



Dundee City Council

Community Safety and Public Protection Committee

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1st January 2023 – 31st March 2023

**Report No 172-2023 by Chief Superintendent Phil Davison
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

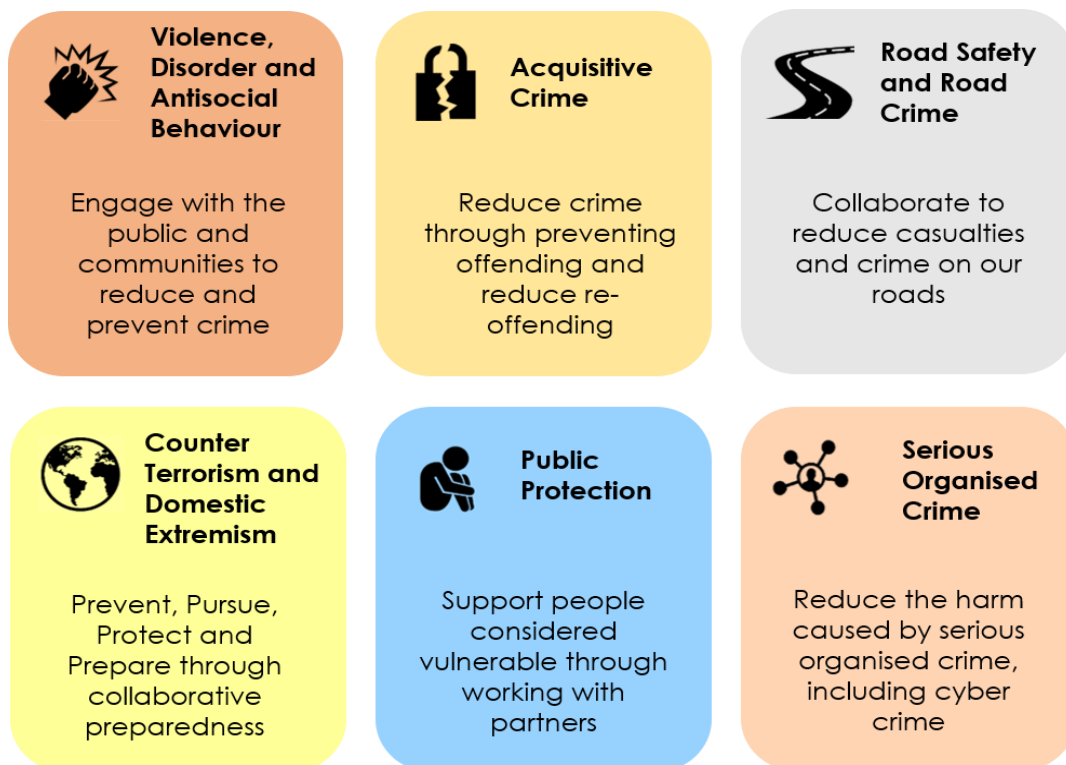
As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Dundee City Council and will report to the Community Safety and 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 2023 to 31 March 2023, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 and 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

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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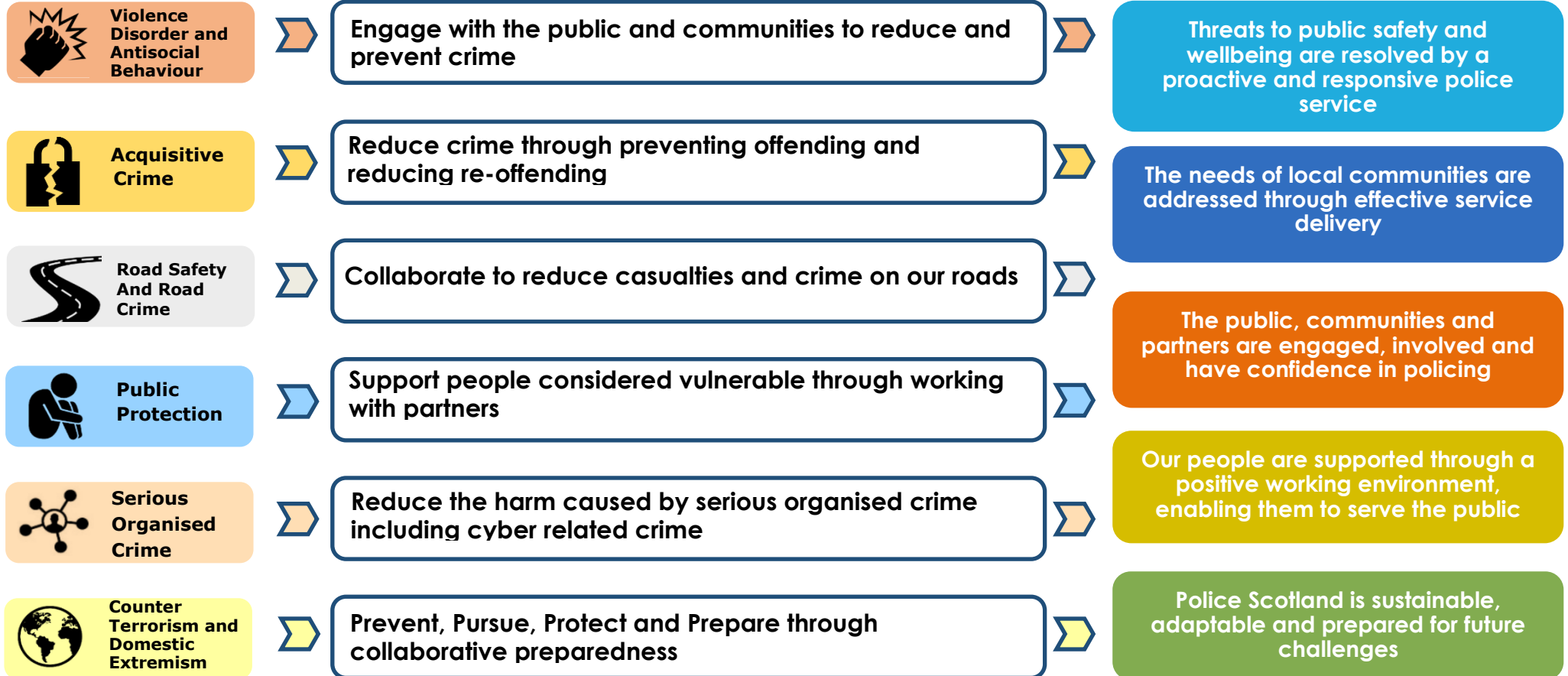
Our vision
Our purpose
Our Values

Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Dundee City
Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Dundee City
Fairness | Integrity | Respect | Human Rights

Local Priorities

Objectives

Outcomes



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Summary Report Dundee City LPA

1st January 2023 to 31st March 2023

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

 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour		
Serious Assault			Robbery Inc Intent			Common Assault - Total		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	149	74.5%	21/22	138	72.5%	21/22	2444	68.1%
22/23	148	74.3%	22/23	154	69.5%	22/23	2283	66.4%
% +/-	-0.7%	-0.2%	% +/-	+11.6%	-3.0%	% +/-	-6.6%	-1.7%
 Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			 Acquisitive Crime			 Acquisitive Crime		
Emergency Services Assault			Housebreakings - Dwellings			Motor Vehicle Crime		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	366	99.7%	21/22	257	26.8%	21/22	732	22.5%
22/23	320	95.3%	22/23	203	26.1%	22/23	850	22.7%
% +/-	-12.6%	-4.4%	% +/-	-21.0%	-0.7%	% +/-	+16.1%	+0.2%
 Acquisitive Crime			 Road Safety and Road Crime			 Road Safety and Road Crime		
Fraud			Speeding			Drink/ Drug Driving		
	Crimes	Detect %		Off.	Detect %		Off.	Detect %
21/22	591	14.9%	21/22	861	100.0%	21/22	284	96.5%
22/23	751	16.2%	22/23	249	100.0%	22/23	196	101.0%
% +/-	+27.1%	+1.4%	% +/-	-71.1%	-	% +/-	-31.0%	+4.5%
 Road Safety and Road Crime			 Road Safety and Road Crime			 Public Protection		
Road Deaths - All			Serious Injury - All			Rape Inc Assault With Intent		
	Deaths	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	0	N/A	21/22	43	N/A	21/22	107	55.1%
22/23	0	N/A	22/23	39	N/A	22/23	108	76.9%
% +/-	-	/	% +/-	-9.3%	/	% +/-	-0.9%	+21.7%
 Public Protection			 Serious Organised Crime			 Serious Organised Crime		
Group 2 Sexual Crimes			Drug Supply			Drug Possession		
	Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %		Crimes	Detect %
21/22	590	52.5%	21/22	120	102.5%	21/22	682	104.0%
22/23	519	61.3%	22/23	158	98.1%	22/23	574	94.1%
% +/-	-12.0%	+8.7%	% +/-	+31.7%	-4.4%	% +/-	-15.8%	-9.9%

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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:

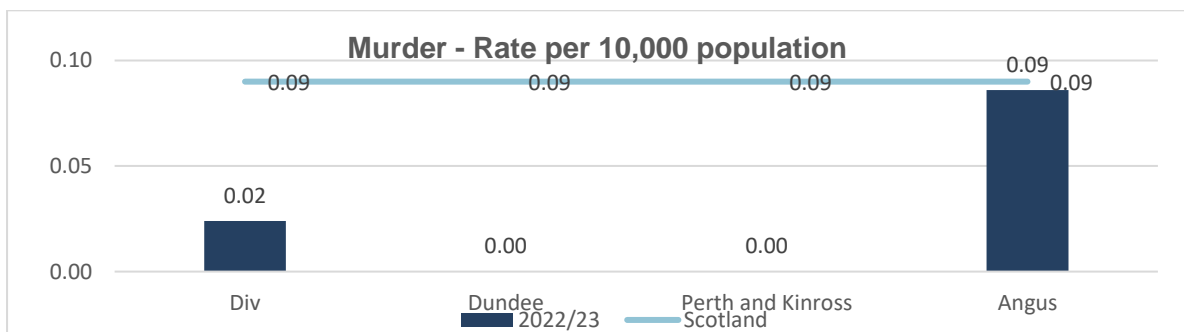
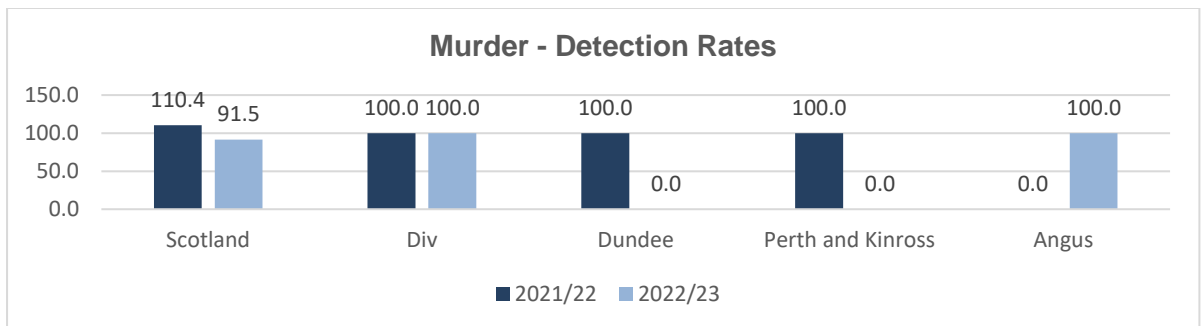
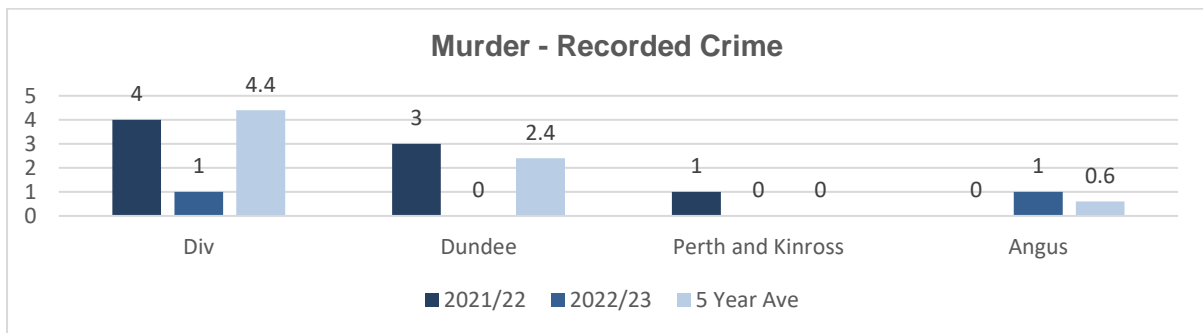
- Children and Families
- Community Safety and Justice
- Building Stronger Communities

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

Murder

There have been no murders during the reporting period.

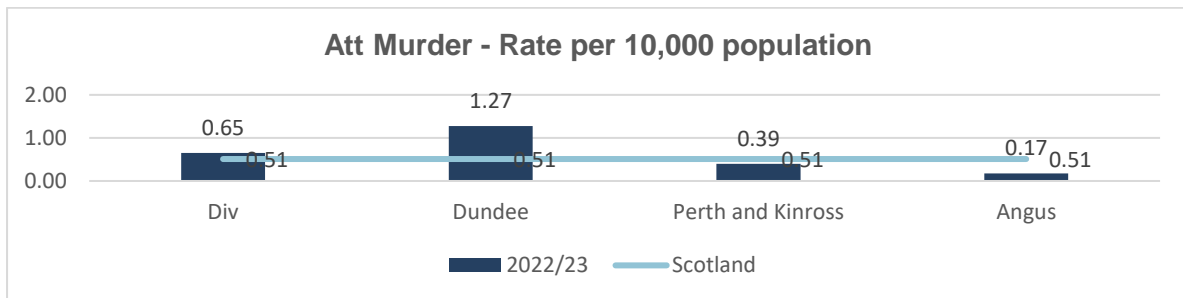
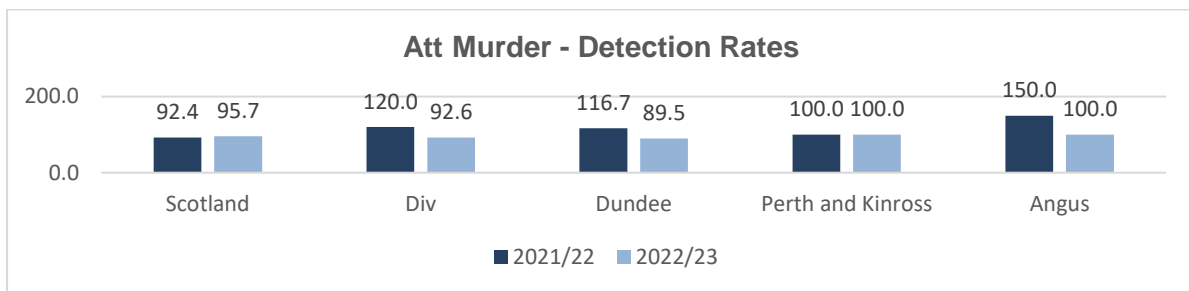
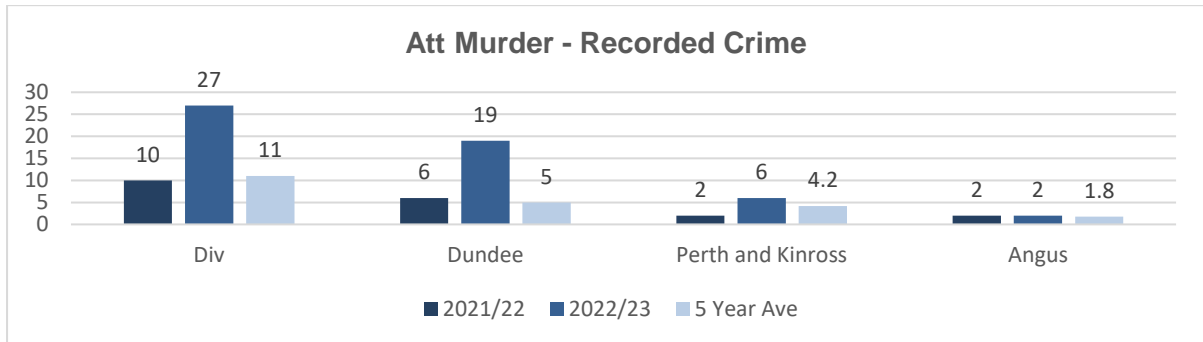


Attempted Murder

There have been 9 Attempted Murders during the reporting period which is a rise from 5 during the same period LYTD. 8 of these crimes have been detected and the other remains under investigation.

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There have been 19 Attempted Murders during the course of the entire performance year, with a detection rate of 89.5% (17 crimes detected).



Serious Assault

Activity

There have been 34 Serious Assaults recorded during Q4 in Dundee. This is a reduction of 9 crimes when compared to the same period LYTD.

In keeping with well-established patterns of offending in the city, alcohol and drugs were a significant factor linked to either the victim, the perpetrator or both at the time the offences were committed. We also continue to see high numbers of Serious Assaults linked to the use of weapons, with 16 of the 34 crimes reported in Q4 involving weapons, with knives and bottles being the weapons most frequently involved.

It remains the case that in high numbers of crimes the victims and perpetrators are known to each other.

All serious violent crimes are overseen by CID officers, under the direction of the Dundee LPA Detective Inspector, to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed in a timeous manner.

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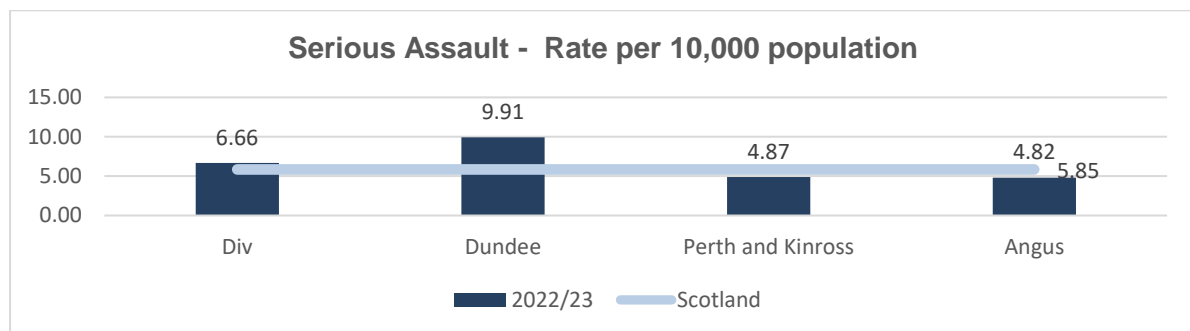
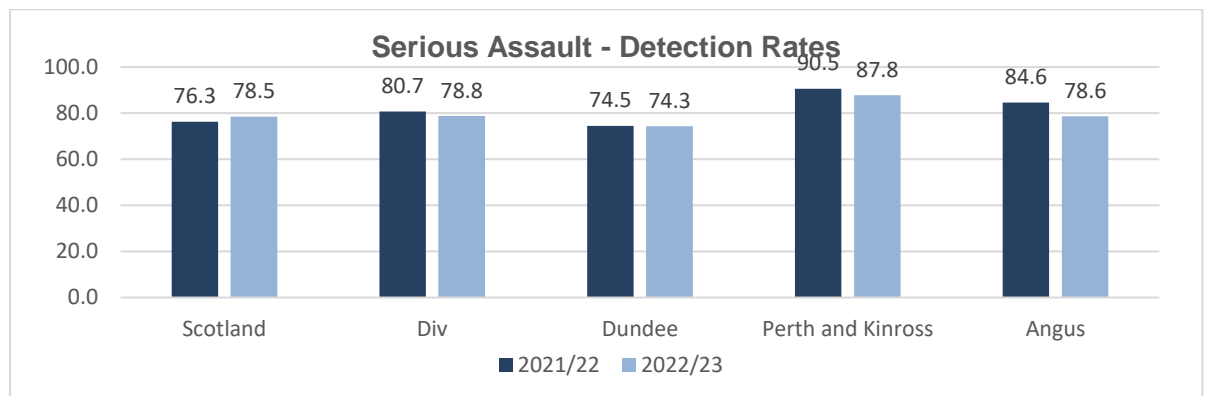
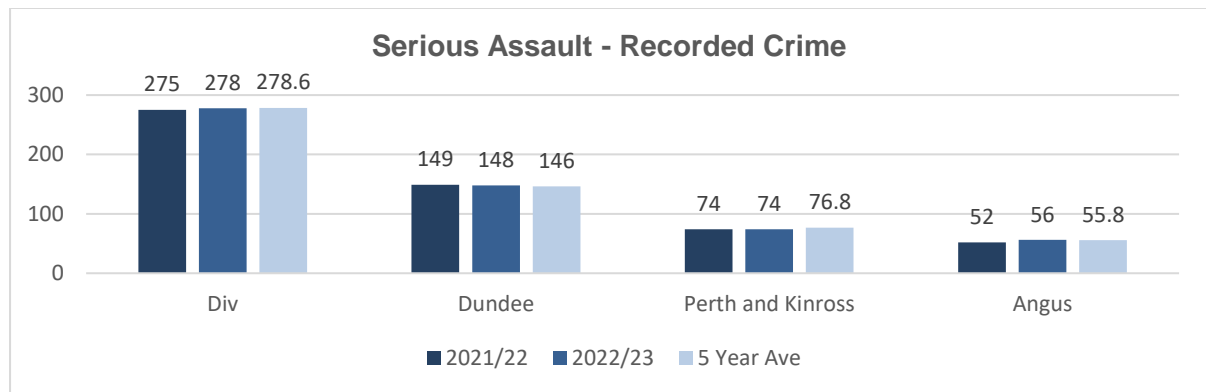
Results

Overall, the occurrence rates through-out the performance year have remained static in comparison to LYTD figures and remain in keeping with the 5 year average.

The detection rates for Serious Assaults are currently 74.3%, which again is directly comparable to last year's returns.

Challenges

The harm of alcohol and drug addiction continues to be central to the commission of crimes of violence. Securing witness cooperation through-out the duration of Police investigations can be hampered when perpetrators and victims are known to each other. As a result, we continue to ensure victim safeguarding and safety planning is a key component of all enquiries.



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Common Assault

Activity

Common Assault investigations are delivered by local uniform officers. The support of Divisional detectives is provided in respect of those cases which may be more complex, indicate that there are broader risks to the victim or local community, or have more protracted lines of enquiry.

The investigations are routinely directed by local Response and Community Sergeants, with Locality Inspectors providing a further layer of oversight.

Results

There have been 577 crimes of Common Assault reported during Q4, which compares to 634 in Q1, 562 in Q2 and 511 in Q3. Overall, there have been 2283 crimes recorded through-out the performance year, which is a 6.6% reduction on LYTD figures, with 161 fewer crimes recorded.

These statistics include a 12.6% reduction in numbers of Assaults targeted towards Emergency Workers.

In Q4, around 26.0% of all Common Assaults recorded related to Domestic Violence, which is consistent with the ratios of Domestic offences seen in previous quarter.

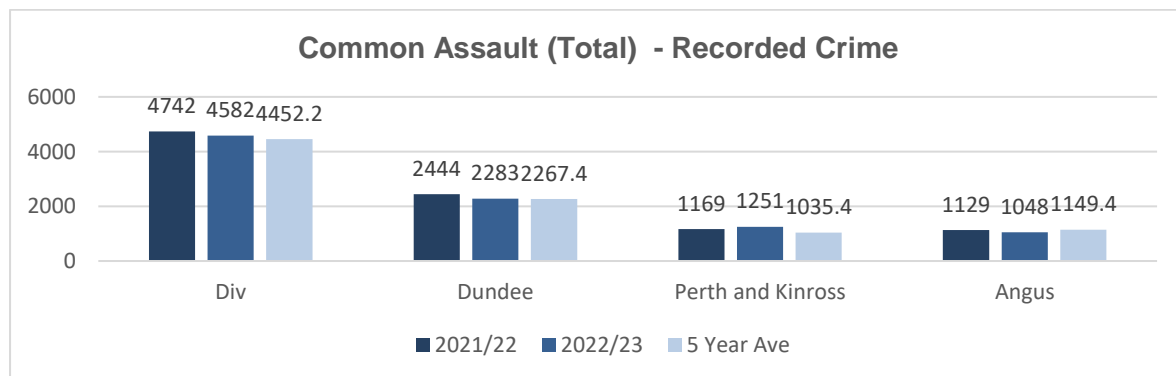
The current detection rates are 66.4% which is a reduction of 1.7% in comparison to LYTD. A number of crimes remain under investigation.

Challenges

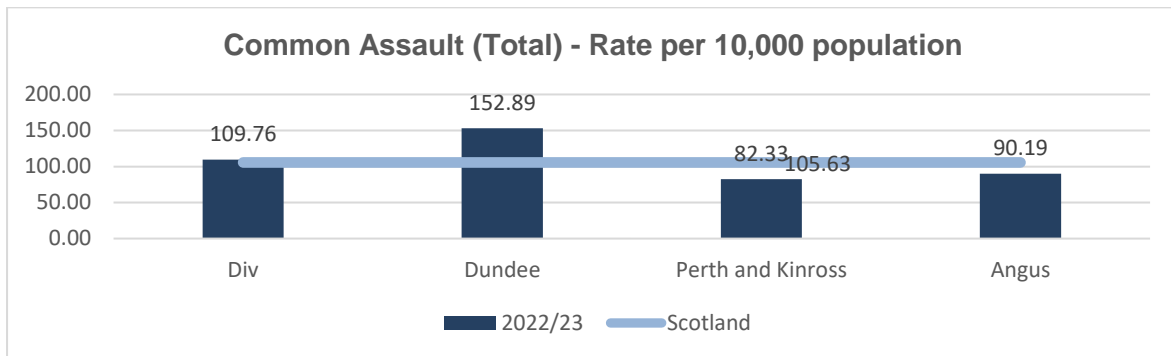
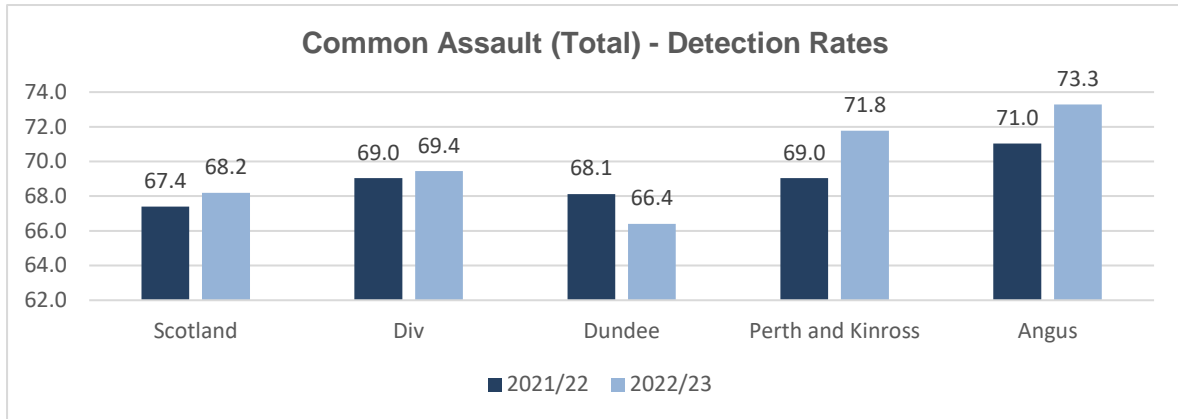
Common Assaults are sporadic in nature and often occur in private dwellings which can provide challenges when investigating crimes. Many crimes are committed in circumstance where perpetrators and victims are known to each other. As with all other types of violent crime, alcohol and drugs remain a major factor in driving occurrence rates.

The detection rates relevant to common assaults are currently 66.4% which is a reduction of 1.7% in comparison to LYTD.

A number of crimes remain under investigation.



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Robbery

Activity

Crimes of Robbery, Assault and Robbery, and Assaults With intent to Rob are recorded within this section. These crimes include any threat of violence or inference of any kind which is sufficient for incidents to be recorded.

These crimes are predominately investigated by Detective Officers supervised by a Detective Inspector. Crimes of this nature are a divisional priority and a robbery toolkit has been developed to ensure consistency of investigative practice and provision of support to victims.

Within Q4, 31 Robberies were reported, which is was a significant decrease from Q3 where 52 Robberies were reported.

The majority of crimes were committed by perpetrators who knew their victims, 9 crimes involved the use of weapons and in keeping with Serious Assaults, drugs and alcohol played a significant role.

Results

In total, there have been 154 Robberies committed during the course of this performance year, which is an increase of 16 crimes in comparison to LYTD. Of the 154 crimes reported, 107 were detected with a detection rate of 69.5%. This is just below the national detection rate of 73.1%.

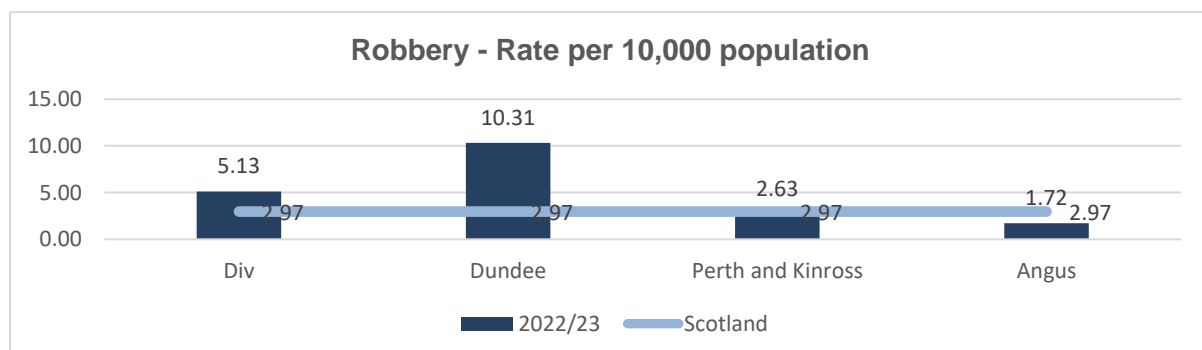
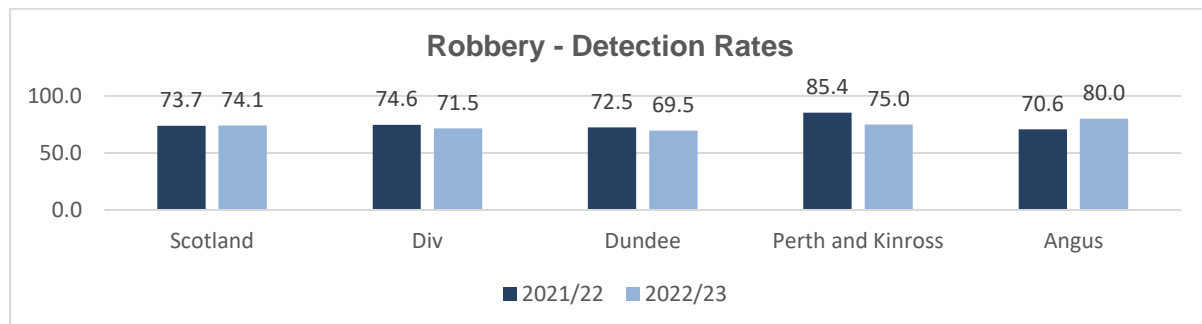
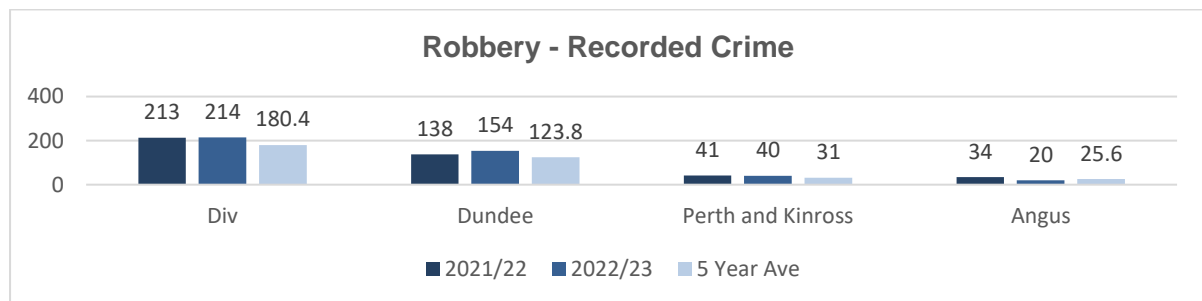
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Challenges

Occurrence rates in respect of Robberies continue to be linked to the harm caused by drug addiction, with high numbers of Robberies involving individuals who have substance abuse issues, be that the victims of these offences or the perpetrators.

In most cases, the property stolen relates to low value items such as small amounts of personal cash and mobile phones, with drug commodity also a common target. These items are targeted as a result of the fact they are easily and quickly exchanged for drugs, doing nothing other than perpetuating a difficult cycle of addiction, criminality and further harm.

The victims of these crimes are often reluctant to engage with the Police and unwilling to provide detailed evidence in respect of individuals who they know and associate with.



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Anti-Social Behaviour and Vandalism

Activity

The crime of Vandalism continues to be associated with broader instances of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). As such, I will provide information in respect of both incident types in this section of the report.

ASB

The first part of the report will provide a representative snap-shot of activity delivered across multi member ward areas during Q4, by local Community Policing Teams.

Inspector Pattie, Locality Inspector, Lochee identified continuing trends in respect of ASB issues in the Charleston area. As such, he devised and delivered targeted interventions during the months of January and February, 2023.

This activity included : increased intelligence led high visibility foot patrols during early evenings, which analysis indicated were the most problematic times; daily visits to retail outlets in South Road, Dundee which had experienced ASB issues in car parks and in store; increased licensed premises checks; increased visits to vulnerable individuals who had suffered ASB in the vicinity of their homes: targeted execution of arrest warrants to disrupt repeat offenders; maximised partnership engagement activity across a range of partners including Anti-Social Behaviour Team, SFRS and Trading Standards; targeted use of Stop and Search activity where statutory thresholds were met and increased checks of those known for ASB who were subject to curfew bail, or other prohibitive criminal justice orders.

The activity was well received by local community members, impacted upon levels of ASB and is an initiative which we would hope to re-visit as and when required.

Officers from the Longhaugh Community Policing Team delivered a number of community engagement events across Q4, including 'Coffee With A Cop' events being held in both Douglas Community Centre and Finmill Centre. ASB issues were raised as a concern by local residents, with individual bits of work delivered to address specific concerns raised by those in attendance.

The Longhaugh Team were also busy through-out the quarter in local schools, delivering talks on ASB, knife crime and drug harm. They were well received and will be repeated through-out the current performance year. The team also attended a number of local youth groups, including the Friday Night Project, local Girls Group and Dundee East Community Sports Group providing opportunities to engage with older teenagers and educate on local ASB and disorder issues.

The Broughty Ferry Community Team also held 'Coffee With a Cop' events during Q4 in both Broughty Ferry and Barnhill. These provided an opportunity to discuss and address local concerns with the impact of ASB again being a central point of concern.

During Q4, The Broughty Ferry Team, assisted by colleagues in our local Licensing Department, delivered a local drugs initiative aligned to ASB issues associated with drugs consumption in and near to local licensed premises.

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The initiative involved engaging premises managers, staff, licence holders and patrons providing a balanced approach to engagement, education and enforcement.

The Maryfield Team have also had an active Q4, with their participation in multi-agency transfer days for Primary 7 pupils who will be moving into secondary education next year proving particularly successful. These inputs were supported by Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the local authority covering a range of topics, including issues pertinent to ASB, wilful fire-raising and online behaviours.

More generally, each Local Community Policing Team has contributed to well established information sharing protocols, delivering joint activity in conjunction with the local authority housing departments, private housing providers and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team in playing their part in our collective efforts to target those core and persistent elements of ASB, including anti-social tenants, noise complaints, vandalisms and entrenched neighbours disputes.

Results

There have been 1501 recorded Vandalisms YTD. This is a slight reduction on LYTD figures and remains below the 5 year average. The current detection rate is 25%. In keeping with other crime types there remain many live investigations at this time, which will improve detection rates on their conclusion.

There have been a total of 10,777 reported instances of ASB YTD, in comparison to 12,309 LYTD. This constitutes a reduction of 12.4 % in terms of occurrence rates.

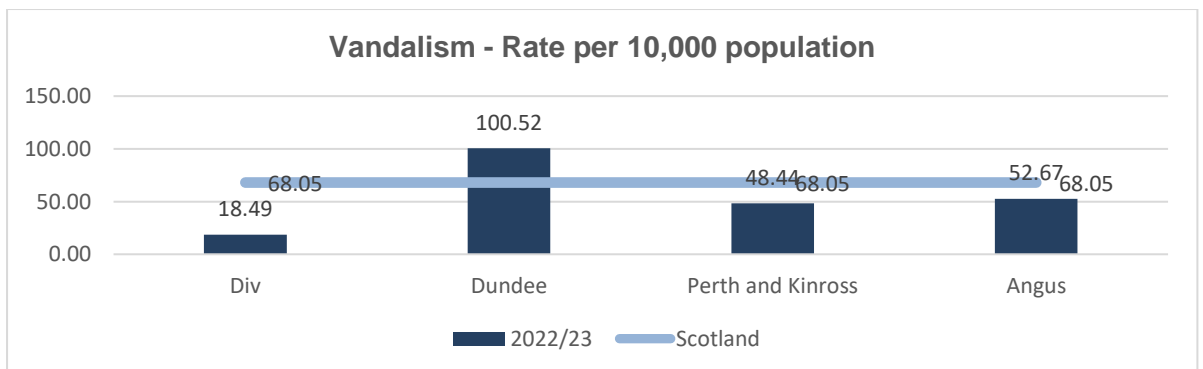
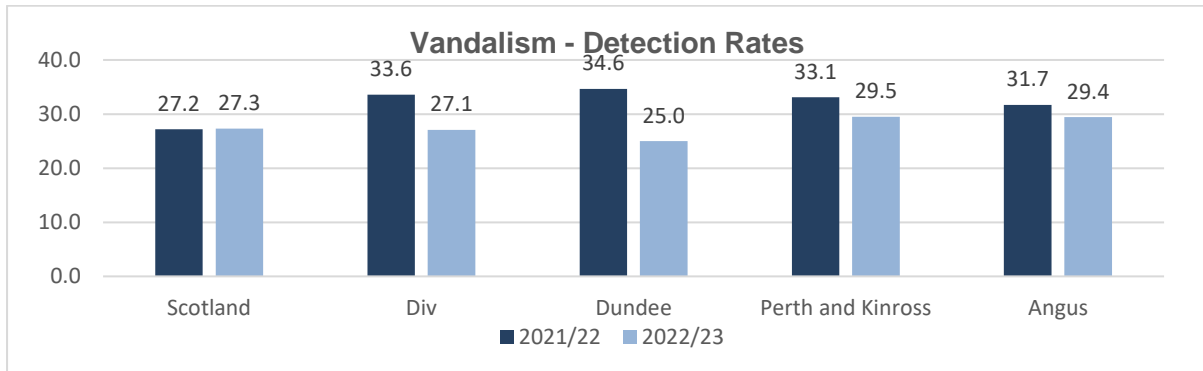
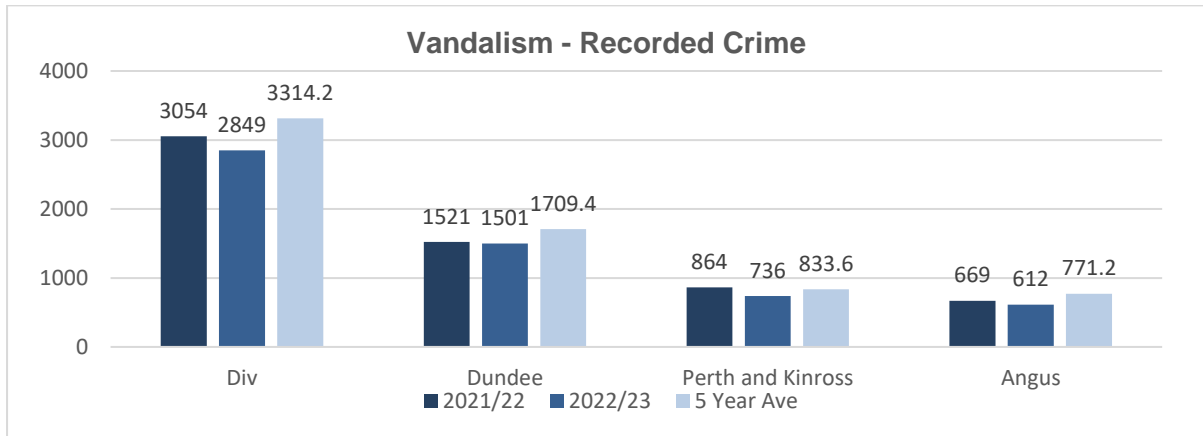
The following table below breaks the ASB statistics down by multi member ward area, providing details of incidents in each area for Q4, with comparative data for Q3.

MMW	Q3	Q4	Change	% Change
Strathmartine	274	309	35	12.8%
Lochee	544	511	-33	-6.1%
West End	290	269	-21	-7.2%
Coldside	452	486	34	7.5%
Maryfield	563	549	-14	-2.5%
North East	152	151	-1	-0.7%
East End	421	354	-67	-15.9%
The Ferry	117	108	-9	-7.7%

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In addition, the following table breaks down the full performance year's statistics by incident type.

Dundee ASB Incidents 01/04 to 31/03				
Incident Type	21/22	22/23	Change	%Change
Public Nuisance	3343	2611	-732	-21.9%
Disturbance	3208	3008	-200	-6.2%
Noise	2604	2102	-502	-19.3%
Drinking in Public	4	3	-1	-25.0%
Communications	859	920	61	7.1%
Neighbour Dispute	1069	867	-202	-18.9%
Damage	1222	1266	44	3.6%
Total	12309	10777	-1532	-12.4%



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Measure – Stop Search

Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic deployed when necessary for the prevention, investigation and detection of crime. The overall objective is to maintain public safety and improve community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion of their personal liberty and privacy. It is carefully handled by Police and must be carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

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

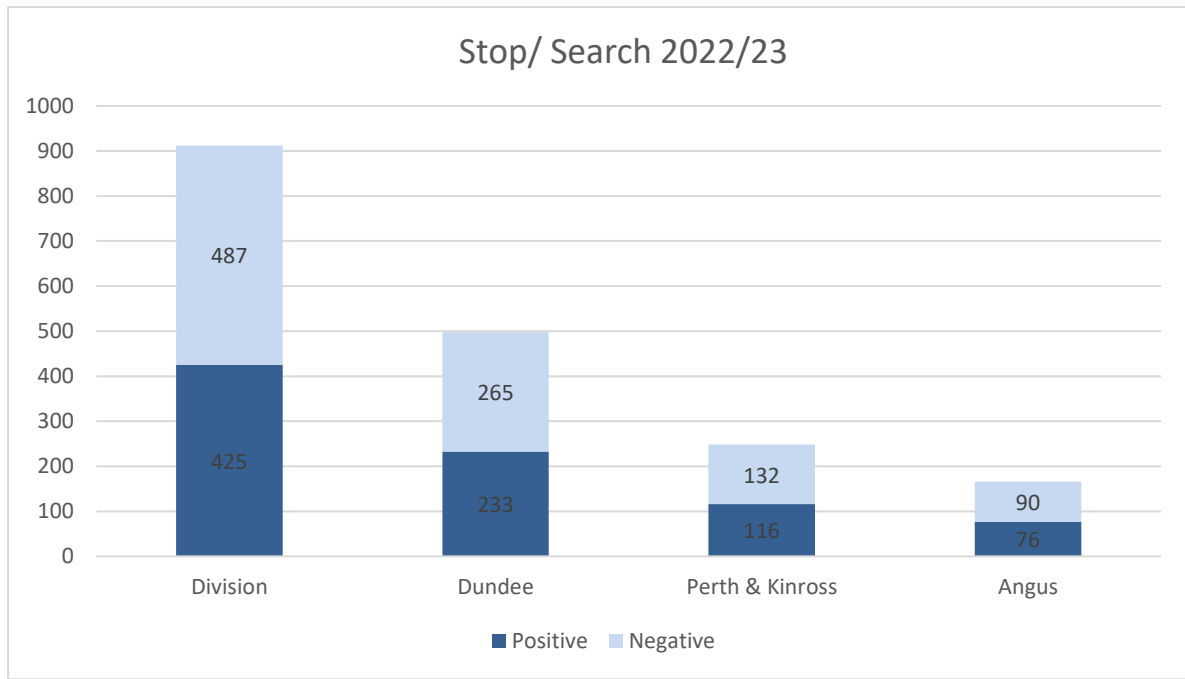
This performance year 498 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 233 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 47%.

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

Ethnicity Breakdown Q4 Jan - Feb			
Ethnicity	Negative	Positive	Total
White Scottish	51	46	97
White Polish	0	0	0
White English	2	1	3
Any Mixed Ethnic group	3	1	4
White Other	0	2	2
White British	0	0	0
Not Provided / Unknown	0	0	0
White Welsh	0	0	0
Indian, Indian Scottish, Indian British	0	0	0
African, African Scottish, African British	0	0	0
White Northern Ireland	0	1	1
Grand Total	56	51	107

The above table confirms that during Q4 107 searches were completed, of which 103 related to an individual of white 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:

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Housebreaking (Domestic Dwelling)

Activity

The figures for Housebreaking includes all attempted housebreaking and instances of housebreaking with intent to steal (i.e. where the security of the property has been overcome but no property stolen). This analysis considers break-ins and attempts to dwellings only – it therefore excludes sheds and other out-buildings.

All Theft by Housebreaking crimes are reviewed daily within the Dundee LPA morning briefing meeting and ownership assigned based upon the complexity of the investigation and any broader concerns that the crime may constitute part of a wider series. Those more complex investigations are investigated by members of local CID.

Results

There were 49 crimes recorded during the Q4 period which was a slight decrease when compared to the 53 crimes recorded during Q4.

Overall, there have been 203 Domestic Dwelling Housebreakings recorded this performance year, which is a reduction of 21% in comparison to LYTD figures. The detection rate over the past year is 31.3% which is slightly lower than the 34.2%, but remains 10% ahead of the national average.

Similarly, the number of Commercial Housebreakings committed during the reporting year reduced by 13% from 199 crimes, to 173 crimes. Detection rates were directly comparable to that of Housebreakings to Dwelling Houses.

Officers from our local Prevention Teams continue to visit the victims of every Housebreaking, conducting crime prevention surveys where required and offering bespoke crime prevention advice to support people to avoid become repeat victims

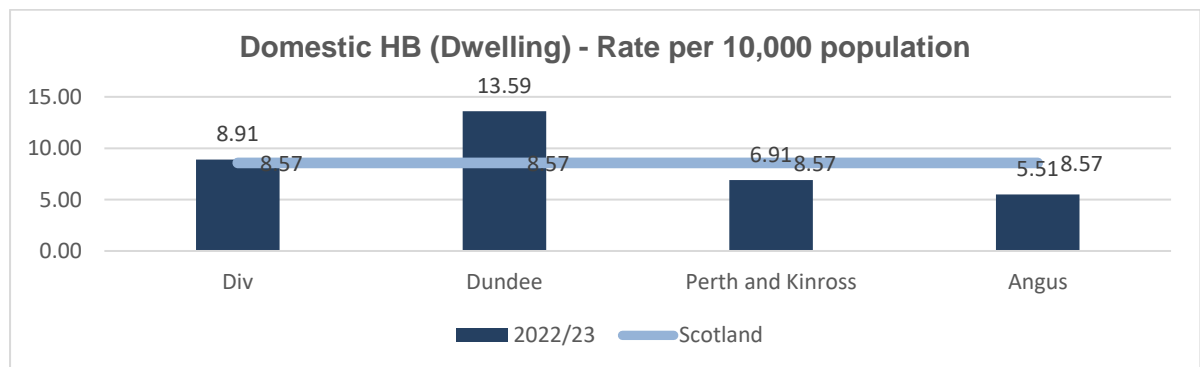
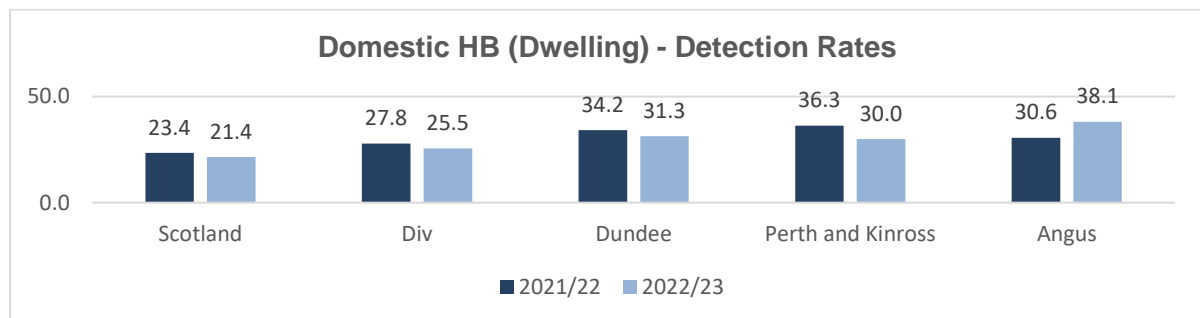
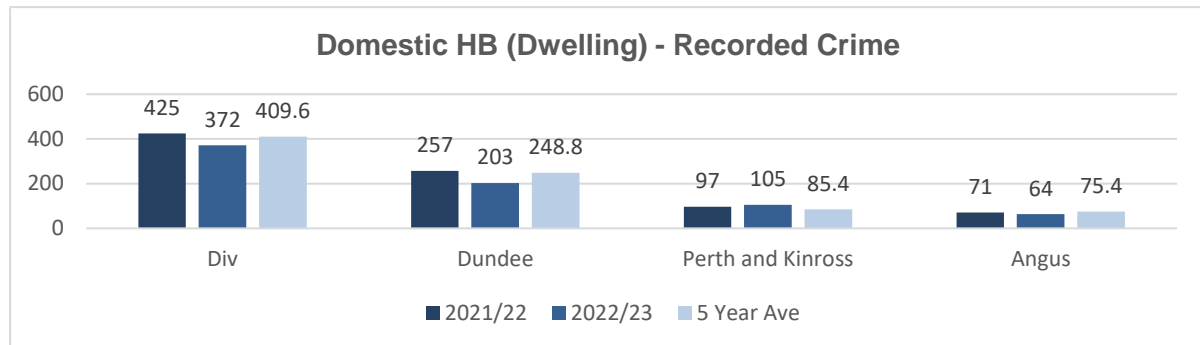
During a recent Divisional restructure the Community Investigation Unit (CIU) who previously had the remit for investigating significant acquisitive crime moved to come under CID line management. This means these crimes will now be investigated by a Detective officers under supervision of a Detective inspector and Detective Sergeant.

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This also means the Division is better placed to deal with cross border acquisitive crime series linking in with counterparts in Fife and Central Scotland to share information on overnight crime, intelligence and stolen vehicles/property, providing a joined up investigative approach.

Challenges

We continue to see a core group of persistent local offenders being responsible for the vast majority of these crimes, with some now facing multiple charges and being subject to multiple court orders. We continue to liaise with statutory criminal justice partners to seek opportunities to hold these individuals to account as quickly as possible, in order to break their cycle of offending and reduce occurrence rates across the city.



Fraud

The levels of reported Frauds continues to increase nationally, with occurrence rates in this area having become an emerging trend over the past three years. Cyber related crime continues to be the main focus of criminal activity. Many of these crime

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are perpetrated by individuals from out with the UK and occur using a variety of complex technological software applications and payment methods, which adds a further layer of complexity and delay in securing evidential capture.

A Crime Prevention Officer continues to contact all victims of Fraud to provide reassurance and safety advice. In addition to this Police Scotland continues to deliver prevention messaging through social media platforms and this will continue to be developed through the Divisional Communications Board.

Detecting frauds carries significant challenges and involve protracted enquiries involving multiple agencies and institutions. Many of the perpetrators of these crimes are located out with the UK providing an additional barrier to their identification and opportunities to bring to justice.

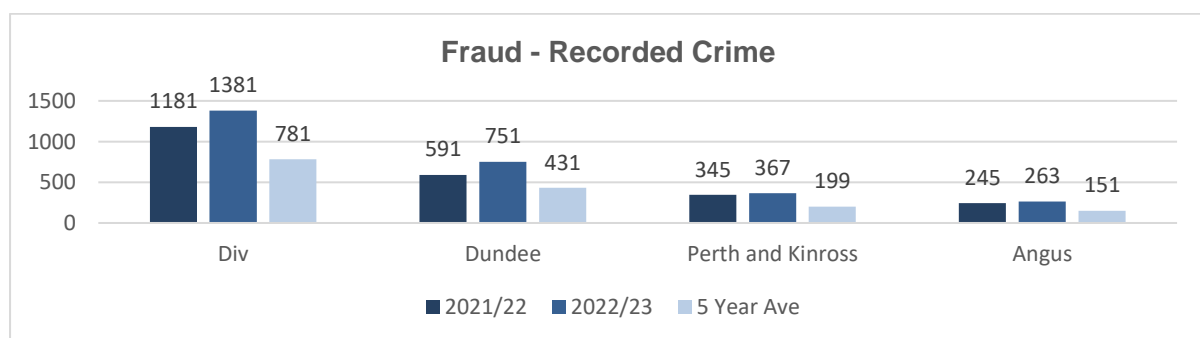
Our response to Fraud continues to be informed by the work of the Fraud Working Group continuing to focus on prevention and support to victims as we continue to link in with partners ensuring collaboration and consistent messaging to local communities.

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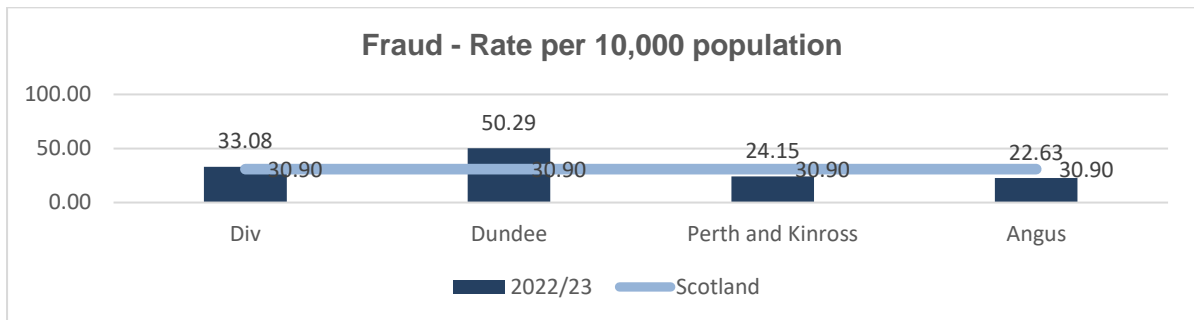
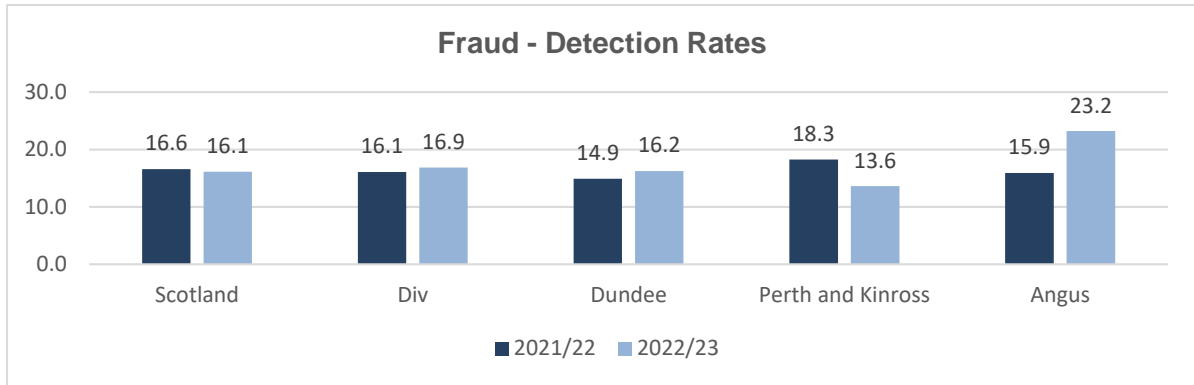
A total of 751 Frauds have been recorded during the course of this performance year, with 191 crimes recorded during Q4. This compares to 591 crimes recorded the previous year, therefore an increase in occurrence rates of 27%. The current detection rate is 16.2%, which is 0.1% above the national average.

Challenges

As indicated, the biggest challenge in terms of impacting occurrence and detection rates relates to the cyber enabled Frauds committed on line by perpetrators out with Police Scotland's legal jurisdiction.



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Theft by Shoplifting

Activity

Theft by Shoplifting offences have seen a marked year on year increase since the easing of lockdown measures post the COVID19 pandemic.

The primary factor in respect of this issue continues to be the cost of living crisis and specifically the impact of inflationary pressures on basic household essentials and food. The larger supermarkets within the city continue to see the highest occurrence rates, with a small number of stores accounting for the vast majority of crimes committed. It continues to be the case that the items most often stolen are basic essentials which are being stolen simply to be consumed, or stolen with the knowledge that they can be quickly and easily reset to those struggling to meet household budgets.

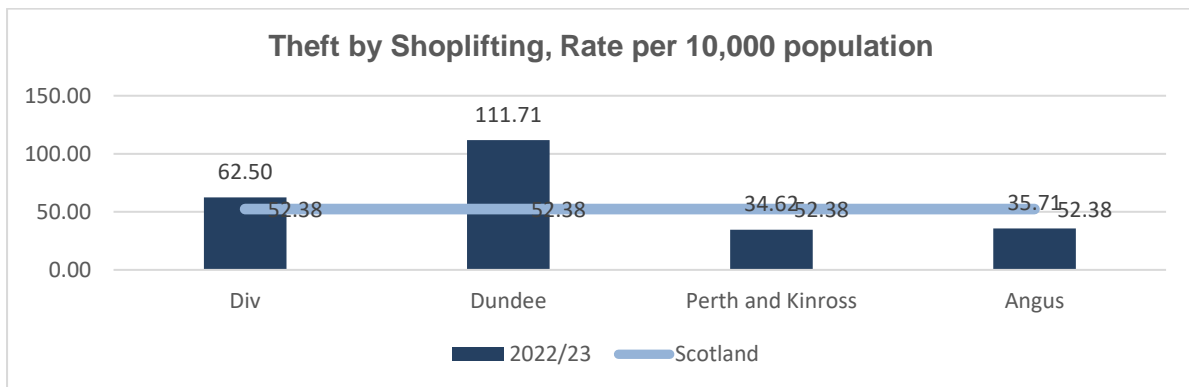
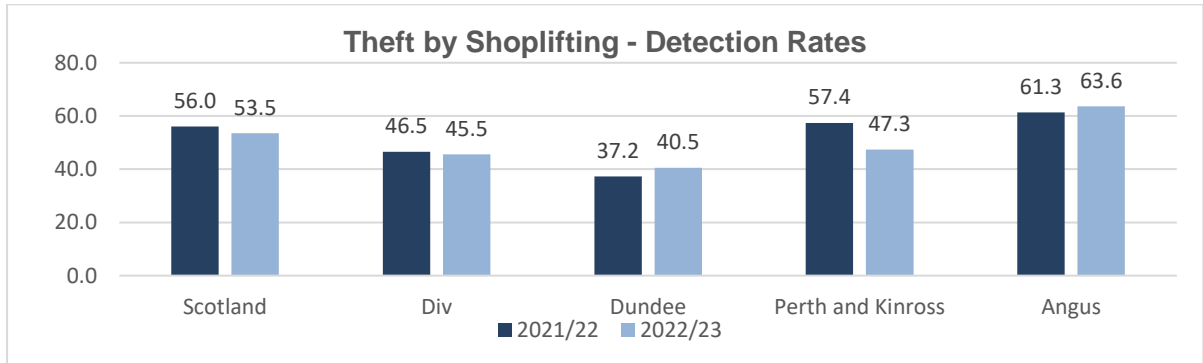
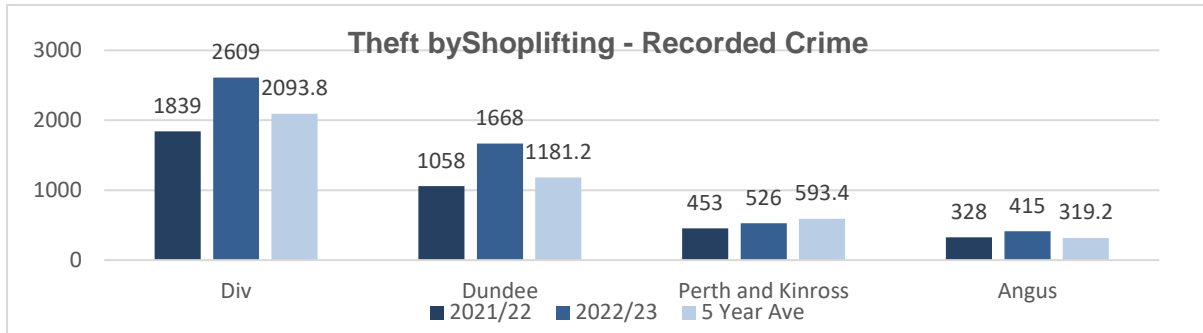
We continue to engage with our retail outlets, providing crime prevention advice and seeking to target those most prolific offenders. In keeping with other areas of acquisitive crime, breaking the cycle of individuals offending can be difficult and requires a multi-agency approach to tackle the underlying socio-economic factors which drive the activity.

Results

There have been 1,668 crimes of Theft by Shoplifting YTD, which compares to 1,058 crimes the previous year. This an increase of 57%.

The detection rate at the end of Q4 was 40.5% which is an increase of 5.3% in comparison to LYTD figures.

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Motor Vehicle Crime

Activity

Occurrence rates in respect of Motor vehicle crime during the course of this performance year have continued to increase. These crimes fall into two groups; firstly the completion of opportunist crimes with perpetrators targeting unlocked vehicles, or vehicles where high value goods are in open display; secondly the theft of motor vehicles directly linked to Commercial Housebreakings, particularly car garages where the security of the premises is overcome, keys to vehicles stolen and those vehicles then driven off.

In respect of those vehicle thefts linked to Commercial Housebreakings, the vast majority of the reported crimes relate to crime series or several incidents linked through similar MO's, premises type or more importantly, repeat offender suspects.

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An identified core of approximately 15 offenders are responsible in the main, most of whom reside in the Dundee area and all are aged under 25 years old. Despite this the crimes committed are on a Division wide scale. It is not uncommon during a series for up to 8 premises to be targeted per night along with the various vehicles taken associated with these incidents.

There is nothing to suggest the vehicles taken are related to financial gain. In almost every incident the vehicles are used to "joyride" and go on to be used in the commission of further crimes.

There has been some significant success in tackling these series from a police perspective. Early identification of series and individuals through Forensic work and CCTV evidence has resulted in 10 of the aforementioned individuals being arrested and reported for these offences in the last quarter. The detection rate for the quarter almost exclusively relates to these individuals and the multiple series they have been identified and reported for.

This has also been complimented by proactive crime prevention through PIP at target type premises and despite resource challenges dedicated trigger plans and resources to exclusive investigation of the series and nominals in question. It is not lost on PSOS that these incidents have featured highly in the media resulting in a proactive media strategy to report back regarding detections, encompassing further crime prevention, and providing public reassurance.

Results

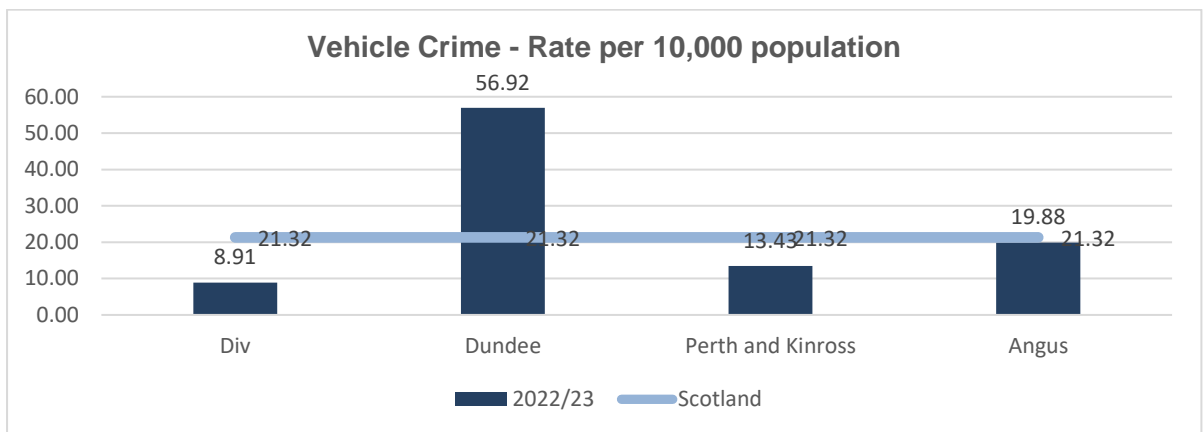
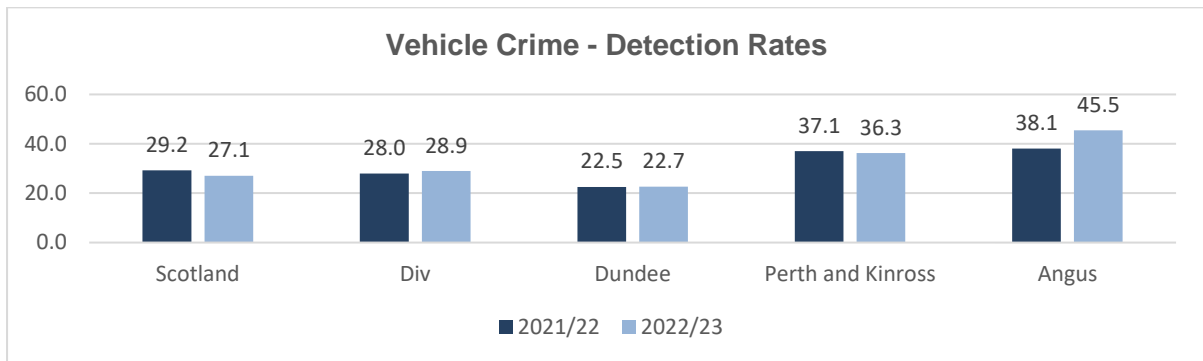
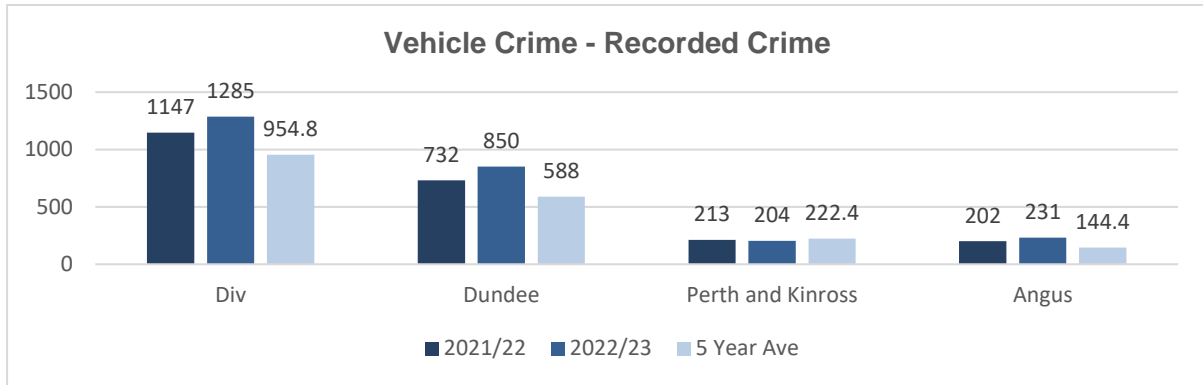
In Q4, 219 crimes were recorded which is an increase from the 174 recorded in Q3. There have been 60 vehicles stolen and 8 attempts made to steal vehicles. There were 151 thefts or attempted thefts from vehicles.

In total, there have been 850 crimes recorded within Dundee LPA this year which is a significant increase from the 732 during the previous year. The detection rate this year has been 22.7% which is almost identical to LYTD figures.

Challenges

It remains the case that Police Scotland are limited in their ability to tackle repeat offending for Acquisitive crime, particularly in respect of perpetrators under the age of 25 years. It is notable, that a number of these repeat offenders are awaiting trial for multiple offences and are subject to multiple bail orders. Those orders often come with prohibitive conditions, however the core group of offenders detailed above, are generally dismissive of them and at time of arrest are routinely reported for a breach of court orders alongside further crimes.

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Road Safety and Road Crime

Collaborate to
reduce casualties
and crime on our
roads

This activity will link in with and support the 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*

Operation CEDAR

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

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

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

Reducing the number of casualties on roads in Dundee and ensuring they are safe for all users is a priority for Police Scotland.

Due to the fundamentally unpredictable nature of the natural world road casualty data can vary significantly during set time frames. This is also applicable to vulnerability levels of different road user groups.

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Adapting to changing trends in road casualties requires a multi-faceted and collaborative approach involving all stakeholders. A multi-agency approach is an effective way to meet new challenges.

Dundee LPA has suffered no fatalities for the period under review and no fatalities year to date.

As a Division we have suffered 10 road traffic fatalities year to date, 8 of which have occurred in Perth and Kinross and 2 in Angus LPA. Divisionally this is a 43% increase on the same period last year.

Dundee LPA have had 39 persons seriously injured as a result of a road traffic collision year to date, which is a 9% decrease compared to LYTD figures, where there were 43 persons seriously injured.

Ten children in Dundee LPA have been seriously injured on the roads this year, this is a 100% increase in comparison to LYTD figures where there were 5 children seriously injured. Divisionally there have been 17 children seriously injured an increase of 55% for the same period last year. The Area Commander, along with colleagues from national Roads Policing, is to review this particular category of accident, establish any common themes in terms of contributory factors and deliver appropriate activity to promote a reduction of occurrence rates during the course of the current performance year.

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

Local policing and RPU officers have been able to target driver behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on the Fatal 5 which are Dangerous/Careless driving, drink/drug driving, speeding, seatbelts and mobile phones.

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads: A90 (Dundee LPA); A923 (Dundee LPA) and A92 (Dundee LPA).

Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 16,023 motorists across the Tayside area this year. During the period under review Road Policing officers took part in a number of National Campaigns, including a national seatbelt campaign through-out January, 2023 a national 'Fatal 5' mobile phone operation in February, 2023 and a Vulnerable Road User initiative during March, 2023.

In Dundee LPA notable speeds recorded for the period under review were;

69 mph exceeded 40mph limit

68 mph exceeded 40mph limit

65 mph exceeded 40mph limit

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Road Policing Officers aim to deliver on priorities through high visibility policing in partnership with stakeholders. The vision is to improve driver and road user behaviour and create a safer Tayside for all road users.

New Driver Scheme

The New Driver Scheme (NDS) has been successfully delivered in both the education and employment sectors across Tayside.

The NDS is a hard-hitting presentation to raise awareness of road safety issues.

The joint presentation, delivered by Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue service provides a stark reminder of the individual responsibilities that the driver has, both for themselves and other road users.

Safer Streets Initiative / School Exclusion Zones

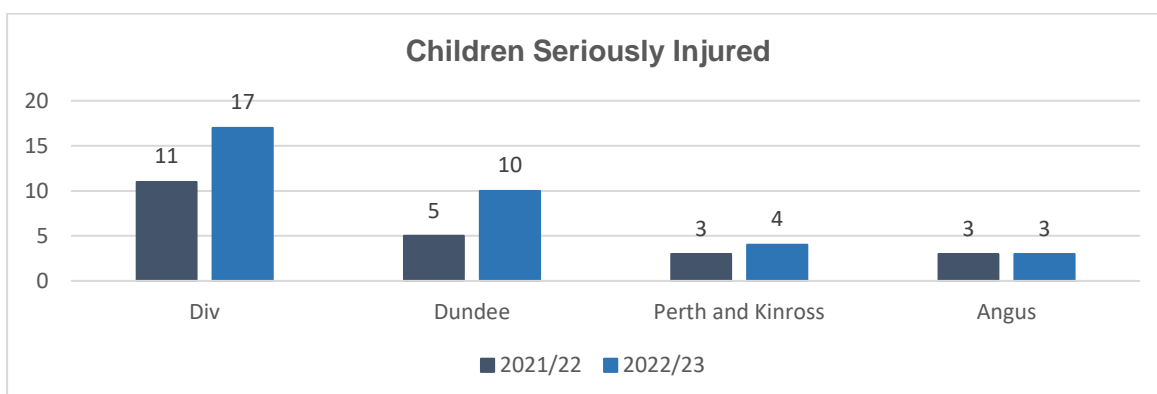
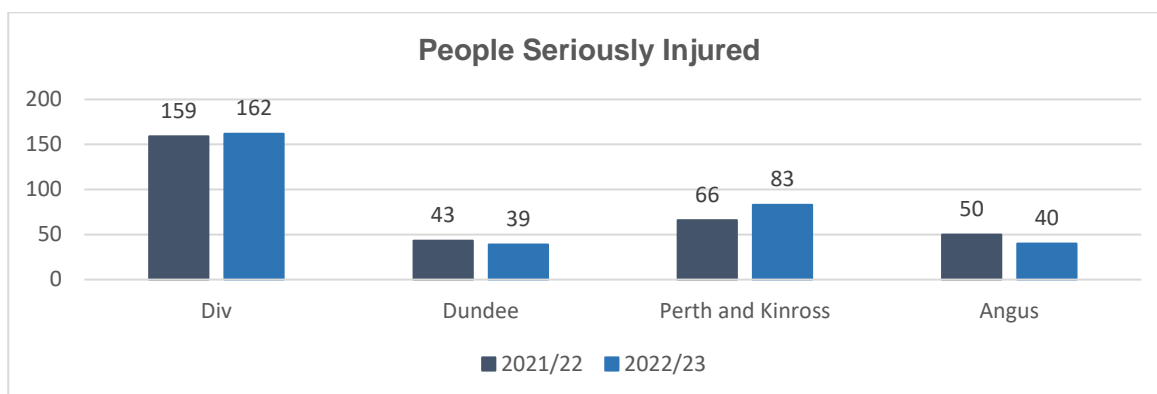
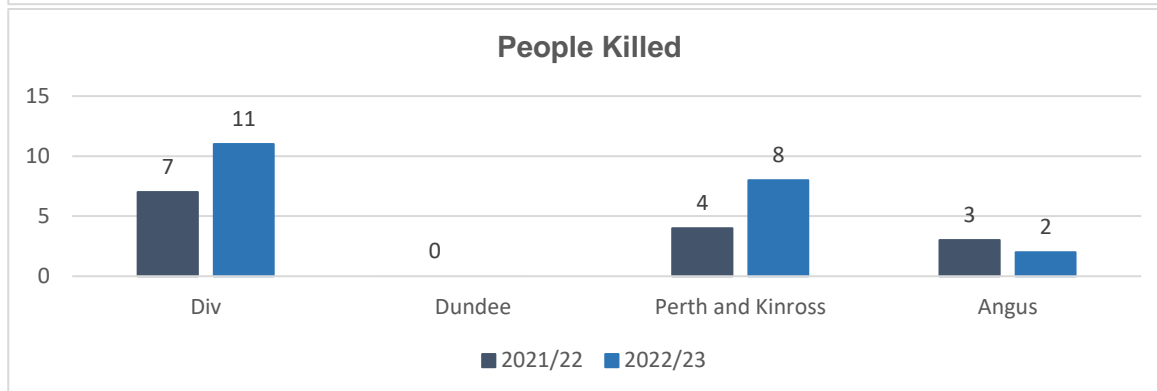
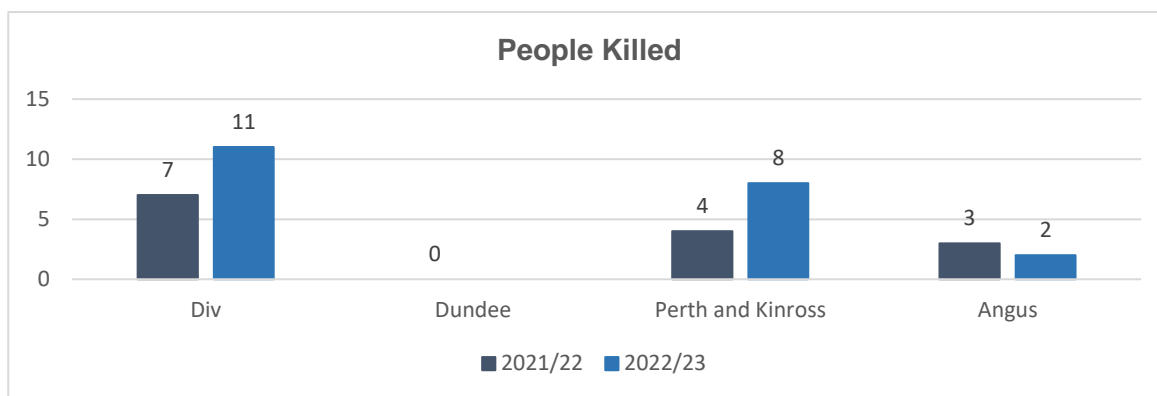
Targeted and sustained activity was conducted by Local Community Policing Teams and members of Roads Policing Units in support of the local authority Safer Streets initiative during Q4

The Area Commander met with Councillor Flynn during Q4, discussing ongoing issues pertinent to compliance and some wider issues in respect of ensuring the scheme was successfully delivered.

As a result, an agreed approach to enforcement activity was delivered both in the weeks before and after the schools Easter holidays, with initial emphasis on education, supported by increased enforcement activity particularly targeted towards those who were repeatedly ignoring the provisions of the scheme.

A further meeting with Councillor Flynn is to be held shortly to review the activity delivered, provide feedback and look at a sustainable way for local officers to deliver activity as new zones are opened.

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Speeding

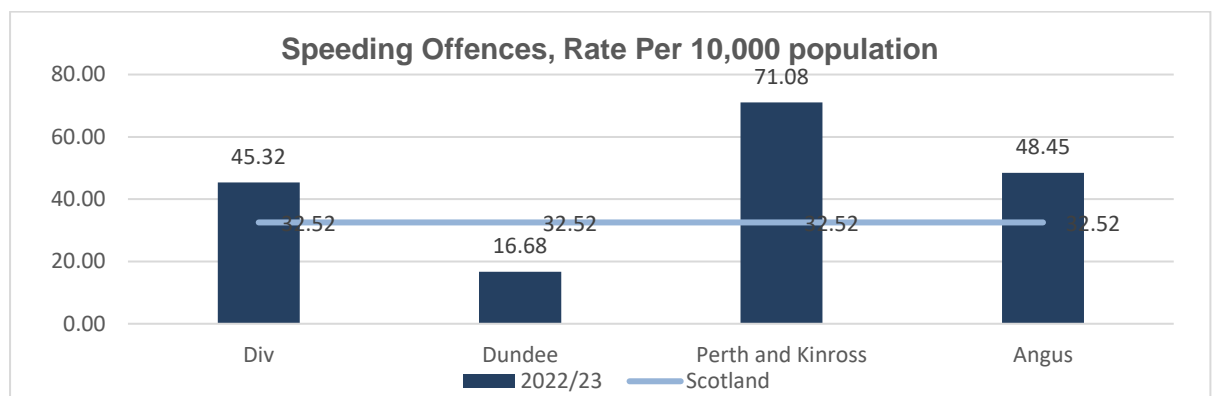
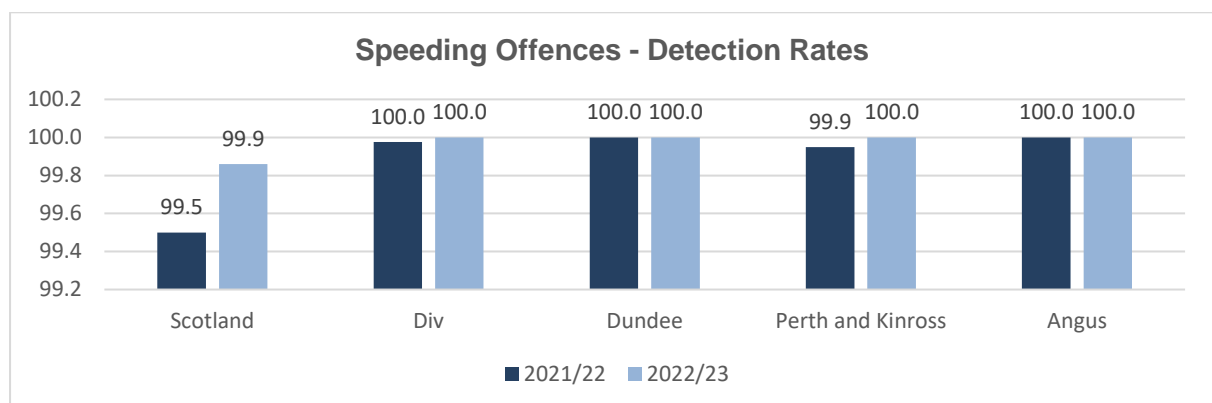
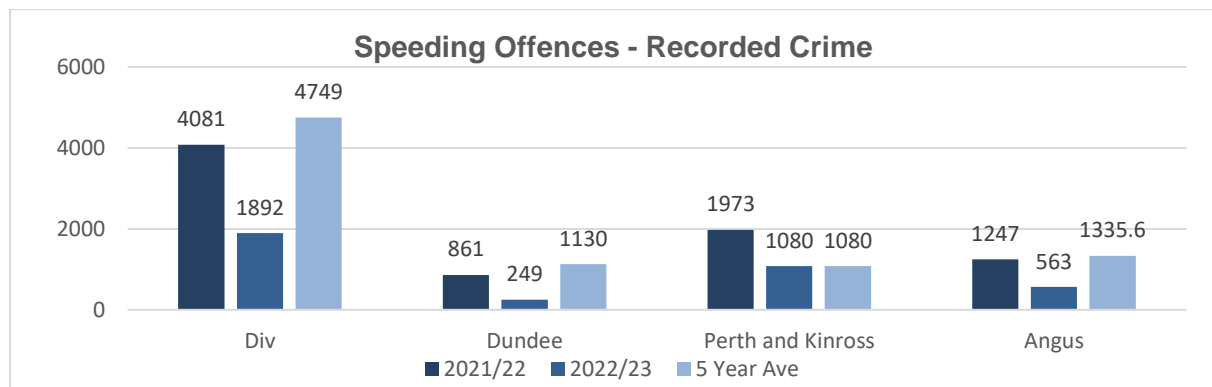
Activity

The detection of offenders is daily business for road policing officers and is a priority though targeting of the fatal 5, (speeding, careless driving, drink/drug driving, using a mobile phone and not wearing a seatbelt).

Cross border working with N, NE, P and Divisions, along with partnership working with SCU result in increased visibility and impact on road user behaviour.

Results

During the period under review 249 speeding offences were detected in Dundee, which is a significant decrease compared to the year previous, this figure also remains below the 5 year average.



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Drink/Drug Driving

Year to date comparison show drink, drug driving offences in Dundee have decreased by 31%, this is 27% lower than the 5 year average.

It should be noted that across Tayside there was a 26% decrease in drink drug driving offences.

Road policing officers have conducted 2,421 breath tests of which 67 have been positive. 267 drug wipes have also been carried out, 110 of which have proved to be positive.

Activity

Detection of offenders under the influence of drink and drugs is part of daily business for road policing officers. As we can see from the breakdown above, the drug wipe testing kit will continue to be an effective tool in the detection of offenders with a considerable number of positive wipes across Tayside.

Intelligence led Policing along with the targeting of offenders the morning after, will continue to be effective in the detection of drink and drug drivers.

Results

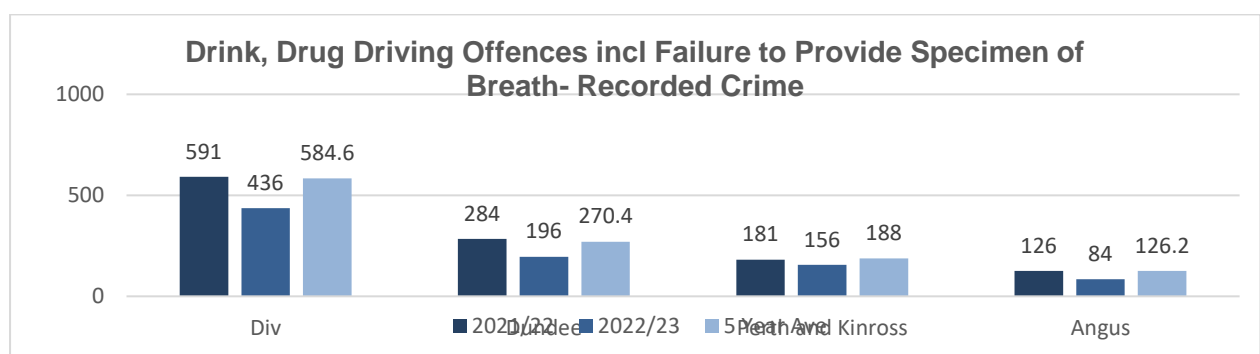
Year to date comparison show 196 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Dundee area, a decrease of 31%.

Challenges

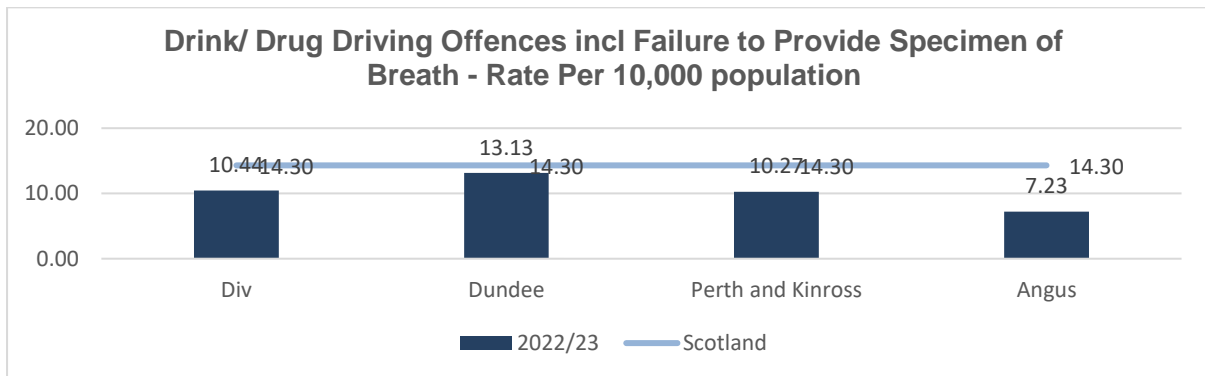
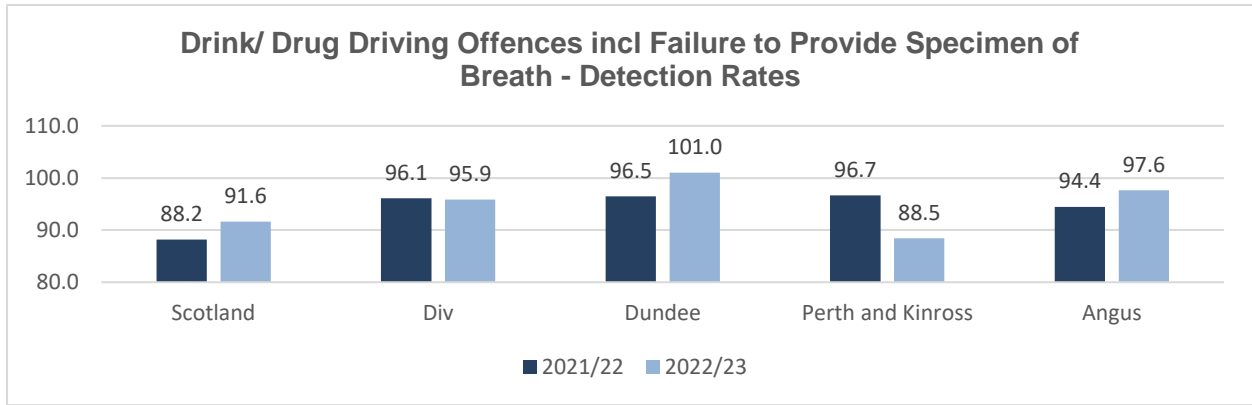
Driving under the influence is a serious problem which poses a significant threat to public safety. While there have been many efforts to raise awareness about the dangers of driving under the influence, unfortunately, evidence suggests that some drivers continue to engage in this risky behaviour.

One reason for this may be that some drivers underestimate the risks associated with driving under the influence. Another is that some drivers may not fully understand the legal and social consequences of driving under the influence.

To combat this problem, we continue to educate at the time of each Police contact with road users in respect of the dangers of driving under the influence and to continue with local enforcement



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Careless Driving

This performance year, Dundee LPA saw a 20% decrease in careless driving. This figure is 32% lower than the 5 year average.

Tayside Division saw a significant decrease with 475 offenders being detected which is a 24% decrease compared with this same period the year previous.

Careless driving detections are daily business for road policing officers across Tayside. Influencing driver and road user behaviour is key to reducing careless driving figures and key to this is working with partners to deliver specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

Activity

Tayside Road Policing teams will continue to focus on priority routes:

A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

This reinforced with route strategy days based on the previous months collision data and multiple units on high visibility patrols across Divisional borders maximises opportunity to influence driver behaviour.

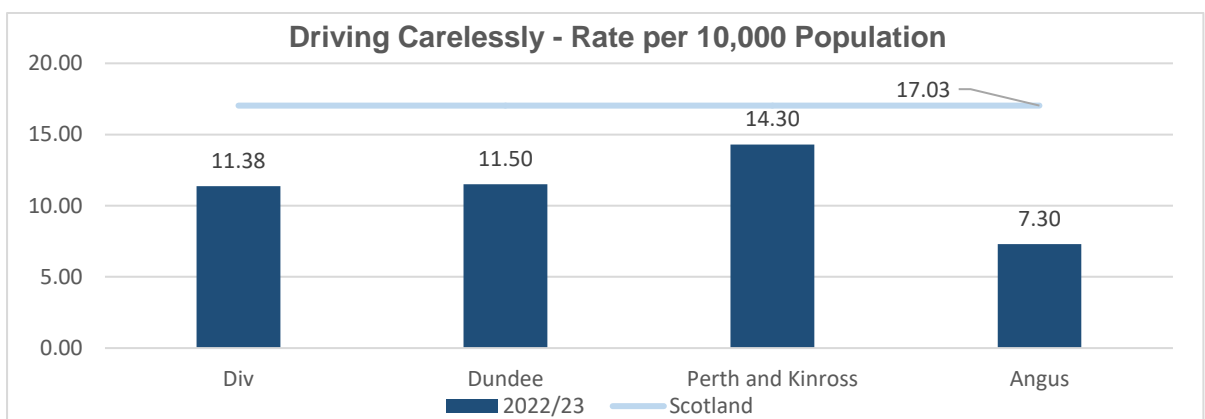
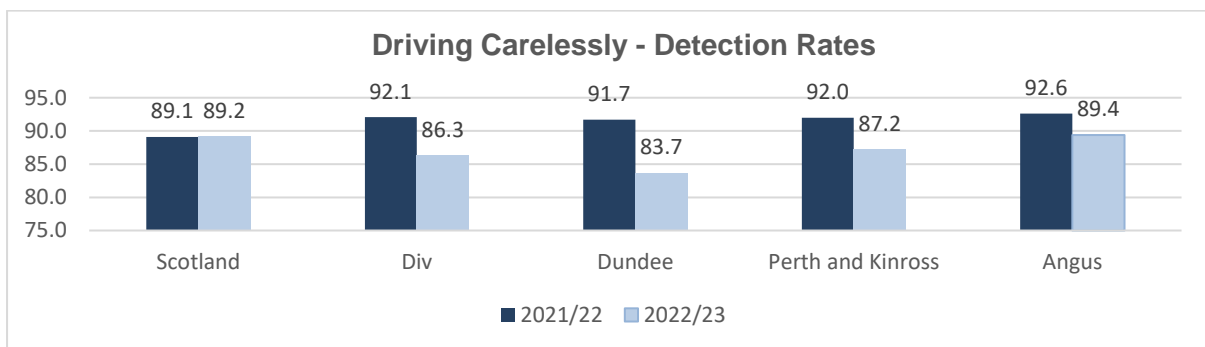
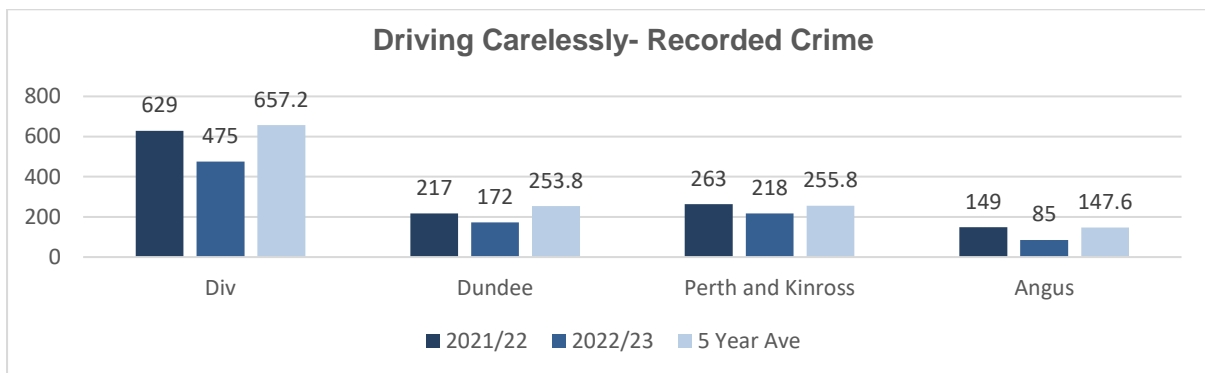
Challenges

Reducing the instances of careless driving is a complex challenge that requires to address various factors which contribute to such behaviour.

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Many driver are not aware of the risks associated with careless driving and many have a careless attitude to driving, believing they can multi task whilst behind the wheel. Driving whilst distracted through the use of mobile phone and electronic devices is one of the main causes of careless driving.

Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach that involves education and enforcement. Partnership initiatives aimed at public education, driver education programs and technological solutions to prevent distracted driving can all help to reduce careless driving figures.



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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

Domestic Abuse

Activity

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

The figures in the table below represent crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act (DASA) 2018.

All Domestic crimes and incidents are subject to quality assurance checks by specially trained officers within the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit to ensure that DASA offences are correctly identified and robustly investigated in accordance with national guidance.

Results

Divisionally there has been an increase in the recording of DASA offences across Tayside, with Dundee LPA also seeing a proportionate increase. This performance year 90 DASA offences have been recorded, in comparison to 75 crimes LYTD. Of note, although those DASA offences with a male victim remain a small part of the overall occurrence rates, reports by men have increased by 150% (9 crimes) compared to an increase in respect of reports from females of 10%.

The current detection rate for DASA offences is lower than 2021/22 which is in keeping with the divisional and national picture, however a number of DASA offences remain under active investigation by local officers and colleagues from specialist units, including the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and the national Domestic Abuse Task Force.

A number of these outstanding enquiries form part of more complex investigations, which can be protracted in nature. The current detection rate is 68.3% in comparison to the national average of 72.1%.

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MATAC

The management of MATAC is now well embedded in Division having moved back from SCD in Q2. Appointing a MATAC co-ordinator has ensured a smooth transition with no disruption to the operation of the process.

During the reporting period 3 males from Dundee were subject of active investigation by the Domestic Abuse Task Force (DATF) having been referred via the MATAC process, these investigations remain ongoing.

During the period 4 previous investigations were concluded; two investigations were closed due to lack of engagement with potential victims, one investigation resulted in the arrest, charge and remand to custody of a male charged with 8 offences perpetrated towards two former partners. The other investigation resulted in a male being arrested and charged with 35 offences perpetrated towards 6 former partners. This male is now subject to bail conditions pending trial.

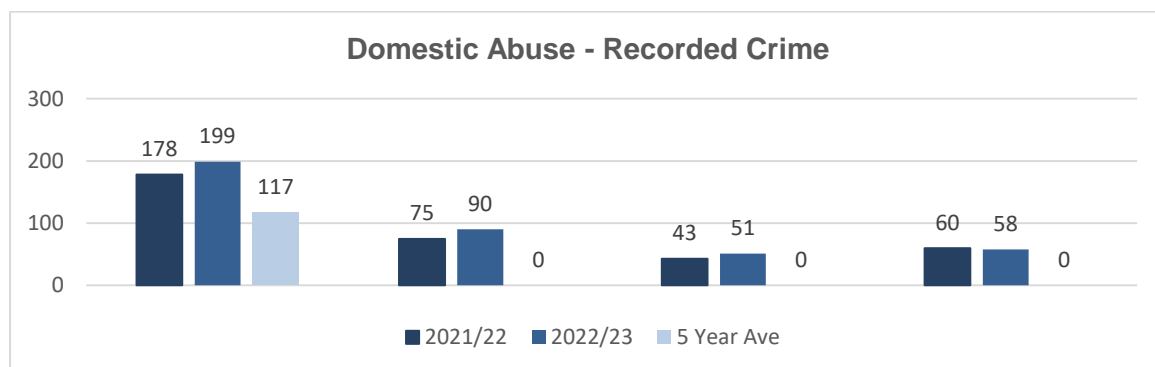
We continue to promote the full use of the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland. This scheme is designed to provide people the opportunity to ask if someone has a history of domestic abuse, allowing them to make an informed decision about their relationship when they may be at risk. The scheme allows applicants to ask for details about their own partner. It also permits others to submit applications on behalf of those who may be at risk. In this case any disclosed information is only disclosed to the individual in the relationship.

There were 16 disclosures carried out under the scheme in Dundee during Q4.

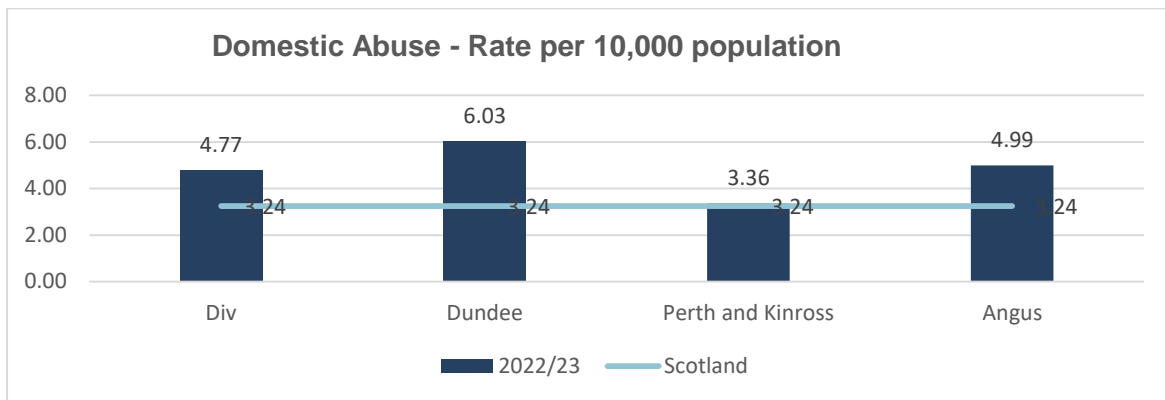
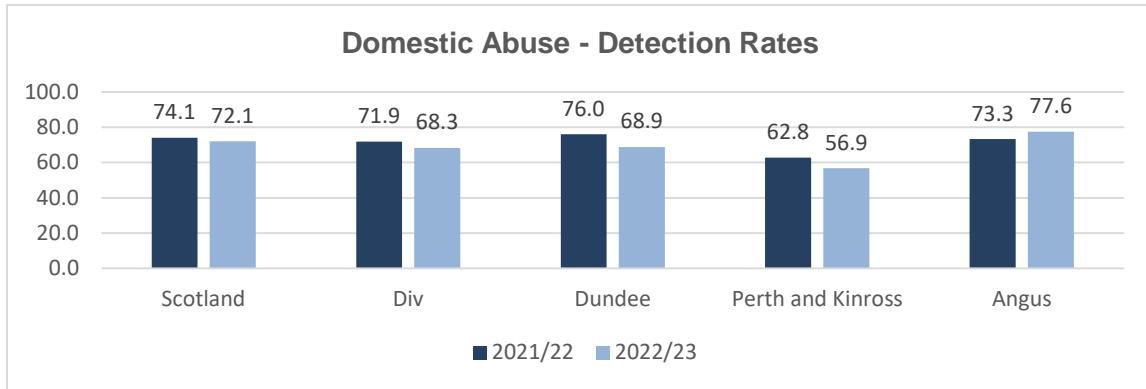
Challenges

Dundee continues to experience high levels of Domestic Abuse incidents per 10,000 in comparison with Scotland as a whole.

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



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Hate Crime

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

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

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

A PIP sergeant continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting online. Inputs from attendees from all Divisions on how each Division deals with Hate Crime have been fed back into the Strategic Group. Further recommendations from the Strategic Group will be published in due course.

In January officers engaged with members of the Chinese Community in the lead up to Chinese New Year celebrations focussing on acquisitive crime. Translated information leaflets containing home security information were circulated.

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Officers from PIP attended national Keep Safe Ambassador training and there is now a cadre of officers who can provide local training to officers around hate crime inputs in schools.

PSYV and Community officers carried out work focusing on Hate crime during January, 2023 to coincide with a week of action and Holocaust Memorial Day, 2023. PSYV volunteers and staff handed out leaflets and engaged with members of the public raising awareness of hate crime and the impact it can have on the victims and the community.

An online 'The Bravest Path' seminar was well attended by local officers, this being a webinar focused on developing leadership skills and combating sexism and misogyny in the workplace.

Community and PIP officers have been engaging with our Muslim communities across the month of Ramadan, carrying out focussed reassurance patrols and attending Friday prayer sessions.

During Neurodiversity Celebration week (which is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences) Supt Binnie internally circulated a daily blog to D Division staff with the aim of enhancing understanding of Neurodiversity.

Officers continue to liaise with each of the local authorities in relation to the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, providing support where applicable and sharing relevant documentation including victim of war crimes information.

Results

There have been 186 Hate Crimes recorded in Dundee LPA this performance year, in comparison to 224 LYTD. The following table breaks down those reports by protected characteristic.

Aggravator	2021/22	2022/23	Change	% Change
Disability	9	9	0	0
Racial	154	115	-39	-23%
Religious	2	5	3	150%
Sexual Orientation	57	56	-1	2%
Transgender	2	1	-1	-50%
Total	224	186	-38	-17%

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Challenges

Although reductions in reported Hate Crime are positive, we continue to work hard to sustain levels of engagement across our communities to ensure that victims of Hate Crime have the confidence to report those crimes and always seek Police support.

Sexual Crime

Activity

All Rape investigations are conducted by specially trained Sexual Offence Liaison Officers (SOLOs) and are directed by a Senior Investigating Officer (SIO). All investigations are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed.

As in previous reporting periods, many of these Group 2 Sexual offences have occurred significantly out with the reporting period and as such are classified as "non-recent" (that is, the offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to Police).

Recent analysis shows that within Tayside Division, 22% of all Group 2 crimes and 38% of all Rapes were non-recent in nature. In a number of these cases, multiple crime reports were raised in respect of one report from one victim, detailing multiple incidents over a period of time where the victim and perpetrator are known to one another. In the vast majority of reports, the survivor and offender were either in a domestic relationship or otherwise known to each other prior to - or at the time of - the offence.

Results

There have been 519 Group 2 sexual offense recorded YTD, which is a reduction of 73 crimes when compared to LYTD figures. This is a 12 % reduction with occurrence rates remaining below the 5 year average of 580 crimes per year.

There have been similar improvements in detection rates with the overall Group 2 detection rate being 61.3%, which is an 8.8% increase on LYTD figures and provides a detection rate which is 8.1% above national averages.

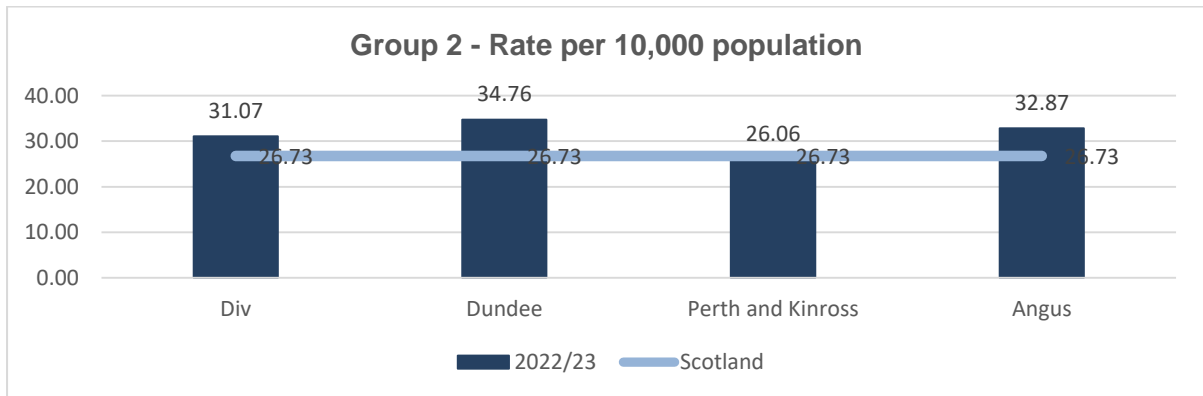
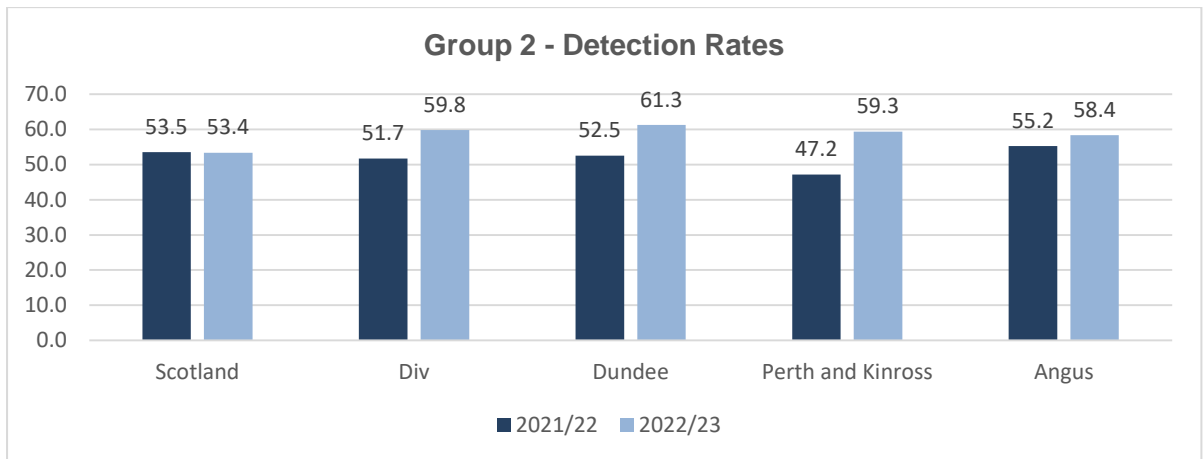
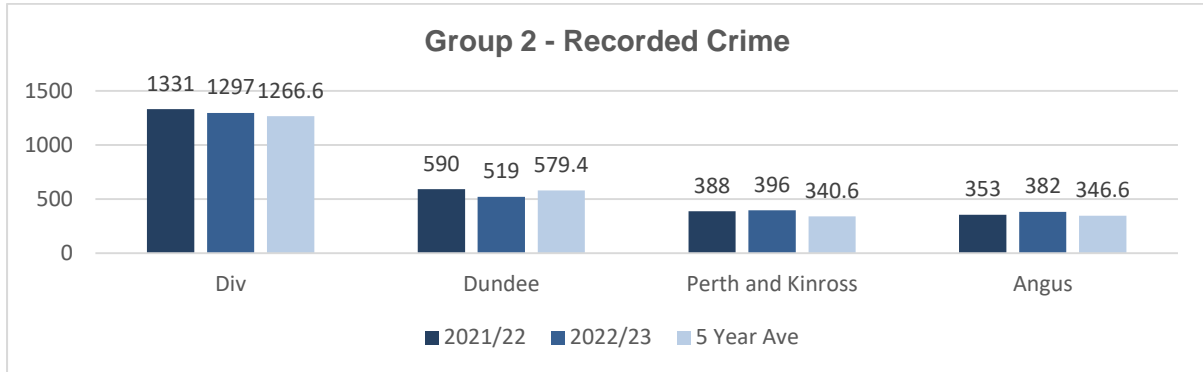
There have been 103 Rapes recorded during the reporting period, which is a slight increase on LYTD figures (4 crimes). The detection rates are 78.6%, which is an increase of 24.1% in respect of LYTD figures and provides a detection rate which is 25.3% above the national average. In addition, a number of the more complex enquiries remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

Challenges

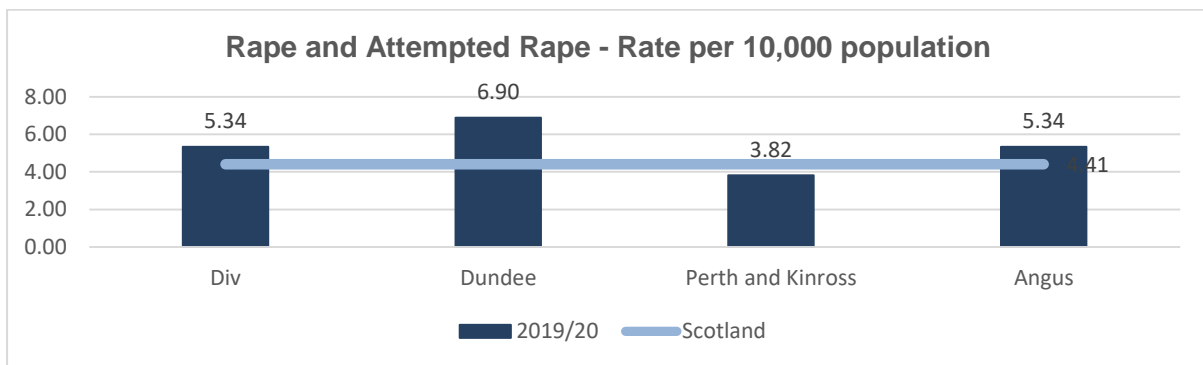
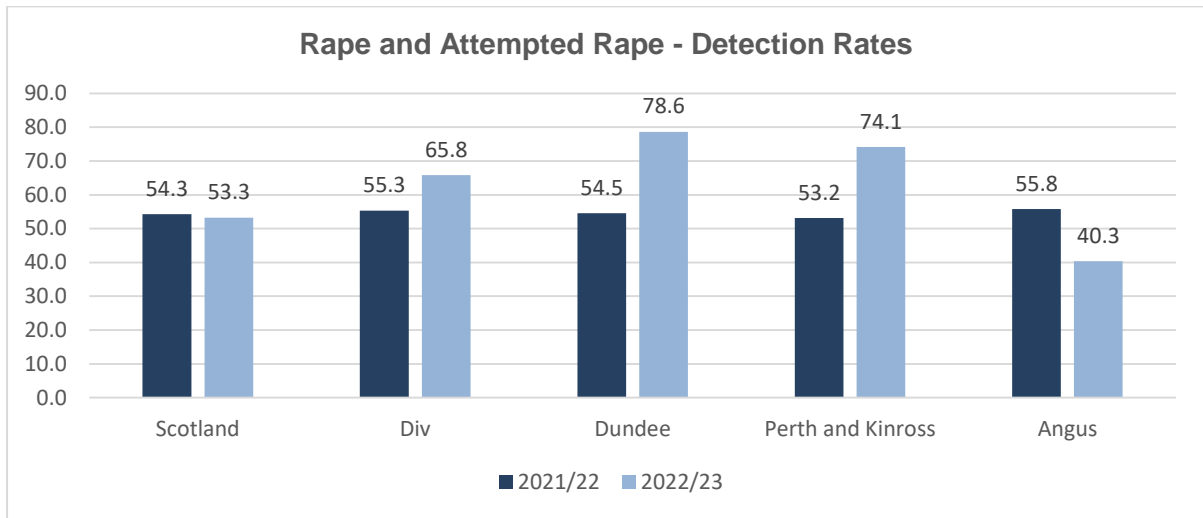
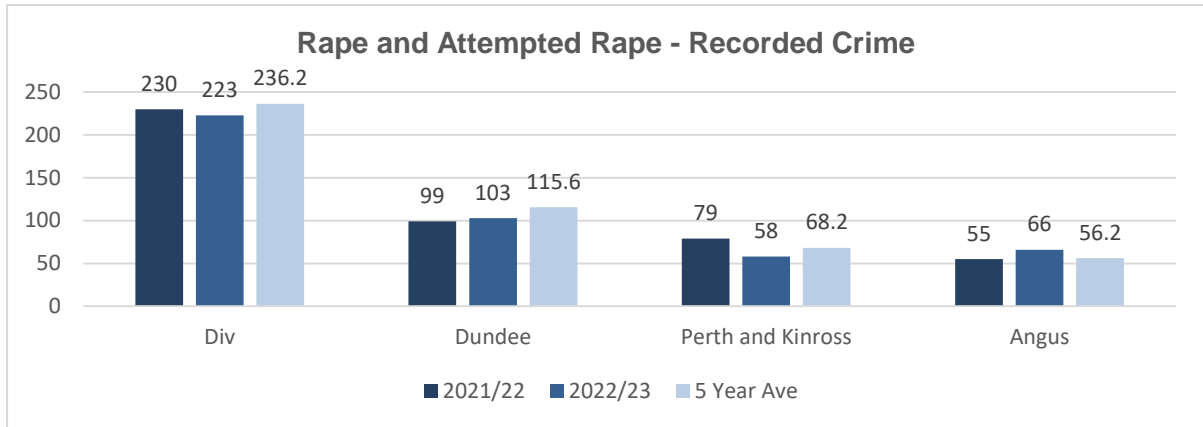
It is a positive that victims have an increased confidence to report non-recent sexual crime to the Police. However, this presents investigative challenges as enquiries tend to be more protracted and evidence - which may otherwise have provided corroboration - can be lost due to the passage of time.

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Notwithstanding this, the dedicated team in Tayside Division which now investigates non-recent sexual offences helps to ensure the best service is provided to victims, including the offer of support from partner agencies both during and also after the enquiry.



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Serious Organised Crime

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

This activity will link in with and support the 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

Possession of Drugs

Activity

We continue to prioritise activity in pursuit of those involved in the supply of drugs across the city, fully understanding the impact such activity has on the lives of vulnerable people and the fact that the use of drugs continues to have a significant impact on levels of serious and violent crime.

The performance figures indicate a focus on targeting those involved in the supply of drugs, with broader supports and interventions targeted towards those struggling with the impact of drug addiction.

The following is a snapshot of activity delivered in Dundee, during Q4.

Operation Argonite and Maryfield Community Policing Team executed a drugs search warrant in the Maryfield area. £11,240 of cocaine was recovered from the address. A male and female were charged with a concern in supply offence and released on bail.

Operation Argonite executed a drugs search warrant in the Coldside area. £1000 of crack cocaine was recovered from the address. A male and female were charged with a concern in supply offence and released on bail.

Operation Argonite executed a drugs search warrant in the Lochee area. £2231 of crack cocaine and £1688 of herbal cannabis was recovered from the address. A male was charged with concern in the supply offences and released on bail.

The team continue to work with both internal, statutory and 3rd sector agencies to identify and address vulnerability.

Results

There have been 574 possession of drug offences recorded this year which is a decrease of 108 crimes. This should be taken in conjunction with the Drugs Supply figures which follow in the next section of the report and demonstrate significant increases in activity aligned to the reporting of those more serious drugs supply charges.

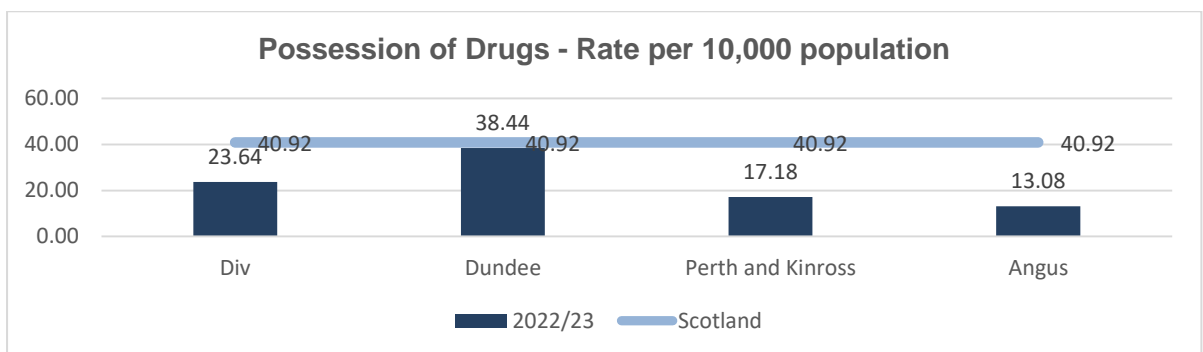
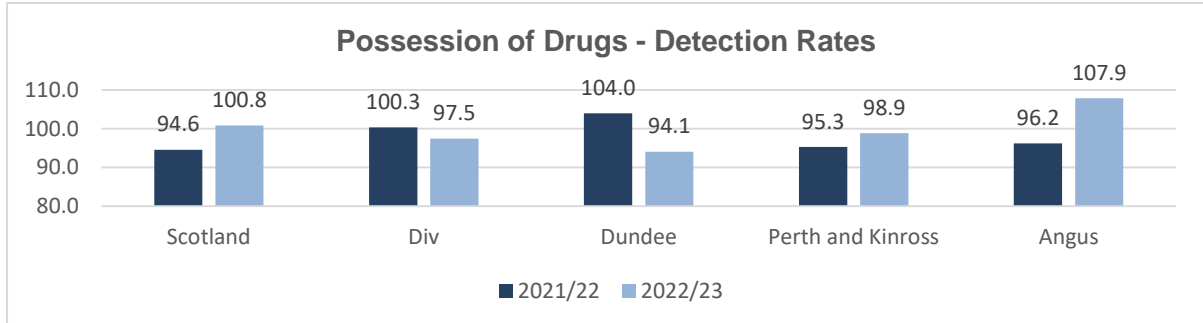
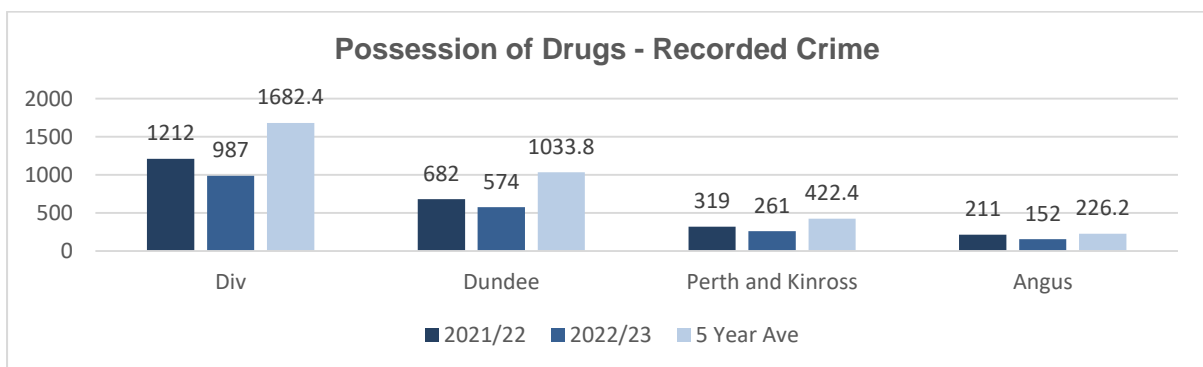
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In Q4, 134 offences were recorded which is a reduction from 142 offences recorded in Q3 and the 158 offences recorded during the corresponding period the previous year.

The annual detection rate is 94.1% with a number of crimes remain under investigation pending forensic analysis.

Challenges

The harm caused by drug abuse and addiction and its impact upon levels of crime across the city are mentioned through-out the course of this report. Reducing the levels of harm experienced by vulnerable individuals remains a key focus for the partnership as a whole.



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Supply of Drugs

Activity

We continue to target our response and enforcement activity through the development of quality intelligence and accurate analysis.

This development and enforcement has involved specialist support from colleagues in National Divisions, including Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Units, Operational Support Division and the National Human Trafficking Unit.

A coordinated response to tackling drugs supply in Dundee LPA and supporting those who are victims of Drug Supply perpetrators and suffer from drug addiction remains a priority.

The following paragraphs provide a snapshot of some of the activity delivered during Q4 in respect of drugs supply.

Operation Argonite continue to support local initiatives and tackle issues around cuckooing and county lines.

The team work collaboratively with Divisional Intelligence Unit, Preventions, Interventions and Partnerships and partner agencies carrying out welfare visits to victims which maximise safeguarding opportunities, encourage partner engagement, develop the intelligence picture and reduce overall risk.

During this quarter, 5 persons were identified by the team as vulnerable through possible cuckooing and crimes of violence linked to the supply of drugs. These individuals received visits by Operation Argonite and Preventions colleagues, who subsequently addressed vulnerabilities in conjunction with partner agencies. This delivers a holistic approach to care, well-being and safeguarding.

The Lochee Community Team executed 6 intelligence led drug search warrants during Q4. This resulted in the recovery of £107, 536 worth of drugs and cash, with several arrests made.

In January, 2023 a drugs search warrant was executed at a large residential property in Broughty Ferry. A professional 650 plant cannabis cultivation was recovered and 2 Albanian males arrested, remanded and are now awaiting trial. This is believed to be linked to a larger national operation. The drugs recovered were valued at over £500,000

In January, 2023 a male was found in possession of an imitation handgun which was utilised to threaten someone within his home address. During the course of this operation, both cannabis and cocaine were also recovered. The male was arrested and appeared at court in relation to firearms and drugs offences.

On 31st January, 2023 a drugs search warrant was executed in the Douglas area of Dundee. 271g of herbal cannabis and £19,000 cash was seized. The 3 perpetrators were all charged with drug offences.

In February, 2023 a search Warrant was executed at a vacant business premises in the Lochee area. A significant cannabis cultivation was discovered and 400 plants

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seized. 2 Albanian perpetrators were arrested and remain in custody awaiting trial. The drugs recovered had the potential to yield between £116,100 and £290,250.

During Q4, the Divisional Serious and Organised Crime Team investigated 8 seizures by border agencies whereby a total of 28.5kg of herbal cannabis had been stopped at customs destined for addresses in Dundee. These packages were mostly ordered from Canada. Between February and March, 2023 8 search warrants were obtained and executed, with 2 perpetrators arrested and charged with offences. The drugs recovered had a potential street value of £285,000.

The Divisional Serious and Organised Crime Unit have continued to work on Operation Recloir, which was referenced in the Q3 report. Operation Recloir is a complex investigation targeting a Romanian organised crime group responsible for trafficking females. Locally, the groups operating model has been to identify young local vulnerable females, supply them with crack cocaine for free and once they were addicted they would force them to engage in sexual acts with themselves and others, ultimately leading to incidents of violence and prostitution.

During Q4 the following major developments have taken place. 9 victims have been traced and provided Video Recorded Interview statements. Over 50 crimes have been identified, including an extensive number of sexual offences and incidents of human trafficking and drug supply. All victims have been provided with extensive support from Police and partner agencies and this continues.

In late January, 2023 a further accused linked in to Operation Recloir was arrested in Kent and has since been transported to Scotland where he remains in custody awaiting trial for this operation.

40 financial warrants were craved and served on a number of different banking establishments. This has provided vital evidence required by Procurator Fiscal to assist with proving human trafficking and financial control.

This enquiry successfully targeted and disrupted the crime group, supported local young women and work continues in conjunction with COPFS.

Results

There have been 158 drug supply crimes recorded this year which is an increase of 31.6% compared to LYTD.

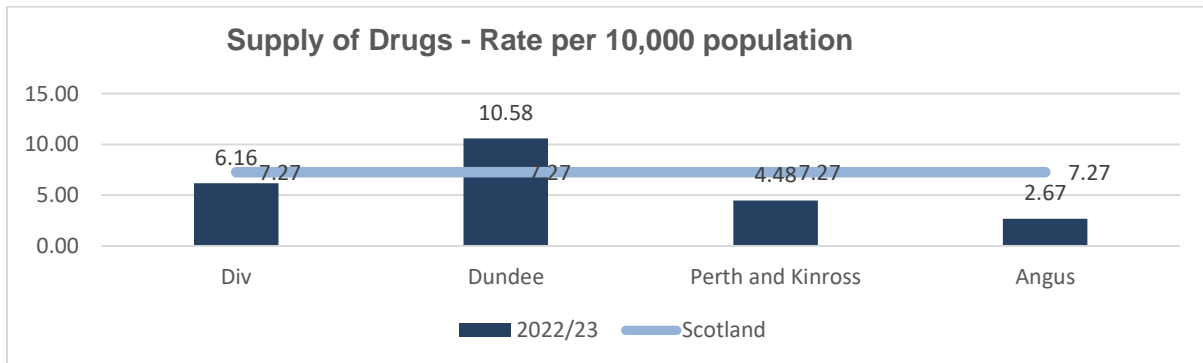
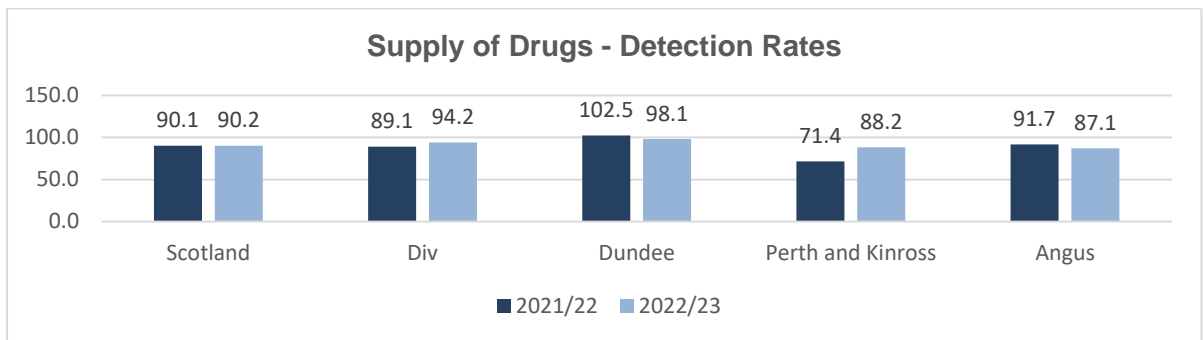
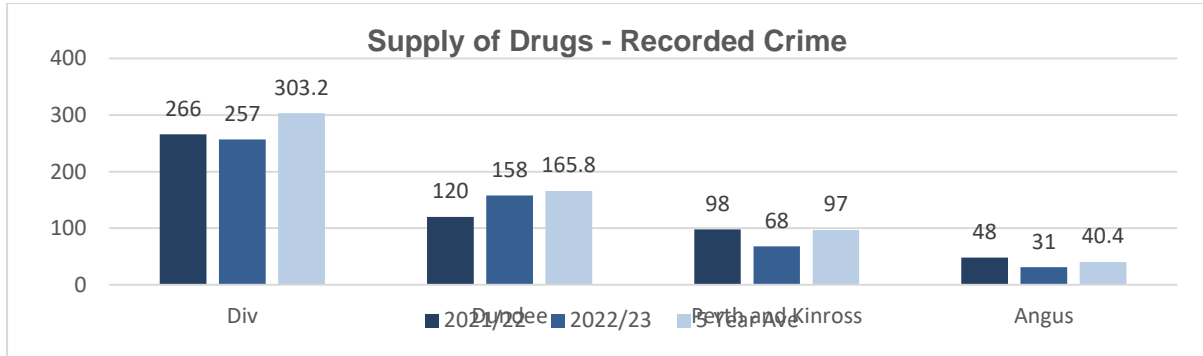
There were 48 offences recorded in Q4 all of which were detected. This is a significant rise from the 28 recorded during Q3. Detection rates also continue to be positive with a year to date rate of 98.1%.

Challenges

The supply of drugs to vulnerable people across the city continues to cause significant harm, drive up crime rates and impact upon public health. Police Scotland continue to target those responsible for trying to profit from others misery, whilst supporting those who are most significantly impacted by the harm caused through drug dependency. The work of the Arrest Referral Scheme and the Non-Fatal Overdose Group continue to be key parts of our holistic approach, along with the carrying of Naloxone by

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officers to aid at times of medical emergency. The battle against the supply of drugs into the city remains significant and will requires the continued delivery of joined up long term strategic thinking and associated operational delivery.



Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizures: £6,575.35

Civil Cash Seizure Referrals: £44,610.27

Expedited Civil Recoveries: None

Assets for Restraint: £144,759.32

Account Freezing Orders: None

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Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

Prevent, Pursue,
Protect and
Prepare through
collaborative
preparedness

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

- *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*

CONTEST is the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It was first developed by the Home Office in early 2003. The aim of the strategy is "to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence."

CONTEST is split into four work streams that are known within the counter terrorism community as the 'four P's': *Prevent, Pursue, Protect, and Prepare*.

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

Operating Context

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL this means it is deemed an attack is likely.

During the reporting period the CT Governance group met with representatives from all Tayside Division Police Scotland strands of CONTEST and Counter Terrorism Intelligence/Investigations, Counter Terrorism Security Advisors, Prevent Delivery Unit and Counter Terrorism Planning Unit. This allows for sharing of information and collaborative working between division and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit.

The Multi-Agency CONTEST Board also met, with representation from Police Scotland, Local Authorities, SFRS, Scottish Government, SPS, Forth Port, SAS and Education. Presentations from the Prevent Delivery Unit and Counter Terrorism Security Advisors were provided to update the CONTEST group on the Independent Review of Prevent and the upcoming Martyn's Law (Protect Duty). Both of these will impact members of the CONTEST group.

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A Local Contest Liaison Officers (LCLO's) advanced training day was held which was attended by 19 LCLO's. Inputs were provided by the Prevent, Prepare and Protect Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit. This role is an additional skill to routine operational roles and allows the officers to provide support to Divisional CT related enquiries and promote CONTEST within the community.

Joint visits have been carried out with Border Policing Command and D Division Local Contest Liaison Officers (LCLO's) including small ports visit at Broughty Ferry Harbour, visits to Dundee Airport and security meeting with staff and security staff.

There were a number of enquiries completed in relation to Operation Bridger and Operation Sandbed incidents. One of these incidents concluded with a male and female being charged with offences and being released on bail with conditions not to approach or contact MP's constituency offices. A cyber security input is also to be carried out to the MSP and staff.

A local Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer (CTLO) participated in Home Office Prevent Duty Training Research providing feedback as a user of the training programme. CTLO and Prevent Leads for the division also attended an ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) Corporate Event in Aberdeen run by Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSA) which provided useful inputs from National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) and CTSA's.

We continue to attend the Prevent Sub Group meeting which is held by the Dundee City Council Prevent SPOC, which allows for the sharing of PREVENT work by all partners.

Other Key Activity

Missing Persons

During 2022/23, the number of Missing Person/ Absconder investigations reduced with 41 fewer investigations completed in comparison to 2021/22.

Incident Type	2021/22	2022/23	Change	% Change
Missing Person/ Absconder	720	679	-41	-5.7

The following table illustrates the categories of missing persons and provides confirmation of the ratio of reports relevant to adults, adults missing or absconding from care, children and looked after children.

Dundee City MisPers 2022/23		
Missing from	2021/22	2022/23
Home Address	315	354
Residential Children's Home	196	132
Foster Care Placement	33	34
NHS Establishment	82	52
Adult Supported Accommodation	25	12
School	9	26
Other	67	69
Total	720	679

Missing Persons investigations are often complex and require the deployment of significant resource.

Concern for Persons Calls

Concern for Persons Calls cover a very broad range of Police activity, however can be generally categorised as those calls from individuals in crisis, requiring the support of services when at time of greatest need.

We have seen a steady increase in relation to these call types in recent years and that has continued during the course of this performance year.

Police Scotland have an ethos of providing the best possible service to those in need, rather than a simplistic focus on those more traditional aspects of Police work, such as crime investigation. As such, we routinely respond to calls from those in mental health crisis, or in crisis driven by life events, addiction issues or those feeling vulnerable and isolated within our communities.

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This work is delivered in conjunction with partners, with Police Scotland often being the first responders, particularly out of hours, when immediate support and assistance is required.

The following table provides detail of the numbers of Concern for Persons Calls received this year, in comparison to last year to date figures.

Concern for Persons Calls

Incident Type	2021/22	2022/23	Change	% Change
Concern for Person	5193	5356	+163	+3.1

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-March) ¹

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	571	509	-10.9%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	1004	865	-13.8%
Off Duty Allegations	2	2	0.0%
On Duty Allegations	662	512	-22.7%
Quality of Service Allegations	340	351	+3.2%

¹ Data is correct as at 31/03/2023

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 10.9% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by decreases in Angus of 32.9%, Perth & Kinross of 1.8% and Dundee City of 3.6%.

Allegations in Tayside have decreased by 13.8%. This is determined by a decrease in Angus of 36.9%, and within Dundee City of 13.8% and an increase in Perth & Kinross of 8.8%

Please note that the data above covers all complaints and allegations against Tayside Division. Therefore, this does not include resources from Specialist Divisions which provide services within the area (e.g. Contact, Command and Control).

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Appendix

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

Reporting Period³

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

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

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

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