



Dundee City Council

Dundee City Council Scrutiny Committee

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DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA

QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT

1 January 2024 – 31 March 2024

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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 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:

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- Protect vulnerable people from harm.
- Support victims of crime and prevent re-victimisation.
- Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures.
- Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims.
- Make our roads safer.
- Enable and support effective engagement and communication with the public.
- Protect, support and empower our people.
- Support colleagues' performance and development.
- Seek out shared learning and training opportunities with partners.
- A Thematic Spotlight on focussing on Disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Quarter 3 Scrutiny Updates

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;

(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 Dundee LPP 2023-2026 clearly sets out the policing objectives for Dundee and will report to the Dundee Scrutiny and Audit Committee. Quarterly Performance Reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.

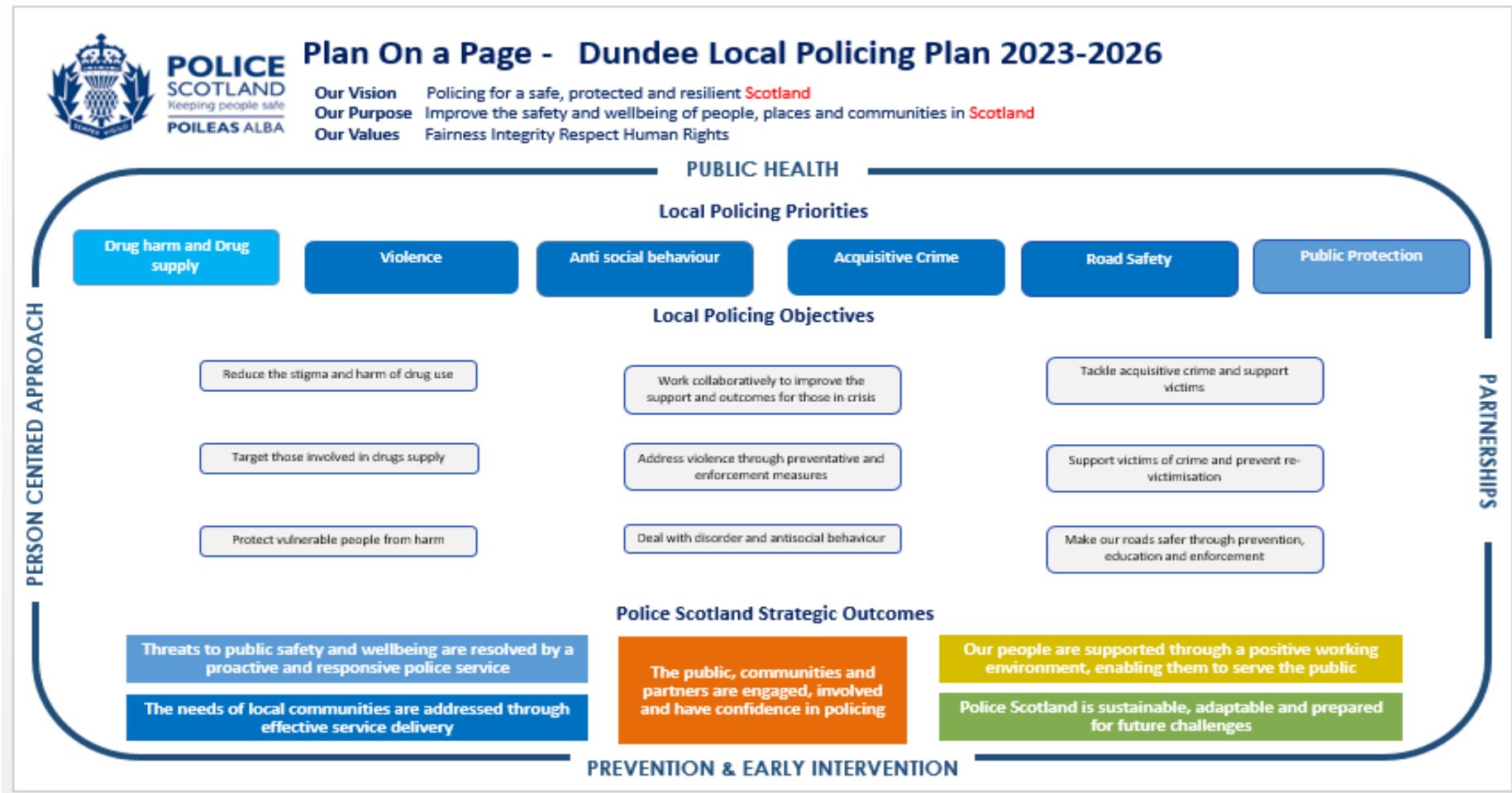
In line with the Dundee LPP, the Quarterly Performance Report provides a more holistic overview of progress across the service to meet our strategic outcomes. This approach provides a wider and more detailed picture of traditional policing performance measures, supplemented with additional insight and narrative to the many different aspects of policing and corporate support functions.

The measures are longer term focussed rather than reflecting the ongoing performance of the day-to-day operational challenges we face and aim to provide evidence of the effectiveness and impact of our services as a whole.

We have introduced several key performance measures and insights questions in support of our local police plan to focus attention on impact and outcomes. For example:

- How effective are the diversionary activities provided?
- How effective are the processes in place to prevent acquisitive crime?
- How well are we engaging with the public?
- What progress has been made in terms of collaboration and what percentage of the divisional estate is co-located with partners?

To enable a more detailed examination by the Committee of specific local priorities and strategic outcomes, a 'Spotlight' focus will be provided on one of the priority areas on a quarterly basis. The Spotlight focus will rotate each quarter in line with the expected updates outlined in the Dundee LPP.



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Quarter 4 - Performance on a Page - 1st January 2024 to 31 March 2024

	Recorded Crimes			Change		Detection Rate			% point Change	
	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.
ASB and Disorder										
Overall group 4	1650	1723	1837	-4.2%	-10.2%	28.8%	25.6%	36.9%	3.3%	-8.0%
ASB Incidents	11514	12060	14514	-4.5%	-20.7%	-	-	-	-	-
Violence										
Robbery	158	155	139	1.9%	13.7%	65.2%	70.3%	72.9%	-5.1%	-7.8%
Serious Assault	129	145	150	-11.0%	-13.9%	72.9%	73.8%	75.2%	-0.9%	-2.3%
Common Assault (excl EW)	1887	1951	2025	-3.3%	-6.8%	66.0%	62.1%	63.6%	3.9%	2.4%
Public Protection										
Overall Group 2	528	521	574	1.3%	-8.0%	63.4%	61.2%	58.8%	2.2%	4.6%
Rape	116	109	119	6.4%	-2.5%	66.4%	77.1%	60.1%	-10.7%	6.3%
Domestic Abuse	121	90	-	34.4%	-	76.9%	67.8%	-	9.1%	-
Road Safety										
Speeding offences	167	85	163	96.5%	2.6%	99.4%	100.0%	100.0%	-0.6%	0.0%
Drink / Drug Driving	195	196	265	-0.5%	-26.4%	97.9%	102.0%	95.5%	-4.1%	6.5%
Acquisitive Crime										
HBs	357	434	452	-17.7%	-21.0%	34.7%	30.6%	30.6%	4.1%	4.1%
Motor Vehicle Crime	894	850	655	5.2%	36.6%	23.6%	22.6%	29.5%	1.0%	-5.9%
Fraud	686	717	512	-4.3%	34.0%	14.6%	16.5%	23.7%	-1.9%	-9.1%
Shoplifting	2184	1660	1222	31.6%	78.8%	39.1%	40.5%	53.0%	-1.4%	-13.9%

Overall Group 2' **All Sexual Crimes including Rape & Attempts, Indecent & Sexual Assaults, Prostitution Offences and 'Other' Group 2 Crimes.**
 Overall Group 4' **All Fireraising, Vandalism, Reckless Conduct and 'Other' Group 4 Crimes.**

Local Priority/Activity – Protect vulnerable people from harm.

Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP)

The overall aim of Dundee Alcohol & Drug Partnership is to prevent harm that is associated with alcohol and drug use in our communities. Police Scotland form part of the ADP and work in partnership with services, communities and people with lived experience to understand our local communities and how best to support them. The ADP influence change in policy, systems and institutions and work to reduce the misinformation and stigma about alcohol and other drugs.

The Substance Trend Monitoring Group

We continue to monitor drug trend alerts from RADAR and ensure pharmacies are engaging with substances users to be mindful of what they are sourcing. A&E and NHS Navigators are now part of this group ensuring a wider capture of current drug trends.

Dundee Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway (NFOD)

Officers within the Partnerships team continue to attend the Daily Multi-Agency Near-Fatal Overdose meetings sharing relevant information in relation to any person who has experienced a non-fatal overdose as a result of the consumption of suspected illicit substances.

Over the period of 1st January to 31st March 2024, there were 31 discussions held at the Dundee NFOD with a multi-agency response developed to ensure a holistic approach is taken to the interventions applied, with positive engagement and harm reduction delivered for those involved.

Up to and inclusive of 31st March 2024, there had been 94 incidents in Scotland where nasal Naloxone has been administered by a police officer to persons suspected to be in a state of overdose, with Q4 recording 2 incidents across Tayside of which both related specifically to Dundee.

March saw County Lines Intensification Week which included a period of enforcement and education across many groups and agencies.

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Our Partnerships team conducted visits to The Corner (Young Person service), Craigie House (YPU) and the Junction (YPU) with staff spoken to and Crimestoppers posters and cards left to raise awareness, further information also provided in relation to the updated CL training.

Partner Awareness/ Engagement Visits:

3rd sector agencies including Deaf Links Hub / North East Sensory / TCA / We Are With You / Positive Steps/ Menzieshill Community Centre/ Charleston Community Centre/ Steeple Church Parish Nurses/ Lochee Community Hub/ Albert Street Foodbank visited. Discussions held with Recovery Network Coordinator and inputs provided to raise the profile of County Lines and Cuckooing, and also the Partners Intelligence Portal.

Hotels:

Various Hotels across Dundee to raise awareness about County Lines with crime stoppers awareness literature made available for staff. Discussions with several members of hotel management/ staff has identified an opportunity for an awareness event on MS Teams at a local level with support of wider partners.

Training Opportunities:

Discussion held with A&E navigator regarding the delivery of an awareness input to staff in A&E relating to County Lines and Cuckooing along with information relating to drug trends/ types with use of the current drug box utilised in educational forums.

Wider Vulnerability:

Over the reporting period the Partnerships Team have continued to focus on the progression of joint visits to vulnerable members of the community, working with statutory and 3rd sector partners to provide follow up contact and re-assurance crime prevention advice, with examples including victims of online frauds, dishonesties, robberies, sextortion and violence.

Keep Safe Update:

Currently there are 42 Keep Safe places across Dundee with all venues recently re-visited to ensure compliance to the required standards, with further visits arranged for potential new locations. Training has also been delivered to the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers who will support awareness raising and compliance check moving forward.

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The Partnerships Team are supporting the new On-Street Sex Workers Project which has identified actions around information sharing and role of gender-based service in supporting and leading the supports available. They have also met with the Lead Officer at the Protecting People at Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership in relation to developments in the National Strategy for CSE with the potential for an upcoming pilot for Dundee in respect of on street prostitution and how this will feed into the ongoing work at a local level in respect of pathway development. Planning now in place for a CSE development day in Dundee on the 15th May.

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. This approach prioritises targeting those who present the greatest risk to our communities whilst protecting the most vulnerable.

The Divisional Serious and Organised Crime teams continue to develop operations throughout Tayside including Dundee to tackle organised crime distribution and supply networks.

These operations have resulted in successful intelligence led enforcement operations whereby significant quantities of controlled drugs and paraphernalia have been removed from our communities.

Notably in March 2024, plain clothes officers participated in County lines intensification week in Dundee City Centre. After witnessing an apparent drug transaction, a 16-year-old male was detained by Police and a significant quantity of cocaine sub divided into deals for onward supply and cash recovered. He was also in possession of a large knife and a handgun which was found to be an imitation.

During an earlier operation in January officers executed search warrants at vacant industrial units in Ash Street and Lorne Street, Dundee. Two Albanian nationals were traced and arrested within both addresses. A total of 3154 cannabis plants were recovered in both premises which are assessed as being linked. The value of drugs recovered during this operation is estimated at £2.4 million. At that time, one of the biggest recoveries in Scotland, linked to Albanian Organised Crime Groups and 4 arrests made.

Local Priority/Activity – Support victims of crime and prevent re-victimisation.

Police Scotland remains committed to working with partners in the public, private and third sectors to ensure the approach to Public Protection is focused, meaningful and collaborative. This commitment allows the organization to continually improve the service and support provided to victims and their families, whilst working towards protecting those at risk of harm.

We are working closely with Victim Support Scotland and in collaboration with the National Team at Partnerships, Prevention and Community Wellbeing to address the needs of local communities through enhanced communication and an improved referral support service. We are partnering at local engagement events to promote the benefits of VSS, sharing social media articles and distributing literature. PPCW now have full governance of national victim support referrals and carry out a daily quality check of referral data. VSS report a reduction in duplicate referrals from Tayside because of improved processes to IT systems which has also helped reduce their waiting times for victim/witness contact following referral. There has been an uplift in referrals both offered and accepted. Our Partnerships team were involved in promoting Victims Awareness Week in February, through face-to-face engagements and social media signposting.

During Quarter 4, information was received that a vulnerable female was being cuckooed by county line drug dealers from her home address. On the same date, police officers attended at the address and carried out a welfare check. The female was traced along with another male, within the address. The female told Police that drugs were being supplied from the address and gave her permission for them to search her house. Seized from within the address was 9.1 grams of crack cocaine along with associated items indicative of drug dealing. She was then referred to appropriate support services, in order to reduce the risk of future exploitation.

During this reporting period, Police Scotland received information that a female was being cuckooed from her address in Dundee by several males from the Glasgow area. Officers from the Serious & Organised Crime (SOC) team attended at the address to conduct a welfare check. The door was answered by the vulnerable female, who immediately informed Police that there were 2 males present that had been there for some time, dealing drugs and she was unable to get them to leave. There was also clear evidence of drug dealing and all three persons were initially arrested. The males were later charged for drug and bail offences, whilst the female was referred for support and flagged in case she was targeted again.

Local Priority/Activity – Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures

Tackling violent crime is part of Police Scotland’s focus in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our communities.

The report will provide a detailed breakdown of the levels of violent crime, exploring current trends and demonstrate the strategic and tactical approach adopted by Police Scotland in respect of crime prevention, investigation, and enforcement activity, highlighting the broad range of resources which are deployed daily to protect our communities.

Crime Categorisation and Investigative Response

Crimes of violence are categorised into Murder, Attempted Murder, Serious Assault, Robbery and Common Assault.

In terms of the investigation of those more serious and complex investigations, Domestic Violence and Child Protection we have several specialist teams, all of which are led by Senior Investigating Officers. These teams come under the management of Tayside Division Criminal Investigation Department and our Public Protection Units. They are the Reactive CID, Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU) and Child Protection Investigation Unit (CPIU).

Tayside Division is also fully supported by national units, which are geographically based within the Tayside geographic footprint and have a vital part to play in tackling violence in our local communities. These teams are managed by our Specialist Crime Division (SCD).

Major Investigation Team (MIT) – The North MIT leads on the investigation of murder inquiries and large scale and complex criminal investigations. A unit is based in Dundee.

National Domestic Abuse Task Force (NDATF) – Investigate serious and complex instances of domestic abuse. A unit is based in Forfar.

National Child Abuse Investigation Unit (NCAIU) – Investigate serious and complex crimes committed against children. A unit is based in Dundee.

Statistical Analysis and Crime Management

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Tayside Division Community Analysts produce a detailed analysis, which allows senior officers to scrutinise reported crimes of violence in Dundee and react to emerging trends, deploying both local and national resources on an 'intelligence led' basis to prevent crimes of violence from taking place. This detailed approach to Tasking is governed via monthly Tasking and Coordinating Group meetings which are chaired by the Divisional Commander and attended by the full Senior Leadership Team.

Performance Data by Crime Type

There has been one Murder and one Culpable Homicide during the reporting period.

In March 2024, an adult male was found deceased with significant injuries within an address in the Charleston area of Dundee. Following a dynamic investigation involving support from specialist Divisions, 3 males and 1 female were arrested and charged with murder within 4 days. All have appeared at court and currently remanded in custody.

In relation to the Culpable Homicide in January 2024, an adult male was found injured in Morgan Street, Dundee having been seen to fall from a window. He died from his injuries a week later in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee.

An SIO-led dedicated enquiry team was instigated, and a female was recently arrested and charged with culpable homicide. She has since been remanded in custody. Two males and a further female were arrested and charged with abducting and extorting the male prior to his death. They were later released on court bail.

- **There has been one attempted murder during the reporting period.** The victim was a uniformed Police officer who attempted to stop a wanted male who was seen driving a van. As the officer attempted to open the vehicle door, the male reversed crushing the officer between the van and a parked car. The male was arrested at locus and the officer conveyed to hospital by Ambulance where he was treated prior to release. The officer did not suffer serious injuries and recently returned to duty.
- **There have been 32 robberies recorded within this quarter**, one of these has since been submitted for no crime review. This is an increase from the 24 reported in the corresponding quarter last year. 17 of these crimes have

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been detected giving a detection rate of in about of 55%. The remaining 14 investigations are ongoing, and suspects have been identified in a number of these investigations meaning further detections are anticipated. Loci are generally spread across the city, ranging from public settings at or near shop premises to within private dwelling houses.

Further analysis revealed most victims knew the perpetrators and were non-engaging with the Police making evidence gathering challenging.

- **27 serious assaults were reported during this reporting period** which is the same as reported the previous quarter.

Weapons ranging from knives to blunt objects featured in the commission of these crimes.

Of these reported robberies, 21 were detected with a detection rate of about 78%. From the undetected crimes enquiries continue into the remaining 6 with suspects identified in some of investigations with CCTV / forensic enquiries pending.

Further analysis shows the majority offences occurred in public spaces, while residential properties and the others within commercial / public utilities also feature. Alcohol / drug abuse played a significant factor in these offences most perpetrators were known to victims. It is apparent a significant number stemmed from feuds, mostly concerning the illicit drug use and /or supply.

Partnership work to deter and detect offending.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers and our local community teams co-ordinated a day of action in the City Centre to raise awareness of personal safety, identifying vulnerable persons, targeting known nominals and distributing Crimestoppers literature. We facilitated a drop-in session in the Wellgate to give members of the public an opportunity and confidence to disclose any issues in a more informal venue and away from their home address.

Tackling violence has been a priority for Downfield Community Policing Team, achieved through a focus on hot spot locations, domestic offenders, priority nominals and outstanding apprehension warrants linked to violent offences.

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- Officers have completed pro-active additional contacts with high-risk victims and offenders of domestic abuse, maximising the safeguarding of victims by reinforcing safety plans and ensuring offenders are adhering to bail conditions. This has led to numerous offenders being arrested in accordance with domestic abuse legislation preventing ongoing and further offending.
- Downfield Community Policing Team complete ongoing reviews of Apprehension Warrants linked to violence. This ensures offenders are arrested quickly, reducing opportunities for further offending. During this quarter, 14 Category A apprehension warrants, and 10 Category B apprehension warrants have been enforced locally.
- Downfield Community Policing Team have focused proactive patrols in the Hilltown area of Dundee, which is a hot spot for violent crime, utilising stop search powers where applicable and executing three drugs search warrants in this area, resulting in a seizure of Class A Drugs and safeguarding the victim of cuckooing.

Local Priority/Activity – Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims

Housebreaking (Domestic Dwelling)

The Divisional Acquisitive crime team sit within CID, which ensures a significant specialist investigative overview of these offences. This ensures that links to cross border crime series are being identified quicker, maximising intelligence and evidential opportunities in relation to stolen vehicles or property.

The figure 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.

There were 24 crimes recorded during this quarter, which is a decrease from the 35 crimes recorded the previous quarter.

Just over 20% of these crimes have been detected to date which is slightly below the 5-year average detection rate of 25%.

The outstanding undetected crimes forensic results are pending, and positive lines of investigation are being pursued in relation to other crimes means this figure will likely rise.

Motor Vehicle Crime

This section includes all thefts of vehicles, theft of property from within vehicles and attempts of both crimes.

As these crimes often overlap or relate to housebreakings and other criminality, the Acquisitive Crime team has responsibility for investigating crimes series under line management of CID. This provides enhanced investigative ability and resources to address motor vehicle crime.

This approach has provided an enhanced investigative response in relation to a group of young males from Dundee who have criminal associates throughout Fife and the East coast of Scotland. These groups have been responsible for several crimes series which has involved cross border investigations with neighbouring Divisions.

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Within the Q4 period, 160 crimes were recorded, which is a decrease from crimes recorded the previous quarter.

About 25% of these crimes were detected however several crimes remain under enquiry with forensic results and other enquiries pending so further detections are possible.

Fraud

There were 169 recorded frauds during Q4, which is similar but slightly lower than the 177 reported during the previous quarter and the 183 frauds reported within the corresponding period last year.

The current detection rate is about 13% which is just below the 15.9% average for crimes of this nature detected nationally.

Analysis of these offences shows the locus for a significant quantity of these offences were the complainer's home address and the majority were credit card frauds or had an online element.

Fraud enquiries are often complex and protracted with Police dependent on retailers to provide evidence such as documentation. Investigations can often take several months to detect or complete, meaning there may be several more crimes detected moving forward. These offences are often linked and as evidenced by investigations undertaken by the acquisitive team.

In March 2024, two local males were identified as being responsible for a crime series involving thefts of a number of vehicles throughout Dundee and Tayside. They were arrested on apprehension warrants and remanded in custody at Dundee Sheriff Court in relation to 26 charges including theft of motor vehicles, theft from motor vehicles and frauds using stolen bank cards.

Like other areas of Scotland, Dundee has witnessed a spike in keyless car thefts. A relay device is used to remotely open the vehicle and overcome the ignition system before the vehicle is driven away. Ford Fiesta ST vehicles are routinely targeted and over the last quarter 14 vehicles have been stolen throughout Dundee in this manner. Once stolen the vehicles are regularly used in petrol drive-offs, housebreakings and further vehicle crime. Enquiries are ongoing and it is anticipated these will be detected as a well-known nominal has been identified as driving several of the stolen vehicles.

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Partnership work to deter and detect offending.

During Q4 some notable activity has been driven by Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions Officers which are detailed below:

- After Dark Campaign – This is now complete with good feedback received from all parties. There has been an increase recently across the Division regarding Commercial HBs and work is ongoing to ensure all such premises are offered Crime Prevention Advice/reassurance. Several Car Sales premises have been targeted and have signed up to a hidden group on NWS for alerts to be sent.
- Regular Social Media posts are generated raising awareness of re-emerging trends etc. We have increased awareness of Neighbourhood Watch by including details as part of the pack when letter dropping crime prevention messaging.
- Frauds & Scam - Preparation work has been carried out regarding OP Shut Out Scammers. We are monitoring emerging/repeat Modus Operandis for frauds/scams with relevant advice given. Further presentations delivered to vulnerable, hard to reach groups - visually/hearing impaired.

In March 2024, Maryfield Community Policing Team, Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions (PIP), alongside Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team held a Crime Prevention Event within the community inviting members of the community to attend, obtain advice and discuss concerns surrounding ways in which we can prevent crime. Advice was provided in relation to residential security, online security, fraud and personal safety. Attendees were signposted to local services within the area. This event was successful in seeking to reduce crime, provide relevant and realistic advice and prevent harm caused by becoming a victim of crime.

Retail Crime – in response to the increase in shop liftings, officers have looked at opportunities for Target Hardening with Crime prevention surveys being completed where appropriate. Meeting held with Dundee City Council City Centre Manager and City Centre Policing team Sgt to look at ways to reduce volume. Retailers Against Crime intel database now being utilised which is improving intel around shoplifting offences.

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Longhaugh Community Policing Team (CPT) have been working closely with their local Sainsburys store, Tom Johnston Road, Dundee after a significant increase in thefts and anti-social behaviour. Crime safety advice was provided, new security measures were implemented including security staff and one-way systems. LCPT worked with partner agencies to ensure youths were identified promptly and thereafter jointly visited by Police and ASBT and issued with ASB warning.

Lochee CPT officers attended a meeting with the manager of TK Maxx in relation to ongoing shoplifting issues. Crime prevention survey was completed, and advice given. Similarly, officers attended a meeting with the manager of Tesco, South Road, Dundee in relation to anti-social behaviour. Crime prevention survey was completed, and advice given.

Officers also attended a meeting with staff from the Lochee Community Hub who had highlighted concerns in relation to the behaviour of persons attending the premises. Similar to above, a crime prevention survey was completed, and advice given.

2 adult males and 1 female have been reported for acting together in a large spate of Theft by Shoplifting offences at Sainsburys, M & S Broughty Ferry and both Asda and B & M in the Milton of Craigie retail park.

Lochee CPT Shoplifting Initiative was detailed within previous scrutiny report. The initiative continued until the start of March. The initiative started due to significant increase with shopliftings in the Lochee beat area. The 2 worst affected shops are Co-Op, Brook Street and Sainsbury's, Perth Road. The initiative focused on the following:

- Crime prevention survey for retail workers
- Target prolific shoplifters

Feedback from staff has been positive in relation to the initiative.

Local Priority/Activity – Make our roads safer.

During Quarter 4, road policing officers in D Division were engaged in the following national campaigns: -

- January – National seatbelt campaign
- February – National mobile phone campaign
- March – National Speeding campaign and Vulnerable Road users

Within this Quarter, there was 1 fatal Road Traffic Collision, which relates to the tragic death of a 93-year-old resident, who was struck by a vehicle on Gray Street, Broughty Ferry on 24/02/2024. Whilst this is a 20MPH zone, excessive speed was not a factor here. It is assessed that the driver involved did not see the pedestrian as she crossed the road. The matter was referred to the Procurator Fiscal for further instruction.

There were 69 seatbelt offences, 111, mobile phone offences and 393 speeding offences detected during this period.

These offences form part of the fatal 5: -

1. Careless Driving
2. Speeding
3. Using handheld mobile phone
4. Drink/Drug driving.
5. Not wearing a seatbelt

which are the main causation factors for fatal road traffic collisions in Scotland. This proactive work sees officers engaging with drivers on the priority routes, providing education to all road users to promote cooperative use of the road space to improve road safety for all. In addition to this, officers conducted intelligence led operations targeting criminals using the road network for acquisitive crime, human trafficking and drug supply.

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They were involved in engagement with vulnerable road users at school exclusion zones and worked in partnership with divisional officers at educational inputs with a road safety message.

Addressing complaints from members of the public in relation to speeding on various roads within Maryfield, Officers from the Community Policing Team carried out a high-profile road traffic operation targeting various locations at peak times, utilising the speed gun. Several drivers were educated regarding the manner and speed of driving.

To support Dundee City Council School Street's School Enforcement Zones, community officers across the division have been attending at local schools, focusing on carrying out patrols to ensure compliance from parents, drivers and the wider community with positive engagement to ensure that stakeholders are fully aware of the restrictions and the consequences of noncompliance.

Lochee CPT have received complaints in relation to speeding in the Westend of Dundee, specifically Blackness Road and Perth Road. As such Pop-up Jim was routinely deployed to the areas and officers attended with the speed gun, educating several drivers on the manner of their driving.

Lochee CPT assisted Ancrum outdoor centre with Bike suitability at Primary schools within the Lochee beat area, improving the pupils' road safety.

Local Priority/Activity – Enable and support effective engagement and communication with the public

Audiences are at the heart of all communications activity. We tailor our communications to meet the specific needs of audience groups and to maximise the impact of our efforts. We identify and segment audiences to:

- Understand their demographics and behaviours
- Understand what they think and feel about Police Scotland and what we do
- Understand their specific communications needs
- Understand the best way to reach them
- Understand the best way to influence them

We use a range of research techniques and resources to gain insight into all of these aspects of our audiences to inform our project strategies, so that we are delivering the right message at the right time to the right people in the right location. Our key audience groups reflect the breadth of our work and include:

Internal

- Executive members
- Divisional Commanders and department heads
- Business units
- Operational management
- Frontline officers
- Police staff

External

- Victims/witnesses
- Offenders
- Stakeholders, such as the Scottish Police Authority, Scottish Government, Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), Police Investigations and Review (PIRC)
- Staff associations (including Unison, Scottish Police Federation, ASPs)

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- Strategic partners, such as SFRS and SAS
- Local partners, such as individual local authorities
- Peers (other police services)
- Opinion formers (journalists, commentators etc.)
- Wider public

In all of our work we strive to support the strategic outcomes of the organisation.

Organisational outcomes

- Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a responsive police service
- The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery
- Public and communities are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing
- Our people are supported through a positive working environment enabling them to serve the public
- Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

'Your Police' Survey closed on 31st March, however staff ensured promotion of this engagement tool to encourage a cross section of our communities to contribute to this and help inform and shape policing in their local area.

The Partnerships team are particularly seeking to engage with our hard-to-reach communities. This has been evident with the Deaf and Muslim communities, having developed open lines of communication and ensuring their needs are met.

During the reporting period we saw the launch of 'Coffee with a Cop' at the Deaf hub with further attendance at 2 BSL taster sessions with members of the team learning basic BSL resulting in positive engagement with members of the community also in attendance. This visit led to discussions with the Statutory Services manager around the delivery of third-party reporting with dates identified to deliver to the team across Dundee.

'Keepsafe' event was held in Dundee Central Library promoting awareness of the service and available supports across the city.

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The national Police Scotland Insight and Engagement Team are in early discussion's with DCC community officers to discuss instigating 'Your Police Listening Forums' to engage seldom heard communities and ascertain how they feel about and what they want from police in their local area.

Hate Crime inputs have also been delivered to St Paul's Academy Dundee, Dundee University, Dundee & Angus College.

Local Priority/Activity: Seek out shared learning and training opportunities with partners.

Partner Intelligence Portal

Our Partnerships team remain focused on engaging with partners around the delivery awareness and subsequent training with several statutory and 3rd sector organisations now having completed the required training, with a unique secure login assigned to afford access.

Wider Community Engagement

We continue engagement with Mears and residents in the asylum re-settlement process and have met with the Programme Development Officer relating to government funding through project Elevate, which is designed to support refugee and asylum communities in Dundee. The partnerships team have also held meetings with DCC Humanitarian Team with a view to facilitating conversation cafes with the Ukrainian Community.

Longhaugh Community Policing Team attended the East End Safe Transition Project planning meeting. Attendees included representatives from the 4 primary schools in the East End Ward, SFRS, DCC Community Safety and ASB Team, East End Communities Team, Braeview Academy and Craigie High School. The overarching aim is to engage and challenge young people to understand how their behaviour impacts on others and to support P7 pupils as they transition to High School.

Downfield Community Policing Team has strong links with partners and all opportunities are taken to share relevant information and learning, which has included the following over this quarter:

- Monthly meetings with DCC ASBT and Hillcrest Housing Association have continued. This ensured recurring and new issues within both Coldside and Strathmartine wards were highlighted and discussed, allowing a co-ordinated response to repeat problems.
- Downfield Community Policing Team have continued to be represented at the high-risk domestic abuse meeting with Domestic Abuse Liaison Officers, Dundee ASSIST and Women's Aid, ensuring information is shared in respect of ongoing engagement and safety planning of high-risk domestic abuse victims.

Local Priority/Activity – Protect, support, and empower our people.

The reinvigorated divisional Health and Wellbeing Board continues to meet and is in the consultation stage around the development of key priorities that deliver real, tangible benefits to officers and staff across Tayside. The Board is comprised of representatives from across the division, specialist divisions with a footprint in Tayside and staff associations and unions. It is aligned to the North Command area wellbeing strategy and can draw on the expertise of a dedicated North area wellbeing officer.

- A local wellbeing library has been established, offering a range of resources to members, in order to understand and support their own mental and physical health.
- As a command area, we are looking to develop a networking and peer support weekend for officers involved in delivering Trauma management.
- Police Scotland have recently confirmed that our external wellbeing service provision will continue with Optima and have shared specific counselling and support information with every officer, across the country.

There continues to be clear focus on police assaults under the 'Your Safety Matters' workstream, looking to ensure that we understand the causal factors that contribute to assaults on officers, understanding perpetrator make-up, situational factors and ensuring that our training, tactics, equipment, and vehicle fleet are appropriate to face this challenge. Nationally, the Force Executive continue to work alongside our national Criminal Justice partners to ensure that a clear and consistent message of deterrence is presented to those responsible.

Local Priority/Activity – Support colleagues' performance and development

Internal engagement processes are currently being reviewed in order to better understand the issues affecting our people and determining the most meaningful way to engage with them.

A review of previous Senior Leadership Team engagement sessions with staff from across the division continues, in order to ensure that we feedback to our staff around the myriad of topics raised and take on board a number of sensible and timely recommendations to streamline our service and better deliver on our outcomes.

Whilst the good work of officers and staff is acknowledged daily at a local level, we have begun the journey towards our next divisional awards ceremony, where we celebrate the outstanding and varied work that is undertaken across the division. We have also submitted a number of nominations for the national Scottish Police Federation annual awards, that focus on bravery and contributions to the community.

Quarter 4 Thematic Spotlight

Local Priority/Activity – Deal with disorder and anti-social behaviour

Officers continue to work closely with partners across Dundee to deliver a multi-agency response alongside Housing, ASBT, SFRS and Trading Standards conducting reviews of all relevant ASB calls, thereafter, sharing with the respective agencies to reduce the impact of these instances.

Weekly meetings are attended by Partnerships Interventions and Preventions officers to discuss recurring ASB issues ensuring proportionate action is taken from a multi-agency perspective, with joint visits conducted when required to ensure a co-ordinated approach.

Dundee currently has 115 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders with 8 Breaches of said orders reported and investigated by Police Scotland across the reporting period.

Longhaugh Community Policing Team identified a high call volume of anti-social behaviour at Milton of Craigie Retail Park. Due to this, operations were planned and carried out with plain clothes and uniformed officers. Through liaising with restaurants and commercial units in a targeted approach, numerous youths involved were identified and dealt with accordingly. Operations have been met with positive feedback from KFC and McDonald's restaurants. Longhaugh Community Policing Team working along with DCC Anti-Social Behaviour Team to deliver various Youth Restorative Warnings to young people who have been identified as being involved in criminal activity.

Longhaugh Community Policing Team participated in a joint assembly meeting at Fintry Primary School, Dundee supported by partner agencies including Scottish Fire and Rescue and DCC Anti-Social Behaviour Team. The purpose of these inputs was to provide education and guidance to children in Primary 4-7 on their behaviour in the community and at school.

Longhaugh Community Policing Team have delivered inputs to all S1 and S2 pupils at Craigie High School, with topics including social media, on-line safety and anti-social behaviour in the community. Inputs also delivered at St Pius Primary School to P1 and P2 children and to Quarry View Nursery on 'People Who Help Us'

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Longhaugh Community Policing Team have frequently attended the local youth groups based at Douglas Community Centre, Finmill and North East Campus to engage with the children that attend. This allows the opportunity to speak with and build relationships and trust with local youths.

Downfield Community Policing Team are carrying out an ongoing operation within the Hilltown Multi Storey Developments (MSDs) and surrounding area, in response to information gathered via Your Police Survey and locations which members of the public are concerned about within their community. In conjunction with Dundee City Council Housing, ASBT and Community Safety Wardens, a leaflet drop was carried out within the MSDs sharing contact details for emergency and support services and encouraging residents to report anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and criminality to the appropriate agency. Following this, Downfield Community Policing Team took part in a drop-in session within the Wellgate Library, offering residents from the MSDs, who would not typically engage with Officers at a police station or their home address, engagement opportunities to pass on information, report crime or seek advice.

Officers have carried out high visibility directed patrols, including stairwell and landing checks, helping deter criminality and provide re-assurance to residents. Officers have utilised powers of search where appropriate, engaged with vulnerable individuals and sign posted them to support services.

Activities have also included the apprehension of those wanted in relation to crimes of violence and anti-social behaviour and the execution of drugs search warrants at three problematic addresses resulting in seizures of Class A controlled drugs. Working closely with Dundee City Council Housing and Anti-Social Behaviour Team, has ensured a co-ordinated approach to these addresses with proportionate action taken, helping reduce the impact of this behaviour in the community. This partnership approach has extended to joint visits at repeat addresses in the Hilltown area with a high volume of anti – social behaviour calls, helping provide a robust response and reduce further issues.

Downfield Community Policing Team have targeted hot spot locations in Ardler where community premises have been subject to anti-social behaviour by young people. Officers have worked in conjunction with DCC Community Safety Wardens, carrying out high visibility patrols and engaging with staff during visits to premises, helping identify the young people responsible. Pro-actively sharing information with the Anti-Social Behaviour Team through the information sharing protocol, joint visits have been conducted.

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Further to this, Officers have been active within the LCPP Community Safety and Justice Group, working with partners on interventions to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour in Ardler.

Lochee CPT attended a number of youth visits, along with anti-social behaviour team. The visits related to low level offending and involved discussions between offender, their parents, ASBT and Police. The focus of the discussions is to discourage/prevent future offending.

Looking forward into Quarter 1, local City Centre officers, in conjunction with key partners, have launched the 10-week Friday night StreetSoccer, which commenced on Friday 3rd May 2024. The activities will be held within the City Square between the hours of 1900 and 2100 hours (which are the peak times of youth related disorder and crime). Pop up football pitches will be set up in the City Square with a large tournament or event being planned at the conclusion of the 10 weeks. McDonalds Restaurants have also volunteered their upstairs café space for youthwork opportunities. The project will signpost youths into pathways, opportunities and longer-term activities within their local communities and the facilities on offer at StreetSoccer.

A winter block of a further 10 weeks is also proposed, should the summer block be a success. Further funding is being applied for by StreetSoccer through Dundee City Council and McDonalds charity funding. Dundee Football Club and Dundee United Football Club have been informed of the ongoing plans and have shown interest in becoming involved in this project too.

Civic Licensing:

Between 31st December 2023 and 31st March 2024, the licensing team processed 710 licence applications for the Dundee area. This included applications for occasional licenses to allow premises to host additional outdoor areas, 'variation to premise' licences, renewals and grants for taxi operators and drivers, renewals and applications for grants of Short Terms as the legislation commencement date of 1st October 2023 is now into force.

51 recorded ASB incidents were at or in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises.

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There were 52 inspections carried out throughout Dundee, one premise has been identified as problematic and we working closely with Council LSOs and the venue to remedy.

The licensing team have continued to promote 'by-stander' training and delivered this to one of the biggest premises in Dundee. They have also worked alongside numerous partner agencies ensuring premises are operating within the parameters of their licence and lawfully.

The Licensing Team have worked several Dundee-Safe and football deployments, encompassing licensed premises checks and will continue to do so throughout the year. The department has also conducted operations within Dundee with the Security Industry Authority inspecting Door Stewards throughout the city.

Multiple intelligence lead operations were carried out within Dundee throughout this period with Immigration officers to civic and licensed premises whereby several illegal workers were traced and arrested by the Home Office

QUARTER 3 UPDATES

At the Quarter 3 Scrutiny & Audit Committee, we were asked to provide further updates on the following issues:

We highlighted a drug enforcement initiative in regards drug use within Broughty Ferry pubs. We can report that 6 officers and a police dog were involved in this initiative which took place between 1900 hours and 0000 hours on 15/12/23 and 16/12/23. All Licensed premises in the Broughty Ferry area were visited. Officers attended at Licensed premises and apprised them of their intentions to be visible on the streets, engage with the public and take necessary action against misuse of drugs. They were all in favour of the initiative and supportive of Officers. Officers liaised with door staff and community wardens throughout the initiative. Searches were carried out in terms of Section 23 of the MODA 1971 and licensing checks were undertaken. There was a positive response from the public, particularly at this busy time of year.

We were asked for information regarding the dates for Ryehill and Hilltown office closure consultations. We were also asked about consideration being given to engagement with the community regarding shared use of the buildings. The consultation for Ryehill and Hilltown is yet to launch and dates are still to be advised but it will be open for several weeks

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and the community will be very welcome to suggest potential future uses for the buildings as part of the consultation process.

We were advised that Broughty Ferry councillors previously attended meetings involving Licensed Premises in the area and Police Scotland. We were asked if these meetings were still being held and if councillors could be invited. It is believed that the meeting referred to would have been the Dundee Licensing Forum. This forum has not operated since before the Covid pandemic. Each Local Authority should have a forum however the chairperson of the DCC Licensing Forum has not yet been replaced.

We were asked if inputs on Social Media use could be rolled out to schools across Dundee. This was discussed with our Divisional Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions (PIP) team. They are raising the suggestion of providing inputs to all schools at the Planet Youth Meeting and the education forum supporting it. Officers from both PIP and our Community teams are in schools across the city regularly and can deliver inputs/ advice regarding social media use when required.

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