

South Ayrshire Council

Report by Assistant Director - People to Partnerships Panel of 28 June 2022

Subject: Local Performance Report: Police Scotland

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Partnerships Panel with information about the end-year performance of Police Scotland in South Ayrshire.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Panel scrutinises the 2021/22 end-year performance report of Police Scotland in South Ayrshire and provides feedback to the representatives from Police Scotland.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Police and Fire and Rescue Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 created a national police force and a national fire and rescue service. The implications of the legislation for local authorities are that the Council will:

- Comment on SPA and SFRS Strategic Plans;
- Contribute to the preparation of the local plan for police and local fire and rescue plan and approve the plans;
- Monitor the delivery of police and fire and rescue functions in the area and make recommendations for improvement; and
- Provide feedback to the Local Police Commander and the Fire and Rescue Service Local Senior Officer.

- 3.2 The Local Police Plan for South Ayrshire was agreed at Leadership Panel on 25 May 2021. Performance is reported twice yearly and this report relates to the end-year performance.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 The Area Commander has provided the attached performance report (Appendix 1) which Panel members are invited to scrutinise and provide feedback on. He will be in attendance at the Panel meeting.

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5. Legal and Procurement Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 If the recommendation is rejected then there is a risk that the Council is considered to not have discharged its responsibility under the Police and Fire and Rescue Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 in terms of scrutinising local performance.

9. Equalities

9.1 The proposals in this report allow scrutiny of performance. The report does not involve proposals for policies, strategies, procedures, processes, financial decisions and activities (including service delivery), both new and at review, that affect the Council's communities and employees, therefore an equality impact assessment is not required.

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - The proposals in this report do not represent a qualifying plan, programme, policy or strategy for consideration for SEA. There exists therefore no obligation to contact the Scottish Government Gateway and no further action is necessary. An SEA has not been undertaken.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitments 1 and 6 of the Council Plan: Fair and Effective Leadership/ Leadership that promotes fairness; and A Better Place to Live/ Enhanced environment through social, cultural and economic activities.

13. Results of Consultation

- 13.1 There has been no consultation on the content of this report which relates to performance of an external organisation.

Background Papers Report to Leadership Panel of 25 May 2021 – [Local Police Plan 2021-23](#)

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South Ayrshire Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022

Appendix 1



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**
Keeping people safe

Total Crime



-8.5%



8,322 Crimes

Incidents
Recorded

Violence/Homicide

Drug Supply

Sexual Crime

Hate Crime

ASB

-12.5%*



30,652

-4.1%



1,095

-4.6%



37

3.1%



205

17.6%*



107

-5.4%*



7,218

Domestic Abuse

Housebreaking

Robbery

Fraud

Speeding

Drink/Drug Driving

5.5%*



736

-42.1%



150

7.1%



30

63.4%



267

-8.6%



273

-1.1%



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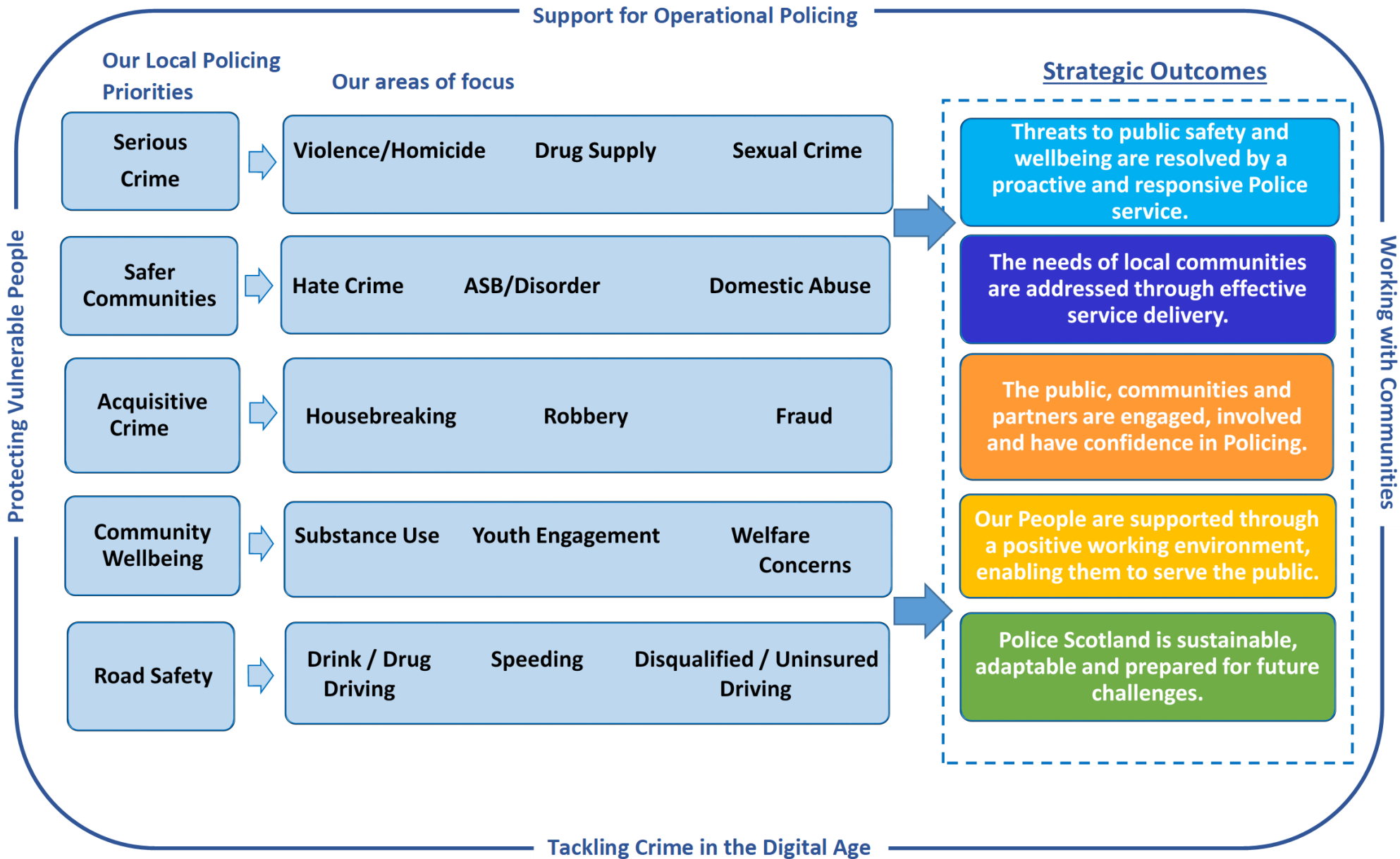
Note: All percentage figures are based on the 5-year average. All data is based on Management Information and may be subject to change. *5-yr Average figures are locally produced and not MI

Introduction

This document has been compiled to look at the quarterly data available for South Ayrshire. The report will be based on the areas of focus identified within the Local Policing Plan agreed with the Local Authority. The 'Plan on a Page' document is available on Page 3, this provides details of the areas Police Scotland have agreed to report on.

This document will provide an overview of crime and incidents based on the requirements of the LPP. However there will be areas where reporting will be on a rotational/exceptions basis particularly within the Safer Communities and Community Wellbeing Priorities. The following list of contents provides an overview of the items included in this report:

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SERIOUS CRIME—Violence/Homicide

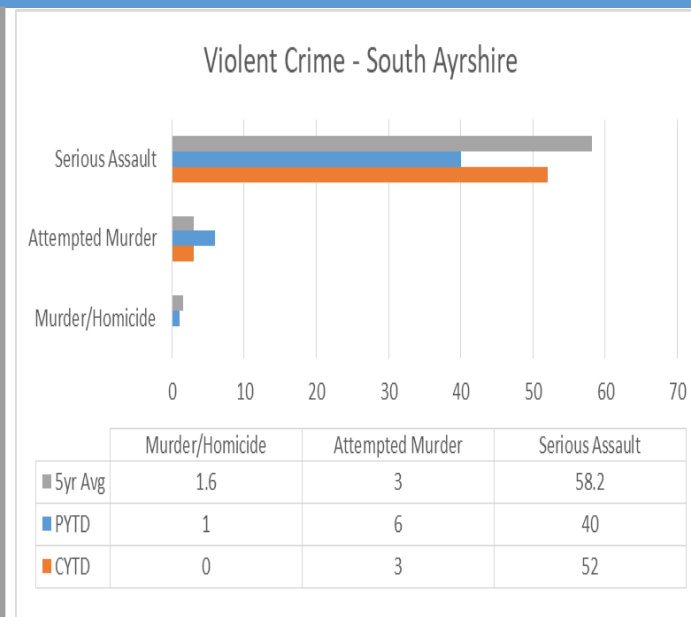
Analytical Context:

In terms of violent crime the 2021/22 year shows an overall decrease of 4.1% on the 5-year average. As can be seen from the graph, Serious Assaults, remained below the 5-year average, although above the figure for the previous year. The detection rate at year end was 84.6% which is above both the previous year (77.5%) and the 5-year average (80.5%). In terms of location, there are more crimes in a Public space (n=35) with 62.9% of these being on a footpath or street. Ayr has recorded the greatest volume of crimes - 53.8%. It is notable that Girvan (7 crimes), Prestwick (7 crimes) and Troon (4 crimes) are the only other towns with more than two such crimes. The majority of victims are males, accounting for around 76.9% with an average age of 36.0. Domestic crimes will be examined further in the section dedicated to this topic.

Murder and Attempted Murder figures remain low, there are three recorded Attempt Murders and no Murders. Both of these figures either match or are below the 5-year averages. Two of the Attempt Murders are still undetected (both of which are protracted domestic enquiries)

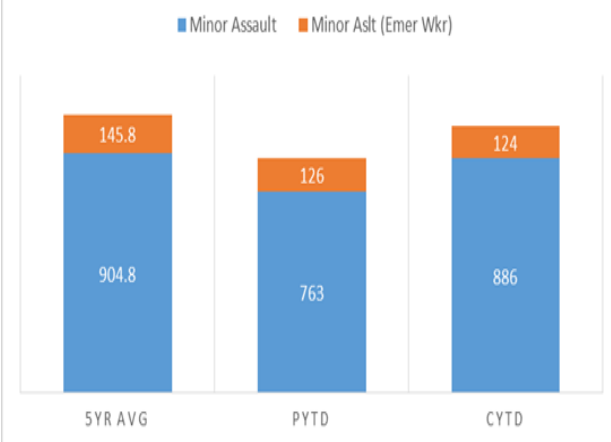
Finally, Minor Assaults have increased on 2020/21 but remain below the 5-year average. There were around 49 non-recent crimes recorded last year of which 67.3% remain undetected. Overall detection rates are down on 2020/21 at 65.1% and lower than the 5-year average (70.4%).

The new charges relating to the Protection of Workers is aimed at ensuring any assaults on shop workers are captured appropriately, during last year there were a total of 13 crimes recorded.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Bulletin Data

MINOR ASSAULT - SOUTH AYRSHIRE



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Bulletin Data

Local Action/Context:

As has been highlighted in previous reports, South Ayrshire continues to have daily partnership meetings, sharing information regarding emerging issues and risks, with shared and appropriate actions thereafter being identified.

Particular care is taken to identify any repeat victims, offenders and locations so that plans can be made to prevent escalation. The night time economy under the banner Op Inver is a key focus working with Taxi Marshalls and St Andrews first aid. Visiting licensed premises continues to be a priority for officers and we use analytical data to identify key locations for High Visibility Patrols. During the reporting year, officers carried out a total of 1144 licensed premise inspections. In relation to violent crime, 43 common assaults were reported in licensed premises; 28 of which were in Public House, 8 in a licensed premises and 6 in a Night Club. 6 serious assaults were reported; 5 in a Public House and 1 in a Registered Club.

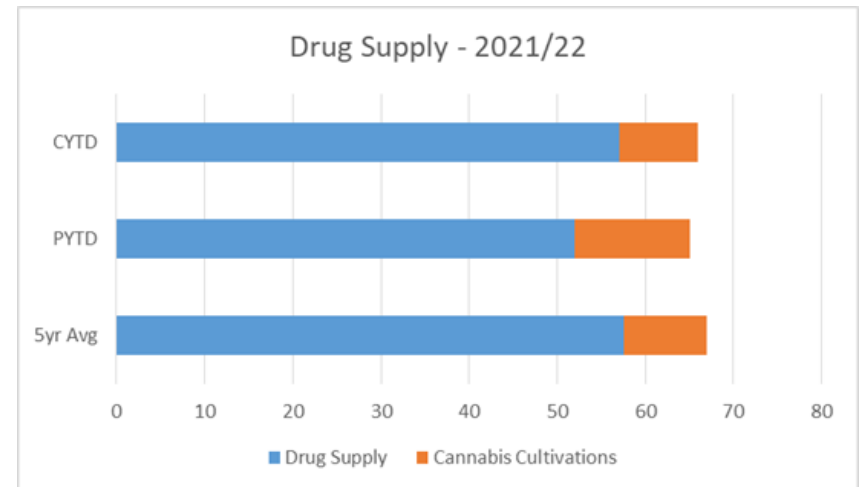
'Your Safety Matters' collaborative working group in response to the Chief Constable's pledge on assaults continues to support emergency workers across South Ayrshire to report assaults. Partners in this include British Transport Police, NHS Ayrshire & Arran, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, SERCO and the Scottish Ambulance Service.

SERIOUS CRIME—Drug Supply

Analytical Context:

Total Drug Supply charges in South Ayrshire decreased slightly on the 5-year average – down 1.5% but increased by the same amount on the figures from the previous year. The number of Cannabis cultivations decreased over the year (n=9) compared to previous year when 13 were discovered.

Drug supply charges are often as a result of proactive work and therefore identifying any real patterns to where these crimes are taking place is difficult. Identifying potential suppliers is more likely to be the result of combined work with local officers and Divisional staff building on Community Intelligence provided by South Ayrshire residents and local organisations.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Bulletin Data

Local Action/Context:

Ayrshire Division benefits from a dedicated Pro-active Crime Team (PACT). These specialist officers are supported by dedicated intelligence officers in tackling Serious and Organised Crime (SAOC), in our communities. Ayrshire Division and in particular South Ayrshire have benefitted from a focussed approach in tackling SAOC, where national specialist resources and officers will assist local officers in the detection and arrest of those involved in the upper echelons of Serious criminality.

- £500,000 of Class drugs have been recovered .
- £285,000 seized under the Proceeds of crime.

The work of the PACT is supported locally by our Priority Policing Team (PPT) who continue to target drug dealing, develop local intelligence and progress issues identified by members of the community. The PPT is supervised by the Localities Inspector so that their activity is focussed on emerging risks and concerns, many of which are also raised by elected members. Notable recoveries are often shared on our social media platforms, under the encompassing divisional drug strategy of “Operation Designate”.

We are constantly mindful of the risks of county lines crimes within our communities and work with partners to raise awareness in community and educational settings of the warning signs.

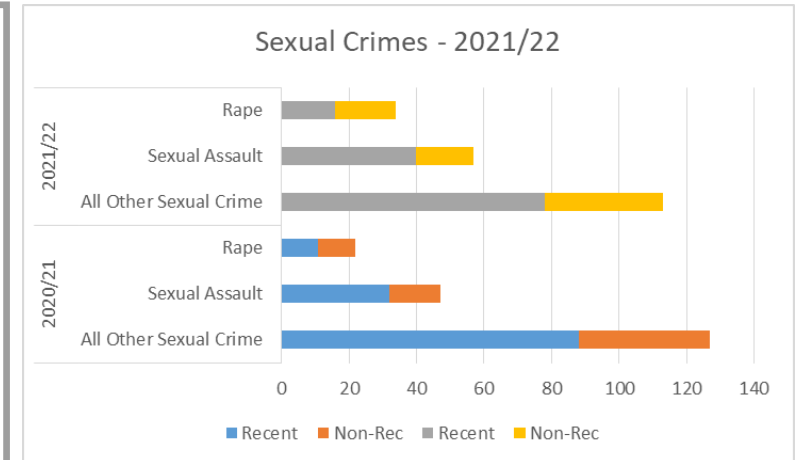
SERIOUS CRIME - Sexual Crime

Analytical Context

There was an increase in the number of sexual crimes reported during 2020/21 - up 3.1% on the 5-year average. The biggest increase was noted in Rape crimes, up 39.1% on the 5-year average. It should be noted that 34.1% of crimes are non-recent, this includes 18 non-recent Rape crimes and 17 non-recent Sexual Assaults.

For 2021/22, the detection rate for all sexual related crime is 65.9%, which is reflective of last year. This is an increase on the 5yr average that stands at 61.0%.

Police Scotland has made a concerted effort to raise awareness and encourage survivors of sexual abuse to report incidents regardless of when they occurred. Every report is investigated thoroughly, albeit there can be challenges with tracing witnesses or securing forensic opportunities in relation to non-recent reports.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Bulletin Data

Local Action/Context:

The safety of the public is the cornerstone and focus of Policing in Scotland and is aligned to Police Scotland Strategic Outcome number one: "Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service". There continues to be an organisational commitment to tackling Violence against Women and Girls, with a number of areas including rape and sexual crime, domestic abuse and child protection recognised and designated as force priorities. Local policing continues to work in partnership to improve means of supporting our local community.

In April 2021 a number of incidents of sexual exposure were reported in Troon. Following a proactive policing operation involving locality policing and plain clothed officers we were able to trace and identify the offender who was reported to the Procurator Fiscal. This male pled guilty to all charges and is awaiting sentence.

In November 2021 we noted an alleged increase in reports of spiking. Locally we scrutinise all reports of spiking to ensure all early investigative opportunities are captured and the victim is fully supported. Through social media we continue to promote the safety of woman and girls. As a result of detailed enquiries we can confirm no alleged cases of spiking were noted.

We have also widely publicised the 'That Guy' campaign that has been very positively received by partners and the public in general, and will continue to develop ways to alter or change male behaviours, targeting offenders rather than victim behaviour.

A review has taken place in respect of presentation and key messages delivered by campus officer throughout south Ayrshire. The content of these presentation support the learning outcomes in the curriculum for excellence and local Policing priorities. At the same time this allows local flexibility to address emerging trends or concerns that can be factored in.

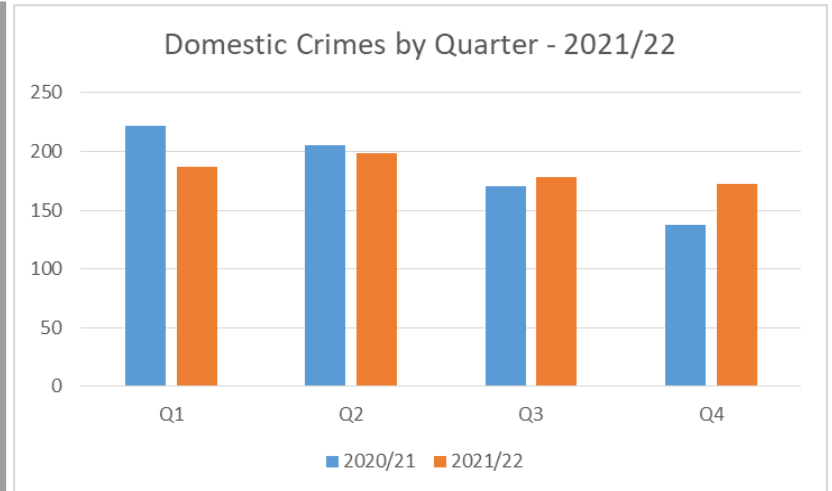
All sexual crimes are reviewed daily and all opportunity to detect these are overseen by a senior Investigating Officer (SIO).

SAFER COMMUNITIES—Domestic Abuse

Analytical Context:

There has been an increase in the number of recorded Domestic Crimes in 2021/22 compared with the 5-year average (up 5.5%), however the figures for the last two years are almost identical. The chart opposite shows that crimes tend to peak in the first two quarters of the year. Crimes have shown lower numbers in the latter two quarters of the year, but were above the numbers recorded in the same periods in 2020/21.

Looking at the types of crimes being recorded between April and March (736) shows that there were two Domestic Attempt Murders (both non-recent), nine Serious Assault and around 40% of Domestic crimes were Common Assaults, although this figure would need further work to confirm the accuracy. Around 3.0% of Domestic crimes are sexual crimes with eight being Rape crimes.



Source: Data taken from iVPD through ScOMIS

Local Action/Context:

South Ayrshire Police forms part of South Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership (VAWP), ensuring a comprehensive partnership response to violence against women. The VAWP ran a successful 16 days of actions and also a 'Reclaim the Night' march on 8th March 2021. Moreover SAC has funded an updated version of the "journey" on YouTube called "Chocolates and flowers". This 20 mins YouTube video outlined the issues of a coercive control relationship between young people. It has now been agreed for this resource to be shared pan Ayrshire and will be delivered within Schools as well as at diversionary events as appropriate.

Ayrshire's Operations Superintendent Chair's the monthly Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS), giving people the right to ask about the background of their partner.

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) protects victims of domestic abuse who are at risk of significant harm or death. Ayrshire wide work commenced to create MARAC in September 2021 (in partnership with South & North Ayrshire Councils, NHS Ayrshire & Arran, Police Scotland, ASSIST and the three Ayrshire Women's Aids). An Ayrshire MARAC has now been approved and funded. The Ayrshire MARAC will formally commence in summer 2022.

Inter agency referral discussions (IRDs) for Adult Support and Protection are in the process of being implemented, the goal of which is to introduce a similar system to the child referral pathway for an early assessment of risk and intervention. The purpose of IRDs are to share information and make joint assessments and decisions in relation to co-ordination of resources ensuring the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable adults and children. This is well established in relation to child protection procedures.

In September 2021 a further test of change of Trauma Informed Contact & Care (TICC) Initiative, previously referred to as Operation Encompass, took place within three cluster areas across Ayrshire, including Ayr North. Due to the success of this in April 2022 it was up scaled across the whole of Ayrshire. This is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding and wellbeing partnership, which supports children and young people exposed to domestic abuse.

SAFER COMMUNITIES—Hate Crime

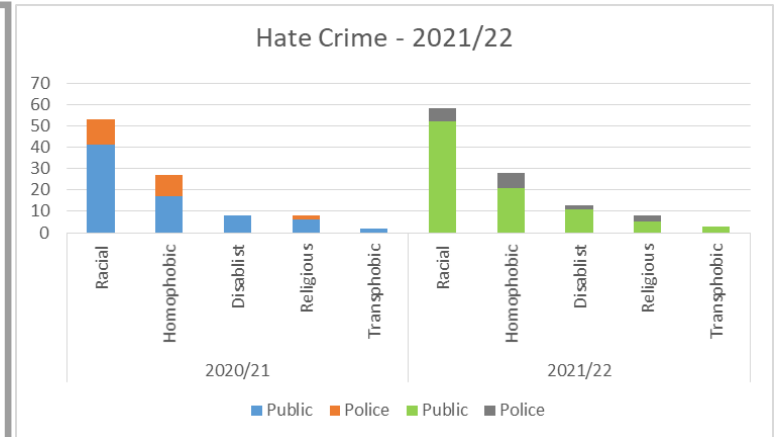
Analytical Context:

There were a total of 107 reported hate crimes in South Ayrshire for the period examined, this compares with 91 in the same period the previous year. Note that a single crime can have more than one hate crime type for example one incident could feature homophobic and sectarian language. (Note: Official data does not provide a 5-year average for this crime type yet).

The chart opposite provides a breakdown of the different types of hate crime being experienced and shows that racial crimes continue to be the most perpetrated hate crime. Homophobic crimes have remained relatively static over the two years, while disablist crimes have increased from 8 to 13.

A high proportion of the Homophobic crimes have been directed towards the Police (25%) whereas only 11.5% of Racial crimes were directed at the Police. Examination of the religious crimes shows all these were mainly sectarian slurs but did not appear to be football related.

There have been 5 repeat victims of hate crime, two repeat offenders and six repeat locations.



Source: Taken from the iVPD database through ScOMIS

Local Action/Context:

Unfortunately, as can be seen by the analytical context, there has been occasions where victims have been targeted on more than one occasion. These crimes continue to be treated as a priority, with our efforts focused on policing the offenders robustly. We offer a further tailored level of service to the victims and their families within South Ayrshire where they are afforded further reassurance, signposted accordingly and continual support offered from our Prevention and Interventions Officer.

Locally, Ayrshire Division continues to sit on the Ayrshire Equality Partnership. We regularly conduct reviews of trends, noting no discernible hotspots, repeat offenders or repeat locations.

Efforts continue to provide education and support in relation to the impact of hate crime. Campus officers have also recently completed Keep Safe awareness training.

Of course, the War in Ukraine has led to a number of Ukrainian families arriving in South Ayrshire. We are committed to supporting their transition into our communities such as;

- Providing links to supporting material for operational officers and electronic copies also provided to SAC resettlement team. This includes documentation, such as Scots Law in Ukrainian
- Following receipt of family details / identified addresses add markers to police systems should officers need to attend.
- Distribution of war crime literature in order to co-ordinate the gathering of evidence from persons within Scotland for potential war crimes.

SAFER COMMUNITIES—Antisocial Behaviour

Analytical Context:

ASB incidents had been following a downward trend however 2020/21 saw a significant increase in incidents due to COVID restrictions and the number of reports relating to breaches of the restrictions. This year has recorded below average levels (down 5.4% on 5-year average), the reduction from 2020/21 is down 22.5%. Incidents have fluctuated during this latest period with the start of the year being above the 5-year average while from September onwards incidents were around or below average. Around 18.3% of incidents resulted in a crime report being raised. From available data it is estimated that youths were involved in approximately 12.5% of ASB incidents. The number of ASB tickets issued has increased by over 45% to 125 on 2020/21 but remained significantly below the 5-year average. The majority of tickets were issued for breach of the peace (86) and street drinking offences (18).

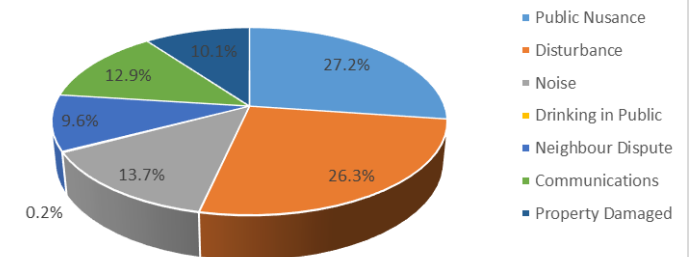
Local Action/Context:

It should be borne in mind that last year was not a 'normal' year due to the COVID pandemic with various lockdown, restrictions and limitations on everyday life. With new legislation introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic there was a significant increase in calls as a result, relating to breach of the guidelines with more people spending time at home during this period.

We continue to work with the Community Safety Partnership team at SAC as well as other local registered landlords to identify and target those involved in Anti-Social Behaviour. In partnership, we continue to pro-actively tackle anti-social behaviour associated with disorder, for example;

- Safer shores .
- Easter and Summer action plans . Joint patrols with CSP and Youth workers.
- Op Inver to tackle the night-time economy.
- SAC funded quad bikes patrols to access hard to reach areas.
- Campus officers inputs.
- Information sharing with SAC for neighbour disputes and/or noisy parties .
- Joint visits between Local officers and SAC Housing .
- 8 weekly meetings with Local elected members to ascertain community feedback.
- Use of proactive patrols during shift overlaps in Wallacetown and other hotspots.
- Intelligence led focussed weeks of action on known areas . Wallacetown 17 persons arrested/charged. May 2022
- Supporting Youth café such as Café Z in Girvan and the Arc in Prestwick

ASB Incident Breakdown 2021/22



Source: taken from STORM data extracted through ScOMIS

ACQUISITIVE CRIME—Housebreaking/Fraud

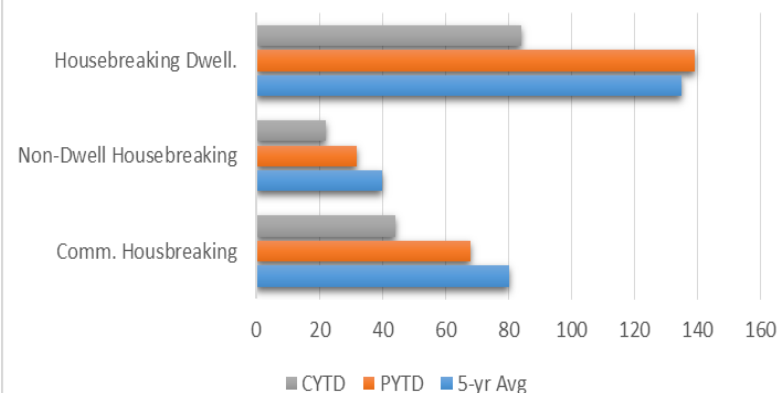
Analytical Context:

Overall housebreaking crimes decreased during 2021/22 by 42.1%, with all types of crimes showing lower numbers in South Ayrshire. Levels of crime at year end were significantly below the 5-year averages with commercial housebreakings recording the biggest decrease. Detection rates showed that overall there was a decrease compared with the previous year. This is due to a decline in the detection of crimes at domestic properties (down 11.2%) and Commercial premises (down 7.6%).

Examination of the housebreaking to dwelling houses shows the months of March, and May and then again in July - recorded the highest numbers of crimes whilst January and February saw the lowest levels of crimes.

In terms of Fraud there has been an upward trend in recent years, particularly as more people use online means to shop, bank and communicate. In total at year end there were 267 crimes which is up 63.4% on the 5-year average. Detection rates remained low at 20.2%, this is primarily due to the difficulties in obtaining detections for online fraud type crimes.

Housebreaking Crimes - 2021/22



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Bulletin Data

Local Action/Context:

Housebreaking continues to drop with the biggest decrease being housebreaking to commercial premises.

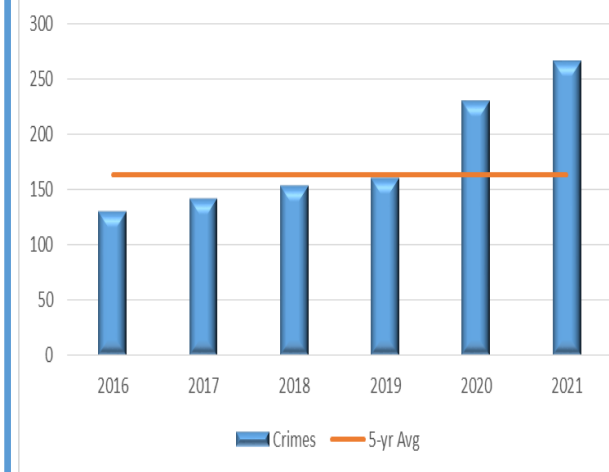
Housebreakings continue to be reviewed daily to ensure any evidential opportunities are identified, including the use of scene of crime examinations to maximise all investigative opportunities for detection and apprehension of offenders. Our Detective Chief Inspector has taken a pan Ayrshire approach to reviewing housebreakings and the way in which we respond to identify all opportunities to prevent them and increase detections of domestic housebreakings.

Fraud

Even though fraud is not a violent crime it can be very distressing to the victims who can find themselves in financial difficulties as a result of this crime. Accordingly, efforts continue to provide all necessary support to victims, as well working in partnership to prevent these crime occurring in the first instance. Fraud over the phone seems to be the most frequent MO Nationally. Local PPT officers ID perpetrators earlier this year under Op Hatpin which saw 3 persons arrested. Op Hatpin was a national operation the started in South Ayrshire and on based on there work a national network was disrupted.

Preventative work on radio, newsprint, posters and Social media continues to raise awareness. The banking protocol between high street banks and Local policing remains in place and is being used to good effect.

Fraud Crimes - 2021/22



ACQUISITIVE CRIME—Robberies

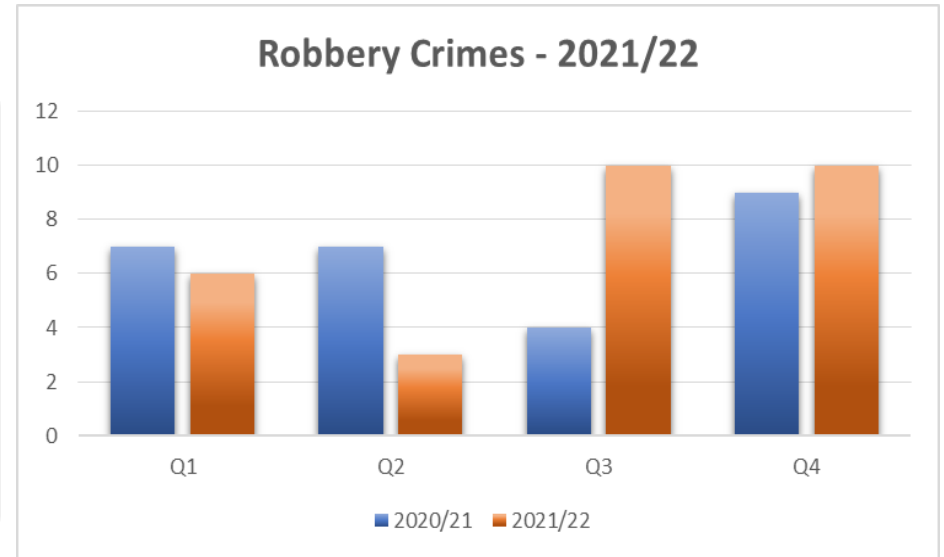
Analytical Context:

There were 30 Robbery type crimes (10 were Assault with intent to Rob crimes) committed within South Ayrshire compared with 27 last year and a 5-year average of 28. The year end detection rate was 70.0%. The spike in October this year was partly due to four crimes committed by two individuals in the Wallacetown area of Ayr on the 28th and 29th.

The majority of robberies occurred in public space (n=19) primarily on the street with three occurring within shop premises. Robberies were more prevalent on Thursdays and Sundays and generally peaked between 1000hrs and 1500hrs and again from 2100hrs and 2259hrs. From confirmed data we know that at least 11 robberies involved an offender known to the victim.

Over half of the crimes involved the use of a weapons with knives and glass/bottles most commonly utilised.

Mobile phones and cash were the most frequently targeted items.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Bulletin Data

Local Action/Context:

Tackling violence remains a priority for local policing. South Ayrshire Officers continue to play a role alongside partner agencies in the Community Re-integration meetings with HMP to reduce the likelihood of re-offending. This is particularly relevant in the case of those who have previously committed the crimes of robbery and assault with intent to rob. Alongside identifying risk and support measures, local action and referrals to mitigate re-offending is prioritised. This has been cross-pollinated with the “looking out for you” initiative, with individuals being referred to the partnership initiative so as to maximise opportunities for providing a more participative approach to crime prevention and wellbeing.

There has only been one repeat victim during this reporting period and there have been no repeat offenders. As can be seen that associations between victims and offenders have been confirmed in 11 instances. Challenges exist in relation to some victims and witnesses who fail to fully engage with police and it is believed that offenders are known to victims in more instances, however this cannot be confirmed.

A large percentage of the robberies continue to be amongst associates and all incidents continue to be investigated by our Criminal Investigation department.

Preventative measures continue, including those known offenders subject to bail conditions are subject to routine checks to ensure they are complying with their conditions, any issues identified during these checks can be escalated to the relevant agency.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

We continue to be innovative in our approach to deliver targeted police inputs and interventions to support young people, working with partners from South Ayrshire Active Schools, South Ayrshire Woman's Aid and SAC Thriving Communities to name a few, and focus where necessary on young people most at risk of involvement in Anti-social behaviour and criminality.

Campus officers and local policing have supported young people whom they have nominated to participate in the 'Targeted Approach to Young People' Xtra Project developed by SAC Community Safety by assisting in the deliverance of the programme to direct key young people to positive destinations over the next couple of years where otherwise the outcome would be detrimental to their health and wellbeing.

Local policing highlighted an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour and a concerning decline in behaviour of young people at key locations including the River Doon, Fullarton Woods, Old Prestwick and St Cuthbert's Golf Course. Campus officers and locality policing from the respective areas conducted joint patrols with SAC Community Safety Officers to identify key individuals involved. A full ASB plan that was used at Easter is now in place for the summer 2022.

Programmes have been delivered to young people identified or are deemed at immediate risk of involvement in criminality due to behaviour or associations including Bushcraft, Pitchin Football programme and Positive Pathways. Through the deliverance of these programmes we continue to provide key messages to young people to deter them from involvement in anti-social behaviour and have noted an increase in attendance at school by those who have been involved.

Wallacetown

The Ayrshire Police Community Wellbeing Unit along with Local officers and SVRU are in a pilot partnership approach to building a better community in this area. We aim to build a better relationship with partners and the community by embedding our dedicated officers at the heart of this community. This will assist with identifying those who are disadvantaged through drug and alcohol addiction and liaising with partners who are also embedded in the community as part of the pilot to support them. Building relationships with partners and the community will lead to an increase in intelligence and assist us to detect and deter offenders and disrupt those involved in the supply of drugs whilst along with partners supporting them to make positive life choices. To assist in our joint commitment in the effort to reduce drug related deaths Naloxone will be delivered to all Ayrshire officers in late 2022.

During this period we also provided support to a number of third sector groups and charities including Oshay's FASD (Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) who we provided funding to support them to establish and promote their services through their new premises in Ayr, a hub for those in our community who have been diagnosed or suspected to have FASD and their families. With our support we will continue to support them through signposting those in need of their services.

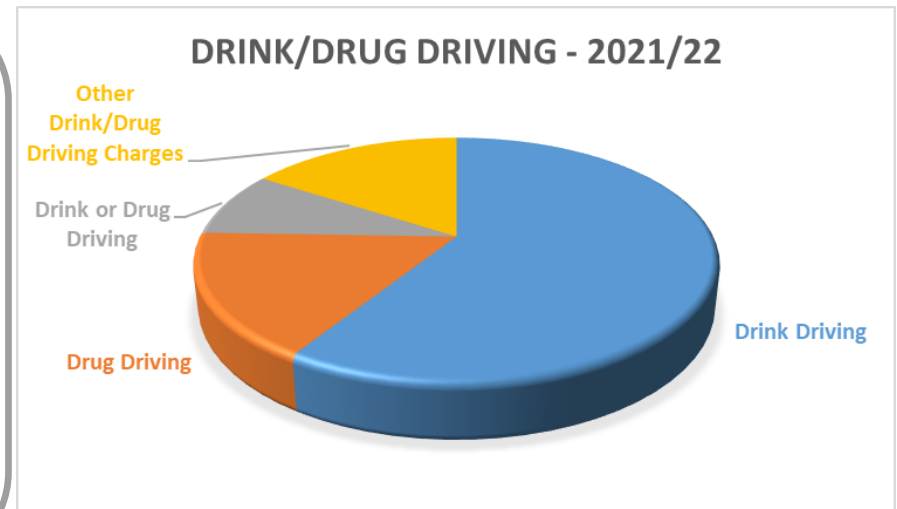
ROAD SAFETY—Drink/Drug Driving

Analytical Context:

The introduction of the legislation in relation to Drug Driving came into effect in October 2019 and therefore there can be no direct comparison with 5 year averages. However the figures for the last two years within South Ayrshire show a slight decrease this year from 148 offences to 139 recorded during 2021/22.

It is notable from the chart opposite that drink driving continues to be the most perpetrated crime. Compared with the previous year the number of solely drink driving charges has increased by around 39%. Charges involving just Drug Driving have halved year on year.

Ayr shows the greatest volume of crimes with the town centre as well the areas around the main roads recording a number of offences. The A77 around Monkton shows a number of detections as well as in the Maybole area. Proactivity within these areas will influence where higher numbers of crimes are detected.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Bulletin Data

Local Action/Context:

The implementation of Section 5(A) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and the arrival of “Medacx” Drug wipes has provided a valuable additional tool for road policing officers to stop and test those persons who are suspected of using either cocaine or cannabis (or both) whilst driving.

Road Safety remains a key priority in South Ayrshire with activity of both Road Policing and Divisional resources targeted towards the outcomes set in the Scottish Government Road Safety Framework – 2020 – 2030. An initiative using Special constables to target known hotspot brought to our attention by elected members, members of the public or community groups has had significant results in influencing driver behaviour. More activity of this kind is planned for the 2022/23 period

Within the parameters of this is the ongoing determination to reduce casualties on the road and impact and disrupt those who use the road illegally in respect of criminal activities, and whilst disqualified and under the influence of drink and drugs, National Calendar of Activity which allocates specific periods to target areas such as Speeding, Insurance and Drink and Drug offending. In addition, officers have been encouraged to engage with vulnerable groups such as cyclists, pedestrians and older drivers to educate against the dangers of using roads whilst not always equipped to do so. Campaigns such as these are supported by Safer Scotland Media Campaigns, literature and other forms of messaging.

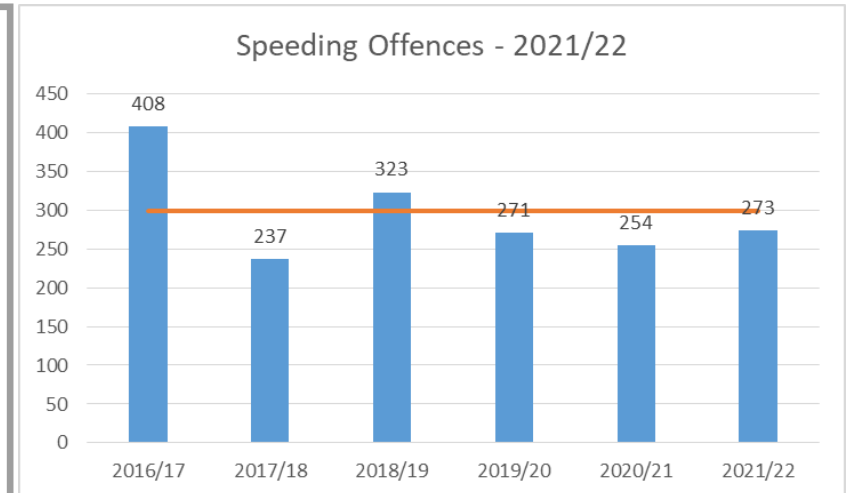
ROAD SAFETY—Speeding

Analytical Context:

The number of individuals being stopped for Speeding within South Ayrshire increased resulting in more crimes detected than in 2020/21, although this remained below the 5-year average.

Road Policing Unit will often carry out initiatives in specific areas based on information from local communities and Elected Members, which may influence where these offences occur.

There was an increase in the number of road accidents within South Ayrshire this year, which led to increased demand on Road Policing resources. Fatal accidents have increased from 2 to 6, while accidents where people were seriously injured increased from 30 to 38.



Source: Taken from Police Scotland Bulletin Data

Local Action/Context:

Drivers travelling at excessive speeds and not paying close attention to the road conditions are the main contributory factors in fatal and serious injury collisions on the roads. The priority of addressing these issues is part of the daily business of South Ayrshire policing, supported by the Ayrshire Road Policing Department.

Locally, officers have listened to the community and spent time in areas such Monkton and Ballantrae along with the M77 and A77 Trunk routes to target speeding drivers and HGV's using routes without due care. Speeding checks across numerous areas in South Ayrshire ensure enforceable penalties are implemented to protect pedestrians and meeting the needs of local people. After discussion with Elected members there was a focus in January, February and March on speeding using a combination of Road Policing, local officers and Special constables to influence driver behaviour and support the communities concerns — A total of 273 offences were detected 2021/2022.

Reductions in detections for mobile phones and seat-belts is something that is noticeable in many areas and is in part attributable to improvements in technology in modern vehicles. It is however clear that offenders who use mobile phones and place themselves and others at risk are still evident and officers are encouraged to take the necessary enforcement action.

Confidence in police

User Experience - Current Position

The information in the table below shows the level of User Satisfaction to the end of November 2021 for the whole of Ayrshire and is not specific to South Ayrshire. The total sample size for Ayrshire was 1,070 respondents which averages 89 per month.

Questions (At a glance)	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	YTD	Force
Q1: Ease of Contact? (% Easy and	75%	81%	70%	71%	67%	70%	71%	75%	73%	81%	78%	78%	74%	73%
Q2 - Being provided with the appro-	70%	69%	55%	61%	62%	68%	68%	70%	64%	74%	74%	78%	68%	65%
Q3 - Overall Satisfaction? (% Satis- fied or Very Satisfied)	75%	74%	55%	65%	67%	67%	70%	74%	64%	74%	77%	85%	71%	68%

Your Police Survey

	How Safe do you feel in your local area?			Male		Female		Total Respond- ents
	Very Safe	Safe	Total	Very Safe	Safe	Very Safe	Safe	
UD	22.49%	63.01%	85.50%	25.00%	60.64%	21.38%	64.80%	538

	Concern About Crime			Male		Female		Total Respond- ents
	Increased a Lot	Increased a Little	Total	Increased a Lot	Increased a Little	Increased a Lot	Increased a Little	
UD	18.06%	27.93%	45.99%	14.97%	25.13%	19.41%	30.59%	537

COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE

COMPLAINT CASES AND ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED

	TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED		
	YTD	LYTD	% Change	YTD	LYTD	% Change
U DIVISION	300	368	-18.5%	537	638	-15.8%
South Ayrshire	78	97	-19.6%	170	182	-6.6%

YTD figures in South Ayrshire show complaint cases are down by 19.6% and total number allegations down by 6.6% - similar trend in the whole of Ayrshire.

BREAKDOWN OF ON DUTY ALLEGATION TYPES

	As-sault	Corrupt practice	Discriminatory behaviour	Excessive force	Incivility	Irregularity in procedure	Neglect of duty	Oppressive Conduct/ harassment	Other-criminal	Other – non criminal	Traffic Irregularity/ offence	Unlawful/ Unnecessary Arrest or detention
South Ayrshire	6	1	5	15	28	63	1	7	1	2	0	1

All complaints are assessed by the PSD and processed through established procedures. Processes include, where relevant or appropriate, engagement with COPFS Criminal Allegations Against the Police Division (CAAPD), PIRC and / or divisional senior leadership.