



**Dundee City Council**

**Community Safety and Public Protection  
DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA  
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

**1 January 2021 – 31 March 2021**

**Report No 169-2021 by Chief Superintendent Andrew Todd  
Police Scotland D Division (Tayside)**

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 It is recommended that members note and scrutinise this operational report.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The purpose of this report (Appendix A) is to provide information to the Committee regarding the performance of Police Scotland to facilitate local scrutiny.
- 2.2 Appendix A will provide information in relation to some of the work which has taken place within Dundee Local Policing Area.
- 2.3 The content in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

**3. PERFORMANCE**

- 3.1 Appendix A will provide updates on:
- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
  - Acquisitive Crime
  - Road Safety and Road Crime
  - Public Protection
  - Serious Organised Crime
  - Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

**5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no staffing issues as a result of this report.

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

6.1 This report does not have any impact on the environment.

**7. SUMMARY**

7.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant operational matters and performance of the local policing area.

**8. COMPLIANCE**

Is the proposal;

- |                                      |     |
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| (a) Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? | YES |
| (b) Equality & Diversity compliant?  | YES |



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## Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

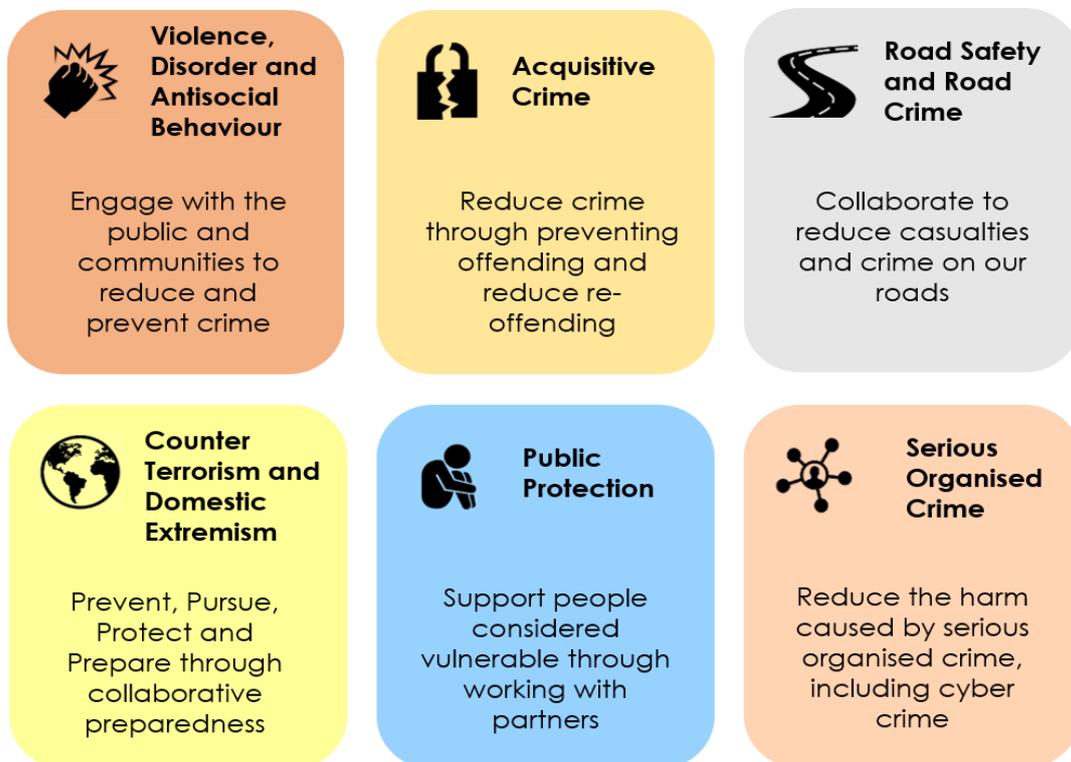
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Dundee City Council and will report to the Community Safety and Public Protection/Neighbourhood Services 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 Dundee City Council at the Community Safety and Public Protection/Neighbourhood Services Committee. This report covers the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 and 1 April 2020 to 31 March 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.







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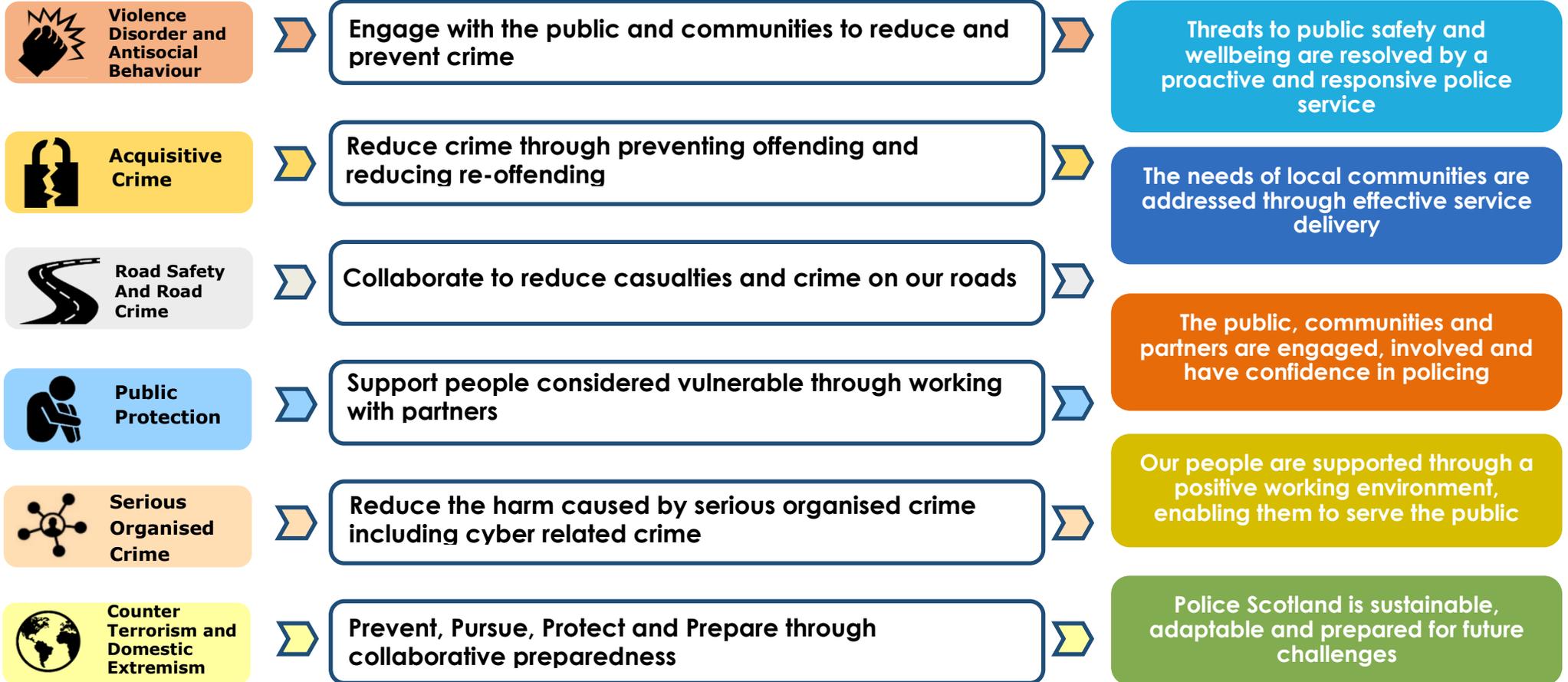
# Plan on a Page – Dundee City Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

<b>Our vision</b>		Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Dundee City
<b>Our purpose</b>		Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Dundee City
<b>Our Values</b>		Fairness   Integrity   Respect   Human Rights

## Local Priorities

## Objectives

## Outcomes



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## Summary Report Dundee City LPA

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 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</b>		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
19/20	166	76	19/20	129	71	19/20	2048	70
20/21	127	75	20/21	165	73	20/21	2115	69
% +/-	↓-24%	↓-1%	% +/-	↑+28%	↑+2%	% +/-	↑+3%	↓-1%
<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 %
19/20	329	100	19/20	265	27	19/20	693	32
20/21	333	99	20/21	225	18	20/21	550	40
% +/-	↑+1%	↓-1%	% +/-	↓-15%	↓-8%	% +/-	↓-21%	↑+8%
<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 %
19/20	406	38	19/20	1130	100	19/20	301	94
20/21	573	21	20/21	1099	100	20/21	325	87
% +/-	↑+41%	↓-17%	% +/-	↑1%	-	% +/-	↑+8%	↓-7%
<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 %
19/20	3	N/A	19/20	46	N/A	19/20	117	58
20/21	1	N/A	20/21	43	N/A	20/21	155	56
% +/-	↓-67%	/	% +/-	↓-7%	/	% +/-	↑+32%	↓-2%
<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 %
19/20	606	63	19/20	157	94	19/20	1171	94
20/21	671	57	20/21	202	85	20/21	1135	98
% +/-	↑+11%	↓-6%	% +/-	↑+29%	↓-9%	% +/-	↓-3%	↑+4%

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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 City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:

- Children and Families
- Community Safety and Justice
- Building Stronger Communities

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**

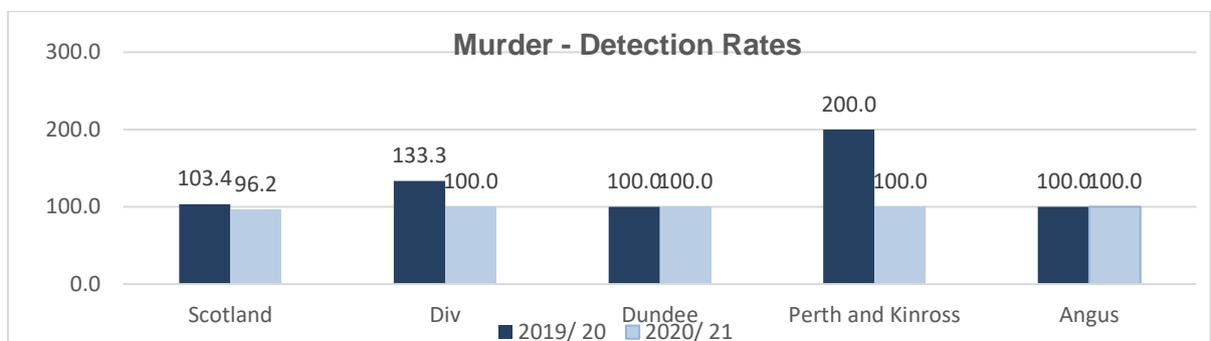
Measure - Murder

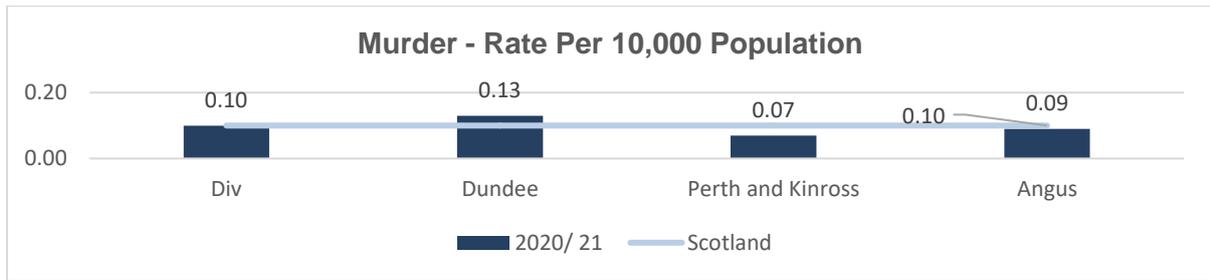
Activity

In this reporting period there have been two Murders, which are both linked to a single incident in the Ardler area of the city.

Results

The crime was detected and an early arrest made. The incident received significant local and national media attention, with briefings provided to the area's local elected members at the time. Those community members most directly impacted by Police activity were supported throughout the Police deployment.





Measure – Attempted Murder

Activity

There has been one Attempted Murder recorded in Q4 which occurred within the West End Ward.

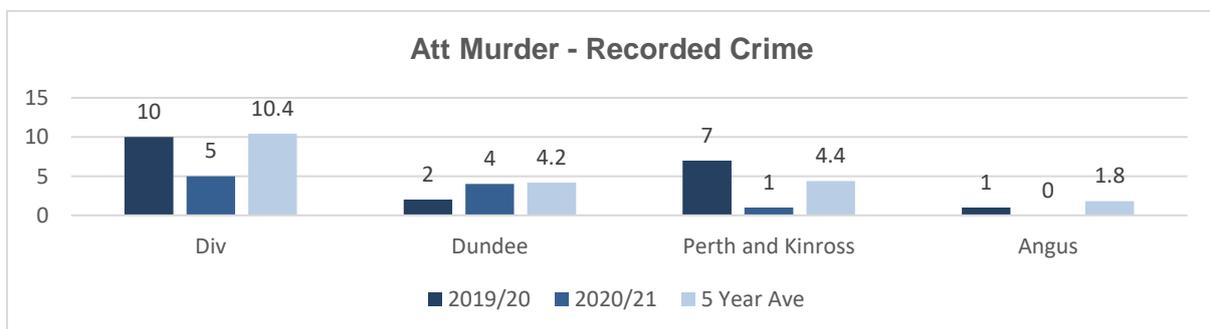
Results

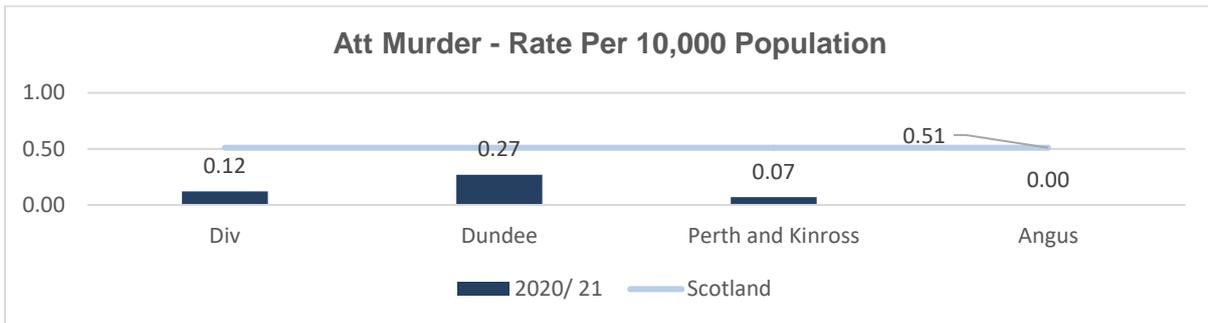
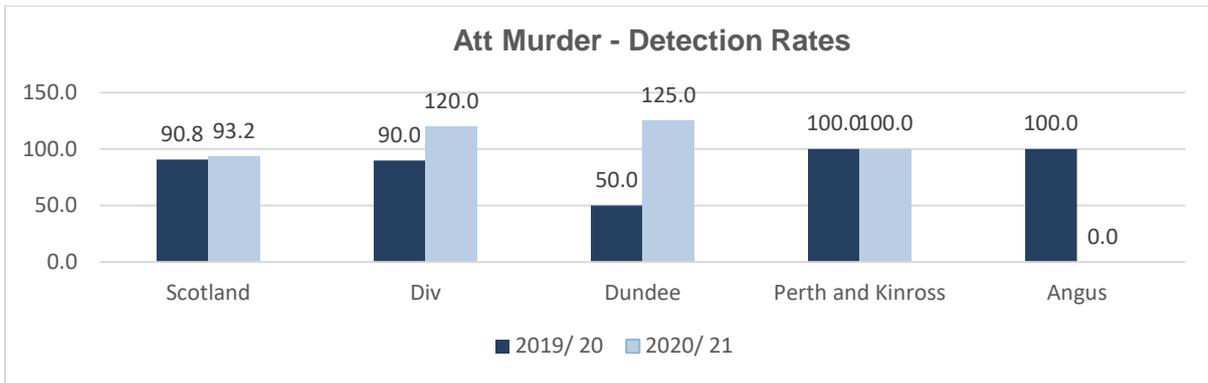
This crime is assessed to be linked to the supply of drugs within the city. The victim and perpetrators are known to each other and all are English males. The incident involved the use of a knife.

The incident was investigated through the deployment of both local and national resources, with support from the North Major Investigation Team. Those responsible were arrested on the same day the crime occurred and have been remanded in custody pending trial.

Challenges

It is assessed that those involved were in the Dundee area for the express purpose of selling drugs. This provides a clear demonstration in respect of how those aligned to Organised Crime Groups can influence the picture relating to serious violence within the city. Part of the remit of recently launched OP Argonite, is to target such groups and safeguard those in the periphery of their activity, with a view to disrupting their drug dealing activity, deterring their activity within Dundee and ultimately suppressing violent crime.





Measure – Serious Assault

Activity

The trend in respect of the reduction in numbers of Serious Assaults within the city has continued, with a reduction in this crime type of 23.6% in comparison to LYTD.

Of the crimes committed in Q4, 60% involved victims and perpetrators that were known to each other. In nearly 50% of cases a weapon was used. In 50% of cases drugs and alcohol were a recorded factor, with 25% being linked to domestic offending.

There was a 75% / 25% split in respect of those offences committed in private in comparison to public spaces. This demonstrates a continuation of the trend in the earlier part of the year, with crimes in public spaces reducing dramatically, whilst crimes in private places have remained more static.

Results

There have been 23 Serious Assaults committed within Dundee this quarter, which is the lowest figure across all quarters during this performance year. This compares to 35 crimes committed in Q3, 41 in Q2 and 28 in Q1. This takes the YTD figure to 127, which is a reduction of 39 crimes in comparison to the same time period in 2019/20.

It remains the case that the vast majority of these crimes remained unplanned, with many of those weapons associated with the commission of the crime being found within the relevant locus at the time the incident escalated.

The detection rate in respect of this crime type is static from the last quarter and remains at 75% YTD.

Challenges

In terms of prevention, the most significant challenge relates to the increasing number of these offences which occur within private premises, meaning traditional approaches such as high visibility patrols and stop and search are less impactful on reducing offending. Additionally, the cultural issues around the consumption of drugs and alcohol continues to be seen as a substantive factor, with the disinhibiting effects playing a part in almost half of all Serious Assaults.

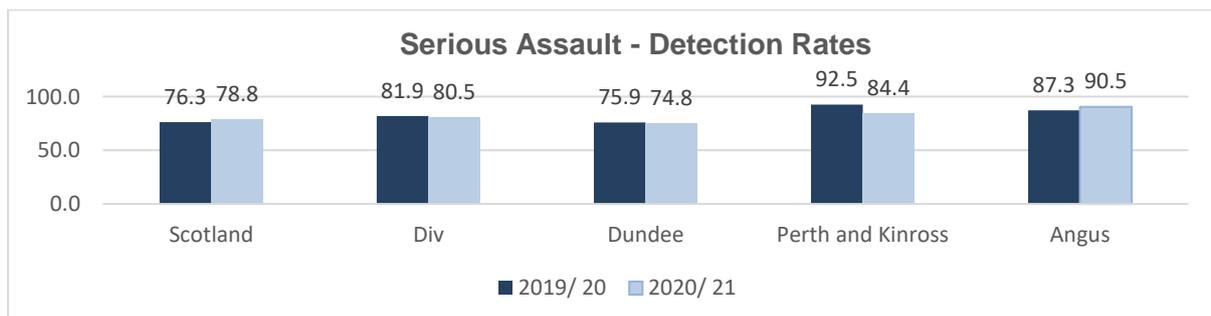
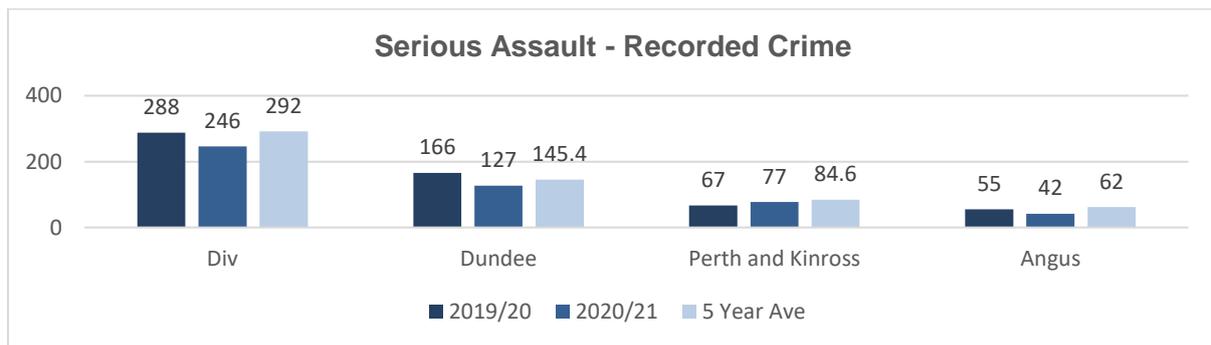
In this quarter, nearly 60% of victims have been known to the offenders, which impacts significantly upon the levels of engagement by victims and witnesses, making investigations more complex, with greater reliance placed on forensic evidence and passive data capture.

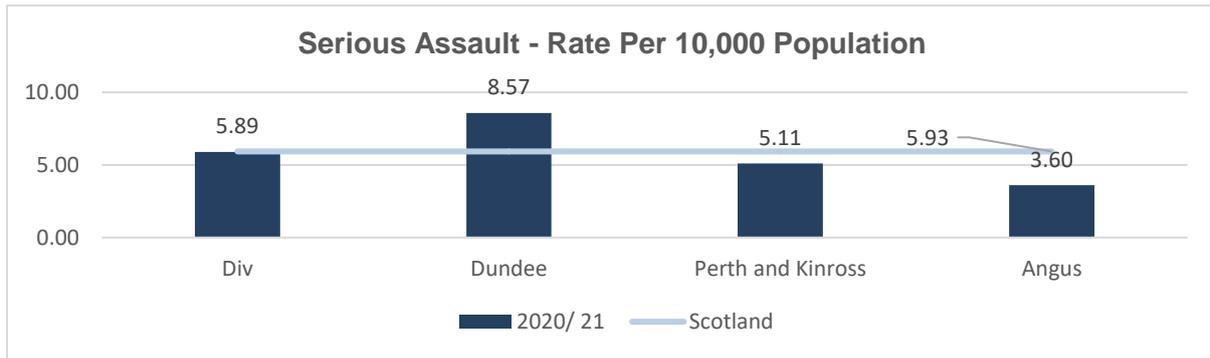
All Serious Assaults are subject to CID review, with all potential lines of enquiry identified and prioritised. Those who commit acts of serious violence are targeted via daily tasking in respect of early arrest.

Pro-actively, all violent offenders subject to either curfew or special bail conditions are targeted via priority tasking to Locality teams, with bail compliance being checked regularly and any breaches reported as custody cases. Hot spot areas are analysed and highly visible patrols are delivered in those areas where levels of violent crime are at their highest.

The OP Argonite Team conduct daily reviews seeking to identify repeat victims and offenders for intervention and enforcement action where needed.

All the DLPA activity in respect of Serious Assaults and more broadly violent crime is reviewed monthly via the Violence Prevention Board, where representatives from across the Locality Policing Areas, CID, PPU and Partnerships come together to analyse activity, identify priorities and coordinate targeted interventions.





Measure – Common Assault

Activity

Overall there has been a 3% increase in the numbers of Common Assaults recorded this year in comparison to LYTD. However, this increase has been narrowing throughout Q4, with the quarter starting at an increase of 5%.

There remains some similarities to the causal factors reported in respect of Serious Assaults, with offenders and victims being known to each other in approximately 60% of cases. The presence of alcohol and drugs being a factor in 20% of cases, with 39% being related to domestic crimes. There was a 65 / 35 % split in respect of the number of crimes committed in private spaces in comparison to public spaces.

The most notable difference in respect of Serious Assaults in comparison to Common Assaults remains the number of crimes where weapons are used. In this quarter 50% of Serious Assaults involved a weapon, whereas that reduces to 16% when considering Common Assaults.

There has been an increase of 3% in respect of the numbers of Assaults on Emergency Workers this year, included in the table below. In a similar trend to Common Assaults more generally, there has been a steady narrowing of this statistic throughout the reporting period with a 12% increase recorded by the end of Q2, reducing to a 4% increase at the end of Q3 and the 1% increase recorded in this quarter.

There remains a focus on this type of crime via collaborative activity being explored between Criminal Justice Division and Tayside Division, due to the high numbers of these crimes which continue to occur within the custody setting post arrest.

Results

There have been a total of 2,448 Common Assaults recorded this year, this figure is Common Assaults plus Assaults against Emergency Service Workers, 551 of these have been reported during this quarter. This shows a reduction from the 595 crimes reported in Q3, and compares to 578 crimes reported in Q4 figures for last year. Detection rates in respect of Common Assaults remain broadly static at 69%.

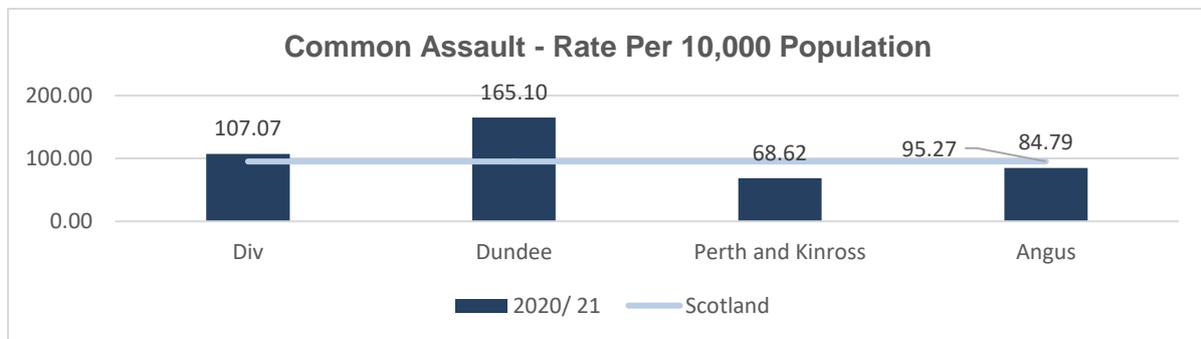
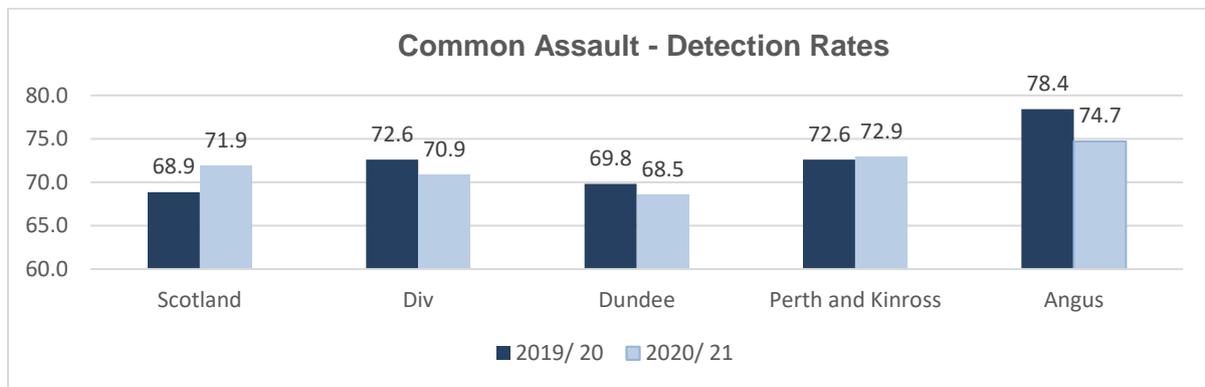
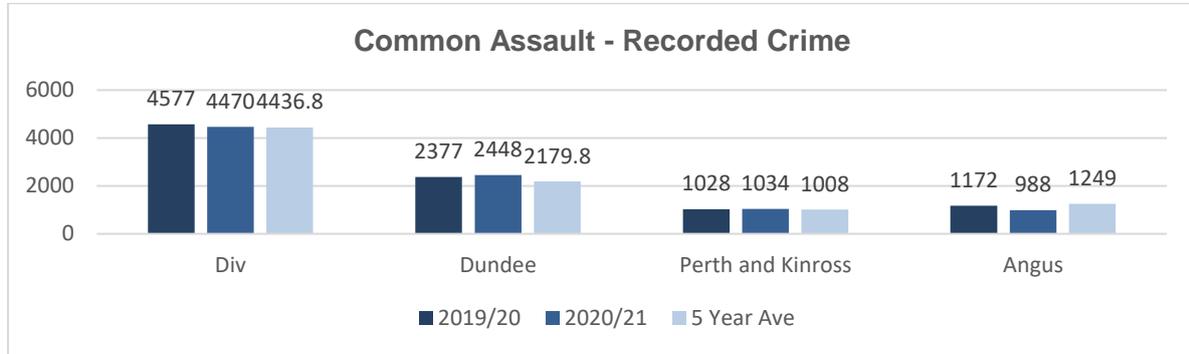
Challenges

The approach to Common Assaults is in keeping with those strategies laid out in our approach to serious violence. The differentiation between the two crime

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classifications can at times be slim and is driven by rules aligned to the nature and type of injury detailed within the Scottish Crime Recording Standards.

It is clear that the abuse of alcohol and drugs remains the most significant factor in driving the prevalence of this type of crime.



Measure – Robbery

This section includes crimes of Robbery, Assault and Robbery, and Assault with Intent to Rob. The mere threat or inference of violence is sufficient for incidents to be recorded.

Activity

The response to Robberies remains a Divisional priority and all activity is being coordinated via the Violence Prevention Board.

OP Argonite has been launched as a response to the increasing numbers of Robberies seen and its core mission is to suppress crimes of violence including Serious Assaults

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and Robberies across the city. This will deliver a multi-pronged approach, working in conjunction with both internal partners and statutory and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector agencies.

Although in its infancy, the OP Argonite Team have already delivered in the region of 40 targeted interventions to those assessed to be most vulnerable to further victimisation. Within this number, is included 19 people at risk from cuckooing and crimes of violence directly linked to the supply of drugs. These interventions provide a basis for engaging other partners such as Housing, Social Work, Education and Health to deliver a 360 degree approach to care, well-being and safeguarding. Additionally, 3 crime hot spots have been the subject of targeted leaflet drops, to encourage community engagement, broader reporting of crimes and concerns and to publicise the work of the OP Argonite Team as a resource available to community members.

In terms of enforcement, the team has been instrumental in the investigation of multiple incidents linked to violence, making a number of notable arrests and within the first few weeks of operation has seized in the region of £40,000 of controlled drugs.

A refreshed Robbery Action Plan is currently being drafted, which will include tactics such as targeting repeat offenders, supporting repeat victims, delivering an investigative toolkit to promote excellence in investigation, targeted community activity in high crime areas and community engagement in respect of those younger people vulnerable to criminal influence. The action plan will remain under constant review via the Violence Prevention Board, with the suite of tactics deployed based around the emerging intelligence picture.

Tayside Division have invited peers from the Specialist Crime Division and other Local Policing Divisions to peer review our plans and activity, ensuring that best practice from across the country is shared and deployed locally

### Results

This year has seen a sustained increase in the number of Robberies committed with 28% more Robberies committed In Dundee in comparison to LYTD figures. Each crime of Robbery continues to be reviewed by Detective Officers, with the vast majority investigated by Local CID.

Of the Robberies committed in this quarter, 78% of all crimes recorded involved either drugs or alcohol on behalf of either the offender, the victim or both. 58% of those crimes committed involved a perpetrator and a victim who were known to each other, however in a significant number of other cases, it can also be inferred that there is an existing relationship which the victim is simply unwilling to expose.

Violence was actually used in 55% of crimes recorded, with 3 victims sustaining serious injury. In 45% of cases violence was threatened and not used.

40 Robberies were committed in this quarter, which is static in comparison to all other quarters this year.

### Challenges

The challenges associated with these offences remains the fact that they are very closely linked to drug supply and use, with offenders and victims known to each other

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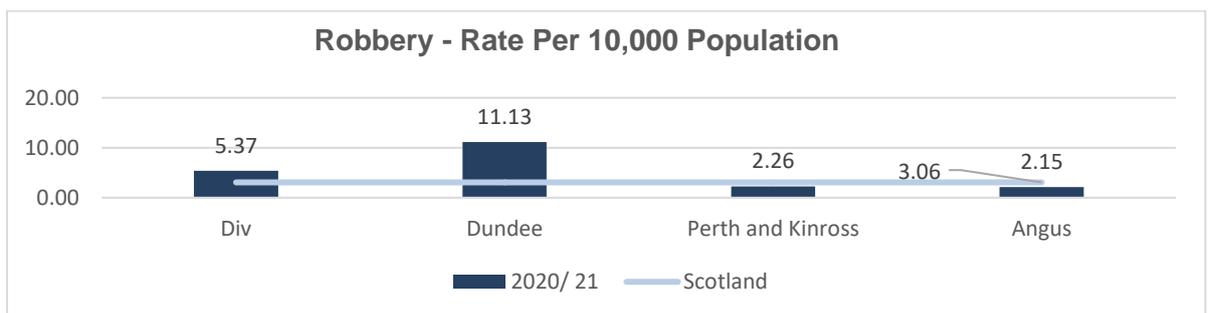
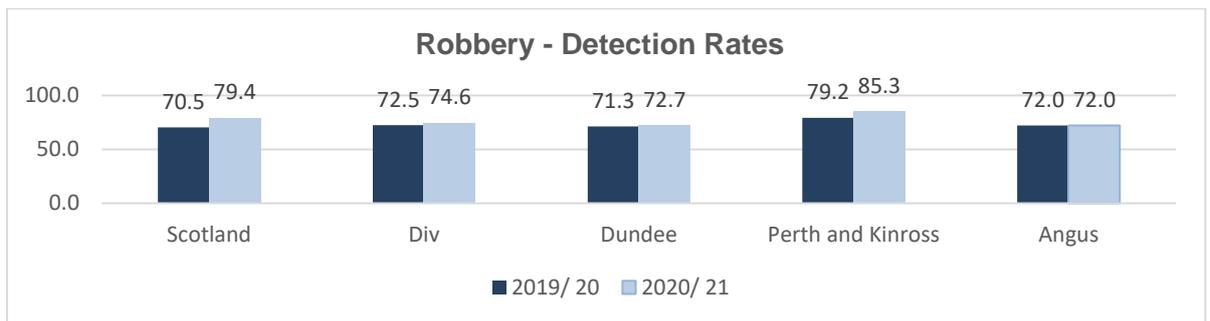
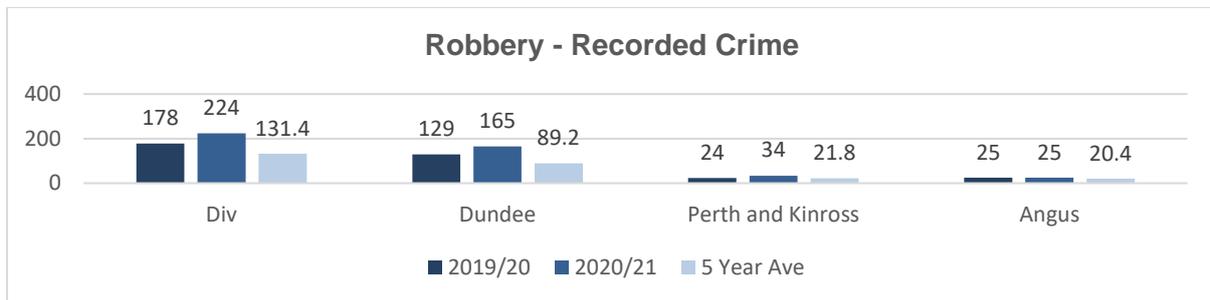
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in most cases. The impact of other traditional acquisitive crime opportunities being reduced due to COVID-19 is also a factor.

Although some repeat offenders have been identified, there are a relatively small number, with the vast majority of crimes being committed sporadically, in an unplanned and opportunistic way.

The challenge surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on the court system, also means that there are significantly more offenders currently in communities on bail rather than on remand, which impacts across a broad range of crime types.

The detection rates in respect of Robberies is 73% which is an increase on 2% when compared to LYTD.



Measure – Vandalism

Activity

Vandalisms continue to remain at significantly lower levels than previously seen, with a 12% reduction in crimes recorded when compared to the same period last year.

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### Results

There have been a total of 1,642 crimes recorded in the reporting period with 279 crimes recorded in Q1, 466 recorded in Q2, 393 in Q3 and 404 reported in Q4. This break down in crime rates is consistent with normal seasonal variations and also reflects spikes in other crime classifications when lockdown restrictions were relaxed in late July, 2020.

It is assessed that the decreases seen in this crime type can be attributed, at least in part, to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions which have seen private dwellings more regularly occupied and reduced footfall in public places, both factors which are assessed to have reduced opportunity and prevalence.

The detection rate is 42%, which is static when compared to the same period last year.

There has been a spike in wilful fire-raising this quarter, particularly in the Longhaugh and Downfield areas of the city. However, this is in large part due to a series of crimes committed by the same small group of teenagers. Those group members have now been identified and charged with multiple offences, which has impacted upon the prevalence of these crimes in recent weeks. Both the Downfield and Longhaugh Community Teams have worked together in building up the evidential picture resulting in this particular crime series being significantly disrupted and deterred. We continue to engage with those involved and their families, to highlight the inherent risks to themselves and others, with a view to changing attitudes and future behaviour.

Work has continued in respect of the anti-social use of scrambler motorcycles in the North of the city. Our approach to this issue has surrounded a combination of enforcement action, engagement with the parents of those responsible and engagement with schools and colleges to try and educate and deter the activity. 16 offenders have been identified and prosecuted, with criminal ASBOs also sought to prevent re-offending in the longer term. We have highlighted the issue and our response regularly throughout the quarter, primarily via our social media channels.

In terms of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), this year has been exceptional in respect of the fact that many behaviours which were perfectly legal prior to COVID-19 have now been criminalised to prevent the spread of infection. These relate to matters such as how many people you invite to your home, meeting in public places and travelling out with your local area. As such, the number of reports of ASB has increased substantially. This year, 18,160 ASB reports have been received which compares to 13,825 in the same period last year. This demonstrates an increase of 31.4%, however this must be looked at in the context of the above COVID-19 information.

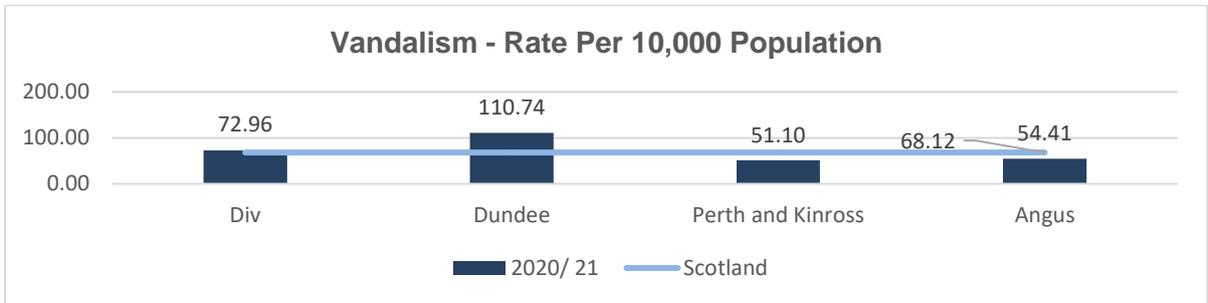
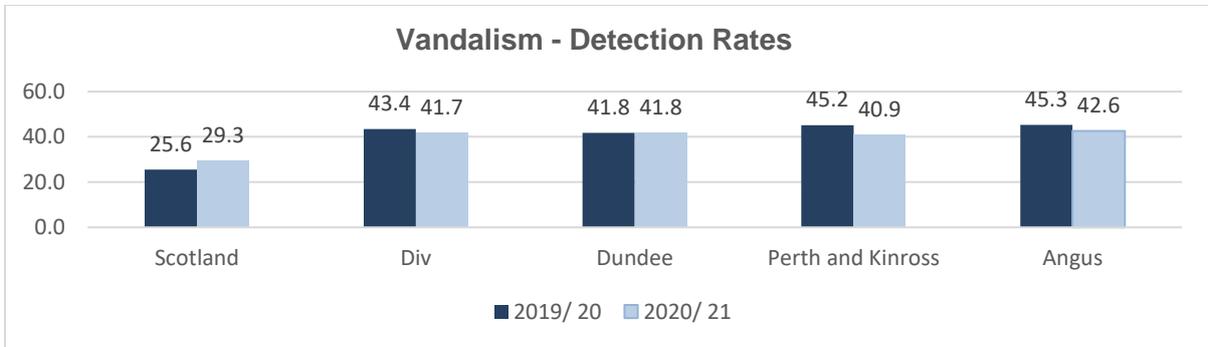
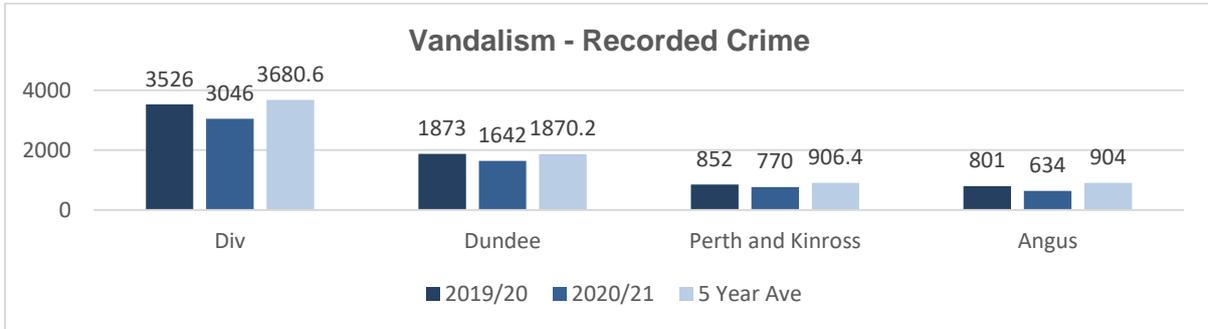
### Challenges

Generally, the levels of Vandalism are directly related to reports of ASB, however calls related to reported breaches of COVID-19 legislation are captured in the ASB figures, meaning it is currently more difficult to assess and analyse that correlation. However, we continue to deliver highly visible patrols in hot spot areas linked to higher instances of ASB, with patrols such as those completed within the context of the Hilltown Anti-Crime Operation being promoted via external media messaging to maximise their impact.

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Community and Partnership teams continue to work hand in hand with Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Teams providing multi-agency interventions in respect of the more traditional aspects of ASB, such as neighbours disputes and noisy music. Additionally, they continue to target those repeat addresses and offenders through joined up working practices, accurate and quick information sharing and the appropriate use of both civil and criminal legislation.



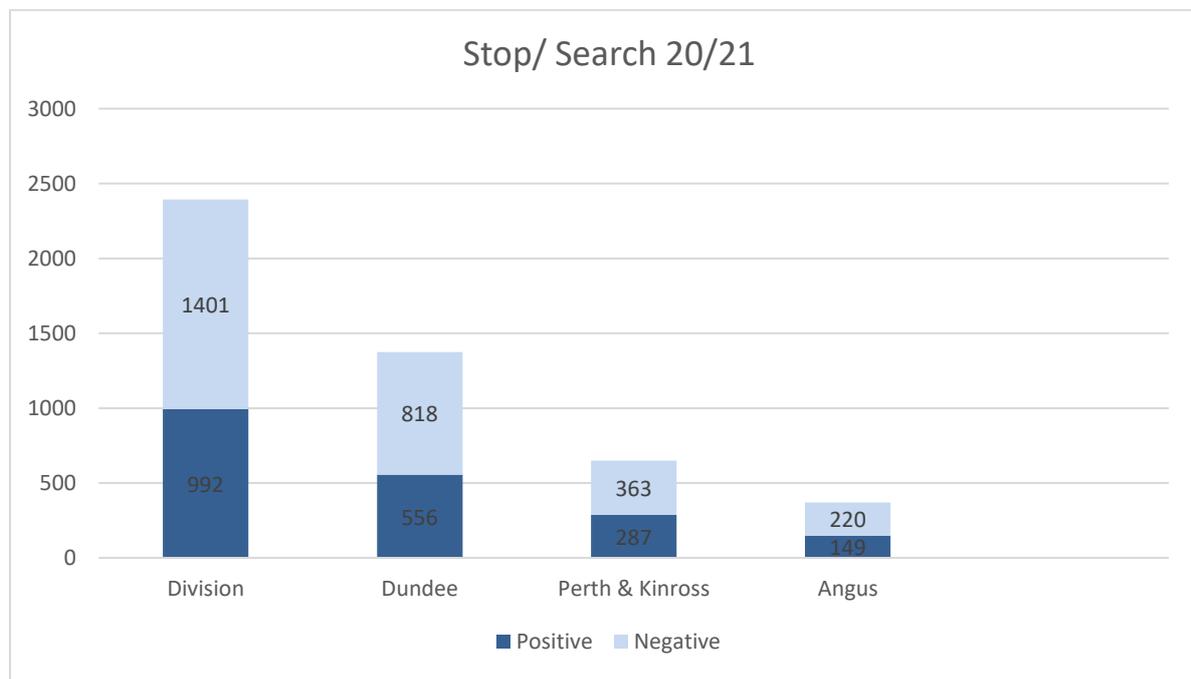
Measure – Stop Search

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

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

In the reporting period 1374 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 556 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 40%.

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.





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### Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending

*This activity will link in with and support the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:*

- *Community Safety and Justice*
- *Building Stronger Communities*

*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

The overall number of crimes of dishonesty across Dundee has decreased by 9% with 3,873 crimes of dishonesty reported across the city, in comparison to 4,248 crimes during the same period last year. The most significant crimes are explored in more detail in the following part of the report.

#### Measure – Domestic Housebreaking

##### Activity

The Community Investigation Unit (CIU) continues to lead our response to Housebreakings, with the team completing a review of every reported Housebreaking or Attempt. The Team have delivered a Housebreaking Toolkit to all officers, seeking to ensure that the standard of each investigation is of the same high standard and those important forensic and CCTV opportunities are not missed at the outset of any investigation.

Some examples of the positive impact of the CIU are –

In February, 2021 a commercial Housebreaking series to business premises was detected to 3 individuals, who were found to be responsible for a total of 18 crimes, 11 of those crimes occurred within the Dundee area and 7 within Angus. At present all 3 individuals are remanded in custody awaiting trial.

In March, 2021 two individuals from the London area were identified and arrested for a crime series to business premises within the centre of Broughty Ferry, which included Theft by Housebreakings and Attempted Theft by Housebreakings, one of these individuals is presently on remand, awaiting trial.

In March, 2021 a series of Theft by Housebreaking to commercial business premises within the City Centre and Wester Gourdie Industrial estates was committed and subsequently detected. This totalled 21 crimes of which 17 of these were Acquisitive crimes ranging from Theft by Housebreakings to Theft of Motor Vehicles.

##### Results

There has been a decrease in the reported numbers of Domestic Housebreakings during the reporting period with 225 crimes reported, in comparison to 265 crimes for the same period last year. This represents a 15% reduction, with 40 fewer crimes committed.

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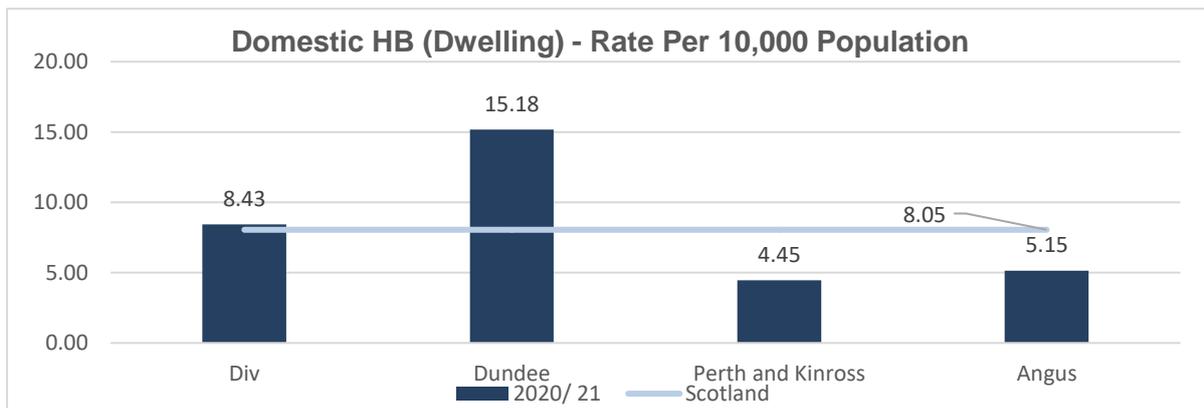
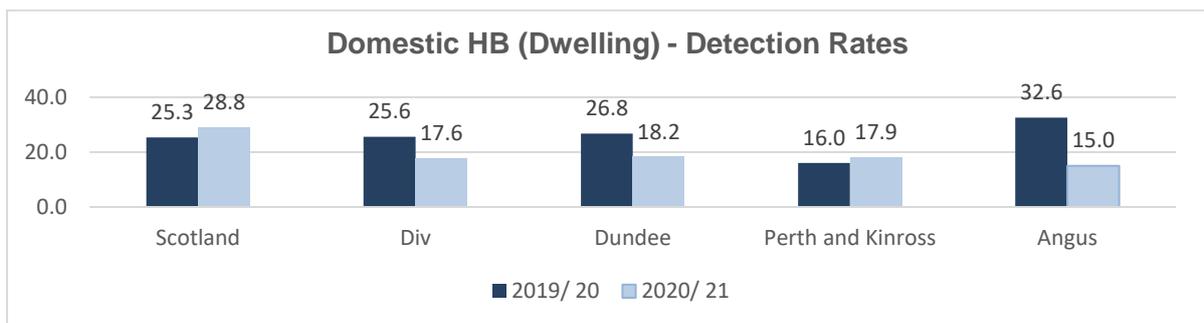
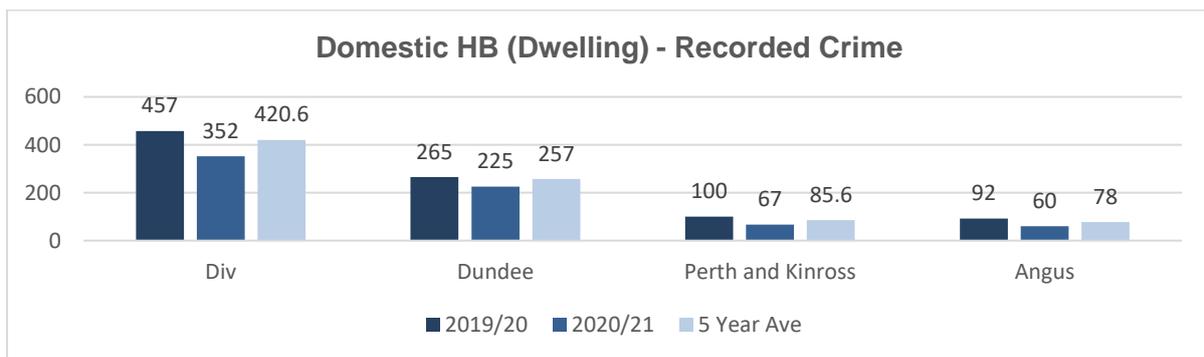
This has continued and improved upon the trend from Q3, which ended with 6 fewer crimes having been reported in comparison to the previous year.

Overall, Housebreakings including Domestic, Commercial and Other out-buildings have seen a reduction of 7%. There has been a reduction in the detection rate to 23%.

Challenges

We continue to assess and analyse the impact of COVID-19 on this crime type, particularly in respect of commercial housebreakings. This may be related to increased opportunities arising from the level of closed business premises and we will actively seek to engage with business owners in respect of crime prevention and target hardening of premises.

The CIU have develop a clear investigative strategy to be deployed consistently across the next reporting year, specifically designed to impact upon Housebreaking detection rates. Although we are early into the next performance year, significant improvements have been seen, which will be reported on in the next Q1 report.



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### Measure – Fraud

#### Activity

Locally and nationally the numbers of crimes of Fraud continues to increase.

There remains a significant emphasis on crime prevention and supporting those who are most vulnerable to becoming repeat victims. Activity continues to be delivered in support of those objectives.

We continue to collaborate with the banking sector regards a 'Banking Protocols' initiative. This protocol allows banks to report suspicious activity or transactions directly to the Police, in support of any customer who they fear may be the victim of financial crime. This direct reporting has been successful in delivering early interventions, in respect of a broad range of offences from online romance scams, right through to elderly victims being accompanied to banks by bogus workmen seeking to obtain payments for poor or incomplete work.

Tayside Division now has an agreement in place with Neighbourhood Watch (Scotland) to use their NHW platform to promote fraud prevention advice. All victims of fraud/bogus callers will be encouraged to sign up to the scheme and it is intended to promote the launch of this scheme via the media to encourage participation. The scheme offers great scope for targeted crime prevention messaging.

We continue to use a broad range of our own social media platforms to promote on-line security and awareness, with a view to assisting community members to become less appealing targets.

Some specific examples from this quarter in respect of these activities in action, are provided below –

2 individuals attended the home of an older female and presented as HMICS employees, stating that the female was due an outstanding tax debt. The lady attended her bank to withdraw funds, however banking staff intervened, invoked the banking protocol and contacted the Police. Two suspects were identified via collaborative working with Trading Standards, but as importantly a range of local authority supports have now been introduced to support the victim.

An older female received email correspondence indicating she had won the Spanish Lottery, but required to pay a fee to have her winnings released. The associated online transactions were identified as suspicious by the bank and information was shared with the Police. As a result, a multi-agency intervention was delivered, there was no financial loss and online security advice has been provided to avoid repeat victimisation.

A victim was cold called by Bogus Workmen resulting in a report to the Police. Subsequent investigation identified the offender. However, a broader leaflet drop within the local area was delivered, which identified other victims and others vulnerable to victimisation, which detected other offences and prevented further crime. The matter was escalated via Trading Standards who fully supported the investigation.

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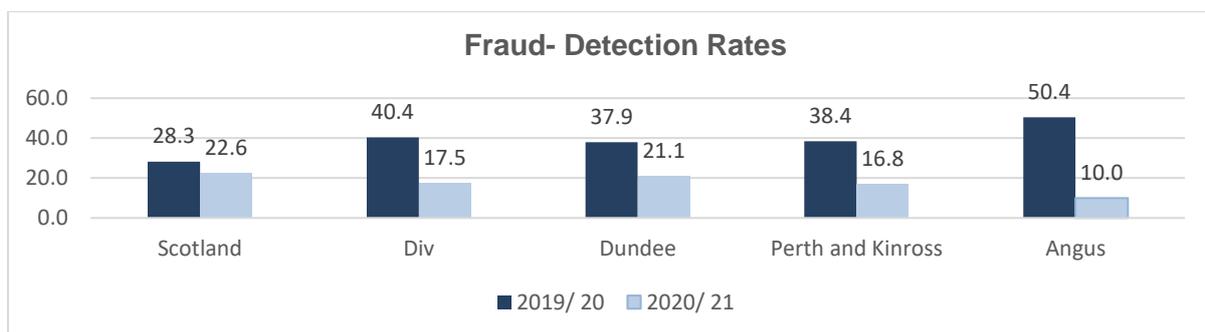
The number of Frauds reported across Dundee this performance year is 573 crimes, which is an increase of 167 crimes LYTD, a percentage increase of 30%. There has been 123 crimes reported within Q4.

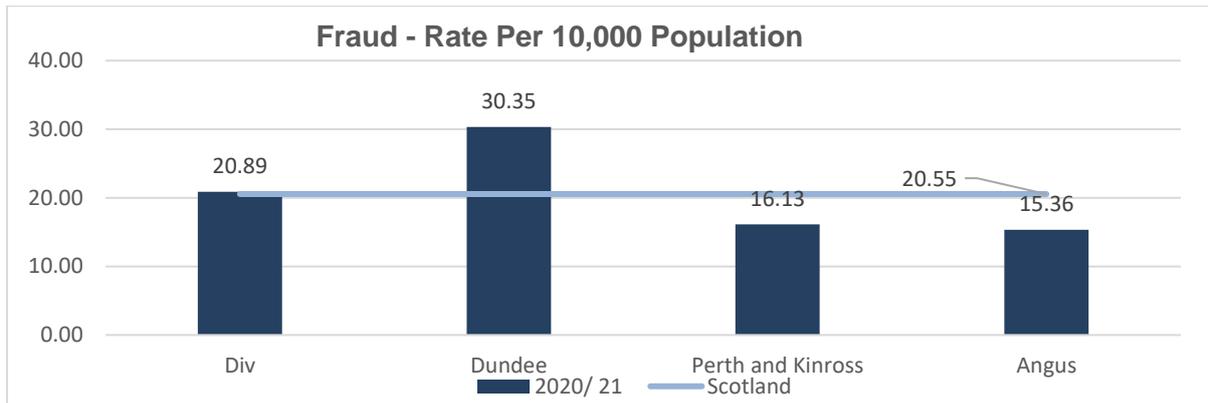
Challenges

There are multiple challenges in respect of this crime type, with many crimes now being cyber-enabled, which has the effect of hiding the crime from the support networks of the most vulnerable, often until multiple crimes have occurred and significant financial loss has resulted.

In many cases, the perpetrators are located out with the United Kingdom, making detecting offenders, mounting prosecutions and in many cases establishing legal jurisdiction extremely challenging. We place significant importance on the ethical recording of Fraud, recording the locations of these crimes as the home address of the victim, irrespective of the fact that they are often perpetrated out with Scotland. By doing so, we ensure victims are supported and assisted to recover their funds, in order to prevent further crimes.

As COVID-19 lockdown measures have suppressed opportunities to commit other types of acquisitive crime, they have had the polar opposite effect on on-line Fraud, as many people have joined online communities and started to use online financial services for the first time.





Measure – Theft by Shoplifting

Activity

COVID-19 continues to have an impact on local retailers, however it is anticipated that as those non-essential businesses start to re-open there will be a migration back towards previously seen levels of Theft by Shoplifting. That anticipated outcome is not seen through the Q4 figures and may, at least in the short term, remain suppressed by most stores employing additional staff to maintain a focus on social distancing and managing the numbers of customers within stores.

Results

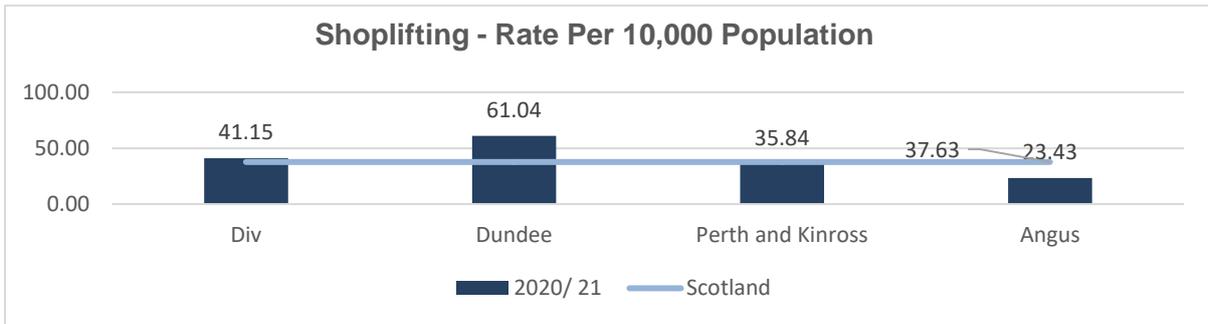
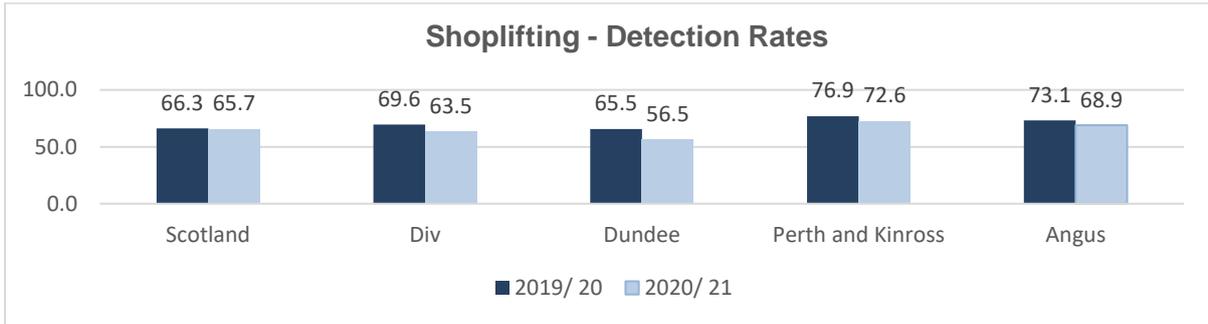
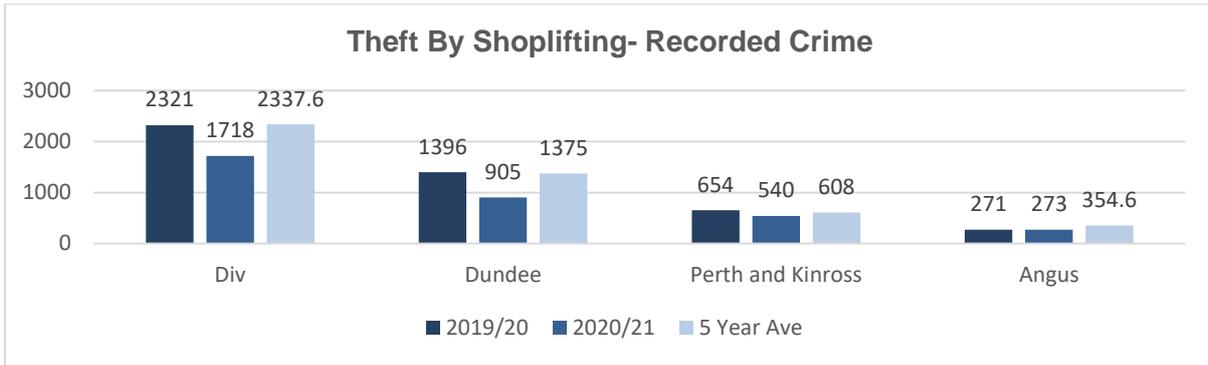
There have been 905 crimes of Theft by Shoplifting reported year to date, which is a decrease of 491 crimes in comparison to the same reporting period last year. This constitutes a reduction of 36%. This completes a downward trend in reporting with 270 crimes reported in Q1, 265 crimes reported in Q2, 230 crimes reported in Q3 and 140 crimes in Q4.

The current detection rate is 57% which is a slight decrease on Q3. Detection rates continue to be influenced by the wearing of masks and their negative impact upon the primary investigative tool for this crime type which is CCTV evidence.

Challenges

The challenge in respect of this crime type will be managing our response to the easing of lockdown restrictions, to ensure that our City Centre teams are prepared not only to respond to those violent crimes which we may expect to see as licencing hours are increased, but also to the impact of acquisitive crimes as the retail sector re-opens.

Currently, the Area Commander is completing a review of our approach to City Centre policing, to ensure that resources are visible and able to meet those times of peak demand. There are also very early discussions ongoing around the Dundee Estates strategy to scope opportunities to locate City Centre officers in more prominent locations within the city centre area.



Measure – Motor Vehicle Crime

Activity

Overall levels of motor vehicle crime have reduced in comparison to LYTD figures. The vast majority of these offences remain opportunistic in nature, with the most notable statistic relating to the high numbers of vehicles which are targeted when insecure. Analysis of offenders indicates that these crimes tend to be committed by younger males.

Results

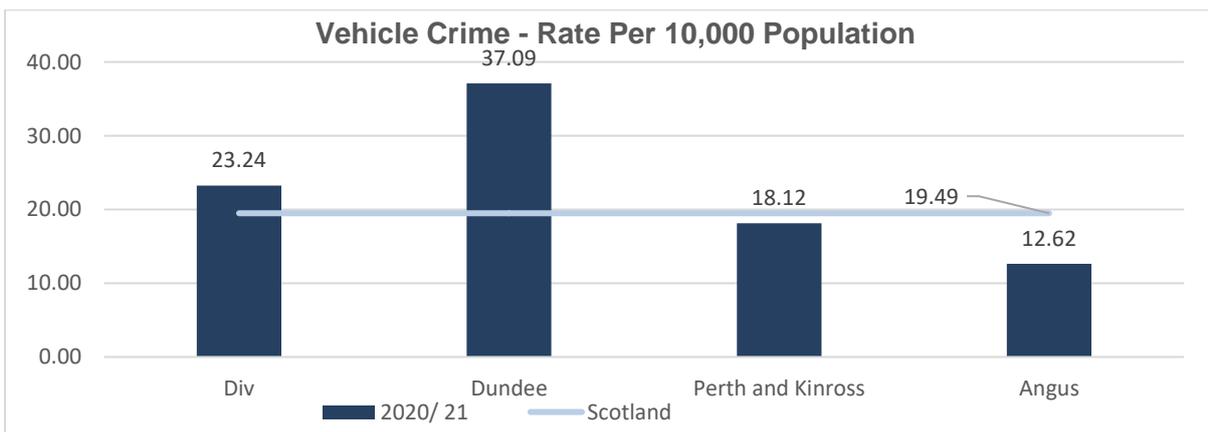
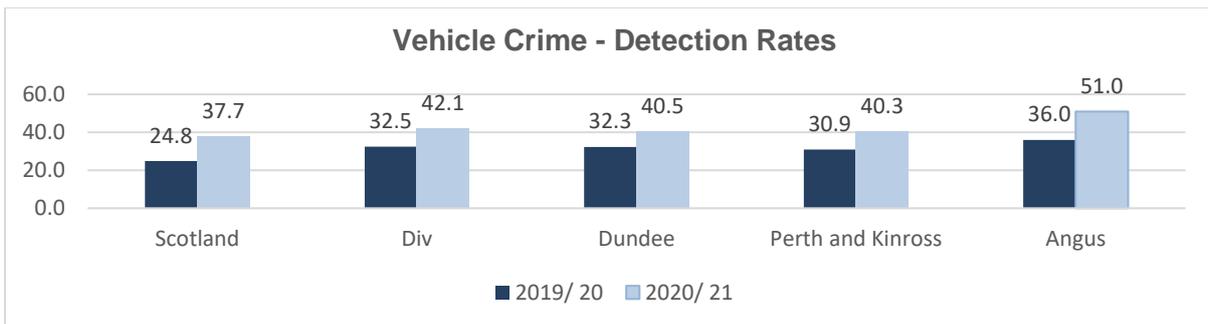
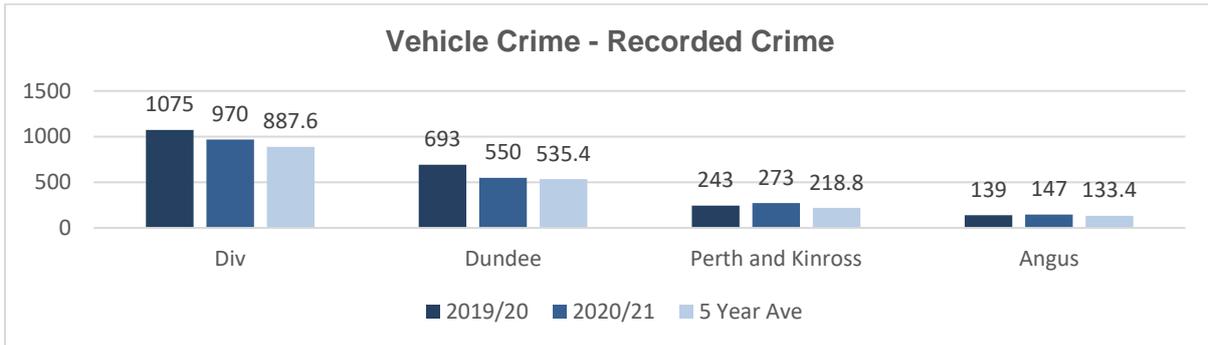
There have been 550 motor vehicle crimes recorded in this reporting period, which is a reduction of 143 crimes when compared to LYTD. The current detection rate is 41% which is a 1% improvement since Q3 and constitutes a 9% increase in detection rates when compared to LYTD figures.

Challenges

Despite positivity in respect of the overall rates of Motor Vehicle crime, we have seen a slight increase in the number of vehicles stolen when compared to LYTD figures (+8

crimes). This continues to be driven by young offenders, who seek opportunities to steal cars for the purpose of committing further driving offences.

In response to this statistic, a monthly Intelligence meeting has been instigated which includes representatives of DLPA Community Teams, the Divisional Intelligence Unit and Road Policing Unit, and delivers a focussed approach based around early intervention, education, disruption and diversion. This group of offenders is well understood which is reflected in an 18% increase in detection rates in respect of the Theft of Motor vehicles when compared to LYTD figures.







**Road Safety  
and Road  
Crime**

Collaborate to  
reduce casualties  
and crime on our  
roads

*This activity will link in with and support the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:*

- *Children and Families*
- *Community Safety and Justice*

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

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

**Operating Context**

Operation CEDAR

As we move in to a new financial year it is important to again highlight the principles of Operation CEDAR which are applied in the following ways across Tayside, linked to priority areas of focus:

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

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

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

Tragically Tayside Division have suffered 5 road traffic fatalities YTD, this is a decrease of 61% on the same period last year where the Division experienced 13.

150 persons were seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions on Tayside's roads, which is a 20% decrease for the same period last year where we experienced 187.

Additionally 323 persons were slightly injured as a result of road traffic collisions, this a 2% decrease on the same period last year where we experienced 32.

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Tayside Division have had 14 child casualties who were seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions, this is a 22% decrease on the same period last year which saw 18 children injured.

Positively Tayside Division have not suffered any child road traffic fatalities YTD which is 100% decrease.

Specifically, Dundee LPA have not had any road traffic fatalities for the period under review.

From a YTD perspective, Dundee LPA suffered 1 fatality which occurred in Quarter 3, this is a 67% decrease from the same period last year where we saw 3 road traffic fatalities. It has seen 43 persons seriously injured in road traffic collisions, this is 10.4% decrease on the same period last year which saw 48 persons seriously injured. Whilst instances of slight injury have also reduced to 103 compared to the previous year where Dundee LPA experienced 131 slightly injured casualties. This equates to a 21% decrease.

### Activity

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

January 2021 -	Festive drink/drug driving campaign
January 2021 -	Mobile phone campaign
February 2021 -	Seatbelt campaign
March 2021 -	Speeding campaign
March 2021	Operation Close Pass

Additionally Operation Lite commenced on the 26 December 2020, it was conducted by Roads policing officers in response to COVID-19 Government Lockdown measures.

The purpose being to provide a highly visible and reassuring policing presence across Scotland's Roads infrastructure towards minimising any risk to public health.

It was also an opportunity provide clear advice and guidance to the public on the travel restrictions imposed for Scotland through an effective communications plan with a clear indication of policing intentions.

All aforementioned campaigns were successful in respect of public engagement, awareness, education and enforcement. Effective use of media campaigns were also utilised for the aforementioned campaigns which were well received.

However, it should be noted that COVID-19 precluded the usual preferred method of engagement on many of the aforementioned campaigns.

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

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Local Policing and RPU Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns.

Enforcement activity has concentrated on a wide range of driving behaviours including dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving to name but a few. Based on strategic assessment a number of priority locations have been identified within Dundee which were subject to focussed operation activity.

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads;

M90/A90

A9

A923

A93

A85

A92

From year to date a total of 22,376 vehicles were stopped in Tayside Division with a number of offences being detected and reported, whilst a number of offenders were warned in respect of other road traffic contraventions.

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

Concerningly, Tayside Division have had 67 recorded pursuit situations YTD which is a 71% increase on the same period last year where we experienced 19. Dundee LPA has had significantly more pursuits than both Angus and Perth & Kinross.

Operation Close Pass which was launched within Tayside Division in summer 2020 continues to be utilised in all 3 LPA's within Tayside. The introduction was in response to a modal shift towards more active travel brought about from COVID-19 restrictions. This includes an increase in the number of people using Tayside's roads and paths for cycling.

The origins of Close Pass being it was originally launched by West Midlands Police in 2016, and was designed to proactively identify and educate drivers who pass too closely to cyclists.

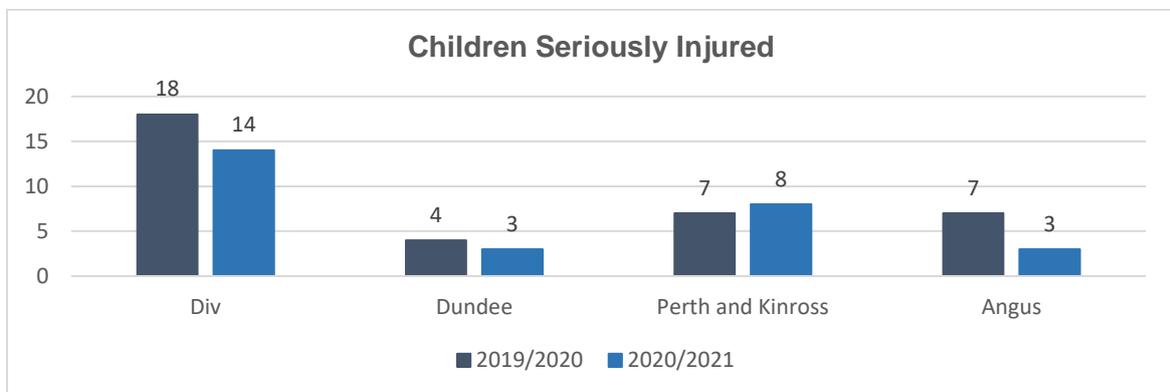
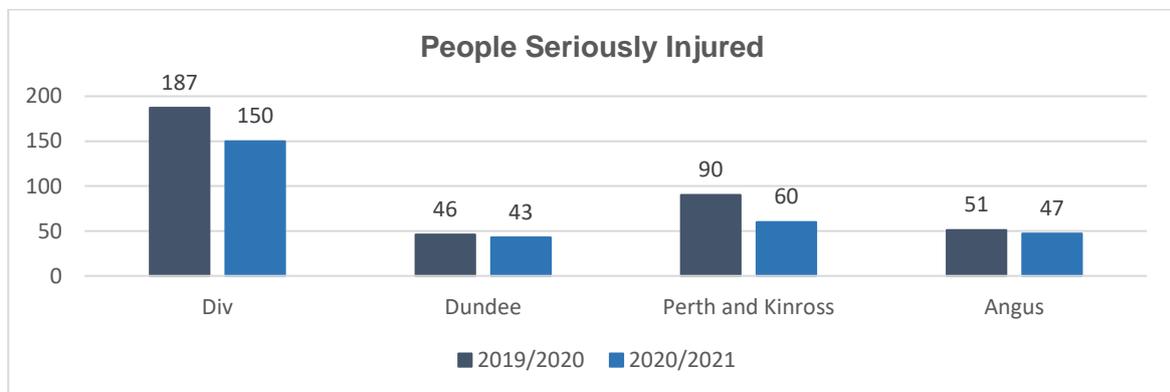
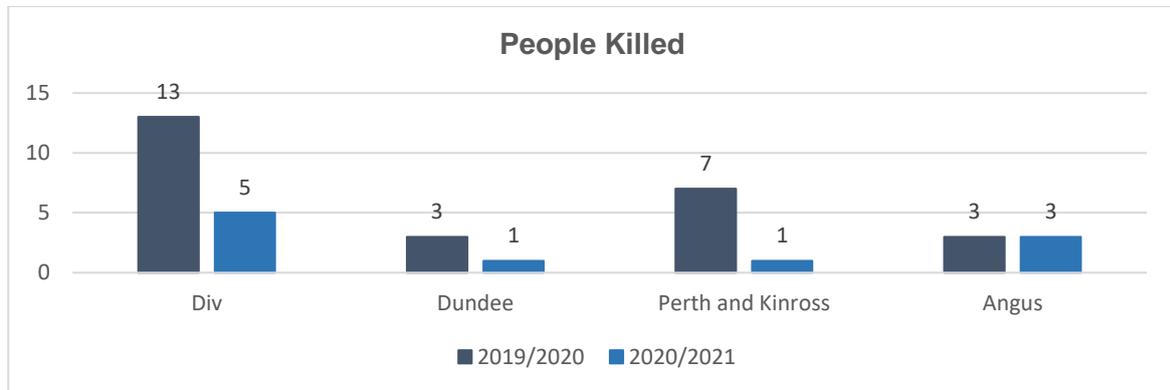
Plain clothes police officers cycle in traffic and are equipped with cameras which record video evidence of motorists passing too closely to the cyclist. The evidence can then be used to either educate drivers at the side of the road or, where appropriate, prosecute offenders or those deemed to be dangerous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

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

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Operation Close Pass will continue in all three Tayside LPA's throughout 2021 when it is appropriate and proportionate to do so. We continue to work closely with Cycling Scotland and Road Safety Scotland who have assisted with funding to purchase the required equipment.



Measure – Speeding

Activity

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

During activity, officers from both the Road Policing Unit, Safety Camera Unit and Divisional officers specifically targeted road users who contravene legislation. Working closely with Dundee City Council, we also saw traffic monitoring equipment fitted to a number of locations to establish traffic flow/volume and average speed of motorists. Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively encourage the changes in driving attitudes and behaviour was also delivered.

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March 2021 also saw a Speeding campaign which involved Road policing officers in partnership with the Safety Camera Unit carry out enforcement throughout the Division.

Results

Tayside Division detected 4099 speeding offences YTD which is a 37% decrease on the same period last year, this is predominantly down to COVID-19 lockdown measures and a significant reduction in vehicles on the roads network throughout the year.

During the period under review, speeding offences in Dundee LPA decreased by 2.7% with 1099 speeding offences detected compared to 1130 LYTD.

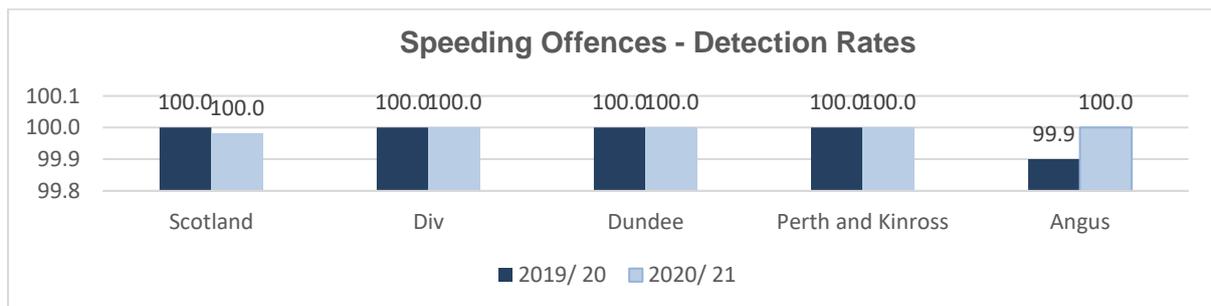
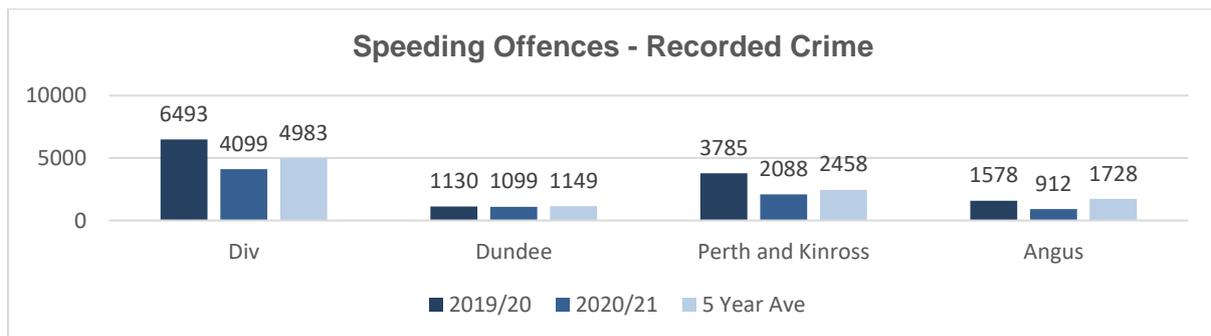
This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

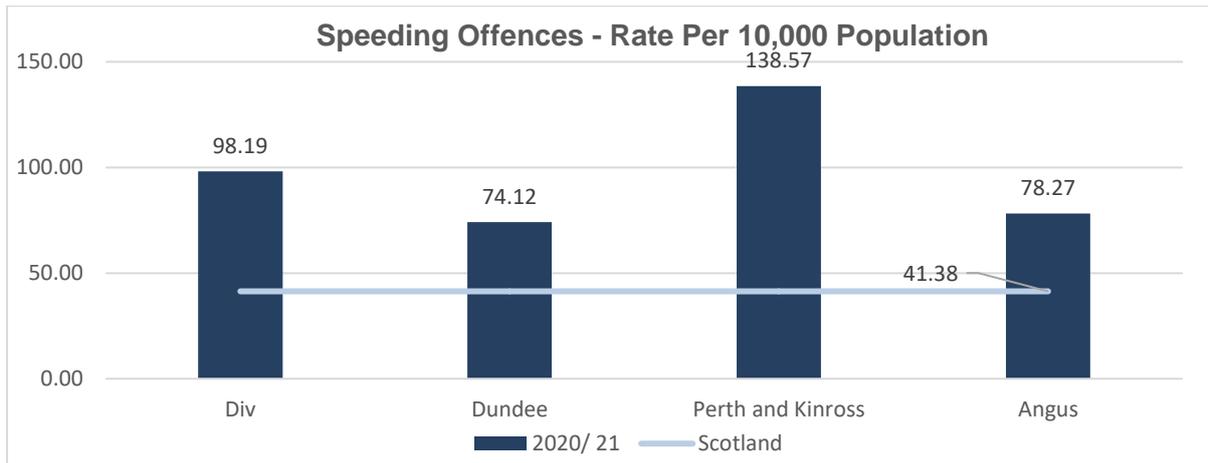
This figure remains significantly lower than the 5 year average.

Challenges

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

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





### Measure – Drink/Drug Driving

#### Activity

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

The current pandemic has seen a decrease in the number of vehicles on the roads, however our campaign to improve road safety has been as important as ever.

In the month of January, 2021 Police Scotland continued The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign, this involved dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit and divisional officers specifically target road users who drive whilst under the influence. A media campaign was also launched in support of the activity sending out a clear message that this behaviour will not be tolerated whilst reinforcing the ramifications should offenders be caught. Focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offender's drive the morning after being under the influence.

Throughout the period under review and the challenges raised by COVID-19, effective use of the media to raise awareness and influence driver attitudes and behaviour have been delivered.

The drug wipe testing kit continues to feature heavily in the media and was prevalent throughout the Festive Drink/Drug driving campaign. The kit will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving with a considerable number of positive wipes throughout Tayside Division.

#### Results

Drink/Drug driving within Tayside Division for the period under review has increased by 8.7%, this is the combined total for both Drink & drugs, with 707 Drink / Drug driver offences detected.

During the period under review, Drink/Drug offences in Dundee LPA have increased by 7.9% compared to the same period of last year, with 325 of those offences recorded within Dundee.

There is some limited data available in respect of the breakdown of drink driving offences in comparison to drug driving offences. Analysis of that data indicates that

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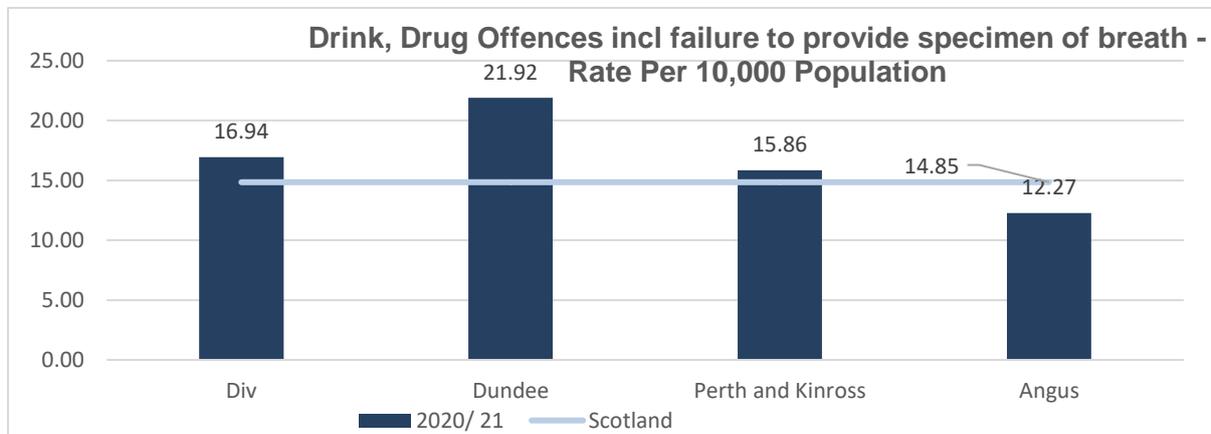
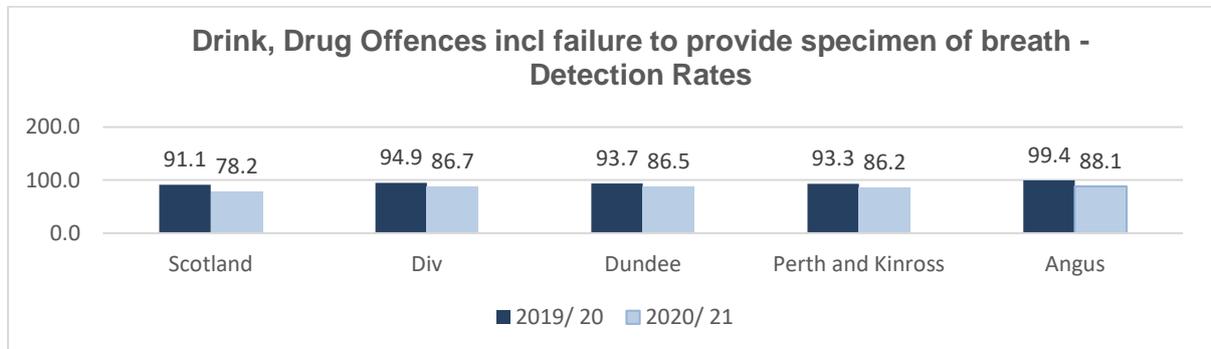
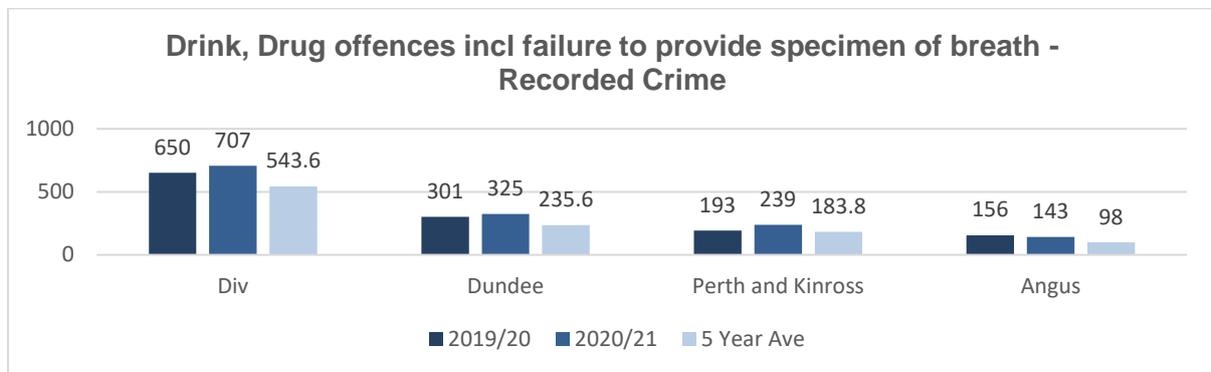
of the offences contained within the data set 61% of those cases related to Drug driving offences, with 39% related to Drink driving.

During the period under review Tayside Division excelled with a total 1131 breath specimens recorded throughout the Division.

Challenges

Considering the analytical data highlights an 8.7% increase divisionally and a 7.9% increase within Dundee LPA for the period under review comparable to 2019/20, it is extremely disappointing to see that people are still willing to take the risk and drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

We will continue to take action against those who selfishly put others at risk by driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



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### Measure – Careless Driving

#### Activity

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

These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90  
Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Dundee.

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.

#### Results

Careless driving across Tayside Division has decreased by 9.5% with the total number of offenders being detected at 620 comparable with 685 the previous year.

Dundee LPA specifically has significantly decreased by 11.4% with a total of 225 offenders being detected compared to 254 the previous year.

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

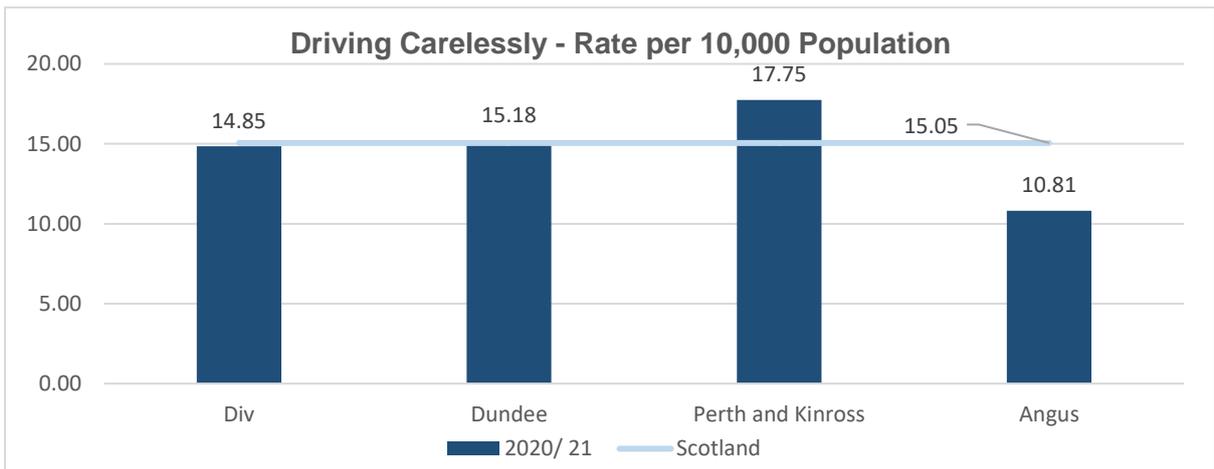
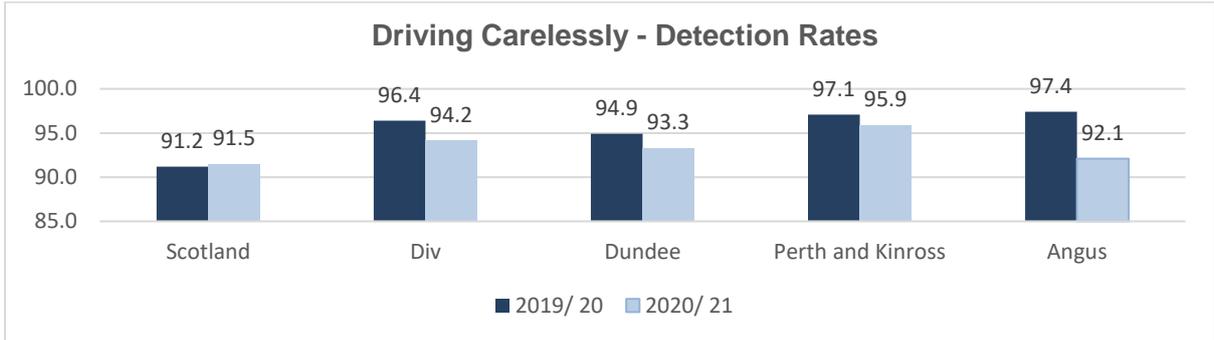
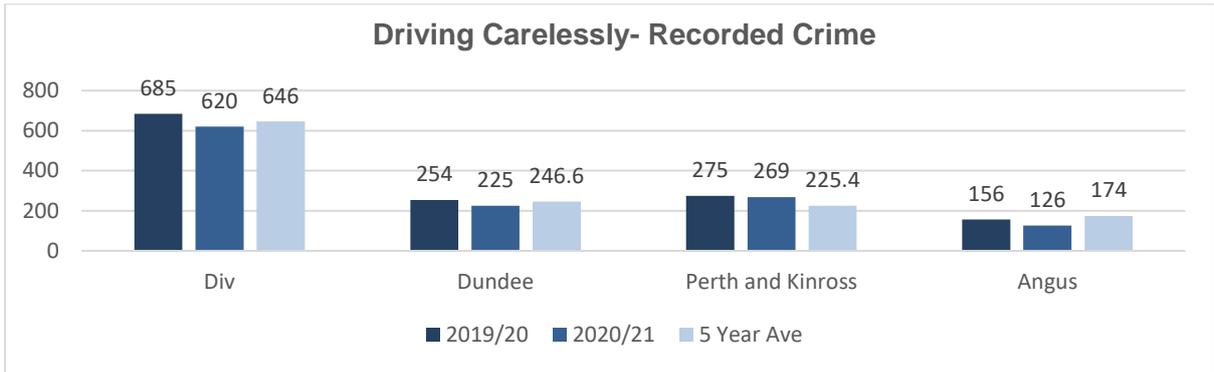
By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' and working with partners, Tayside Division road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education activates and influence the provision of engineering solutions (3 E's). This will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

#### Challenges

Younger drivers are especially a challenge given their inexperience behind the wheel accompanied by peer pressure from their passengers. This has been compounded significantly due to COVID-19 restrictions which have forced annual education programmes such as Safe drive stay alive to be postponed. This in essence is a lost opportunity to influence younger driver behaviour which will never be regained.

Additionally with COVID-19 lockdown measures slowly being reduced we will have a number of drivers who have not been behind the wheel in a significant period of time. As such, Road policing have created and released a number of educational videos which highlight vehicle/motorcycle issues which can arise from lack of use, additionally driving hazards to be aware of when you have not driven/ridden for a significant period of time.

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**Public Protection**

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

*This activity will link in with and support the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:*

- *Children and Families*
- *Health, Care and Wellbeing*
- *Community Safety and Justice*

*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**

Measure – Domestic Abuse

While recording rates for sexual crime and domestic abuse declined at the start of lockdown in March, 2020 we have seen a steady increase in both areas throughout the reporting period with figures returning to pre COVID-19 levels and continuing the trend of year on year increases.

This trend of a steady increase in reporting is reflected in other areas of the Division and is replicated nationally.

The figures below represent crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 and the level of recorded crime is similar to that of 2019/20 (2 fewer crimes). Comparison against the 5 year average is of less relevance given the recent enactment of this legislation.

Activity

Domestic abuse remains a priority for the Division and all domestic incidents in Dundee are subject of review, both by management and also by the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU). Priority is given to the arrest of any outstanding perpetrators, who are routinely traced and arrested within the first 24/48 hours of a reported crime and LPA officers and colleagues within the DAIU work closely with partners to ensure that appropriate safeguarding is in place for victims.

During the reporting period a total of 8 individuals from the Dundee area were subject of active investigation by the Domestic Abuse Task Force having been referred via the MATAC process.

In addition, the Divisional Domestic Abuse Unit and other PPU and local policing units continue to actively investigate reports of Domestic Abuse and pursue all opportunities to safeguard victims by effectively targeting perpetrators.

Results

The detection rate for Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 (DASA) offences in Dundee has remained above that of 2019/20 and is broadly in keeping with the national average.

During the reporting period a number of significant arrests were made by the Domestic Abuse Task Force as a result of ongoing MATAC investigations. These include;

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A male charged with 32 offences committed against 4 partners including sexual offences and physical assaults.

A male charged with 12 offences committed against 4 partners including physical violence, DASA offences and controlling behaviour.

In addition, in January, 2021 a male from Dundee who had been the subject of a MATAAC investigation was convicted of 15 offences committed against 8 partners and was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

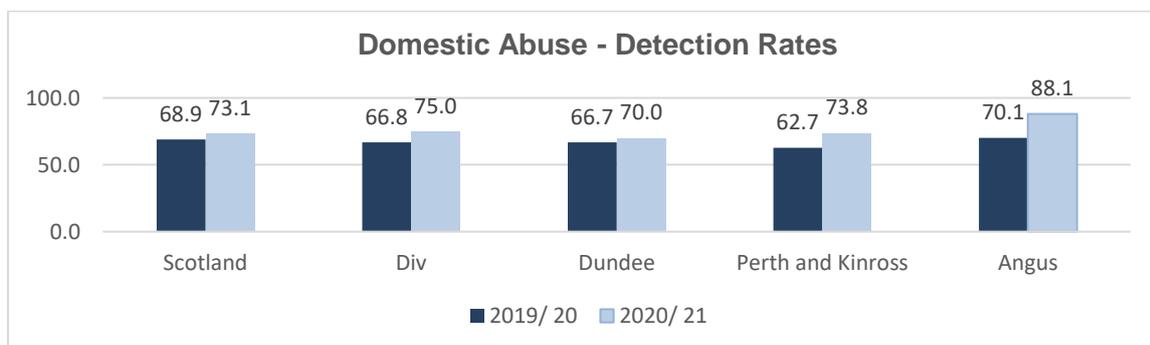
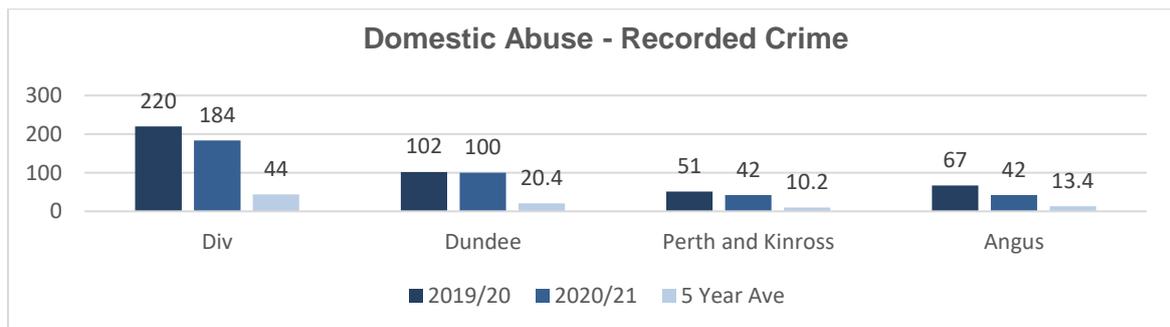
In March, 2021 a male from Dundee was convicted of a catalogue of sexual and physical abuse conducted against his partner and her child following a joint investigation by the Divisional Domestic Abuse and Rape Investigation Units. The male was subsequently sentenced to 14 years imprisonment and is also now subject of a 20 year Non Harassment Order.

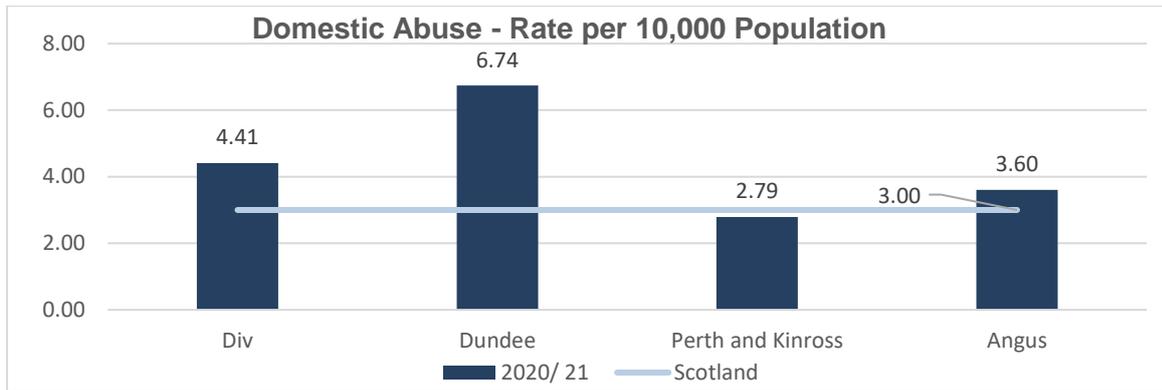
### Challenges

The investigation of Domestic Abuse can involve complex and protracted investigations. While the results outlined above demonstrate the positive outcomes that can be achieved via processes such as MATAAC and the Divisional Violence Prevention Board these investigations can often take several months to complete.

Dundee continues to experience a high level of Domestic Abuse and the incidents per head of population is higher than both the Divisional and National averages.

Our primary aim remains on the prevention of Domestic Abuse and we continue to work closely with partners utilising both the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland and MATAAC to safeguard members of the community from further harm with the long term aim of reducing the level of Domestic Abuse incidents in Dundee.





### Measure – Hate Crime

#### Activity

Processes are still in place locally to monitor and review all hate crimes/incidents to ensure these are being recognised and recorded properly.

A daily review is carried out of hate crimes/incidents to assist with identifying emerging trends. This allows 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 local third party reporting centres and maintaining current Keep Safe premises within Tayside.

A Hate Crime Campaign was delivered throughout March, 2020 which involved the delivery of 17 events across a range of community locations. These locations ranged from the Dundee International Women's Centre, the Lochee Hub, Arthurstone Community Library, Dundee and Angus College and several local secondary schools. The locations and approach were varied to ensure they reached as many of our communities as possible within an accessible and informal setting. The events themselves comprised of school talks targeted at Hate Crime awareness in younger people, drop-in events to discuss third party reporting and hate crime awareness, screening of the 'I AM ME' film along with the distribution of hate crime information leaflets on XPlore buses.

Facebook live events took place with Dundee & Angus College in relation to Hate crime and Frauds/Scams.

#### Results

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.

Another review of Third Party Reporting Centres is to be carried out across Police Scotland and a Training / Re-training Package has been sent out to all divisions to ensure consistency.

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All Keep Safe premises in Tayside continue to be supported with regular contact provided by the SPOC. Excellent feedback was received following a Keep Safe Awareness Day held in March. Two further Keep Safe locations have been identified and are in the process of receiving training.

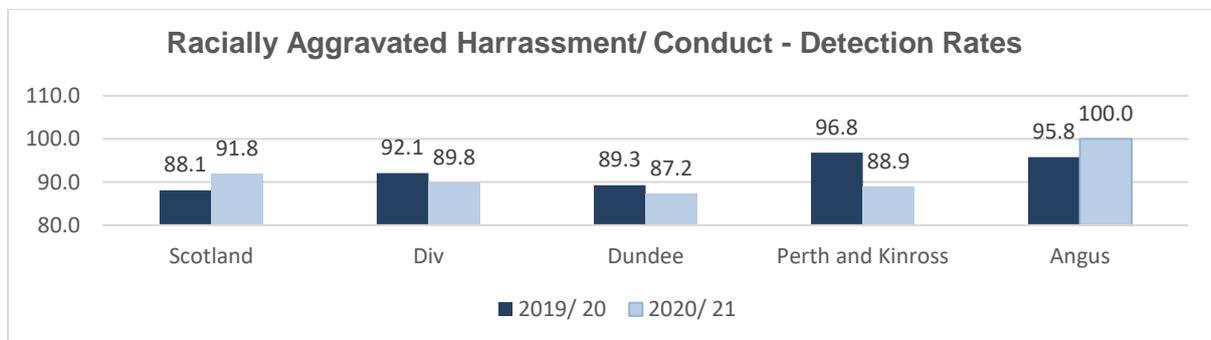
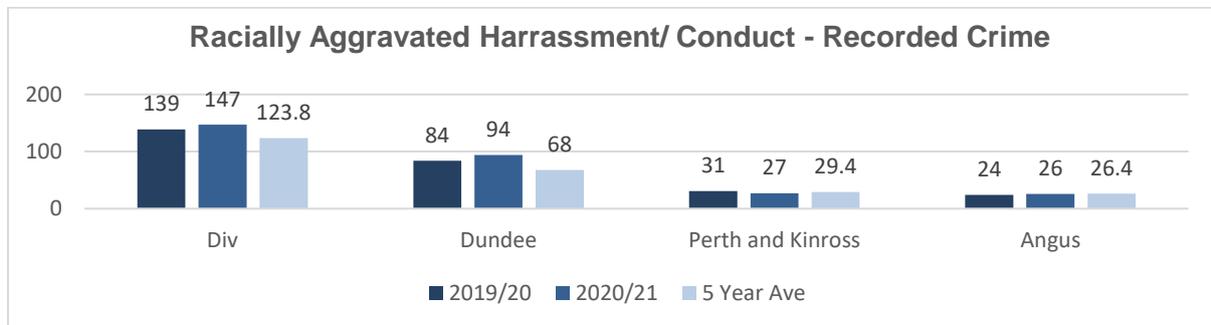
There have been a slight decrease in reported hate incidents (including crimes) during this quarter with 63 incidents reported in comparison to 82 for the previous quarter within Tayside Division. 39 of those incidents were reported in Dundee, with 36 relating to race and 3 relating to Sexual Orientation.

Crimes of racially aggravated conduct / harassment have also decreased by 10 incidents from 62 to 52 in comparison to the previous quarter.

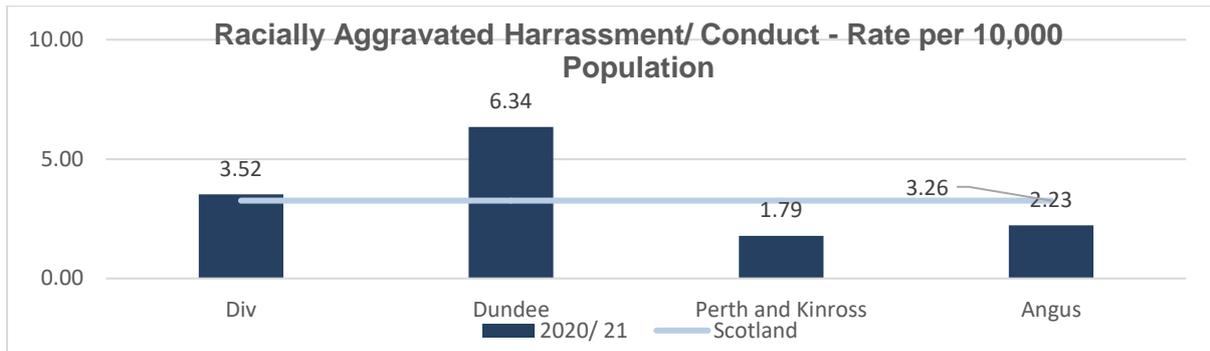
The Hate Crime SPOC for D Division met with the new Assistant Procurator Fiscal and Equalities Lead for the Sheriffdom of Tayside, Central and Fife, to discuss ways in which to improve the reporting of Hate Crime within the Division. The intention is to work closely together to provide awareness inputs to local Educational establishments from Secondary school to Universities and Colleges along with looking for further referral options for those one-time offenders in need of re-education.

Challenges

Those local groups who met regularly prior to the COVID-19 pandemic have not been meeting as often. However, we continue to share material online as a substitute to those important face to face meetings.



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### Measure – Sexual Crime

The level of recorded sexual crime for Dundee is higher than that of 2019/20 (65 more crimes) and higher than the 5 year average.

The level of recorded rapes / attempted rapes in Dundee is also higher than 2019/20 (38 more crimes) and is again higher than the 5 year average.

We have previously reported that while we continue to record an increasing number of Group 2 crimes, including Rape and Attempted Rape, many of these have occurred significantly out with the reporting period and are classed as non-recent (i.e. the offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to the Police).

Recent analysis shows that, within the Division, 31% of all Group 2 crimes and 51% of all Rapes are non-recent in nature.

These statistics are borne out of a review of the Rape / Attempted Rape crimes recorded during this reporting period.

In total, 36 such crimes were recorded in Dundee. Of these, 14 were recent (i.e. occurred within the last 12 months) with the remaining 22 being non-recent in nature with the date of offences ranging from 1980 to 2019.

In a number of cases multiple crime reports have been raised in respect of one victim.

### Activity

The responsibility for the investigation of sexual crime predominantly lies with specialist units within the Divisional Public Protection Unit or with national units from Specialist Crime Division.

Rape investigations are led by a qualified Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) and robust review processes are in place to ensure that all avenues of enquiry are identified and progressed prior to the conclusion of an investigation.

### Results

The detection rate for all sexual crime is marginally lower than 2019/20 (a reduction of 6%), this is a trend that is reflected across the Division.

The detection rate for Rape and Attempted Rape is also lower than that of 2019/20 (a reduction of 2%).

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These reductions are assessed to be due to the volume of non-recent enquiries and the challenges associated with these types of investigations (see below). Many of these crimes remain under active investigation and while there is potential for a significant number to be detected, this is not reflected in the performance data for this reporting period.

Some of the successful outcomes of these investigations are detailed in the Domestic Abuse section of this report.

### Challenges

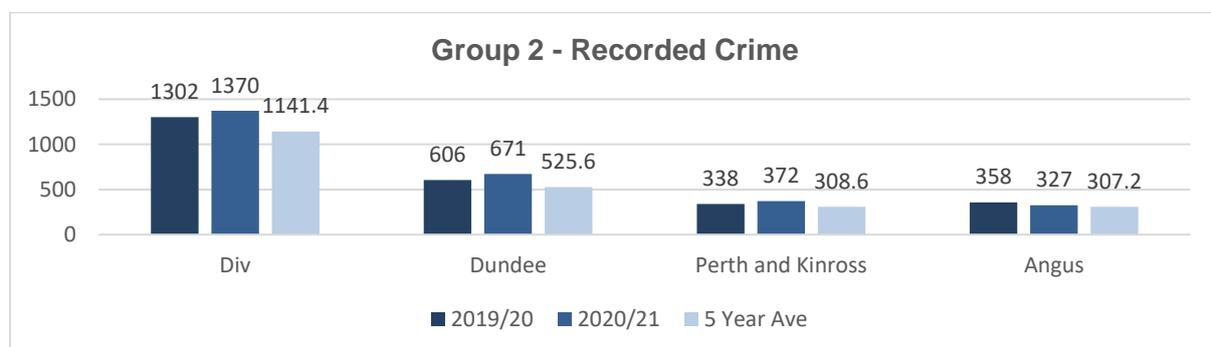
We continue to see significant levels of demand in relation to sexual crime and an increasing proportion of this is non-recent in nature.

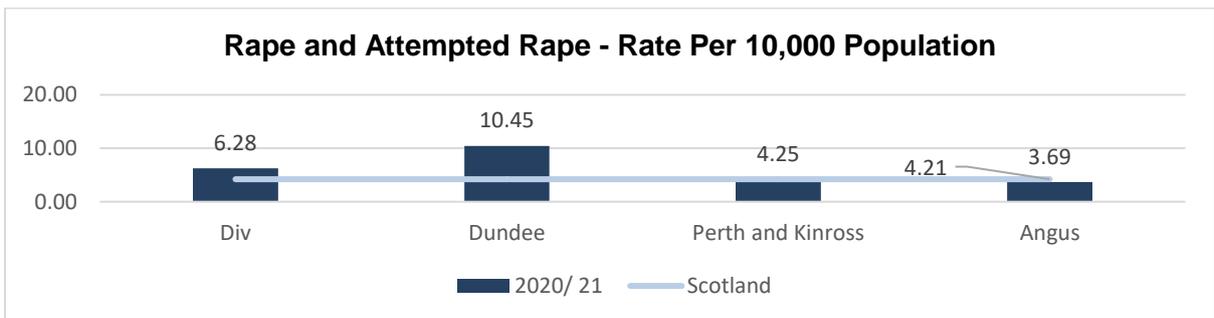
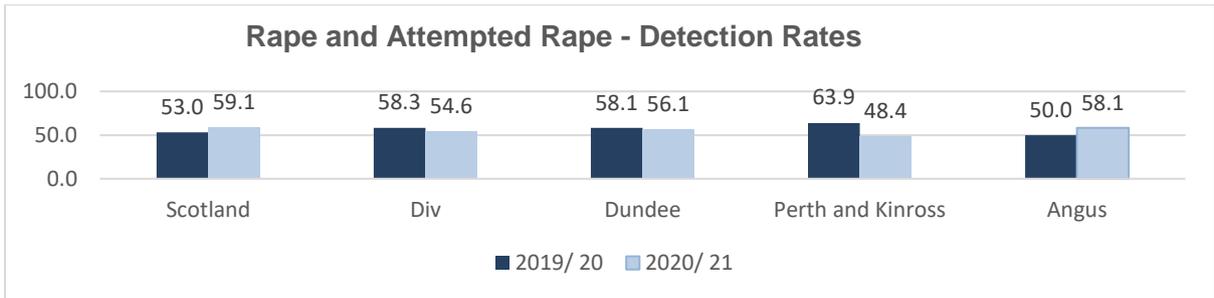
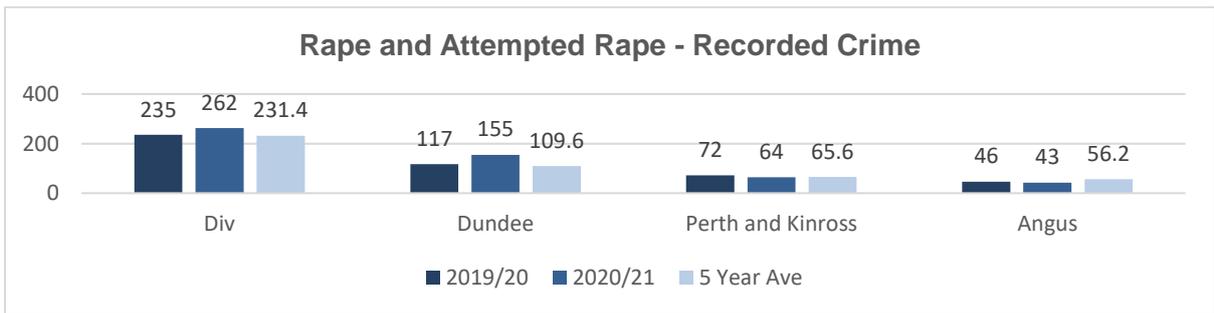
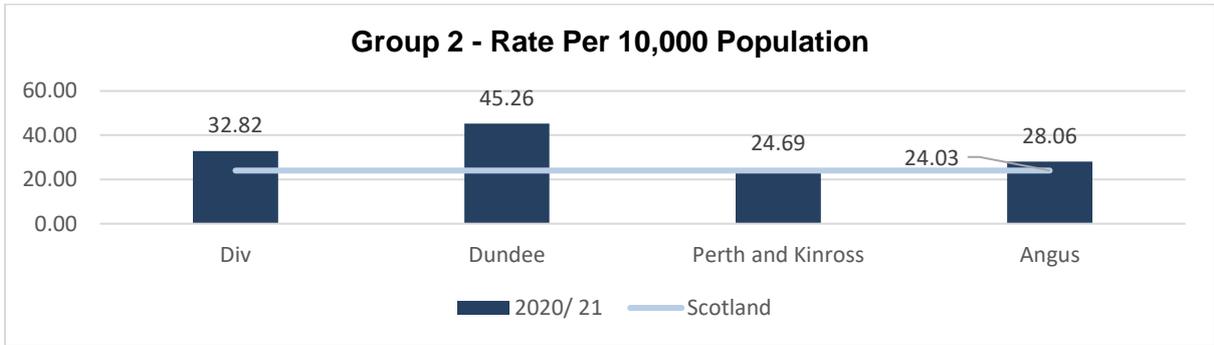
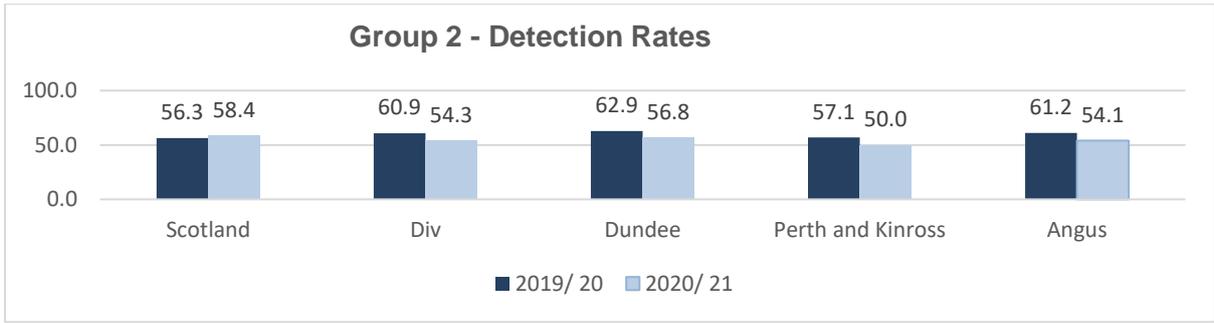
The investigation of these types of offences is particularly challenging as evidence can often be lost due to the passage of time. In recognition of the increasing demand in this area and the need for a more specialist response, Tayside Division created the Non-Recent Sexual Crime Team, a team of specialist investigators led by an experienced SIO.

It is worth noting that a recognised investigative tool for the investigation of such offences is that of proactive approaches to previous partners of a perpetrator in an effort to establish whether they have been the victim of any similar offences which may provide corroborative evidence. This can lead to offences being disclosed which may otherwise have remained unreported and this proactivity by police can account for some of the increases in the levels of recorded crime.

The challenges in securing corroborative evidence is not limited to those crimes which are non-recent in nature. Analysis of recent crime shows that 41% of all sexual crime and 24% of Rape / Attempted Rapes are reported out with the "forensic window", i.e. the 7 day period during which forensic opportunities can be maximised.

The reason for the delay in reporting is not fully understood and further analysis and work with partner agencies and victims is required to better understand how we can remove any barriers to service and improve outcomes.









**Serious  
Organised  
Crime**

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

*This activity will link in with and support the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:*

- *Community Safety and Justice*
- *Building Stronger Communities*

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

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**Operating Context**

Measure – Possession of Drugs

Activity

Significant pro-active policing continues to be delivered across the city in respect of targeting those involved in the sale and supply of controlled drugs.

These efforts have now been augmented by the introduction of the OP Argonite Team who have already developed close working relationships with Community Policing Teams, colleagues in Partnerships and Interventions and colleagues from national divisions such as Specialist Crime Division and the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit.

A specific aim of the OP Argonite Team is to identify and support those at risk of being exploited and intimidated by criminal gangs, through activity such as cuckooing. We fully understand the personal cost to those involved in the use of controlled drugs and therefore have strong working relationships with key partners, to ensure the effective sharing of information to not only combat offenders, but effectively support victims.

All intelligence received is carefully analysed and developed to ensure we do not simply detect offences, but seek to disrupt organised networks ability to operate within the city.

Dundee has been identified as part of a nation pilot scheme in respect of the Police carriage of Naloxone. Planning and preparation in respect of the launch of the initiative has developed at pace throughout Q4, with almost 9 out of 10 officers now electing to carry Naloxone alongside all other operational equipment.

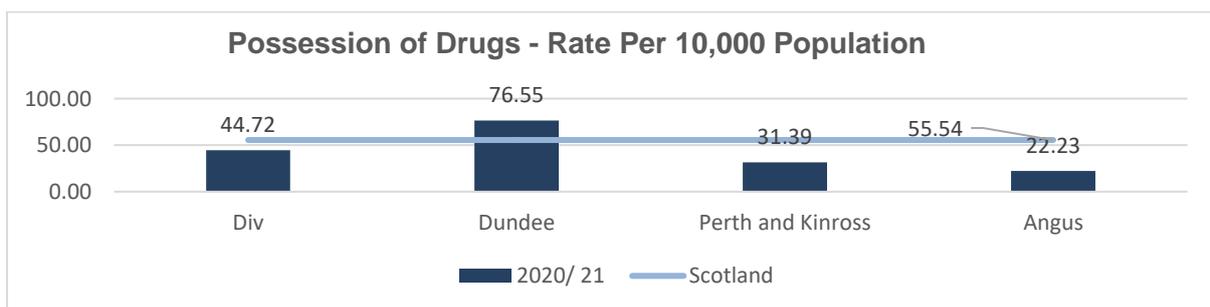
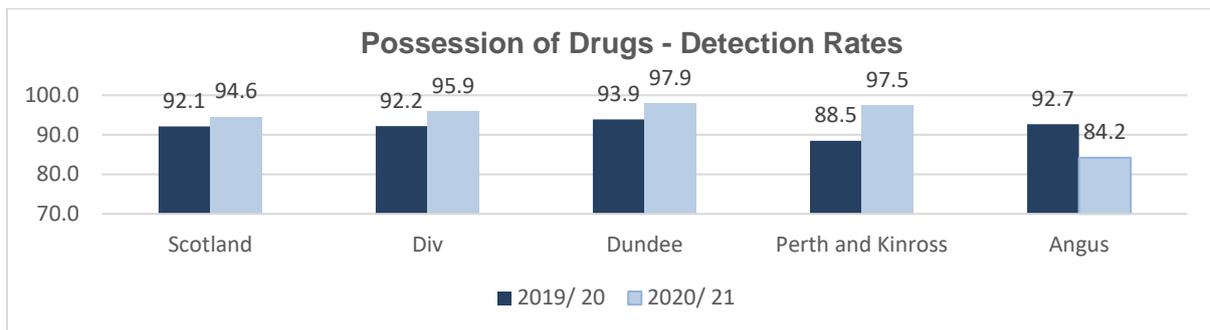
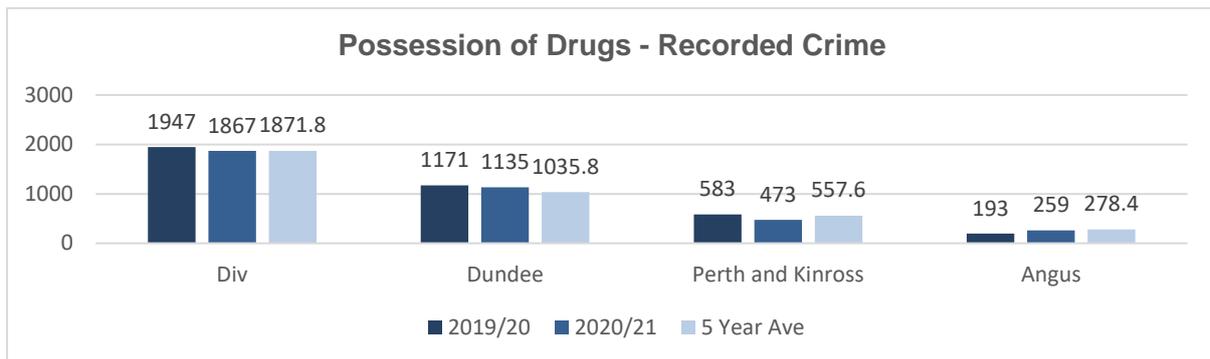
A core principal of the pilot is to help deliver cultural change around the use of drugs, reduce the stigma associated with it and seek to ensure that local officers are seen as a community resource who are not only intent on tackling those criminals who chose to supply drugs, but also able to support and help those who suffer from addiction. The product is a first aid nasal spray allowing officers to provide an effective first aid intervention to those who we find to be in health crisis due to opioid overdose, as we go about our duties. This pilot has been delivered in conjunction with a range of key partners, including the Scottish Ambulance Service, and will be subject to analysis at the end of a 6 month period in order to consider its impact and potential

roll out across the country. Thus far, officers have successfully administered Naloxone on two separate occasions, with positive outcomes in both cases.

There were 1,135 recorded drugs possession cases recorded during the reporting period, which is a decrease of 36 crimes when compared to LYTD figures.

Challenges

The availability of drugs within the city continues to drive crimes of violence and acquisitive crime, with many of the victims being those caught up in the chaotic lifestyles associated with drug addiction. There is little doubt that such addiction leads to significant vulnerability, resulting in the need for the sustained support of multiple local authority and third sector services.



Measure – Supply of Drugs

Activity

Our response to tackling the supply of drugs in Dundee remains centred around the development of high quality intelligence, accurate and careful analysis and robust enforcement action.

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This enforcement action is under-pinned by an approach which supports those who are vulnerable to exploitation, or are the victims of criminality as a result of the actions of those determined to deal drugs within our local communities. This support is provided via multiple work-streams driven by our Partnerships and Interventions Teams, supported by OP Argonite and in conjunction with a broad range of statutory and third sector partners.

### Results

This year 202 individuals have been arrested and reported for being concerned in the supply of drugs, which is a 29% increase in cases when compared to LYTD. 48 cases have been reported within Q4.

Examples of some of these successes include –

OP Bald is a long running investigation in respect of an organised crime group operating within Dundee. Significant activity coordinated nationally and delivered locally continues to target this group, through use of enforcement, disruption and deterrent activity. Work has continued at pace throughout Q4 and to date 35 arrests have been made, cash seized to the value of £56,271 and controlled drugs to the value of £429,967 recovered.

OP Ceda is an ongoing operation which was instigated within Q4 in response to intelligence relating to multiple Cannabis cultivations being located across the City. Thus far, enforcement activity has been delivered at 3 addresses with a combined total of £319,000 worth of controlled drugs seized. A number of arrests in connection with this enforcement action have also been made.

OP Brescia was delivered during Q4 which involved targeting linked addresses in Angus and Dundee. This enforcement activity resulted in the seizure of a pill press used in the manufacture of controlled drugs, with in excess of £10,000 worth of controlled drugs also recovered. An arrest was made and the matter remains subject to court proceedings

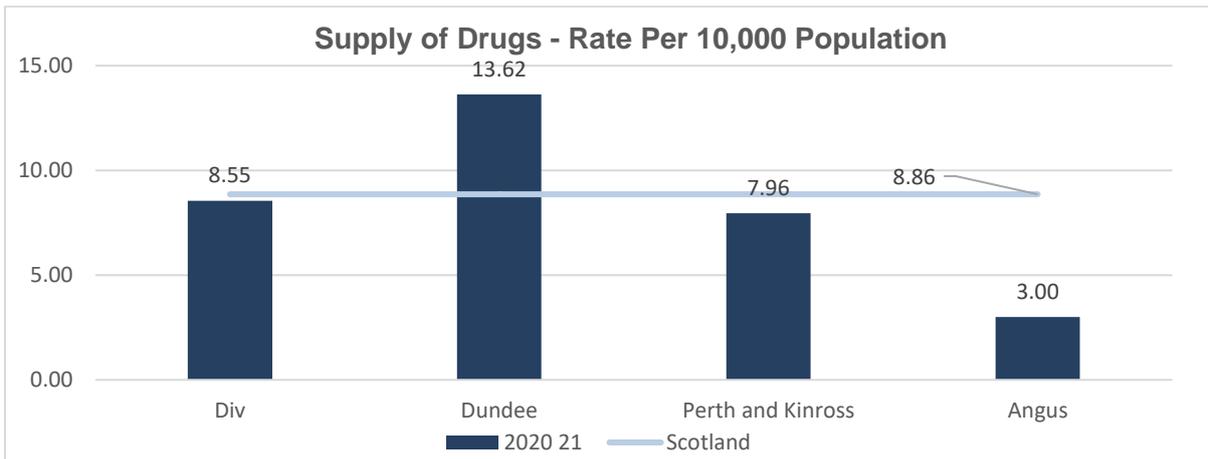
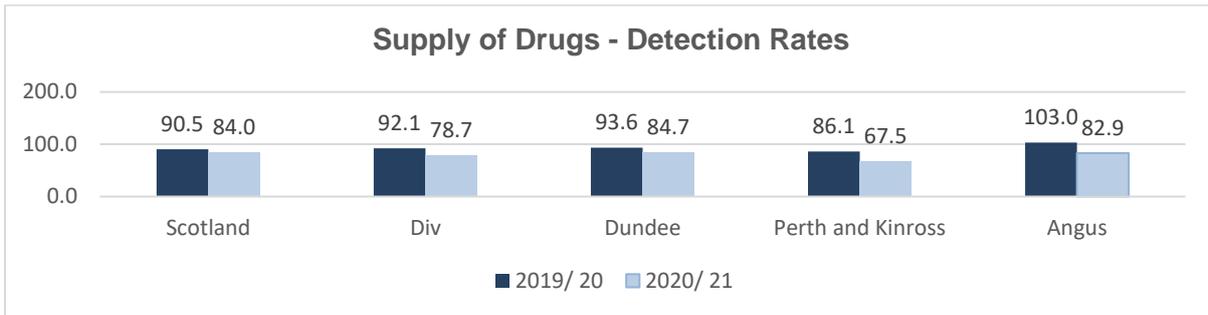
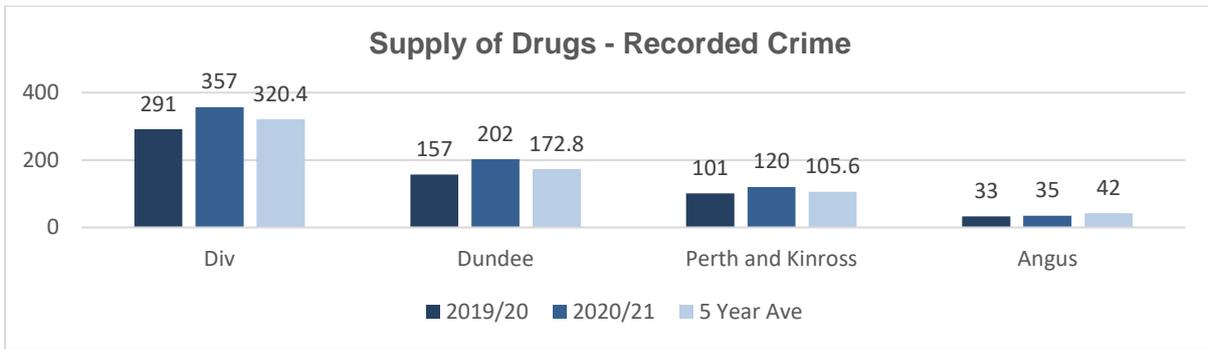
In February, 2021 a separate operation was launched in the Maryfield area, resulting in one arrest and the seizure of £90,000 of controlled drugs.

### Challenges

There remains a cultural problem in respect of drug addiction within Dundee, which drives demand and provides a market for those criminals who would seek to exploit vulnerable people.

Enforcement activity is one part of the solution, however the sustained focus of the Police and partners remains critical in tackling the broader social impact of drugs within the City.

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Measure – Proceeds of Crime

Activity

Targeting the assets of those involved in criminality and serious Organised Crime, helps prevent future criminal enterprise.

During Q4 civil action has been taken in respect of £98,174.97 linked to nominals involved in the commission of criminality within the Dundee area.

Results

- Civil Cash Seizures £ 3,860.72
- Expedited Civil Recovery £ N/A
- Assets for Restraint £ 94,314.25

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### 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.

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL.

On 4th February 2021, the joint terrorism analysis centre (JTAC) lowered the UK national terrorism threat level from severe to substantial. This means that a terrorist attack is likely.

D Division 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 change PROTECT Duty consultation and also security awareness due to lockdown restrictions lifting.

Port engagement visit in Dundee where security advice was given.

Awareness raising session with partners about spotting signs of radicalisation.

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## Events

There have been no Events of note delivered within the Q4 reporting period.

## Other Key Activity

Tayside Division continues to experience significant demand as a result of COVID-19 related incidents. This demand ranges from significant numbers of requests from the public for advice and guidance, monitoring and responding to changes in legislation, working collaboratively with partners to limit the impact of the pandemic and responding to incidents where apparent breaches have occurred.

Tayside Division has also delivered a clear internal focus on health and safety, prioritising the well-being of our people, whilst maintaining a safe and resilient operating model.

The current focus relates to how we transition out of strict limitations to social gatherings, social distancing, travel and limited activity within the retail, tourism and licensing sectors. As a Senior Leadership team we meet weekly, to receive updates on national policy, and to discuss the timings and nature of Scottish Government changes to guidance and regulation. These discussions allow us to dynamically review and refine our deployment model in response to assessed changes in demand.

The 'Dundee Safe' operation which is linked to the safe policing of the city centre, at those peaks of weekend demand, have been reviewed and refreshed and are ready for incremental delivery in keeping with the graduated re-introduction of drinking in pubs and clubs.

Local officers continue to work closely with colleagues in our Licensing Department, and partners from Trading Standards and Licensing Standards officers, to ensure any business owners who choose to act irresponsibly and jeopardise the safety of their customers are identified quickly and appropriate action taken.

It remains the case, that the vast majority of our community members continue to comply with the COVID-19 legislation, and take time to educate themselves on changes in guidance and legislation, however where necessary enforcement action remains a responsible last resort when needed to protect public safety.

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The following table provides the break down in demand, aligned to the policing approach adopted for Q4.

<b>COVID-19 Incidents</b>	<b>Number of Incidents</b>	<b>% Breakdown</b>
Total Incidents Reported	807	NA
Private Homes	771	95
Private Gardens	33	4
Licensed Premises	3	1
<b>4 Es</b>	<b>Number of Incidents</b>	<b>% Breakdown</b>
No Breach	495	61
Engage, Explain or Encourage	17	2
Warning Issued	159	20
FPN / Report or Arrest	136	17

## Complaints about the Police

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

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

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

### Complaints Received

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

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	531	517	-2.6%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	843	797	-5.5%
Off Duty Allegations	3	1	200.0%
On Duty Allegations	740	683	-7.7%
Quality of Service Allegations	102	111	8.8%

<sup>1</sup> Data is correct as at 01/04/2021.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 2.6% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by decreases in Angus (-16.2%) and Perth & Kinross (-10.6%). However, an 8.7% increase was identified within Dundee City.

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased correspondingly by 7.7%.

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>				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons) <sup>2</sup>				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016
<b>FORCE / SCOTLAND</b>	<b>5 327 700</b>	<b>5 347 600</b>	<b>5 373 000</b>	<b>5 404 700</b>	<b>5 404 700</b>
Tayside	412 160	413 800	415 040	415 470	415 470
Angus	116 290	116 740	116 900	116 520	116 520
Dundee City	148 100	148 130	148 210	148 270	148 270
Perth & Kinross	147 770	148 930	149 930	150 680	150 680

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.

