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Dundee City Council

Community Safety and Public Protection Committee

DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT

1 April 2022 - 30 June 2022

Report No 259-2022 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

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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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Quarter 1 ending 30th June 2022 Chief Superintendent Davison this pae is intentionally left blank

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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 April 2022 to 30 June 2022, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 and 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022.

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.



Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce reoffending



Road Safety and Road Crime

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



Counter
Terrorism and
Domestic
Extremism

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness



Public Protection

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



Serious Organised Crime

Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime, including cyber crime this pae is intentionally left blank



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

Our visionPolicing for a safe, protected and resilient Dundee CityOur purposeImprove the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Dundee CityOur ValuesFairness | Integrity | Respect | Human Rights

Local	Priorities		Objectives		Outcomes
W.Z.	Violence Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour		Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime		Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police
					service
	Acquisitive Crime		Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending	\sum	The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service
					delivery
	Road Safety And Road	\sum	Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads	\sum	
	Crime				The public, communities and
					partners are engaged, involved and
	Public		Support people considered vulnerable through working		have confidence in policing
	Protection		with partners	/	
					Our people are supported through a
. \$	Serious Organised Crime		Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related crime		positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public
	Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism		Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness		Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

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Summary Report Dundee City LPA

1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022

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			1	Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			
Serious Assault				Robbery Inc Intent				Common Assault - Total		
	Crimes	Detect %			Crimes	Detect %			Crimes	Detect %
21/22	37	78.4		21/22	37	78.4		21/22	582	71.6
22/23	40	72.5		22/23	42	61.9		22/23	607	64.6
% +/-	+8.1%	-5.9%		% +/-	+13.5%	-16.5%		% +/-	+4.3%	-7.1%
ZZ/A <	Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour			Acquisitive Crime				Acquisitive Crime		
Emerg	ency Servi	ces Assault		House	breakings -	Dwellings		Motor Vehicle Crime		
	Crimes	Detect %			Crimes	Detect %			Crimes	Detect %
21/22	96	102.1		21/22	61	31.1		21/22	118	36.4
22/23	92	94.6		22/23	57	24.6		22/23	271	22.9
% +/-	-4.2%	-7.5%		% +/-	-6.6%	-6.6%		% +/-	+129.7%	-13.6%
1 A	Acquisitive Crime			Road Safety and				Road Safety and		
\$				Road Crime				Road Crime		
	Fraud			Speeding				Drink/ Drug Driving		
	Crimes	Detect %			Off.	Detect %			Off.	Detect %
21/22	131	21.4		21/22	325	100		21/22	112	87.5
22/23	220	17.3		22/23	87	100		22/23	69	105.8
% +/-	+67.9%	-4.1%		% +/-	-73.2%	/		% +/-	-38.4%	+18.3%
¶ R	Road Safety and Road Crime			Road Safety and Road Crime			(Public Protection		
R	oad Death	rs - All		Serious Injury - All				Rape Inc Assault With Intent		
	Deaths	Detect %			Crimes	Detect %			Crimes	Detect %
21/22	0	N/A		21/22	14	N/A		21/22	20	75.0
22/23	0	N/A		22/23	5	N/A		22/23	16	75.0
% +/-	/	/		% +/-	-64.3%	/		% +/-	-20%	/
C PI	Public Protection			Serious Organised Crime		Serious Organised Crime			ınised	
Gro	Group 2 Sexual Crimes				Drug Sup	oly		D	rug Posses	ssion
	Crimes	Detect %			Crimes	Detect %			Crimes	Detect %
21/22	134	59.7		21/22	47	89.4		21/22	234	88.0
22/23	112	55.4		22/23	39	112.8		22/23	175	82.3
% +/-	-16.4%	-4.3%		% +/-	-17%	+23.5%		% +/-	-25.2%	-5.7%

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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:

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- Community Safety and Justice
- Building Stronger Communities

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

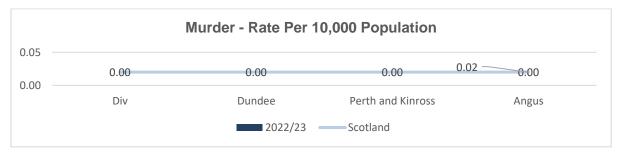
• Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service

Murder

There were no recorded murders within Dundee during the reporting period.







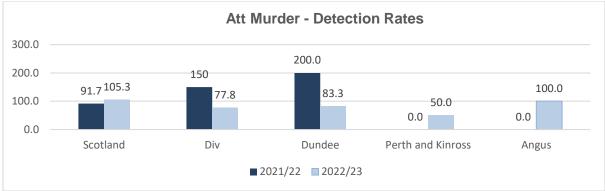
Attempted Murder

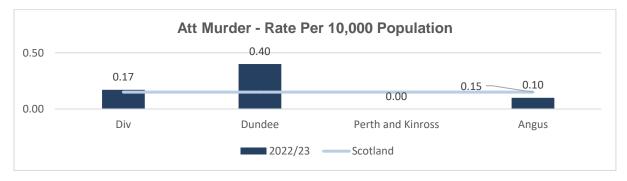
There were 6 crimes of Attempted Murder recorded during the reporting period. In 3 of these crimes the victim and perpetrator were known to one another, prior to the crime occurring.

None of the incidents were linked, with the motivation for the offences ranging from road rage, drugs disputes with one crime linked to domestic offending. 5 of the offences occurred in public spaces, with one in a private dwelling. Only one of the reported crimes resulted in serious injury.

5 of the crimes have been detected with arrests made and cases pending prosecution. There remains one live investigation, where active lines of enquiry are being pursued.







Serious Assault

Activity

There have been 40 Serious Assaults committed within the Q1 reporting period, compared to 35 within Q4 and 37 for the same reporting period LYTD.

Of these crimes, 27% were committed in private dwellings. 10% of the crimes were recorded as taking place near to or within licensed premises.

From analysis, it is clear that the over consumption of alcohol and abuse of controlled substances continues to play a part in these types of crimes, with 45% of all offences being recorded where either the perpetrator, victim or both were under the influence of drink or drugs.

In addition 42% of all crimes recorded showed a continuation of the pattern where offenders and victims involved are known to each other prior to the crime taking place.

Of the crimes committed, weapons were used in 47% (19 crimes) with a knife or sharp bladed implement being used in the majority of this figure.

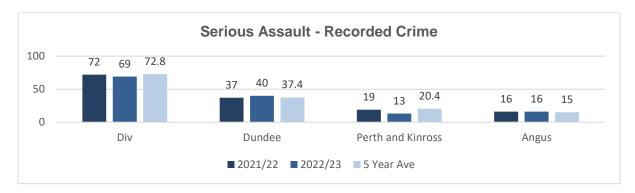
All crimes of Serious Assault remain subject to a review from a Detective Sergeant from CID to prioritise enquiries and promote opportunities to deliver early arrests. A range of preventative measure continue to be pursued, which are captured within the Divisional Violence Plan and subject to monthly discussion and review via the Divisional Commanders monthly Tasking Meeting. These measures include intelligence led operations in higher crime areas, high visibility patrols, prioritising warrant enforcement in respect of violent offenders, proactive curfew bail checks, prison release visits and safeguarding of those vulnerable to repeat victimisation.

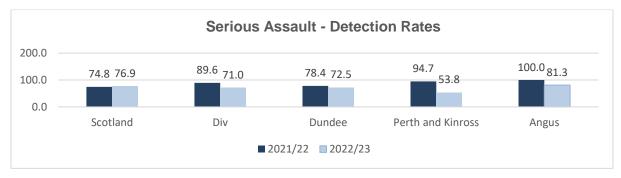
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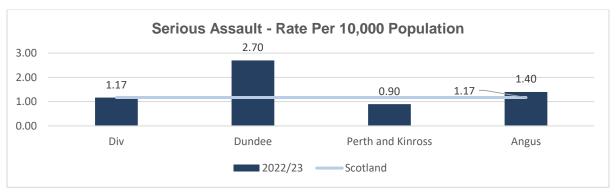
Serious Assaults have risen slightly in comparison to last year although remain consistent with the five year average. The detection rates remain positive at 72.5% although slightly down on the previous year. There are 10 investigations that remain under enquiry, where there are positive lines of enquiry being pursued which will improve the detection rate further.

Challenges

As stated in previous reports drug and alcohol misuse remain a constant factor in the majority of violent crime within the city. Substance misuse along with victims knowing their perpetrators are continuing challenges as the level of engagement from witness's decreases. We continue to provide reassurance and additional safety planning in order to gain engagement.







Common Assault

Activity

Common Assaults have seen a 4.3% increase in comparison to LYTD figures. There were 607 common assaults recorded during the reporting period in comparison to 582 LYTD.

There are similarities to the factors involved with Common Assaults and Serious Assaults, whereby the presence of alcohol is a factor in 14% crimes. The vast majority of these crimes remain sporadic and unplanned in nature. The biggest difference in respect of these crime types remains the prevalence of the use of weapons, with far lower numbers of weapons seen in respect of Common Assaults in comparison to Serious Assaults.

Of all of the Common Assaults recorded 22% related to domestic offending. The approach taken in respect of domestic offending will be covered more fully in the Public Protection part of the report.

More positively, there has been a 4.2% decrease in respect of Assaults of Emergency Service Workers, which constitutes 4 fewer crimes in comparison to LYTD.

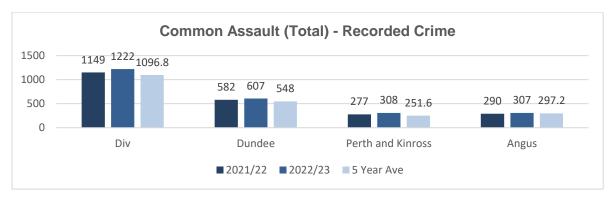
Similarly, we have seen a decrease in the number of Assaults targeted towards Retail Workers, with 3% of the total number of Assaults linked to the retail sector within the reporting period.

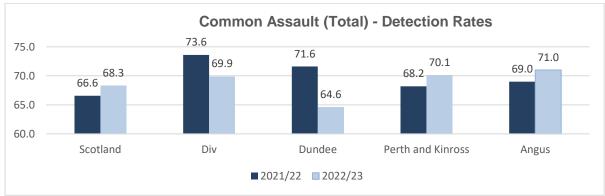
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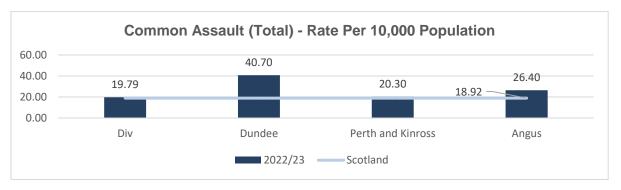
Overall the detection rate is slightly lower than the last year to date at 64.6%, however 161 crimes remain under live investigation. This is likely to increase detection rates as investigations conclude, bringing them back in line with LYTD figures.

Challenges

Similarly to Serious Assaults, Common Assaults are sporadic and unplanned in nature. It is clear that the abuse of alcohol and drugs remains a strong factor in driving the prevalence of this type of crime.







Robbery

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

Activity

All reports of Robbery continue to have a CID investigative input from the outset in accordance with the Divisional Violence Action Plan and associated Robbery Toolkit, providing a consistent victim centred approach. CID officers continue to investigate robberies where possible.

As outlined in the previous Q4 report, a dedicated Dundee Detective Inspector is now in place and has a dedicated focus on all Robberies that occur within the city.

Results

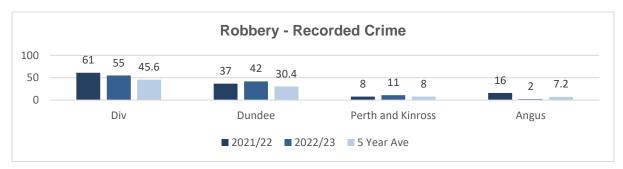
This quarter has seen 42 Robberies committed in Dundee, in comparison to 37 crimes recorded during the same period LYTD.

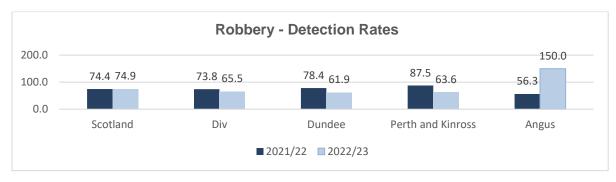
Analysis of the incidents reported within this period shows 38% of crimes involved the use of a weapon, 45% were committed within private dwellings with 64% of crimes recorded showing the victim and perpetrator were known to each other prior to the commission of the crime. 16% of crimes occurred when the victim or perpetrator were under the influence of drink and/or drugs. None of the crimes recorded within the reporting period resulted in serious injury.

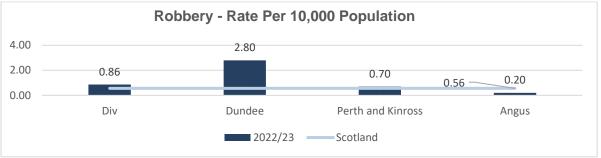
The detection rate in respect of Robberies at the end of Q1 was 61.9%, although 14 crimes remain under investigation. It is anticipated that detection rates will continue to improve as active investigations reach a conclusion.

Challenges

Drugs supply and misuse continue to be a significant contributory factor in a high number of Robberies. It is apparent that this crime type remains an opportunistic crime with the majority of crimes occurring where the perpetrator and victim are known to one another. This continues to present challenges around engagement and witness cooperation.







Vandalism

The crime of Vandalism is often associated with broader instances of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), so I have included a range of statistics pertinent to ASB broken down into incident type and frequency of calls to each multi member ward area. We continue to tackle ASB in a proportionate way with our key strategic partners utilising a range of tactical options such as enforcement, diversion, education and environmental enhancements.

There were 359 Vandalisms recorded during Q1, which is a reduction of 44 crimes in comparison to LYTD figures. Detection rates are currently 21.4%, however a significant number of crimes remain under investigation.

ASB Updates

The focus in Lochee during Q1 was the impact of drug dealing and drug misuse in the area of the multis and Lochee High Street where drug issues were closely aligned to increased anti-social behaviour. In order to tackle the root cause, intelligence led operations were conducted through-out the quarter, in Adamson Court, Yeamans Lane, Craigmount Road and Kirk Street. These operations resulted in the seizure of £27,200 worth of controlled drugs and £2,600 in cash. 16 arrests were made in respect of individuals involved in the supply of controlled drugs, whose activity was also driving up levels of ASB in the area. All of the above activity was well supported through the delivery of high profile patrols and leaflet drops to increase community member's sense of safety. A significant number of welfare visits were also delivered in respect of those impacted by drug dealing activity within their locality area.

The Lochee Community team also retained a focus on Youth ASB issues aligned to Tesco, South Road and the wider Charleston area through maintaining consistent high visibility patrols and engaging positively with young people.

Q1 saw significant issues in respect of Youth ASB in Broughty Ferry, predominantly in the mid part of the school holidays, during periods of better weather. These issues culminated in a number of days where groups of upwards of 80 children were present within the area, with disruption and concern being reported by local residents.

The Broughty Ferry Community Policing Team led our response, which saw high numbers of both local and national officers deployed in the area, conducting highly visible patrols, engaging with young people and providing reassurance to local residents. Despite the high numbers of youths seen, reported crimes were limited to a single crime of culpable and reckless conduct and a small number of disorder offences, where behaviours were primarily targeted towards Police officers. The small number of youths who were intent on causing trouble were quickly identified and returned to their parents where they were either charged or warned regards their behaviour, dependent upon the level of their offending.

The Police activity and response was broadly reported in the media and the unwanted behaviours were quickly addressed. It is clear that the majority of young people who gathered in the area remained law abiding and respectful of their environment, whilst the minority adversely effected the local community's sense of safety and security. Police Scotland activity was firmly supported by partners from across the partnership with the Anti Social Behaviour Team fully engaged in the issue and Community Wardens delivering active patrols in conjunction with local officers.

As can be seen within the following ASB statistics, despite this period of concern in the Broughty Ferry Ward, the Q1 statistics highlight that any increased reporting was quickly quelled, resulting in a position where only 5.3% of the cities total reported ASB incidents during Q1 occurred within the Broughty Ferry area.

Chief Inspector Fitzgerald conducted a walk-about in Broughty Ferry with local elected representatives which gave a positive opportunity to discuss the issues within the local setting and has more recently attended the Broughty Ferry Community Council meeting to engage directly with community members.

Building upon the issues seen in the summer, educational packages are to be delivered in schools across the city which will focus on the impact of ASB, allowing structured discussions to be had and learning outcomes delivered.

The Maryfield Community Policing Team have delivered activity aligned to the national 'It Will Cost You' campaign. This campaign is a collaboration between Police Scotland, the Community Alcohol Partnership and Scottish Alcohol Industry Partnership to tackle underage drinking by tackling adults who buy alcohol for children. The Maryfield Team were supported by a local retailer setting up a stall within the shop, engaging with staff, customers and children and anyone purchasing alcohol. Pop-Up barriers were utilised and leaflets and posters were handed out alongside discussions to highlight the problem and the subsequent ASB issues underage drinking can cause. Recognising that underage drinking plays a significant part in crime/anti-social behaviour and violence within our locality this campaign has raised awareness and the consequences of proxy purchasing within our community.

The Maryfield Community Team have also continued to lead on our approach to tackling Youth ASB on local buses. Officers attended a focus group with Xplore senior

managers and Inspectors, allowing a shared understanding of the issues encountered to be developed and better coordinated reporting mechanisms agreed. Joint patrols on buses between officers and Inspectors will continue through-out the remainder of the year.

In the North East Ward, the Longhaugh Community Team retained a focus on ASB aligned to the Milton of Craigie Retail Park with all reported incidents reviewed, routine engagement with retail outlets delivered, a number of repeat youth offenders identified and appropriate enforcement action taken.

ASB 2022/23 compared to the previous year:

ASB Sub-Type	2021/22	2022/23	Change	% Change
Public Nuisance	1207	666	-541	-44.8%
Disturbance	989	927	-62	-6.3%
Noise	695	530	-165	-23.7%
Drinking In Public	1	1	0	0.0%
Neighbour Dispute	302	219	-83	-27.5%
Communications	471	476	+5	+1.1%
Damage	309	364	+55	+17.8%
Total	3974	3183	-791	-19.9%

A total of 3,183 ASB incidents were recorded in Dundee LPA in 2022/23 during Q1. This is a 19.9% decrease from the previous year, driven by a decrease in Public Nuisance incidents. In 2021/22 Public Nuisance was regularly used to record incidents relating to COVID19, such as persons suspected of not adhering to guidelines/ restrictions. Most other ASB types also saw sizable decreases. Damage is the only incident type to see a notable increase, with 55 more incidents (+17.8%) recorded in 2022/23 than the previous year.

2022/23 Q1 compared to 2021/22 Q4:

ASB Sub-Type	2021/22 Q4	2022/23 Q1	Change	% Change
Public Nuisance	703	666	-37	-5.3%
Disturbance	941	927	-14	-1.5%
Noise	597	530	-67	-11.2%
Drinking In Public	1	1	0	0.0%
Neighbour Dispute	173	219	+46	+26.6%
Communications	441	476	+35	+7.9%
Damage	328	364	+36	+11.0%
Total	3184	3183	-1	-0.0%

The overall number of ASB incidents recorded in Q1 of 2022/23 remains unchanged from the previous quarter (one fewer recorded). Public Nuisance, Disturbance and Noise incidents all saw decreases, whilst Neighbour Disputes, Communications and Damage saw increases.

ASB Q1 2021/22 compared to Q1 of the previous year by Multi-Member Ward:

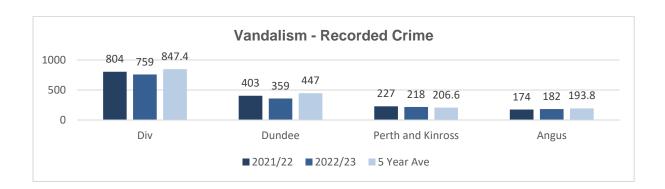
ASB Sub-Type	2021/22	2022/23	Change	% Change
Coldside	706	518	-188	-26.6%
East End	571	391	-180	-31.5%
Lochee	587	575	-12	-2.0%
Maryfield	387	331	-56	-14.5%
City Centre	208	263	+55	+26.4%
North East	343	238	-105	-30.6%
Strathmartine	467	374	-93	-19.9%
The Ferry	235	170	-65	-27.7%
West End	470	323	-147	-31.3%
Total	3974	3183	-791	-19.9%

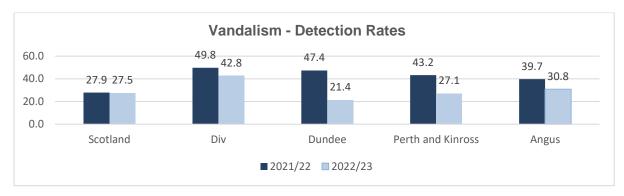
All multi-member wards saw a decrease in the number of ASB incidents recorded in Q1 of 2022/23 compared to the same period of the previous year. Maryfield and Lochee Wards saw marginal decreases (≤2%), whilst East End, West End and North East saw reductions of more than 30%.

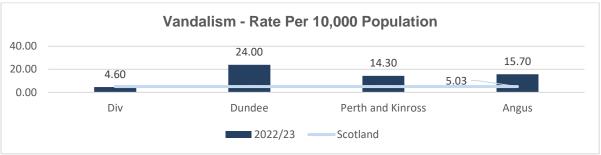
The Ferry continues to have significantly lower incident levels than any other ward, accounting for 5.3% of the Dundee City total.

Maryfield MMW has been split between the City Centre, beats C11 to C14, and Maryfield (remaining beats). Maryfield has seen 56 fewer incidents, -14.5%, but the City Centre has seen an increase of 55 incidents, +26.4%, most likely due to COVID19 restrictions still being in place in Q1 of 2021/22. The City Centre accounted for 5.2% of all ASB in 2021/22 rising to 8.3% in 2022/23, and Maryfield's share has also increased, from 9.7% to 10.4%.

Coldside had the highest number of incidents in 2021/22, but has seen the largest decrease (-188 incidents) and now accounts for 16.3% of the Dundee City total.







Measure - Stop Search

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

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

In the reporting period 164 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 84 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 51.2%.

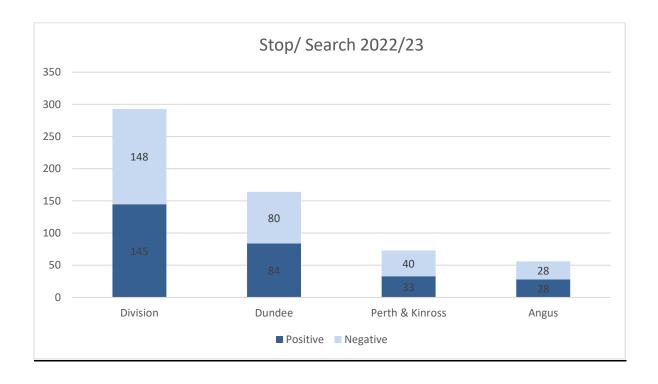
Assurance reports are provided monthly which show no disproportionate searching was carried out of persons under 18, nor did any disproportionate searching take place around minority groups.

As there were questions pertinent to the specific rations of searches completed raised at the Q4 committee, I have included that breakdown in this report.

Ethnicity breakdown for Q1 2022/23:

Ethnicity	Negative	Positive	Total
African, African Scottish, African British		1	1
Not Provided / Unknown	1	1	2
Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish, Pakistani British	2	2	4
White British	5		5
White English	1	1	2
White Other	1	1	2
White Polish		1	1
White Scottish	70	77	147
Total	80	84	164

The rate of positive searches is 51.2% for Q1, with 157 searches completed in respect of those within White Ethnicity Groups and 2 completed in respect of individuals who declined to confirm their ethnicity.





Acquisitive Crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce reoffending This activity will link in with and support the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:

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

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<u>Domestic Housebreaking</u>

Activity

There has been a significant amount of positive investigative activity delivered in Q1 across the city in respect of Domestic and Commercial HBs. This activity has been led by the local Community Investigation Unit, with firm support from colleagues in CID, all coordinated by the Dundee LPA Detective Inspector.

In April, 2022 a male was arrested in respect of a series of crimes to business premises within the city centre. These business were all retail and restaurant premises. He was cautioned and charged with 7 offences that occurred over a 4 day period, property was recovered and returned to owners.

In the same month, a further male was identified as responsible for a series of acquisitive crimes which involved breaking into a commercial premises in the Strathmartine Road area, alongside numerous other crimes such as Theft of Motor vehicles and Frauds also within the same area. The male is remanded in custody awaiting trial having being charged with 10 offences.

In May a series of Thefts and Housebreakings occurred within Student accommodation in the city centre. Extensive enquiry was carried out and 2 males were identified as being responsible for over 20 crimes. Search warrants were executed and property recovered relating to some of the thefts and items returned to their rightful owners. The 2 males were arrested and remanded in custody.

Results

Levels of Domestic Housebreaking have decreased slightly in comparison to last year's comparative figure from 61 down to 57. The current detection rate is down to 24.6% although it should be noted that 47% of HB enquiries remain under live investigation and it is anticipated this figure will continue to increase. Irrespective of these outstanding opportunities the detection rate remains above that of the national average.

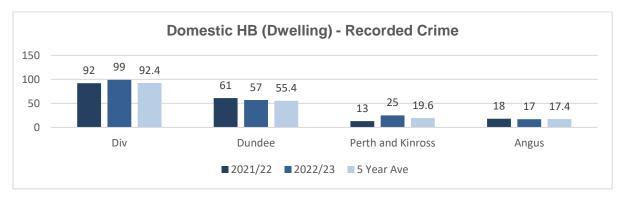
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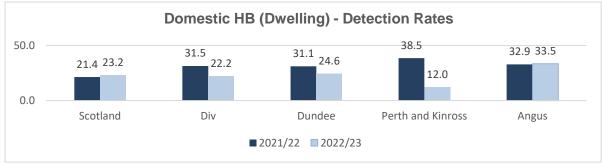
The challenges in this area remain consistent with a small number of offenders responsible for high levels of acquisitive crime.

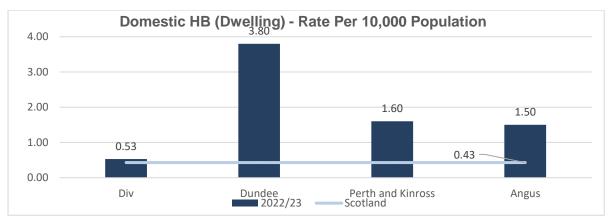
Current bail conditions continue to be enforced in order to impact on occurrence rates pending forthcoming trials of a number of offenders. In addition, we continue to re-enforce messaging around crime prevention to assist community members to protect their property. These efforts will be increased as we move into the darker nights, through the local delivery of the OP After Dark national campaign.

High visibility patrols, leafleting of higher crime areas and the provision of crime prevention surveys to victims of acquisitive crime remain routine activities which are carried out in our efforts to supress levels of acquisitive crime.

It is assessed that the cost of living crisis will continue to impact on acquisitive crime types as financial pressures continue to soar.







Fraud

Activity

Fraud continues to increase in line with both the Divisional and National picture with cyber related crime continuing to be the main focus of criminal activity. This crime type is difficult to detect given increases in technological knowledge and the ability to carry out crimes from out with the UK. Due to this many of the reported crimes may be transferred to other jurisdictions for continued investigation and perpetrator enforcement.

Prevention work continues with a preventions officer continuing to contact victims of all Frauds. In addition prevention messaging was delivered through-out the quarter, which focussed on the provision of practical advice on online safety. This messaging was circulated via Police Scotland social media channels and in conjunction with a broad range of partners who work in support of more vulnerable people. We continue to work closely with a range of partners, including those within the financial sector to protect victims and prevent repeat victimisation and loss of funds.

In addition to the above cyber enabled crimes, we continue to see some more traditional forms of Fraud being committed in the city. During this period there were 23 taxi frauds and 18 Frauds utilising a bank card at an ATM. Of note 36% of all crime occurred within a residential locus, highlighting that victims are being contacted at home through telephone or internet scams.

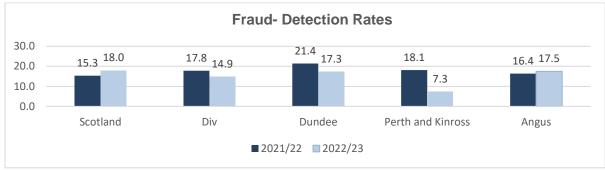
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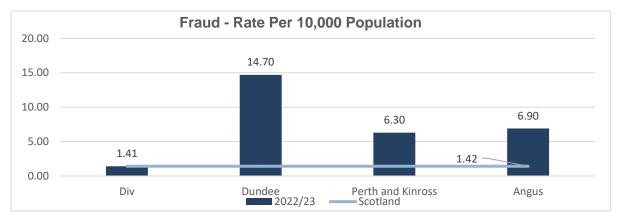
There have been 220 Fraud's reported during Q1, an increase from 163 crimes in comparison to Q4 of last year and significantly higher than last year's comparative period of 131 crimes. The current detection rate has increased slightly to 17.3% in comparison to the previous quarter rate of 13.8%. 137 crimes (62%) remain under live investigation or awaiting transfer of jurisdiction, this will have an impact on detection rates in due course.

Challenges

Challenges around fraud continues to be the focus of Police Scotland's Strategy for Policing in a Digital World. The challenge remains the international aspect of crimes being perpetrated by criminals from abroad and money being sent out with the UK. This can lead to identification of the perpetrator proving difficult. In addition the international aspect of the different media platforms perpetrators use and securing evidence from overseas can delay or be a complete barrier to progressing an enquiry.







Theft by Shoplifting

Activity

Occurrence rates in respect of Theft by Shoplifting have increased substantially through Q4 and now into Q1 of this reporting period. Such increases have been seen nationally across areas where there are higher levels of poverty, as the impact of the cost of living crisis has continued to impact upon household budgets.

Locally, we are working with those retail outlets which have seen higher numbers of repeat crimes. A relatively small number of premises actually account for as much as 70% of all Theft by Shoplifting crimes. Through the careful analysis of crime patterns we are seeking to priorities our efforts and resources in the areas which will deliver the most positive impact on occurrence rates.

Local Community Policing Teams and Crime Prevention Officers continue to engage with the stores in respect of crime prevention activity to reduce opportunities and aid detection of offences when they occur. In Q1 a total of 455 Theft by Shoplifting crimes were recorded during the reporting period, with 33% of these currently recorded as

detected. This is a significant increase from 232 crimes recorded during the same period LYTD.

Across Dundee, our larger retail outlets remain the most frequently targeted locations with 70% noted as having occurred within a supermarket or convenience store.

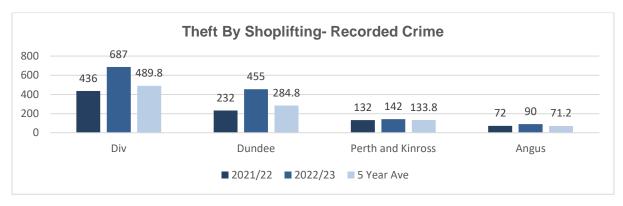
Results

In Q1 a total of 455 crimes of Theft by Shoplifting were recorded during the reporting period, with 33% of these currently recorded as detected. This is a significant increase from 232 LYTD. It should be noted however that 30% of these crime remain under active investigation.

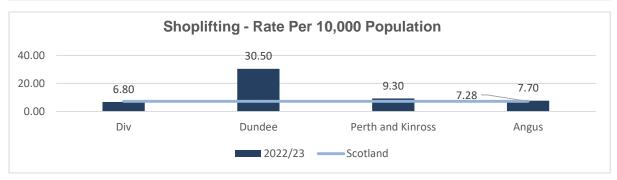
Challenges

The challenges of shoplifting remain consistent in that property being stolen is difficult to identify, as the main products stolen are food stuffs and alcohol which can be difficult to identify as being attributed to a specific crime.

It is anticipated the cost of living crisis will lead to a continued increase in the type of crime.







Motor Vehicle Crime

Q1 has seen a number of specific crimes series, linked to the Theft by Housebreaking investigations outlined earlier in the report. A pattern of offending was seen over several weeks where HBs were targeted towards commercial garages and premises with true keys and their associated vehicles stolen as part of the crime. This pattern of offending has been a significant driver in respect of crime occurrence rates linked to motor vehicles.

Concurrently, we have seen more sporadic and less well planned acquisitive crime targeted towards insecure vehicles, often in circumstances where higher value items were left in open view.

A relatively small number of offenders have been identified in respect of these crimes series with robust enforcement action taken to disrupt the crimes series and place offenders before the court. A number of these offenders remain on bail pending trial, meaning a resurgence of acquisitive crime activity is likely. It should be noted that a degree of recklessness has been demonstrated by these offenders when efforts to stop vehicles have been attempted. Due to concerns around escalating danger to the public, officers are required to balance the opportunity to deliver immediate enforcement action against the more critical priority of preserving public safety.

It is recognised that detecting and reporting offences is unlikely to break the cycle of offending if conducted in isolation. As such, a Divisional Acquisitive Crime action plan is in place, which focuses on crime prevention surveys, proactive bail checks, liaison with high risk commercial premises in order to enhance security and close working practices across the Division to disrupt travelling offenders. Locally, messaging which re-enforces the need for vigilance around vehicle security has also been delivered. Those offenders who are detected are offered support via schemes such as the Custody Arrest Referral Scheme in order to provide directed support towards the root causes of their behaviour.

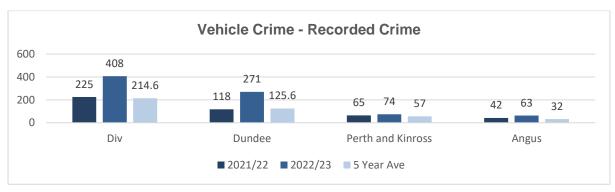
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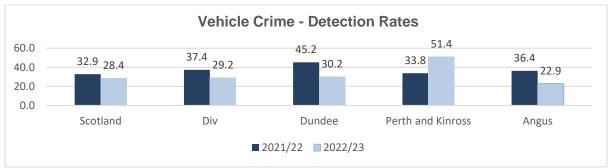
There have been 271 crimes recorded involving Theft of or Theft from a Motor Vehicle (including attempts) across Dundee during Q1. This continues a trend of increasing numbers of vehicle crimes being committed across the city. This is an increase from 118 crimes reported in the same period LYTD. The detection rate is currently 30.2% which is above the divisional and national average.

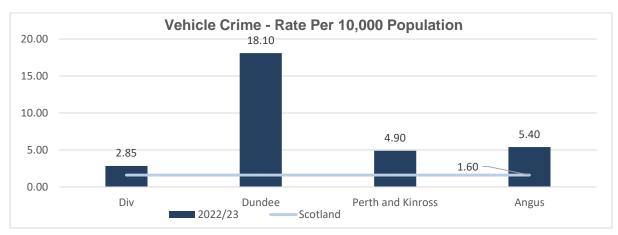
It should be noted a large proportion of these crimes (144) remain under investigation.

Challenges

The challenges in this area continue to be repeat offenders carrying out multiple offences, which are facilitated by the use of stolen vehicles.









Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads

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

- Children and Families
- Community Safety and Justice

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

 The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery

Operating Context

Operation CEDAR

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

Activity

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.

Dundee LPA have not suffered any road traffic fatalities for the period under review

Year to date Tayside Division have suffered 1 road traffic fatality which occurred in Perth and Kinross.

Dundee LPA have had 5 persons seriously injured as a result of collisions which is a 64.3% decrease comparable with the same period last year where we saw 14 person seriously injured.

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

Local Policing and RPU Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on the Fatal 5 which are Dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving, Speeding, Seatbelts and mobile phones.

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

Tayside Division priority routes include the following roads; M90/A90, A9, A923, A93, A85 and A92.

For the period under review, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 3991 motorists across the Tayside area.

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

April 2022 National 2 wheels campaign

Mobile phone Enforcement

Motorcycle Safety campaign

Launch of Rider Refinement North

May 2022 Global road safety week

June 2022 Fatal 5 National Seatbelt campaign

Child Safety week (linked in with Road Safety

Scotland's Good Egg).

Road Policing officers continue to provide high visibility and support to divisional officers throughout the Dundee area. It is recognised that positive engagement with road users is vital in order to improve driver and road user behaviour.

We are committed to working effectively with partners locally to address these issues through education, enforcement, engineering, encouragement and evaluation all of which are delivered successfully through a number of mediums and campaigns.

Looking in to the coming month's lighter days, active travel, increased motorcycles and staycations all continue to be identified as emerging threats and risks.

Rider Refinement North (RRN)

The Launch of Rider Refinement North (RRN) is set to run from the 21st May 2022 through to October 2022 with 8 sessions being scheduled. RRN is an opportunity for members of the public to purchase a day's motorcycle awareness with Road Policing Advanced Riders accompanied by an observer from the IAM.

The course includes a presentation, demo rides and observational rides, the course is designed as a gateway to advanced riding and is run in partnership with Local Authority, Road Safety Scotland, IAM and RoSPA. The course costs attendees £40 which includes a lunch. Unfortunately demand always exceeds supply with only limited places available. Initial delivery of RRN has received extremely positive feedback with some excellent learning and opportunity to influence riding behaviour with candidates travelling from across Tayside to participate.

As RRN has been refreshed, the 2022 season is being evaluated by Caroline Hood from Robert Gordon University, we look forward to the evaluation report.

National Motorcycle Campaign

The National motorcycle campaign continues and will again see RP focussed patrols on priority motorcycle routes throughout the division with joint working with neighbouring divisions and the SCU to detect and deter any motorcycle offences. C division have recently launched an unmarked motorcycle initiative which on first outing was very successful, as such efforts are being made to utilise similar techniques within Tayside Division, which include a media strategy prior to deployment.

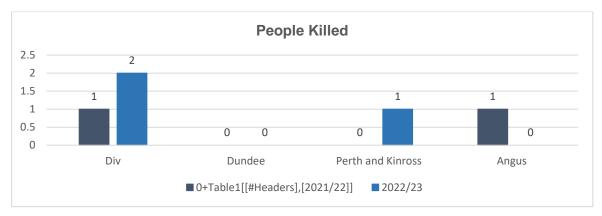
Operation Closepass

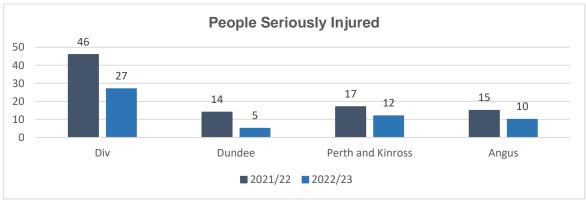
Operation Closepass has again been delivered in Dundee LPA by Road Policing Officers, the message is that everyone deserves to be able to use Scotland's roads safely, and it is for all road users to take responsibility, whether they are on two, four or more wheels, powered or on foot.

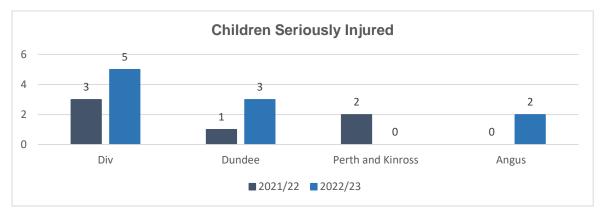
Driver Engagement North

Driver engagement north will be held across Tayside in the forthcoming months where older drivers and their families will be able to take part in an interactive driving session. Driver engagement is aimed at highlighting potential driving weaknesses the Driver Engagement North project makes use of an interactive driving simulator to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities.

The event has already been held at the Overgate Shopping Centre, Dundee, and was a resounding success with a number of positive interactions and a number of people finding the simulator slightly more difficult than first anticipated.







Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Dundee LPA have significantly decreased by 73.2%. This is attributable to the focused operational activity on not only the priority routes, but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

The Safety Camera Unit (SCU) have utilised a number of flexible deployment sites following localised complaints which has had a significant impact of influencing driver behaviour.

Divisionally, Tayside have also experienced a significant decrease with a total of 475 offenders detected which equates to a 68.8% reduction compared to the same period the previous year.

It is considered reasonable to assume that due to the price increase on fuel may be a correlating factor with a reduction of vehicles on Scotland's road network, however this is yet to be confirmed.

In Dundee LPA notable speeds recorded for the period under review were, 55 mph exceed 30 mph limit, 64 mph exceed 40 mph limit and 57 mph exceed 30 mph limit.

Activity

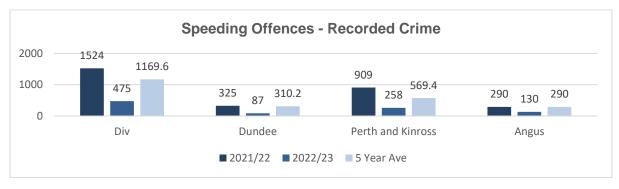
The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing Officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

Close working relationships continue with Highlands and Islands, North East, Fife and Forth Valley Divisions, all of which have demonstrated excellent cross border understanding with a number of high profile detections being made.

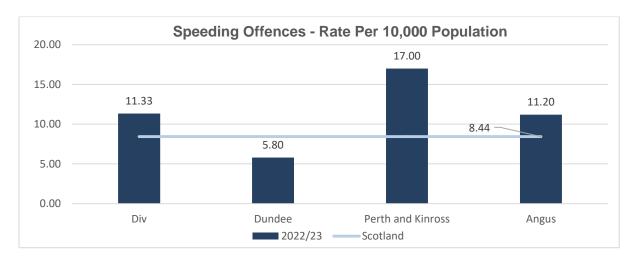
Partnership working with the SCU continues with a number of priority routes being targeted, increasing visibility is essential to improve driver and road user behaviour.

Results

During the period under review 87 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.







Drink/Drug Driving

During the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Dundee LPA have experienced a significant decrease of 39.4% compared to the same period of last year.

It should be noted that all three Tayside LPA's recorded a decrease in Drink/Drug driving for the period under review.

Across Tayside Division 221 Drink/drug driver were detected for the period under review, this is a significant decrease of 40.7% comparable to the data from the previous year.

Road Policing officers within Tayside Division year to date have conducted 218 breath tests and carried out 32 drug wipes, 13 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration.

Activity

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

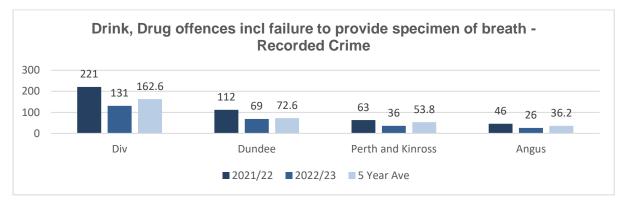
As we can see from the breakdown above, the drug wipe testing kit will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving with a considerable number of positive wipes throughout Tayside Division.

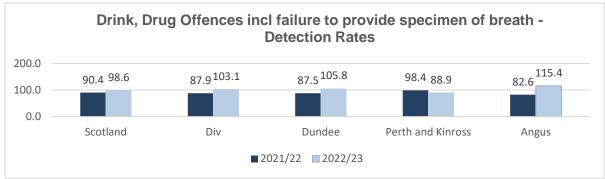
Focus is not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offender's drive the morning after being under the influence.

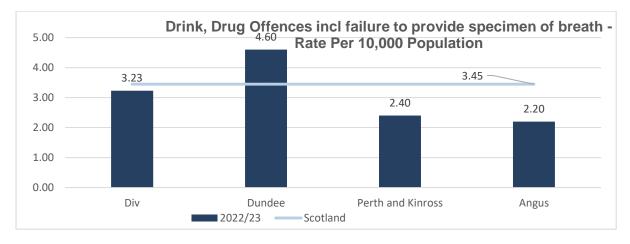
Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

Results

During the period under review 69 drink/drug drivers were detected within the Dundee area. This is a significant decrease of 38.4% compared to the previous year.







Careless Driving

Dundee LPA saw a 10.8% decrease in Careless Driving compared to the same period last year.

Tayside Division also experienced a significant decrease with 193 offenders being detected which equates to a 31.1% decrease comparable with the same period the year previous.

Additionally, it is considered reasonable to assume that the price increase on fuel duty may be a correlating factor with a reduction of vehicles on Scotland's road network, however this is yet to be confirmed.

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

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

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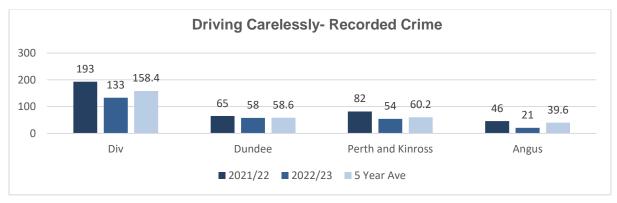
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

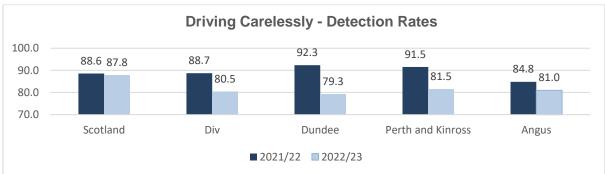
These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

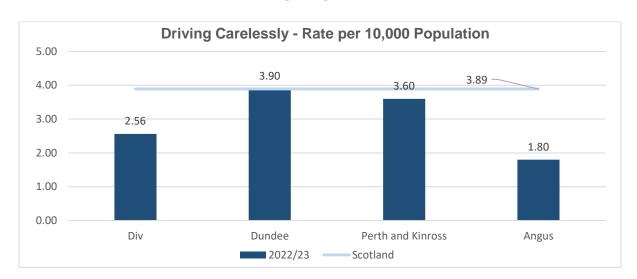
Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Dundee.

This is reinforced with Route Strategy Days based on the previous collision data for the month and involve multiple units carrying out high visibility patrolling of the same route. Where these routes traverse multiple Divisions we utilise cross border joint operations.

As with all our operations, they are supported by partner agencies and road operating companies which maximises potential.









Public Protection

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners This activity will link in with and support the 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 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.

There has been a very slight decrease of 2 DASA offences recorded in Dundee, when compared with 2021/22. 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.

When considering the full violence statistics for Dundee, domestic offending accounts for around a quarter of all crimes of violence committed.

Q1 saw the launch of Dundee ASSIST Domestic Abuse Court Advocacy Service, a pioneering partnership between Dundee Women's Aid, Barnardos, Police Scotland, Dundee City Council and Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership. The project aims to reduce risk and improve the safety of all victims of domestic abuse to ensure they are safe, informed and supported throughout their involvement with the criminal justice system.

Results

While the detection rate for DASA offences is lower than 2021/22, it is broadly in line with the Divisional detection rate. A small number of DASA offences, which are undetected, 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.

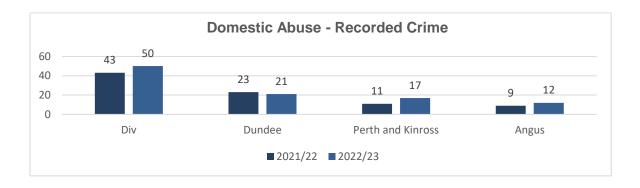
During the reporting period there were six active MATAC investigations with Dundee perpetrators while two investigations concluded as follows:

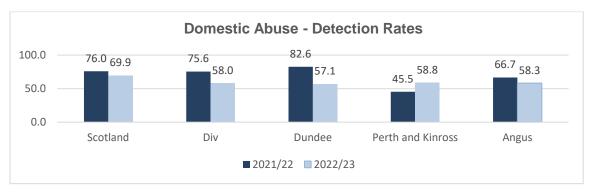
- One male was reported for further crimes of violence against a previous partner which was added to an existing pending case.
- One male was indicted after being reported for raping three previous partners. He is remanded in custody.

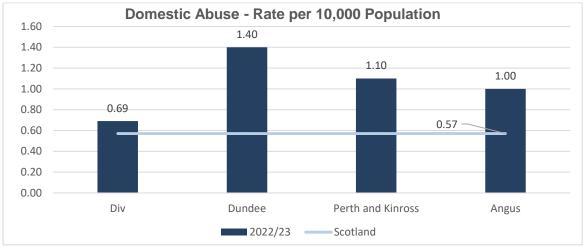
Challenges

Dundee continues to experience high levels of Domestic Abuse incidents with the rate per 10,000 of population remaining significantly above the national average.

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.







Hate Crime

Activity

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) and identifying new premises and maintaining current Keep Safe premises within Tayside.

A Preventions, Interventions and Partnership Sergeant continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting online.

A number of drop-in sessions were carried out by community officers across the Division during Q1 highlighting Hate Crime and highlighting reporting mechanisms including the use of TPRCs.

Op Escarpment is the Police Scotland response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Preventions officers continue to liaise with each of the local authorities, providing

support where applicable and sharing relevant documentation including victim of war crimes information.

Regular police visits have also been carried out at premises housing a number of male, primarily Muslim asylum seekers.

The National Hate Crime Campaign ran into this quarter delivering the message that Hate Crime is unacceptable and should be reported. Materials were shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres.

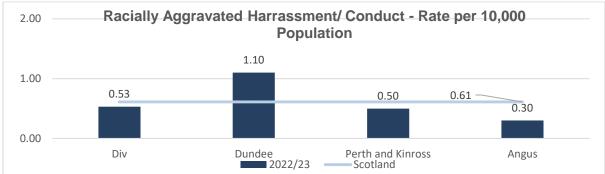
Police have been invited to have input in a community engagement exercise regarding Seldom Heard Communities, this will focus on circumstances impacting communities based on the Race Equality Framework including New Scots & Migration, Work, Volunteering & Education, Housing & Income, Health & Family and Community & Voice.

The below table provides a breakdown of all Hate aggravated crimes during Q1. Although the percentage changes appear high, the difference in total numbers of crimes recorded is 11 crimes. Currently Police Scotland analysts are completing work pertinent to the increased numbers of crimes linked to the Disability protected characteristic, as elected members asked for a report on that at the last committee. That work remains ongoing, as it requires strands of data to be recovered from a variety of different sources and will be circulated to committee members under separate cover as soon as it is concluded.

Aggravator	Q1 2021/22	Q1 2022/23	Change	% Change
Disability	6	15	9	150.0%
Racial	55	52	-3	-5.5%
Religious	2	4	2	100.0%
Sexual Orientation	28	31	3	10.7%
Transgender	0	0	-	-
Total	91	102	11	12.1%







Sexual Crime

Activity

There were 22 fewer sexual crimes recorded in Dundee which is a reduction of almost 17% on LYTD figures and 24% below the 5 year average.

The level of recorded crime for Rape and Attempted Rape is also lower than 2021/2022 with 16 crimes recorded, which is also significantly below the 5 year average.

As per previous reports, many of these offences have occurred significantly out with the reporting period and are classed as non-recent (i.e. the offence was committed more than twelve months before the crime was reported to Police). In a number of these cases, multiple crime reports are raised in respect of one report from one victim, detailing multiple incidents over a period of time in cases where the victim and perpetrator are known to one another.

All rape investigations are conducted by specially trained officers and are overseen by an experienced Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) and are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed.

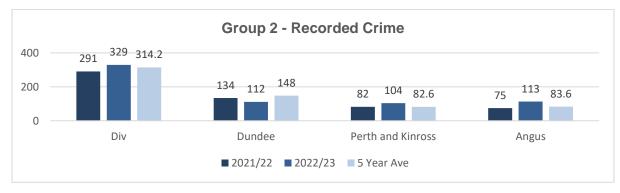
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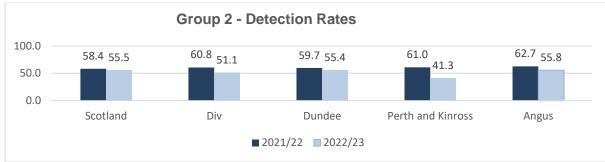
The detection rate for sexual crime is lower than 2021/2022, however is in line with the national average. Increasing levels of non-recent reports mean investigations are more protracted and take longer to bring to a conclusion. A number of these more complex enquiries remain under active investigation by specialist units including the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit and National Rape Task Force.

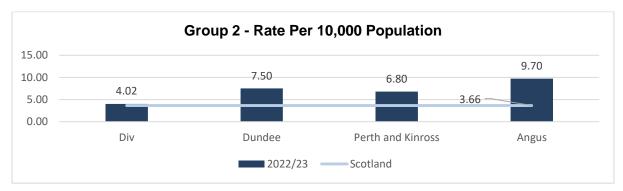
The detection rate for Rape and Attempted Rape in Q1 is in line with 2021/2022, and significantly higher than the national average.

Challenges

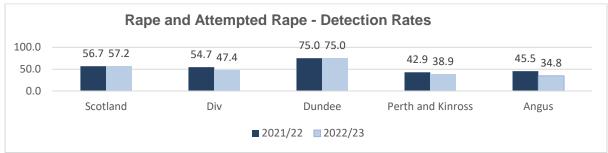
It is positive that there is increased confidence in reporting non-recent sexual crime, however this presents challenges as investigations are more protracted and evidence which may provide corroboration may have been lost due to the passage of time. As previously reported, Tayside Division created a dedicated team to deal with non-recent sexual offences and we continue to ensure that victims are offered the support of partner agencies throughout and after the enquiry.

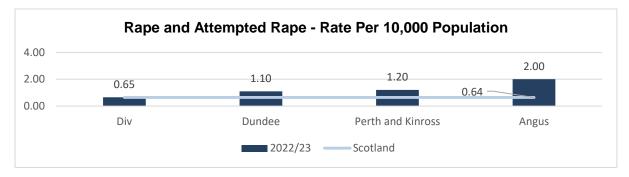














Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime, including cyber crime This activity will link in with and support the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026 strategic priorities:

- 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

The pursuit of individuals involved in drug related serious and organised crime across Dundee remains a priority. We are aware of the national issues associated with County Lines and Cuckooing and take all available steps to reduce the harm this presents to the most vulnerable in our communities. Tayside Divisions Cuckooing Operations Group continues to provide a robust focus on misuse of drugs and County lines/cuckooing offence.

As stated earlier in this report misuse of drugs continues to be a main instigator in the majority of crime types, especially around acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour and violence.

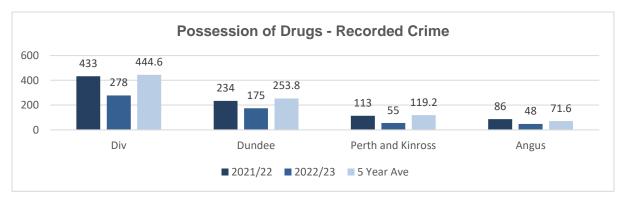
We retain a clear focus on supporting those who are impacted by drug addiction, in conjunction with a range of strategic partners, as we seek to impact upon the numbers of drugs deaths, reduce levels of vulnerability and play our part in improving health and well-being outcomes. Both our Partnership, Preventions and Interventions Team and Op Argonite continue to deliver welfare visits to those vulnerable to cuckooing and exploitation.

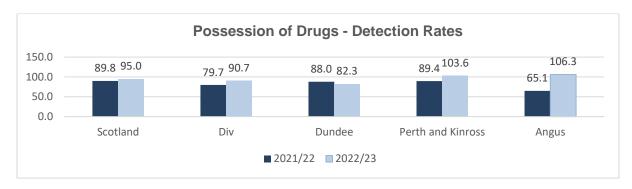
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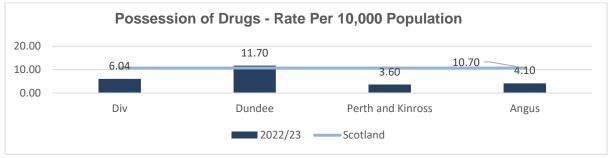
There have been 175 possession of drugs cases reported in Q1, in comparison to 234 LYTD. This is a significant reduction in comparison to LYTD and the 5 year average of 5 year average 253.8.

Challenges

Detection rates remain positive at 82.3% and it is expected that recorded detections will rise further, as forensic examination results are received. Cannabis, Heroin, Cocaine and "Street Valium" continue to be recovered from individuals in Dundee.







Supply of Drugs

Activity

We continue to prioritise our response and enforcement 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 National Human Trafficking Unit.

As well as targeting those involved in the supply of controlled drugs, we also look to deliver support to individuals who are victimised by those offenders. The Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway continues to play an important role in this collaborative approach.

Operation Singletail continues to be a priority within Tayside, led by the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit, local policing teams offer support when required to ensure maximum scope to disrupt. Recently 10kg of Cocaine worth £1,000,000 was recovered during the search of an address in Dundee and a further 2kg Cocaine worth £200,000 and approximately £120,000 were recovered from an associated vehicle.

Operation Greenshank is a Divisional led enquiry into the increasing trend of the supply of controlled drugs over social media platforms. This trend became apparent during the pandemic related national lockdown.

Various social media platforms are used to advertise the sale of controlled drugs which often prove difficult for police to identify perpetrators and locations.

This operation is targeted across the Division and further arrests have been made, it remains under development to fully understand the scale of the issue.

OP ARGONITE

Operation Argonite continued to deliver a focus on county lines, cuckooing and safeguarding those vulnerable to exploitation due to substance use. This is delivered through working collaboratively with our Divisional Intelligence Unit, Preventions, Intervention and Partnerships and a broad range of partner agencies carrying out welfare visits to victims which maximise safeguarding opportunities, develop the intelligence picture and reduce overall risk

During Q1, 14 persons were identified by the team as vulnerable through possible cuckooing and crimes of violence linked to the supply of drugs. Many of these identified individuals received several visits by Operation Argonite and referrals to PIP colleagues, who subsequently addressed vulnerabilities in conjunction with partner agencies. This delivers a holistic approach to care, well-being and safeguarding.

Operation Argonite instigated one such visit to an address in Maryfield where it was suspected that the occupier was being cuckooed. A male from Birmingham was traced within her address and was arrested for concern in the supply. £5000 crack cocaine was recovered from the address along with £960 cash. The occupier was traced, safeguarded and is now supported by Positive Steps.

The occupier of an address in the East End had been engaging well with support services, however had recently disengaged and there was a concern that he was being cuckooed. This was communicated to the team who visited the address. Two local drug dealers were traced within the address and arrested for being concerned in the supply of drugs. A safety plan was instigated and the resident is now engaging positively with support services again.

The team has been instrumental in the investigation of multiple incidents linked to cuckooing/county lines activity, making a number of arrests and drug/cash recoveries. Notable examples are;

1 male arrested for importation and concern in the supply offences. £8398 of herbal cannabis recovered.

1 male arrested for importation offences. £20,000 of herbal cannabis recovered.

2 males and 1 female arrested for concern in the supply. £1670 crack cocaine and £960 heroin recovered.

1 male and 1 female arrested for concern in the supply. £320 crack cocaine, £75 heroin and £440 cash recovered.

1 male arrested for concern in the supply. £3200 of herbal cannabis recovered.

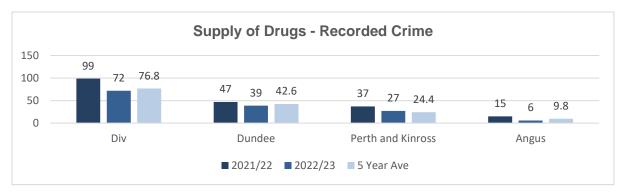
1 male arrested for concern in the supply. £200 herbal cannabis and £205 cash recovered. A number of machetes, knives and axes were also seized for destruction from the address.

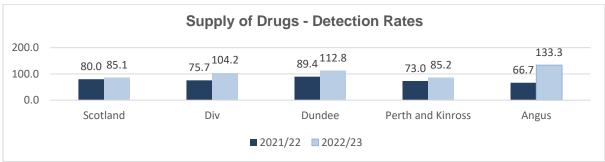
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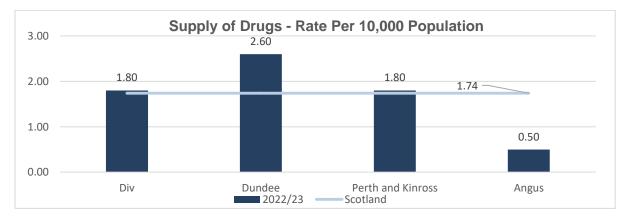
There have been 39 Drug Supply offences recorded in Q1 which is a decrease from 47 in comparison to last year's reporting period and below the five year average 42.6. Detection rates are 112.8%, well above last year's reporting period of 89.4 and the national average 85.1%.

Challenges

As stated earlier the availability and use of drugs within the city continues to be a significant contributor to all crime types. The availability of drugs remains high within the city and a specific focus on gathering intelligence to identify supply chains remain difficult.







Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizures: £2285

Expedited Civil Recovery: No cases

Assets for Restraint: No cases



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.

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

Scotland, like many other countries, faces a threat from violent extremism and terrorism. The 2007 attack at Glasgow Airport should serve as a constant reminder to all officers and staff that the threat we face, while not as apparent as other crimes, is very real. The Prevent strand of the CONTEST strategy is designed to stop individuals before they become radicalised to the point of becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. This includes all forms of terrorism - from international, to Northern Ireland-related, to extreme right wing.

In Dundee we work with our partners in the community on a daily basis to challenge, expose and isolate dangerous ideologies that promote hate and encourage violence. Some of the activity during the reporting period included:

CT Governance Group met with representatives from Police, Local Authorities, SFRS, Scottish Government, SPS, Forth Port, SAS and Education.

Operation Argonite have worked in collaboration with CT Investigations regarding CT threats made by an individual in custody.

Operation Escarpment – CT Policing distributed leaflets to hotels in Dundee to provide information about reporting war crimes and to raise awareness for staff at these premises regarding any reporting.

A Divisional enquiry was carried out in relation to a male believed to have possession of firearms and linked to Northern Ireland Related Terrorism.

Joint visits completed, assistance with two Ports Actions Days, whereby vessels were boarded at Dundee Harbour. Visits to Dundee airport carried out and other visits to delivery service premises to conduct international freight examinations. All providing opportunities for engagement and mutual learning.

Visit to MP constituency office to discuss staff returning to office, with further visits was completed to discuss personal security with staff.

Local Mail Handling Course attended at the University Of Dundee.

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-June)

Category	LYTD	YTD	% change from LYTD
Complaints Received - TOTAL	157	102	-35.0%
Allegations Received - TOTAL	262	173	-34.0%
Off Duty Allegations	0	1	Х
On Duty Allegations	191	112	-41.4%
Quality of Service Allegations	71	60	-15.5%

¹ Data is correct as at 30/06/2022.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 35% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by decreases in Angus of 56.8%, Perth & Kinross of 36.6% and Dundee City of 20.8%.

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased by 34%. This is determined by a decreases in Angus of 59.7%, Perth & Kinross of 11.3% and within Dundee City of 29.3%.

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 Period ³								
	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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