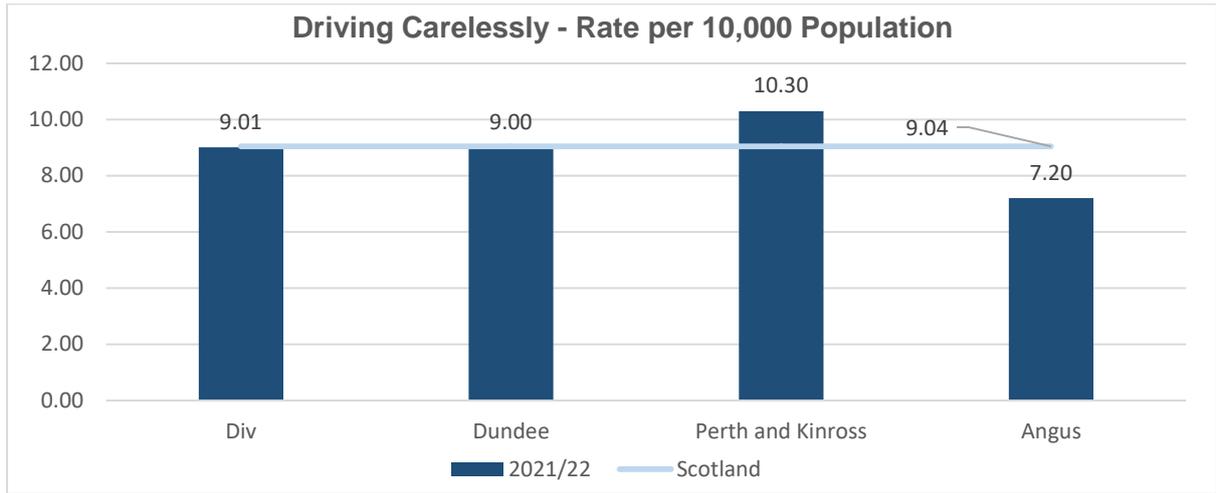
These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

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 continue to incrementally increase, driven by the reporting of historical abuse and cyber enabled offences, of which adults are increasingly becoming the victims as well as young people.

With the relaxation of lockdown we have seen the reintroduction of many young people into public spaces and have responded to a number of reports of sexualised conduct in city centres and licensed premises usually by young men and always aggravated by alcohol or substance use. We have re-opened discussions with partners in the license trade and wider about making public spaces safer for all.

We continue to experience a significant demand from missing people and the receipt of concern calls, often generated by other agencies. The greatest missing person demand comes from premises who accommodate young people from other local authorities within the UK with 70% of demand coming from missing young people between the ages of 10 and 19. 75% of missing persons recorded are male.

During early July local officers carried out significant enquiries into the circumstances of a 16 year old looked after child from northern England going missing from a care establishment in Perth and Kinross. The male in question was at risk of exploitation from County Lines drug dealing in the Manchester area. Joint work with officers in the north east resulted in the young person being found in Aberdeen having been used for the distribution of drugs in that area.

The requirement to respond to persons in mental health or other crisis has continued unabated and the summer months presented additional challenges from persons around Scotland becoming lost or voluntarily going missing in Highland Perthshire. The work of the Tayside Mountain Rescue Team requires credit as the number of deployments they have received has been unprecedented and their professionalism in not only recovering stranded members of the public, but tracing vulnerable missing persons in varying difficulties of terrain, including water, has been invaluable to local policing.

We are working hard to identify and utilise alternatives to Police attendance in cases where people require mental health interventions.

Domestic Abuse

The crime rates represented in the table below are crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018. Seven crimes have been recorded in this quarter, five less than quarter 1. Given there a number of common law crimes which can be committed which have a domestic abuse aggravator these figures should be viewed in context.

Whilst detection rates have fallen from those previously reported the complexity of offences under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 results in the investigations into a number of these enquiries remaining live at the time of reporting. These figures are likely to rise once enquiries are completed.

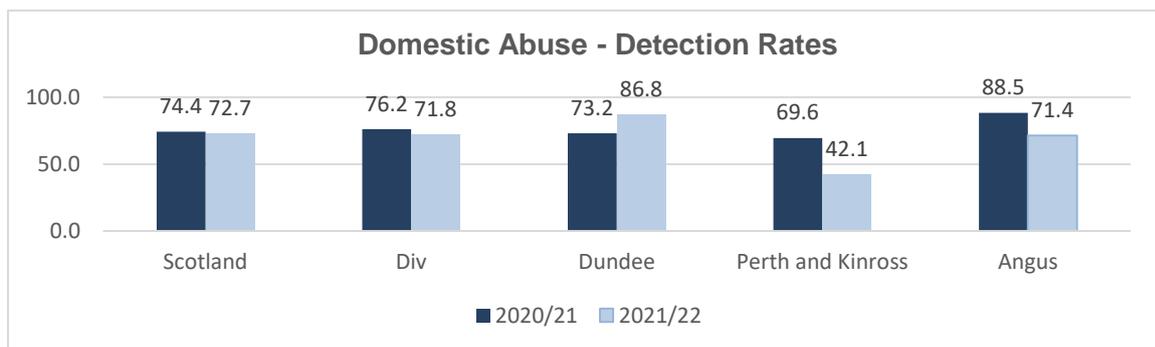
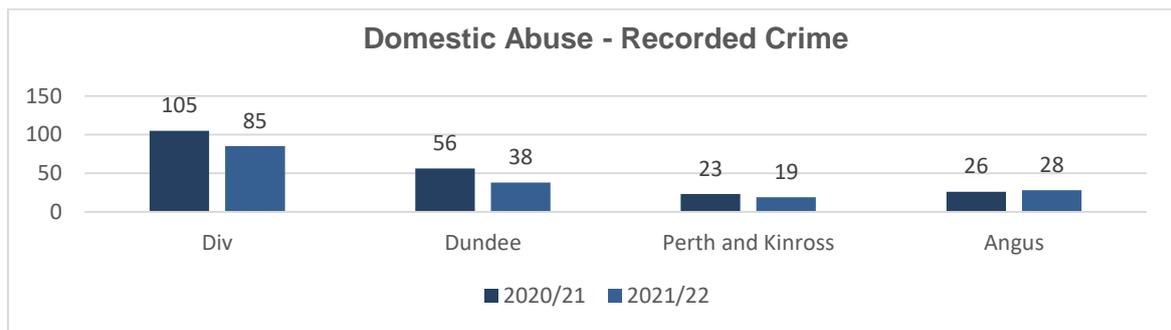
Of all domestic incidents, about 39% resulted in a recorded crime. Following an increase in quarter 1 the summer months saw a slight decrease in incidents reported to the Police, down by 1.8%. This figures still sits above the five year average and can be viewed positively in terms of victim willingness to report and partners' willingness to proactively target offenders.

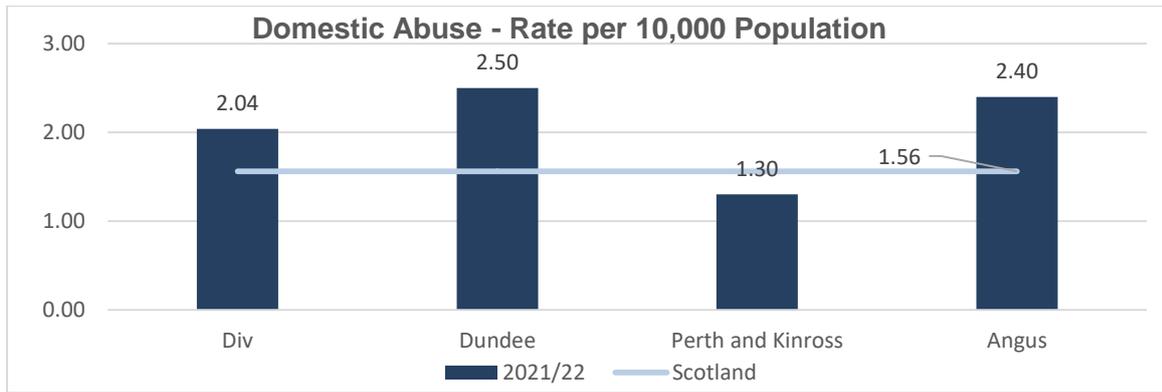
The majority of offenders continue to be men with alcohol or substance use a common factor.

Results

In August a 53 year old man was arrested and charged with multiple sexual offences, including rape, against an ex-partner following a lengthy and complex investigation by specialist Domestic Abuse officers. He was later remanded in custody.

In August an older female child reported being the victim of rape in North Perthshire at the hands of a young adult male with whom she was in a relationship. The 19 year old male was later arrested and charged and enquiries revealed similar offending against other young females.





### Hate Crime

During this period there have been ten recorded incidents, identical to the number recorded in quarter 1 and the corresponding period last year.

Detection rates are slightly above those recorded previously however the number of crimes undetected remains small at three. Perth City has seen the most recorded instances of hate crime.

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. The next most prevalent mode of perpetration is the targeting of victims due to their sexual orientation. Police officers continue to be repeat victims and alcohol is often an aggravator in the commission of these crimes.

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 about 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.

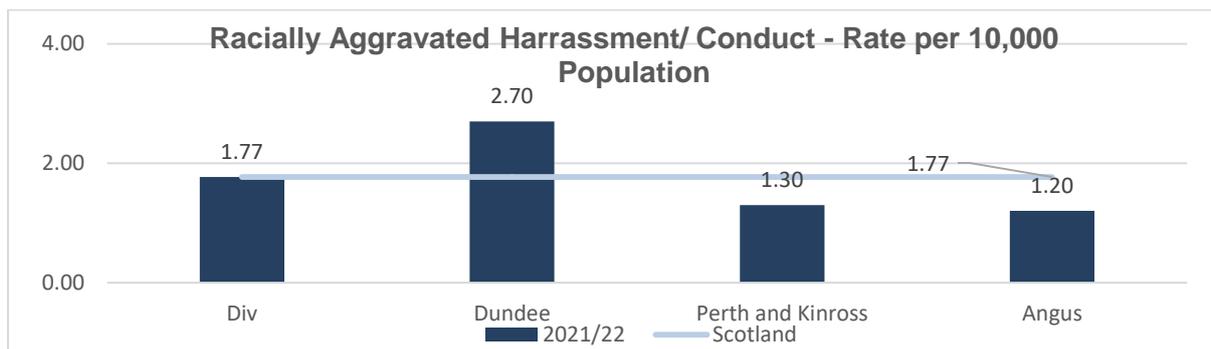
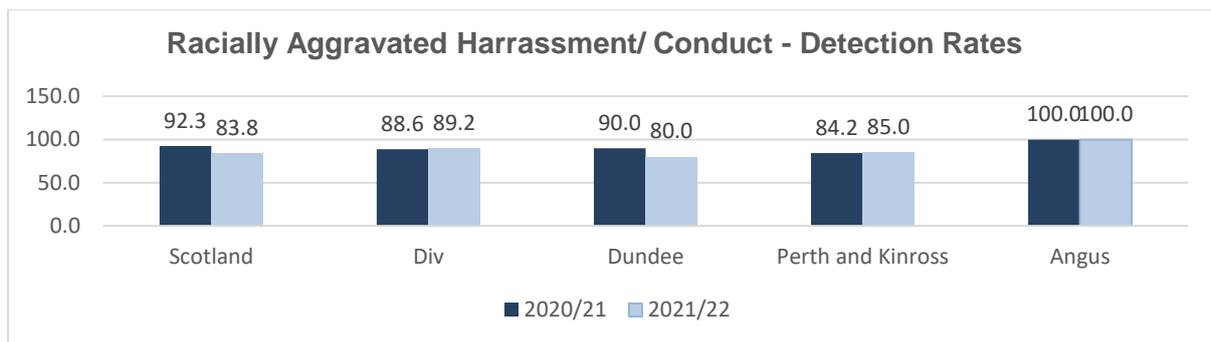
National Hate crime awareness continues to be driven locally using electronic material with no face to face promotion. Material has been shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres.

A Preventions Team Sergeant 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.

**Results**

In September Preventions Officers attended a number of Fresher's events at Perth College providing information about Hate Crimes/Incidents and Bystander awareness.

In August Perth and Kinross officers worked with the Metropolitan Police as part of a nationwide operation to identify online hate generated as a consequence of England's appearance in the Euro 2020 final at Wembley. As a result of local enquiries a 39 year old man from South Perthshire was charged with online hate offences against England players.



Sexual Crime

Recorded sexual crime has risen overall during this quarter with 16 more crimes reported than in quarter 1 and ten more crimes reported than in the equivalent period last year.

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Around 40% of the recorded crime is from Perth City with the remainder split equally between North and South Perthshire.

Young people aged 18 and under are victims in just over a third of recorded crimes. Child victims are significantly lower in rape and attempts and are heavily represented in indecent communications, particularly sharing of indecent images amongst peers. We are seeing a continuing increase in "Sextortion" cases, where the victim is most often an adult. This term covers where sexual images are used to extort material gain from the victim. The perpetrators are often from outside the UK however it is increasingly occurring between former partners.

With the return from COVID lockdown we have seen an increase in offences, usually aggravated by alcohol, occurring in public spaces. These have been around two common trends, sexual exposures by men under the influence of alcohol, and unwanted sexual assaults, normally over the clothing, within licensed premises. Our work moving into quarter 3 and into further relaxation of lockdown will provide more focus to allowing people, particularly women, to feel safer in public spaces.

This reporting period has seen 24 recorded rapes and attempts which is three crimes more than recorded in quarter 1 and four crimes more than recorded in the equivalent period in 2020/21.

Examining recorded rapes in more detail, it can be seen that 50% of the recorded crimes occur within a domestic setting and in all cases the victim is known to the perpetrator. 58% of the recorded crimes took place over a year before being reported and 54% of the recorded crimes involve three victims, who have reported multiple historical offences, including eight offences reported by one victim.

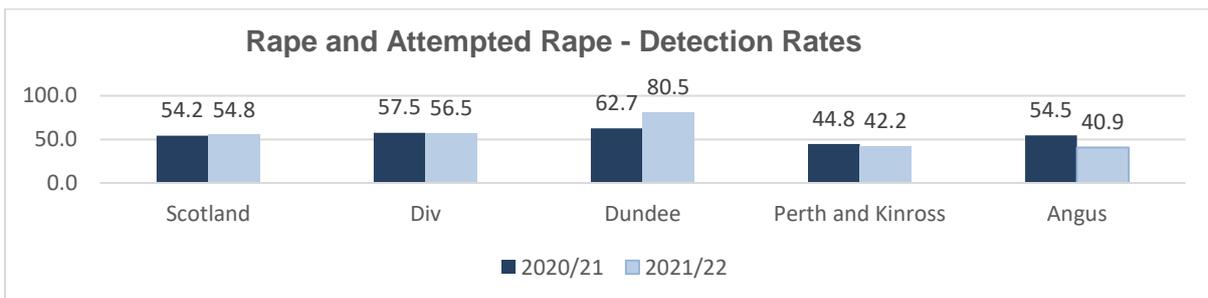
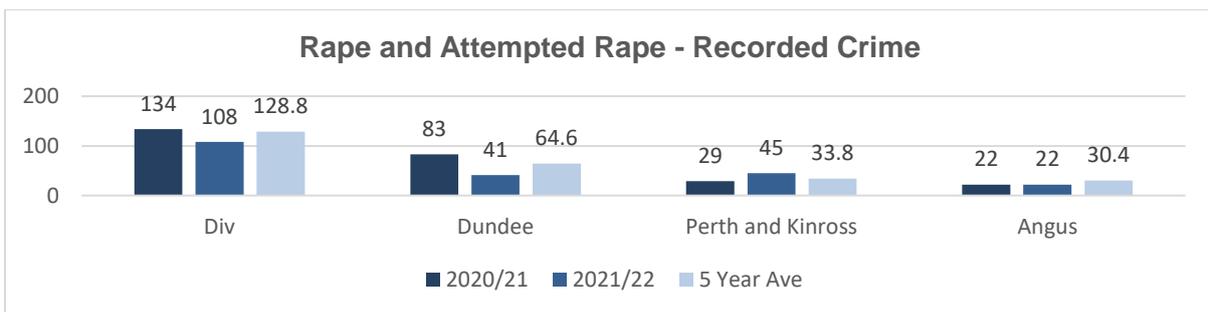
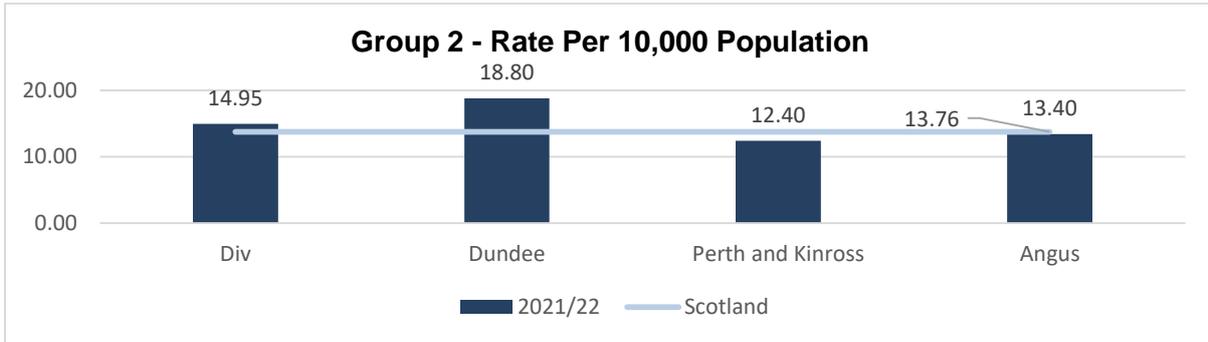
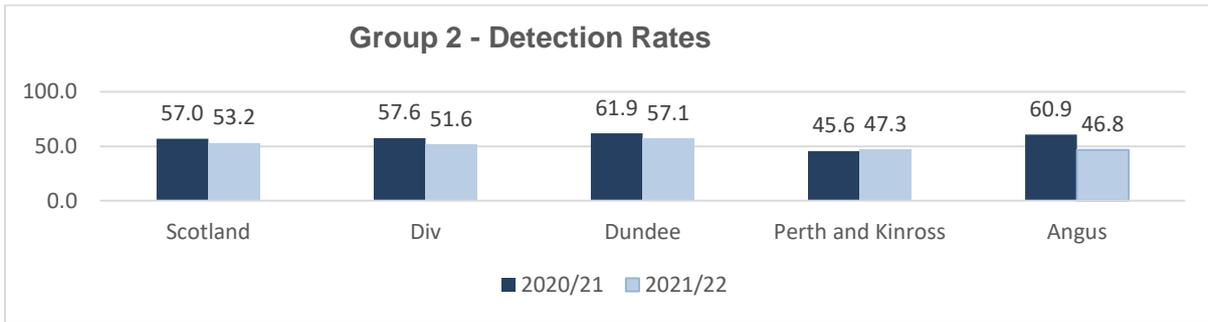
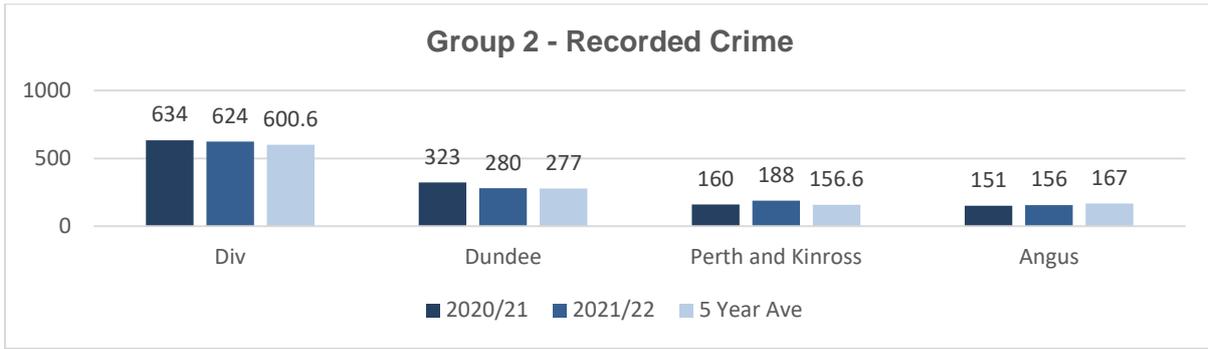
Detection rates in all Group 2 crimes are higher than the equivalent period last year but lower than we would like. Investigations into historical abuse can be more complex and take more time, and many of these investigations remain outstanding gathering evidence against identified suspects. Many of our investigations await forensic results and the examination of electronic devices such as mobile phones.

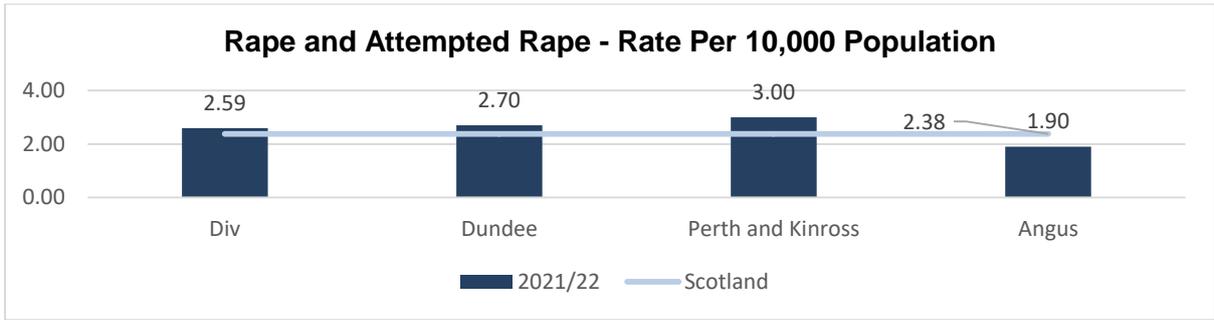
### Results

In July a 17 year old male was arrested and charged following the sexual assault of a vulnerable missing looked after child. The male in question was also charged with harbouring offences following reports of the victim being reported missing.

Also in July a 44 year old male was arrested for, whilst drunk, approaching and attempting to kiss three adult females at different times within Perth City Centre.

In September a 22 year old male was arrested and charged following the sexual assault of a female in a Perth night club who he met earlier in the evening.







**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 and Proactive CID, supported by partners, have remained focused in this quarter on disrupting persons from North East England with a presence in Perth and Kinross for the purpose of County Lines and drug dealing.

The supply of drugs into HMP Perth using a variety of different methods continues to be a focus and our Community Team has worked closely with the staff to prevent and reduce this trend.

We remain focused on proactive work to disrupt the supply of drugs and efforts have been concentrated during this period on three areas. Firstly, the distribution of Cocaine and the impact it has on violence within communities, and secondly the availability of benzodiazepines and other street drugs which can affect behaviours of the users leading to crime and have a negative impact on mental health. Thirdly, we continue to be vigilant to those who wish to supply any drugs to our children and young people.

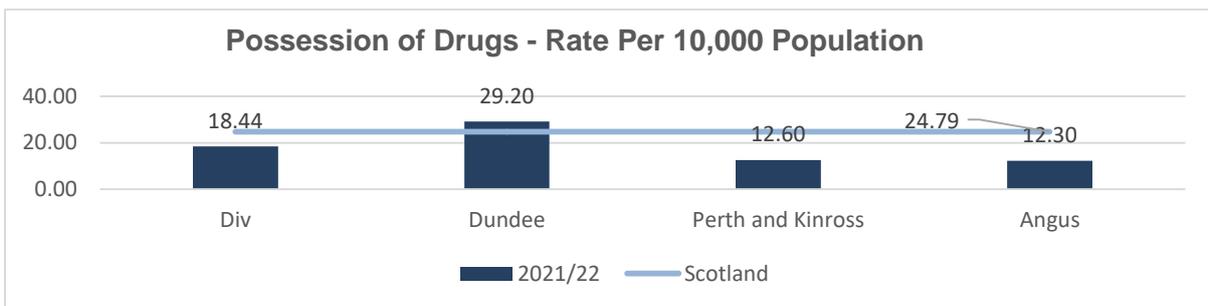
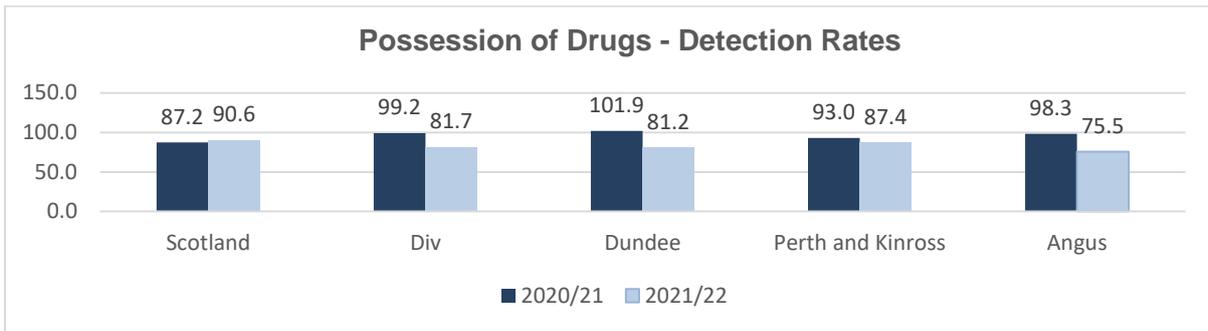
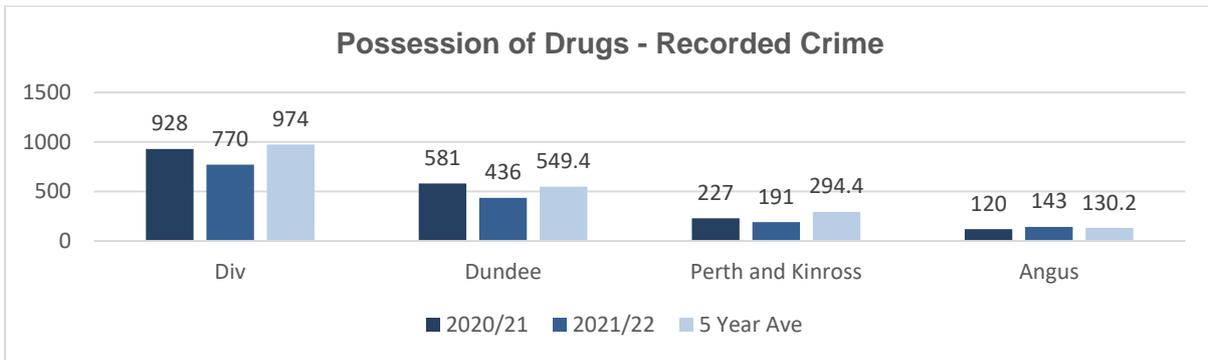
Possession of Drugs

Activity in this quarter has dropped slightly from quarter 1 and the corresponding period last year however local officers continue to generate results from use of stop search powers.

Results

In July local officers stopped a vehicle during a routine stop on the A85 and on stopping the vehicle their suspicion was raised that the driver was involved in the supply of drugs. Following a search the 23 year old male driver was charged and quantities of Cannabis, Cocaine and cash were found which indicated possession with intent to supply.

In August local officers executed a warrant at a house in South Perthshire in connection with the distribution of Cocaine and recovered over £6,500 worth of Cocaine and a quantity of cash. A 39 year old woman was later charged.



Supply of Drugs

Supply cases remain higher than at the corresponding period last year and whilst the impact of previous COVID lockdowns may render this comparison less relevant recorded offences remain above the 5 year average.

With the ongoing presence of drugs in communities I welcome the continued work officers carry out in this area. Improvement of our partnership work at HMP Perth to identify multi-drug types being sent into the establishment has also contributed to an increased reporting of these cases.

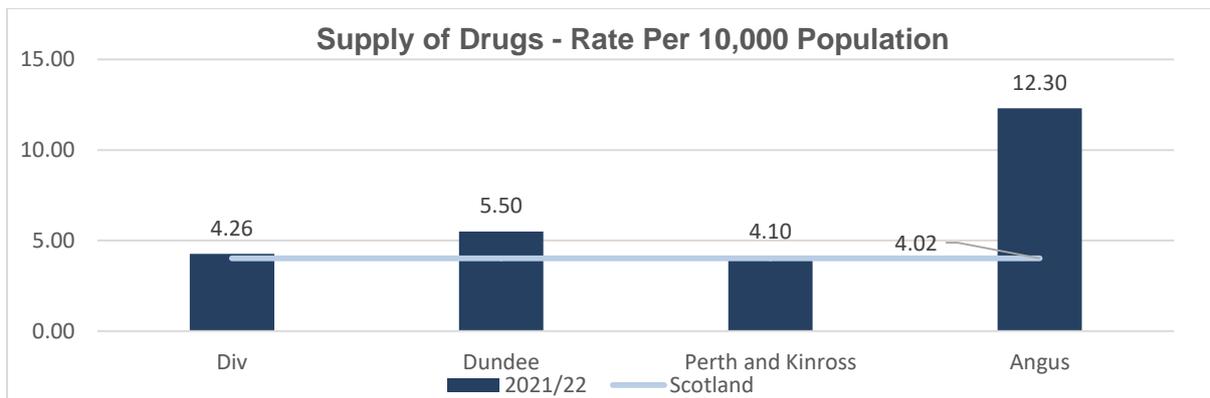
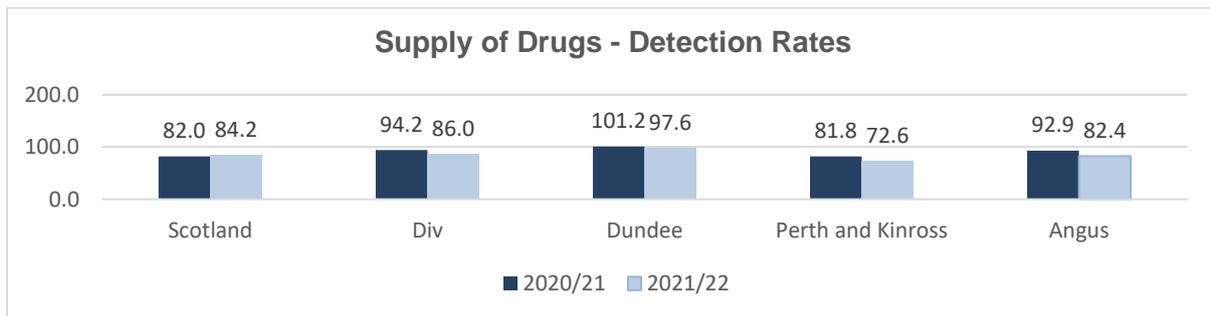
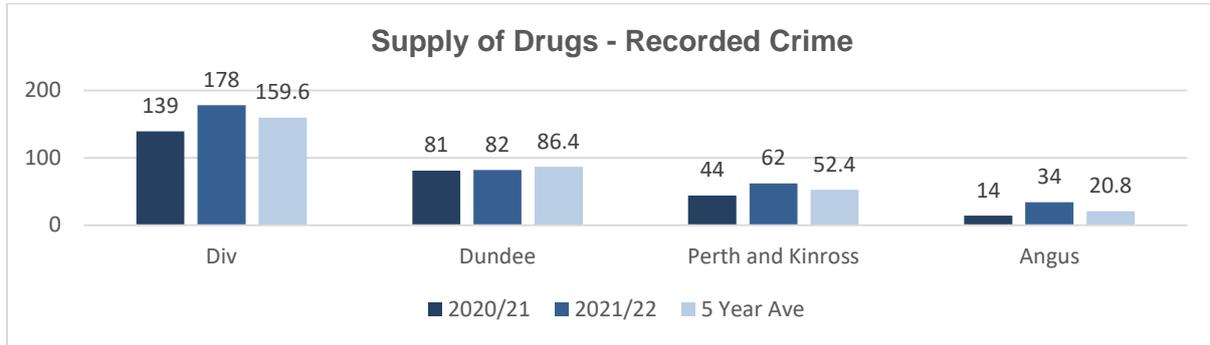
Detection rates are slightly below the corresponding period last year however can fluctuate slightly based on workloads at forensic laboratories to identify and confirm drug types.

**Results**

In August, a search warrant was executed at a house in Perth in connection with the supply of Cocaine. Following a search a 51 year old male was arrested and charged with possession with intent to supply Cocaine worth in excess of £2,000.

In September officers from our Community Investigation Unit, acting on intelligence identified a large scale cannabis cultivation in the Carse of Gowrie. Extensive work

was carried out gather evidence and destroy the manufacturing set up, resulting in the recovery of drugs worth around £280,000.



Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizures - £9,336.87

Expedited Civil Recoveries – no cases

Assets for restraint - £4,300



**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 SEVERE. This means that a terrorist attack is highly likely.

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

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 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.

Awareness raising literature has been distributed to LCLO's and CONTEST partners with regard to the Counter Terrorism Policing campaign and post lockdown security.



### Wildlife Crime

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

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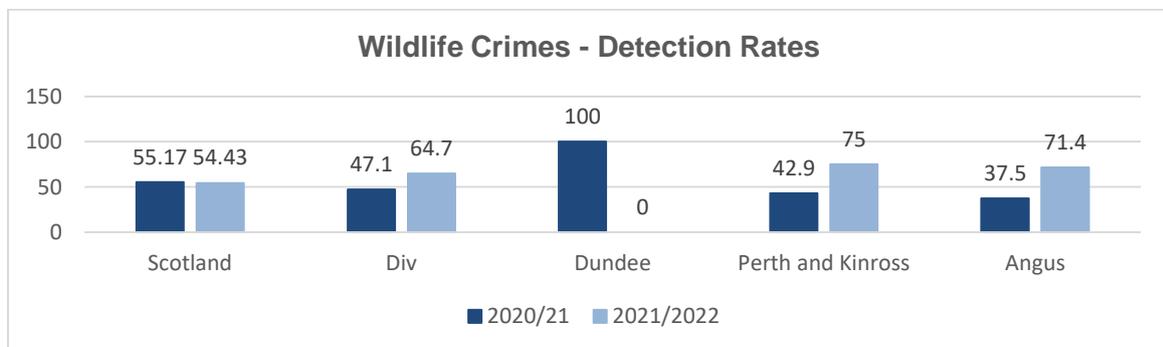
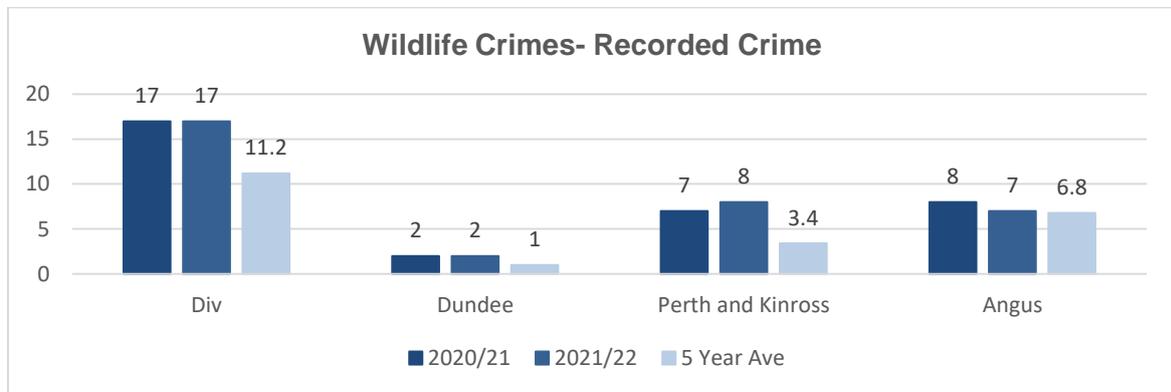
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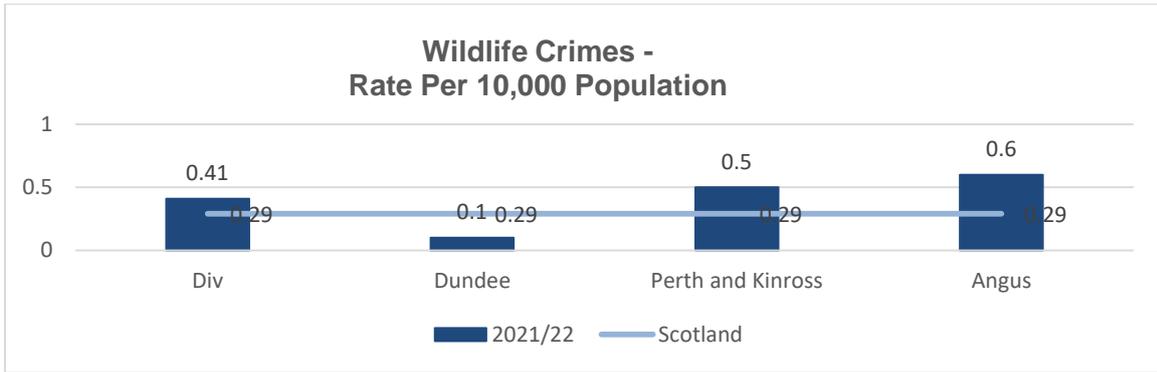
### Operating Context

Only two wildlife related crimes have been reported this quarter, similar to the corresponding period last year.

There has been no specific pattern to these crimes with recorded crime relating to the killing of a raven and reported disturbances to beaver dams. Detection rates remain strong.

Wildlife officers during this quarter continued with days of action around Operation Wingspan, with particular reference to poaching and freshwater pearl mussels. They also conducted a joint operation in September on the River Tay with the Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board.





## Other Key Activity

### Events

This quarter of 2021 saw the gradual relaxation of COVID restrictions and the opening of a number of events.

In early July Divisional officers worked with local football clubs in anticipation of the return of supporters to grounds ahead of the new season. From early July policing operations were required at McDiarmid in respect of Premier League and European fixtures and the presence of three Tayside clubs in the SPL required the distribution of resources across the Division on a regular basis to meet policing plans at fixtures.

Whilst the Party in the Park planned for Perth on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August was cancelled local officers were involved in the policing operation for the AIG Women's Golf Open held at Carnoustie on the same weekend.

A gradual return to normality allowed local officers to engage with local events such as Perthshire Pride event on 30<sup>th</sup> August and the national recovery walk on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, the Divisional Licensing Team have processed 729 licence applications for the Perth & Kinross area. The increased number of applications included renewal applications for taxi drivers and occasional licenses to allow premises to have additional outdoor areas in response to the COVID-19 restrictions.

During this quarter there were 67 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises within the Perth & Kinross policing area. The vast majority of a minor nature. Between the local Policing teams and officers from the divisional licensing team there were 123 inspections carried out.

In general, licensed premises across the area have positively observed the restrictions placed on them and have worked closely with Police Scotland Licensing Officers and the LSO at the local authority.

There has been one premises within the local policing area that has been placed on an intervention plan during this quarter. This was due to concerns of the management of the premises following an incident of violence between the owner and patrons. There has been an increased number of proactive visits to these premises, to support the designated premises manager in achieving the licensing objectives.

As we moved towards the end of the quarter significant planning was in place for the COP26 climate change summit which involved a number of local officers.

### Other Key Activity

Activities in this quarter continues to be affected by the need to be reactive to changes in guidance and legislation around the COVID pandemic, especially the balance between keeping the public safe and creating a safe working environment to meet the demands of an increasingly busy emergency service.

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The public's appetite on return to normality was matched by increasing demand for the policing of events and a return to a more traditional policing style around the night time economy.

Impact on staffing stabilised as we entered this quarter however the return of court business and the requirements on police officers as witnesses led to significant work to ensure consistent service delivery was on offer to communities 24/7.

We continue to be greatly supported by our partners in the third and statutory sectors and have developed even stronger relationships with Community Safety and Criminal Justice partners with the need to activate local resilience partnerships becoming more regular. The positive impact of these relationships in reducing the demand on policing in areas such as visitor management are worthy of praise.

We continue to work on innovation and change and have made progress in ensuring the impact of custody remodelling is not felt by local communities. Work has continued in this quarter on our Estate transformation and local officers have been working hard to ensure the planned opening of our co-located premises in Crieff remained on track.

This quarter sadly saw the unexpected death of recently retired and currently serving police officers which impacted greatly on our staff. Despite this and the challenges of the last 18 months, police officers continue to demonstrate great fortitude and resilience in adapting to the ever change needs of communities.

## Complaints about the Police

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

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

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

### Complaints Received

*Table: Complaints received for Tayside Division (Apr-Sept) <sup>1</sup>*

<b>Category</b>	<b>LYTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% change from LYTD</b>
Complaints Received - TOTAL	284	263	-7.4%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	424	402	-5.2%
Off Duty Allegations	3	1	-66.7%
On Duty Allegations	362	272	-24.9%
Quality of Service Allegations	59	129	118.6%

<sup>1</sup> Data is correct as at 30/09/2021.

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 Period<sup>3</sup>

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	<b>Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons)<sup>2</sup></b>					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>FORCE / SCOTLAND</b>	<b>5 347 600</b>	<b>5 373 000</b>	<b>5 404 700</b>	<b>5 424 800</b>	<b>5 438 100</b>	<b>5 463 300</b>
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.