



**Dundee City Council
Dundee City Council Scrutiny Committee
Report No 288-2025**

DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA

QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT

1 April 2025 – 30 June 2025

**Report by Chief Superintendent Nicola Russell
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 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:

- Reduce the stigma and harm of drug use.

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- Target those involved in drugs supply
- Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures
- Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour
- Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims
- Make our roads safer

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 1st April 2025 – 30th June 2025.

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 service 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 1 – Performance on a Page	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	476	419	435.80	13.60	9.2	60.60	61.1	64.1	-0.5	-
ASB Incidents	3055	3031	3647.8	0.8	-16.3					
Violence										
Robbery	33	42	42	-21.43	-21.4	54.55	69.0	66.7	-14.5	-12.15
Serious Assault	36	24	32	50	12.5	69.44	75.0	73.1	-5.6	-3.66
Common Assault (excl EW)	510	493	489.6	3.45	4.2	66.67	66.9	64.6	-0.3	-2.07
Public Protection										
Overall Group 2	167	119	130.80	40.34	27.7	86.23	51.3	63.1	35.0	23.13
Rape	38	20	22.80	90.00	66.7	100.00	65.0	81.6	35.0	18.4
Domestic Abuse	483	398	403.8	21.4	19.6	70.4	65.1	68.2	8.2	3.2
Road Safety										
Speeding offences	59	89	147.20	-33.71	-59.9	100.00	97.8	99.7	2.2	0.3
Drink / Drug Driving	69	60	76.60	15.00	-9.9	97.10	104.8	95.3	-7.7	1.8
Acquisitive Crime										
HBs	54	111	114.8	-51.35	-53.0	14.81	45.9	34.8	-31.1	-19.99
Motor Vehicle Crime	133	143	176.60	-6.99	-24.7	30.83	32.9	29.3	-2.0	1.53
Fraud	132	146	149.40	-9.59	-11.6	17.42	15.8	19.9	1.7	-2.48
Shoplifting	825	528	400.60	56.25	105.9	44.24	44.1	42.8	0.1	1.44

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 - Reduce the stigma and harm of drug use.**

Police Scotland remain a key partner within the Dundee Alcohol Drugs Partnership (ADP) and work together 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 Meeting continues to meet with regular interventions and preventative messaging being shared through the respective multi-agency forums, to ensure an encompassed approach is applied from both a health and policing perspective.

Our partnerships team have been continuing to contribute to the daily Dundee Non-Fatal Overdose meeting sharing relevant information regarding those most at risk due to their use of illicit substances.

The Overdose Prevention Group continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis to ensure a co-ordinated response in the identification and emergence of substance related trends, ensuring appropriate interventions and preventative messaging is applied through the respective multi-agency forums, from both a health and policing perspective.

Regular use of the Public Health Scotland Forum RADAR (Rapid Action Drug Alert and Response) to monitor changes in drug trends and further harms, is further applied to monitor local and national alerts with appropriate escalation through health where required.

In Q1, Partnerships Officers and representatives from 'With You' Dundee supported a visit to local Police HQ, by Medical Students based at Dundee University, raising awareness around the impact of substances whilst highlighting the various mechanisms in place to safeguard those at risk of harm.

Between 1st April and 30th June 2025, there were 6 Police naloxone incidents recorded in Dundee where nasal Naloxone has been administered by a police officer to persons suspected to be in a state of overdose.

In looking forward towards International Overdose Awareness Day on 31st August, several internal CPD events have been promoted nationally, giving officers the opportunity to learn more about drug harm, hear lived experiences and better understand emerging threats and risk.

- **Local Priority/Activity - Target those involved in drugs supply**

Tayside Division's Serious Organised Crime (SOC) Team are a specialist sub-department within the Criminal Investigation Department and lead locally on the investigation of SOC where intelligence is developed up to a point where diversion, disruption, or wider enforcement can take place. During Quarter 1, the SOC team executed 10 drugs search warrants at addresses across Dundee, securing significant cannabis cultivations, various quantities of cocaine and ecstasy, along with knives and weapons. 13 persons have subsequently been reported in regards these operations, which involve significant development and planning, in order to carry them out safely and effectively.

Police Scotland remain committed to acting on community intelligence in respect of drug dealing activities and as a result, there have been several drugs search warrants executed across the city during this quarter. Community Officers deliver 'Ditch the Dealer' leaflets to surrounding properties where Drugs Search Warrants have been executed, to provide reassurance to neighbours and ensure they have the correct details for reporting issues to Police/Local Authority. Further, if intelligence is received that there is drug dealing activity at a specific address, but there is insufficient intelligence to obtain a Drugs Search Warrant, Community Officers are tasked with delivering these to surrounding properties to build the intelligence picture with a view to progressing to a warrant application.

Locally, there is excellent cooperation between officers from Operation Argonite and local Policing Teams, who are regularly developing intelligence to move enquiries to an enforcement stage in regards local level drug dealing. In the Downfield area, a number of combined plainclothes patrols have taken place, with the focus on targeting drug misuse and associated anti-social behaviour. Across in Lochee, officers executed a Drugs Search Warrant, seizing dealer quantities, along with weapons. 3 adults males were subsequently reported for these offences. City-centre officers carried out plainclothes patrols, targeting ASB, acquisitive crime and drug dealing, carrying out intelligence-led stop/searches, which contributes in our efforts to disrupt local dealing, as well as providing a presence to deal quickly with any drug related disorder in the city-centre.

Partner Intelligence Portal

Crimes such as child sexual abuse, human trafficking, sexual offences or domestic offences are often concealed from authorities, and may have occurred recently or in the past, all of which contributes to challenging, complex and sensitive enquiries. It may be that our partners have information which could be vital in contributing to a bigger picture.

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The Partners Intelligence Portal is a secure and confidential electronic system, developed by the Police Service to enable partner agencies to share important information they receive whilst working. The portal provides capable partners with the means to securely and discreetly submit key information, whilst maintaining safeguards which protect the source of the information.

- **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 and as such the Tayside Violence Strategy has recently been reviewed and refreshed. The Plan supports the delivery of prevention, disruption and detection activities under the workstreams of:

- **PREVENT – Proactively stop crime before it occurs**
- **PREPARE – Build and sustain effective partnerships and manage violence prevention initiatives**
- **PURSUE – Investigation and Enforcement**
- **PROTECT – Safeguard individuals and communities from harm**
- **WORKFORCE PROTECTION – Reduce officer / staff related violence**

The plan ensures appropriate resource and focus is put on the areas identified as the highest risk, opportunities for engagement are utilised to educate the communities on harm caused and to build long term partnerships which can work collaboratively to address underlying issues which are recognised as having links to violent crime. The plan also supports officers and teams through inclusion of actions to protect our people and ensures a clear understanding of the Division's focus on addressing violence in our communities.

This report provides a detailed breakdown of the levels of violent crime recorded and investigated within the Dundee local authority area during the current performance year, whilst exploring the current trends and perpetuating factors which are central to the commission of these crimes. The report will 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 diverse communities and deliver a sense of public safety.

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 Abuse 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).

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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 lead 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.

Every morning senior managers meet to discuss each incident of note and assign each case to the appropriate department to review and investigate.

Tayside Division Community Analysts produce a monthly 'Violent Crime Report' which allows senior officers to analyse 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. A dedicated monthly Violence Reduction Group will also be created, bringing together key internal stakeholders to shape and direct our response to violence across the division.

Our 'crime management' department ensures that each crime is properly recorded and that a robust professional investigation is delivered. Line managers across local policing, CID and PPU routinely assess crimes under investigation to ensure that these investigations are being progressed at pace and that vital safeguarding for victims is in place.

Through this combination of strong governance, statistical analysis, and careful tasking we can focus our resources effectively to maximise detection rates, limit repeat offending and prioritise crime prevention activity.

Murder

There has been one murder during the reporting period. This related to a death of a male who died during a disturbance within an address in the Douglas area of the city.

The accused was arrested at scene and later charged with the offence. The family of the deceased were supported by specialist officers and accused was remanded in custody following an appearance at Dundee Sheriff Court.

Attempted Murder

There have been nine attempted murders in Dundee which is a rise from the six reported during the previous reporting period and three within the corresponding period last year.

CID investigated all the incidents. None of the offences are connected and all have been detected with perpetrators arrested and charged.

Vehicles were used as weapons in three of these offences and were intentionally driven at victims, although no severe injury was actually sustained.

Serious Assault

The definition of a serious assault ranges from any injury which requires medical closure technique i.e. stitches or glue to broken bones and internal injuries. Therefore, severity of injuries within this category ranges from facial injuries requiring minimal closure techniques sustained from a single punch to broken bones or serious lacerations sustained during prolonged attacks where weapons are used.

The most significant and concerning rise is in the number of serious assaults which have risen from 36 this year to date compared to 24 last year. A number of these offences appear to relate to criminal feuds and investigations are hindered by non-engagement from the complainer / witnesses.

So far, 26 of these crimes have been detected, giving a current detection rate of over 70%. A number of these investigations are ongoing with positive lines of investigation being pursued such as identified suspects, and forensic examinations pending.

Serious assault and violent crime are overseen by CID. A Detective Sergeant will review circumstances and have a footprint on the crime if CID do not have ownership. The Detective Inspector responsible for the CID in the Local Policing Area will ensure undetected crimes of this nature are subject to regular scrutiny / review to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed in a timeous manner.

From analysis of these recorded assaults 16 occurred within residential properties where the accused was known to the victim and 14 within open space. Most of these incidents involved punching and kicking the victim to the head and body causing injury whilst 9 involved the use of weapons such as knives and blunt objects.

Robbery

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

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

Within Q1, 37 robberies were reported which is an increase from the 24 reported during previous quarter, however lower than the 42 reported during the corresponding period in the previous year.

Of these 37 offences 21 were detected with a detection rate of just below 57%. Several investigations are ongoing with identified suspects and outstanding forensic analysis meaning it is anticipated this figure will rise.

Analysis revealed 18 of these offences occurred in open space, whilst 17 occurred within residential premises.

Weapons such as bladed items, bottles and bats were used in 8 crimes whilst physical violence such as punching and kicking was used to obtain property were commonly used in several offences. In 8 crimes the threat of violence was used to obtain property from the victim.

In many cases, a review of the crime reports shows that in most cases the victim and suspect/accused were known to each other prior to the robbery and several investigations are still ongoing.

In many cases both will have addiction issues, and the crime is committed to fund addiction. This creates barriers to witness engagement which can be challenging as Police are then reliant on independent witnesses / additional sources of evidence to establish circumstances.

Sexual Offences

Within Q1, there was an increase in recorded Group 2 crime of 38% on last year, with an overall detection rate improvement of 35.8%, and a current detection rate sitting at 86.2%, which is extremely positive.

There were 38 reports of rape recorded within Q1 in Dundee, with 29 victims, highlighting the tragic reality that most complainers are likely to be victims of multiple offences, mostly perpetrated by persons who are known to them, either through a domestic or family relationship. The detection rate for rape has risen to 100%, a 35% improvement on last year.

Of that 38, 7 reports of rape were committed within the Q1 reporting period. This is typical of Group 2 offending, which also includes non-recent reporting. Despite the complexity of such non-recent investigations, these non-recent crime reports should be interpreted in positive terms as they clearly demonstrate a willingness by complainers to engage with police, even regarding older matters, confident that they will be listened to and their reports acted upon.

3 of the 38 reported rapes took place in public areas, demonstrating that most sexual offending takes place within the private space, reducing the opportunities for direct prevention through police patrols and directing our focus in support of education and deterrent through thorough investigation and support from criminal justice partners at each stage of the process.

In respect of reports of Attempted rapes in Dundee (from 1 last year to 5 this year) these 5 offences relate to 4 complainers. 2 of the 5 crimes were committed in 1963 and 1 crime was committed in 2019 but all 5 were reported to police and recorded in this current financial year.

The increase in prostitution offences is commensurate with the significant multi-agency focus on Operation Begonia, targeting perpetrators who exploit vulnerable women through the purchase of sex.

All serious sexual offence investigations continue to be conducted by specially trained Sexual Offence Liaison Officers (SOLOs) and are directed by a Senior Investigating Officer (SIO). Any offences involving child victims are investigated by specially trained Child Protection Investigators and for any child reporting serious sexual offending they will be supported to provide their evidence under the Scottish Child Interview Model (SCIM) and will be seen in suitable facilities across Tayside.

Rape and sexual crime are complex, and investigations are often protracted and take longer to bring to a conclusion. Serious sexual crimes are subject to regular reviews to ensure that all available lines of enquiry are identified and progressed, and we continue to engage with local partners to ensure victims are referred for support and perpetrators who are deemed to pose significant risk are targeted to minimise risk to others.

When dealing with more complex or large-scale investigations, we can reach into national resources, including the National Child Abuse Investigation Unit and the National Rape Taskforce, who can bring additional specialisms and significant experience to bear.

Positively, we should highlight the 75% drop in offences related to Threatening or Disclosure of intimate image (so called 'revenge porn'). Given that this crime type predominantly relates to online offending, the combination of a national communication strategy and wider direct intervention from social media platforms, following increasing national pressure, has undoubtedly made an impact.

PREVENTION

Police Scotland remains committed to working with Partners in the public, private and third sectors to ensure our approach to Public Protection is focused, meaningful and collaborative. The Partners Intelligence Portal remains a key mechanism for agencies to securely and discreetly share key information, whilst maintaining safeguards which protect the source of the information. Over Q1 training sessions have been delivered to

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representatives from DCC Housing/ TCA/ DVVA/ WRASAC and Social Work, with further inputs scheduled for Q2 across the partner base in Dundee.

Over the quarter partnerships officers have remained committed to raising the awareness of County Lines and Cuckooing holding several positive engagements across the city with different services including local taxi companies, homeless units, hotels and various partner agencies. Supporting posters and leaflets were further provided with training opportunities also signposted.

Driving awareness around recognising the signs of exploitation remains a key area of focus with County Lines and Cooking training delivered to the team at Hope Point, further training also scheduled for Q2.

Working in conjunction with DCC Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the SARC (Safety Alarm Response Centre) hotspot areas have been targeted with preventative messaging relating to County Lines, ASB and drugs, highlighting reporting mechanisms through the respective agencies, with over 1000 leaflets distributed.

Further to the launch of Operation Begonia last quarter which saw the focus on building safer communities and supporting victims involved in commercial sexual exploitation, Partnerships officers have maintained focus with partner agencies on the development of support mechanism and safeguarding.

Each locality across Dundee has also benefitted from the presence of our Violence Prevention patrols, operating predominantly in the evenings, able to quickly respond to instances of public violence, to deter further offending and reassure the local community. These patrols can be easily flexed, depending on data driven demand or high-profile incidents.

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

Our Community Policing Team complete ongoing reviews of Cat A Apprehension Warrants linked to violence in the locality. This ensures offenders are arrested quickly, reducing opportunities for further offending.

St. Johns High School will be piloting the Fearless campaign in Dundee, which Downfield CPT are actively supporting within the school. This is aimed at raising awareness around knife crime and is not exclusive to schools given the reach being designed for young people across local communities, with proposed pilots being developed for local consideration.

- **Local Priority/Activity – Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour**

PREVENTION

Partnerships Officers continue to support a collaborative approach to tackling anti-social behaviour, working with partner agencies across the city including Anti-Social Behaviour Team (ASBT), DCC Housing, Housing Associations, DCC Building and Trading Standards, with an overarching aim of reducing the impact on local communities.

Currently there are 101 live ASBO's in place across Dundee with 29 breaches recorded across Q1. Ongoing multi-agency actions to address these ASBOs include:

- Weekly discussions with respective agencies where appropriate, to ensure proportionate action is taken with outcomes monitored and reviewed.
- Progression of joint visits where appropriate or required, ensuring a co-ordinated approach.
- Support to the Quarterly MATAC, focusing on emerging trends/ repeat locations from an ASB perspective.
- Monitoring and reviewing incidents relating to ASB with relevant calls shared where appropriate in accordance with Data Protection Governance, to facilitate appropriate action such as tenancy & ASB warnings, ASBO progression and occasionally eviction proceedings.
- Working with partners to raise awareness around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the delivery of safer communities, Partnership Officers have delivered awareness inputs on Misinformation, Third Party Reporting and Hate Crime Training, with further engagements planned in Q2 with Mears, DCC Humanitarian Team and student services at Dundee University.

Partners continue to focus on the development of the new format for 'Safe Taysiders', which is a Partner Roadshow delivered in primary schools led by DCC Community Safety Team. The process involves a series of learning activities to promote safety messages, community responsibility and raise awareness around a range of topics including violence, online safety, and Anti-social behaviour.

Night-time economy:

During Quarter 1, the licensing team have processed 1,280 licence applications for the Dundee area. This included applications for occasional licenses to allow premises to have additional outdoor areas, grants and renewals for taxi operators/drivers. This also included renewals and grants of House in Multiple Occupancy (HMO) and Short Term Lets.

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

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There were 10 inspections carried out throughout Dundee, with zero premises identified as problematic during this period.

The licensing team have been promoting the 'Bystander' and 'It'll Cost You' training and campaign and, were assisted by Police Scotland Youth Volunteers carrying out public engagement within our communities and Premise Licence Holders. The Licensing Team are continuing efforts to deliver training to licenced premises in respect of keeping people safe during the nighttime period.

The licensing team continue to work collaboratively with SIA and UKBA within Dundee City carrying out joint inspections and enforcement

Work has continued in relation to repeat callers, the majority of which relate to anti-social behaviour. Through collaboration with the DCC ASBT and Housing and Tenancies, many of the ongoing issues have been resolved, either through early intervention or enforcement action. As an example, to address repeat calls from residents regarding the anti-social behaviour of a problematic neighbour,

Youth Engagement – Police Scotland have been working with partners including CLD (Community Learning and Development) workers, DCC ASBT Youth Workers and SFRS to develop youth engagement and awareness raising opportunities, to divert young people from anti-social behaviour.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers continue to attend and support various engagements across the city supporting members of the public and partners in a variety of capacities, portraying a positive image to their peers and capably representing the organisation. Examples of their engagements include:

- Youth For Christ Haggis Hike
- Residential weekend supported by Navy and Army at HMS Caledonia for a leadership and teambuilding event.
- Lochee Park Easter Fun Day
- VE Day 8th Anniversary Parade
- Westfest at Magdalen Green.
- Dundee Pride Event
- Dundee Race for Life

Community Policing Teams have arranged a multi-agency location-based engagement opportunity, which provided a platform for residents to share their experiences, whilst also allowing services to explain the steps being taken to resolve the situation and manage community expectations. This approach helped strengthen trust and support of the ongoing work, which, in one particular case, led to the individual in question being arrested and held on remand, strengthening ASBTs position when pursuing legal avenues to evict the female.

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In response to information gathered around locations that the public are concerned about, Downfield CPT have engaged with staff and community members at Coldside Library. Alcohol related anti-social behaviour at this location significantly disrupted the safe and welcoming environment for staff and visitors alike. Through investigation, evidence was gathered and those responsible were arrested, and appropriate safeguarding conditions have since been put in place to prevent further disruption. Downfield CPT worked closely with the PIP and the library to address ongoing safety concerns, including conducting crime prevention surveys. Based on this, several safety recommendations were made and have now been fully implemented which have helped alleviate concerns.

Longhaugh Community Policing team have worked in partnership with SFRS to raise awareness around anti-social behaviour related to fire raising, delivering inputs to primary and secondary pupils, with good engagement and positive feedback.

Lochee Community Policing team have given particular attention to Lochee High and the Stack Retail Park, after receiving reports of anti-social behaviour by persons also under the influence of drink or drugs.

- **Local Priority/Activity – Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims**

Housebreaking (Domestic Dwelling)

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 30 crimes recorded during the Q1 period, which is an increase from the 27 reported during the previous quarter and almost identical to the 31 crimes recorded during the corresponding period the previous year.

Approximately 10% of these crimes have been detected to date. Several enquiries are ongoing with forensic results pending and positive lines of investigation being pursued meaning this figure will rise. These crimes are now overseen by a Divisional Acquisitive crime team within CID, which means that they will either be investigated or at least reviewed by Detective Officers, under supervision of a Detective Sergeant and Inspector.

This approach ensures that cross border crime series are identified quicker and maximises intelligence / evidential opportunities in relation to stolen vehicles/property.

Fraud

135 crimes of Fraud were recorded this quarter, which is a decrease from the 159 crimes reported the previous quarter and the 146 recorded during the corresponding period last year.

The challenge when dealing with online fraud is that many of the perpetrators of these crimes are located out with the UK, providing an additional barrier to their identification and opportunities to bring to justice.

Over a third of the offences were committed in retail premises and involved fraudulent use of stolen bank cards.

About 22% of these offences were detected, however due to the complex nature of fraud enquiries are protracted and take a significant amount of time to complete which will impact upon these figures.

Motor Vehicle Crime

Within Q1, 138 crimes were recorded, which is a decrease from 159 crimes recorded the previous quarter and from the 168 recorded within the corresponding period last year.

About 28% of these offences were detected, however there are several crimes still under enquiry, so further detections are possible.

Theft Shoplifting

This offence type continues to trend, in line with increases across the UK, but the introduction of Digital Evidence Sharing Capability, Body-worn Video and the fast-tracking of cases through the Criminal Justice Summary Case Management process, ensures that our ability to intervene effectively with offenders is ever improving. Police Scotland is committed to tackling theft by shoplifting and recently launched the National Retail Crime Unit, which can provide expertise and funding to local areas. Tayside Division has already successfully submitted a funding bid, in order to support additional targeted patrols in key areas, such as the city centre, where local plainclothes patrols have already been stepped up, given the recent opening of the Frasers store within the Overgate. Officers have been focusing on deterring shoplifters from targeting this new addition to the retail sector in Dundee and have had positive engagement with local management, ensuring staff are trained and knowledgeable.

Of note, BP Kingsway West was identified as one of the most prolific venues for theft shoplifting nationally. As such, Lochee CPT worked tirelessly, in conjunction with local staff to improve prevention measures and to identify the most significant offenders. Following a comprehensive enquiry, 7 persons were reported to the court for 186 theft shoplifting offences. Local officers will continue to work with staff at the store to deter and detect further offending, in recognition of the impact that such repeated acquisitive crime can have on businesses, staff and the wider community.

PREVENTION

Dundee LPA is supported by officers from the Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions Team (PIP), who carry out daily reviews of local acquisitive crime, highlighting trends or crime series and identifying opportunities to offer advice or signpost victims to support.

Partnerships officers continue to respond to ongoing and emerging trends relating to acquisitive crime including Theft HB's (domestic and commercial), frauds/scams, building site security and cybercrime releasing supporting messaging/ information and advice on all available platforms, further engaging with the community proactively as and when required.

During Q1 a number of engagement opportunities with partners and the wider public relating to acquisitive crimes were actioned as detailed:

- Scam awareness input delivered to local community groups with examples including a sensory group, over 60's group and a sheltered housing complex with positive networking to facilitate future engagements.
- In support of Dementia Awareness Week, a scam awareness stand was facilitated in the Overgate Centre Dundee, highlighting support mechanisms.
- Attendance at a fraud event at the TSB situated in Dundee City Centre, raising awareness around scams and banking protocols.

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- Continued liaison with the Community Safety Wardens in Dundee around domestic housebreakings, with follow up leaflet drops arranged and several home safety visits undertaken.
- Crime Prevention follow ups carried out for commercial housebreakings with advice given through a specifically trained officer where required.
- 'Secured By Design' meeting with Hillcrest Housing re access control/door entry for new builds.
- 'Design Out Crime' Officer final inspection conducted at Hillcrest's Trades Lane mid-market rental flats Development, confirming CCTV to be installed to assist in deterring drug related ASB, with Gold accreditation granted.
- Vacant and Derelict building multi-Agency group meeting attended with supported attendance to site visits to inform risk assessments and application of preventative measures.

Local Priority/Activity – Make our roads safer

Dundee LPA has suffered no fatalities during Q1.

Dundee LPA have had 6 persons seriously injured due to road traffic collisions over Q1.

During the period under review the following initiatives were prioritised:

- 'Fatal 5' Campaign
- Motorcycle Safety Campaign
- 2 Wheels Campaign

Road safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing unit (RPU) and Divisional Officers. Focused patrol work will be complemented using available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from Local Tasking and Coordinating processes to tackle criminality on the road network.

Local policing and RPU officers have targeted driver behaviour in line with Force Objectives 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, seatbelt offences and use of mobile phones whilst driving.

Based on strategic assessment, several priority locations have been identified in Dundee which were subject to focused operational activity, including the A90 and A92.

Rider Refinement North has commenced with courses fully booked in the Tayside area until October.

The New Driver Scheme (NDS) continues to be successfully delivered in both the education and employment sectors across Tayside.

Within Q1, as part of the Fatal 5 campaign and focusing on Pedestrian Safety, Community Policing Teams have attended at school exclusion zones to provide education and enforcement with drivers using pedestrian zones.

In May, a number of local probationary officers were deployed to assist RPU colleagues with Elderly Drivers Initiative where they built their confidence in stopping vehicles and public engagement on more routine RPU matters but also more exposure to an ongoing community led

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initiative. There was also assistance provided to RPU and DVSA which gave them exposure to high-speed roads and Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) enforcement through mechanical exams / tachographs etc.

The on-going Motorcycle Safety Campaign resulted in multiple offences in relation to these crimes detected within the division. Several weekends were dedicated to this enforcement action.

Officers have had some notable drink/drug driving detections and recovered several stolen vehicles as well as carrying out intelligence led patrols targeting known offenders

Dundee officers remain committed to Operation Challenge, focusing on detecting and disrupting those involved in the anti-social, reckless, and criminal use of e-motorbikes and off-road motorbikes. Downfield CPT have created a local guidance and intervention strategy to establish a common response plan and highlight considerations to be taken when reports are made when these vehicles are being driven out with the bounds of their conditions of use. During this period, there has been two operations conducted along with specialist resources from Road Policing Unit and the Drone Unit. The ongoing work from all teams has resulted in 23 individuals being identified and reported for road traffic offences across the city. 7 off road / e-bikes were seized during this quarter.

Community Policing Teams, in conjunction with Parking Attendants from Dundee City Council, have attended at several of the schools that form part of the School Streets Programme, in order to monitor compliance. Of note, 33 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued to drivers for entering the prohibited zone at St. Andrews Primary School during restricted times. They have also conducted speed awareness initiatives, along with Police Scotland Youth Volunteers in hot-spot areas across Dundee, stopping and educating drivers around safe speeds.