

## Aberdeen City Review Data.

### Violence in Licensed Premises.

The following charts and data present figures for reported instances of violence directly related to licenced premises and it excludes instances of violence reported elsewhere but where those involved may have been in a licenced premises prior to the incident.

These figures confirm that Licensed Premises still remain a significant factor in violent crime within Aberdeen City. Although not presented in the figures, the overwhelming majority will also be alcohol related and there is still much work to be done in reducing drunkenness and by association violence within Aberdeen City.

There appears to be an encouraging trend over the five years which shows a reduction in violence however, cognisance should be taken of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 data which shows the effects of the COVID lockdowns and the arrival of the current slowdown in the national economy.

Aberdeen City Officers are now testing surfaces for the presence of cocaine within licensed premises and there is growing evidence that use of the drug is present in a significant portion of these premises. Cocaine use, particularly when mixed with the consumption of alcohol is a recognised contributor to violent behaviour and it is hoped the new Statement of Policy will continue to insist on strong drugs and duty of care policies in respect of premises licenses. These policies should ensure that staff are trained and fully aware of how to identify drug use, what to do in respect of the police and enforcement and how to ensure the safety of a patron under the effects of substance misuse.

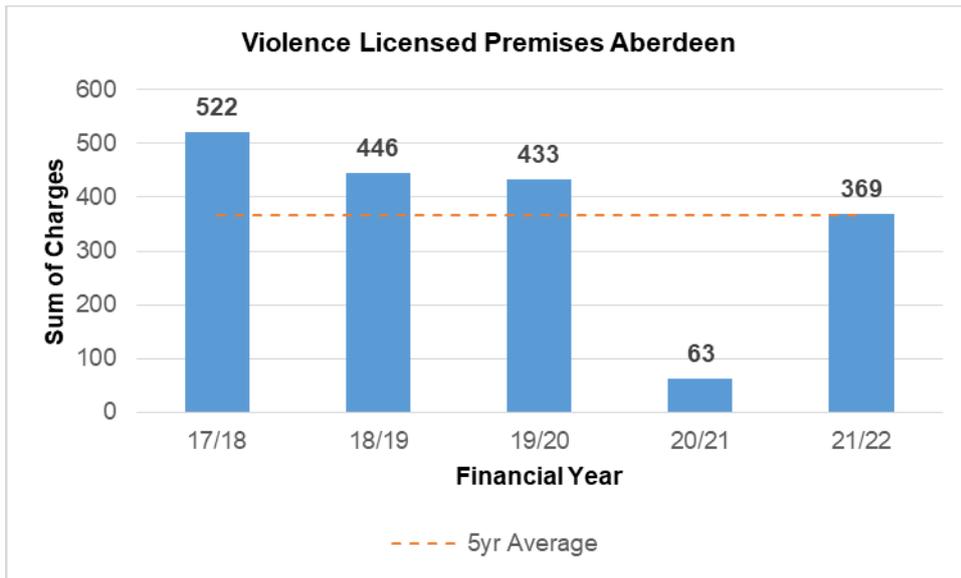
The total sum of charges refers to the number of individual charges relating to violence and not the total number of incidents where violence has occurred. A single incident may result in a person(s) being charged with multiple offences.

**AS6** is the beat code for the City Centre Community Policing Team

**WNTE** – Weekend night time economy, (Friday & Saturday nights)

Financial Year	Total Sum of Charges
17/18	522
18/19	446
19/20	433
20/21	63
21/22	369
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1833</b>
<b>5 yr Average</b>	<b>366.6</b>

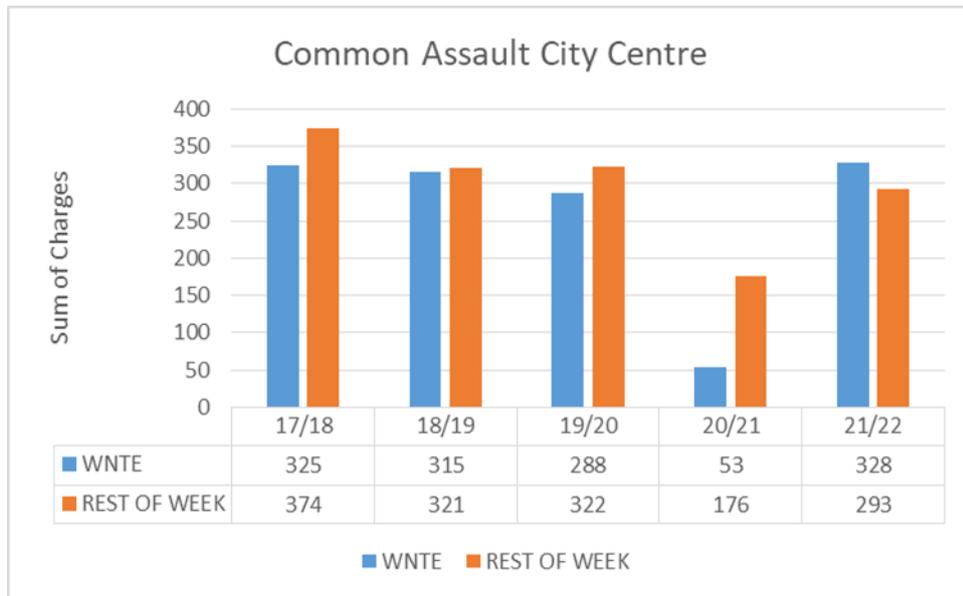
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Inspector Area/Financial Year (sum of charges)	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Grand Total	5 yr Average
AN1 Bucksburn	11	17	16	4	16	64	12.8
AN2 Bridge of Don	13	12	8	4	6	43	8.6
AN3 Tillydrone	4	6	8	2	18	38	7.6
AN4 Northfield	7		3	3	2	15	3.75
AN5 Mastrick	16	3	4	2	13	38	7.6
AN6 Kittybrewster	19	11	15	4	11	60	12
AN7 Seaton	12	19	24	6	15	76	15.2
AS1 Torry	6	3	3	4	10	26	5.2
AS2 Nigg	6	2	5	2		15	3.75
AS3 West End	17	9	7	3	21	57	11.4
AS4 Hazlehead	7	6	8	3	3	27	5.4
AS5 Rosemount	2		4			9	3
AS6 City Centre	402	358	328	26	251	1365	273
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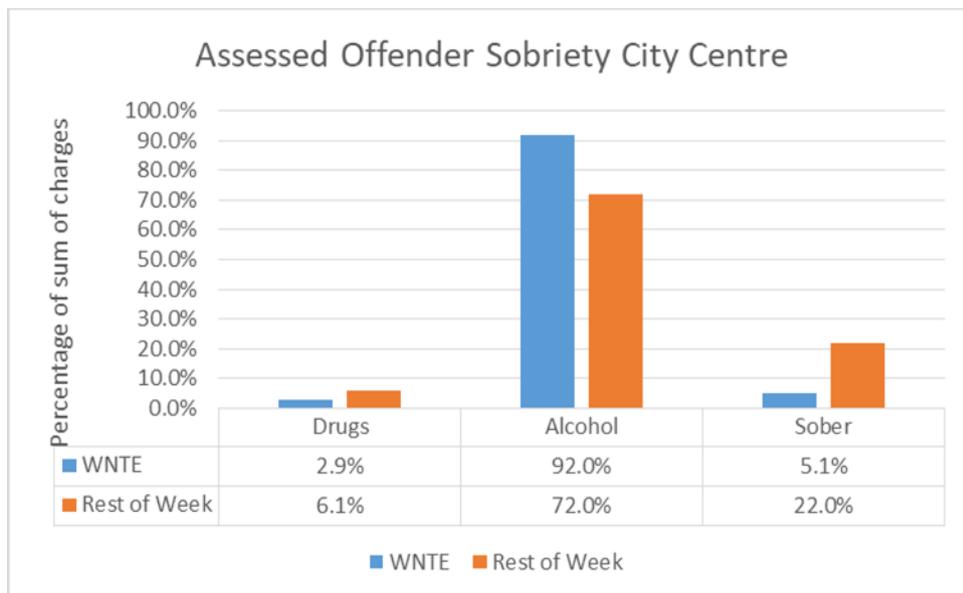
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- Assault of retail worker
- Minor assault emergency worker



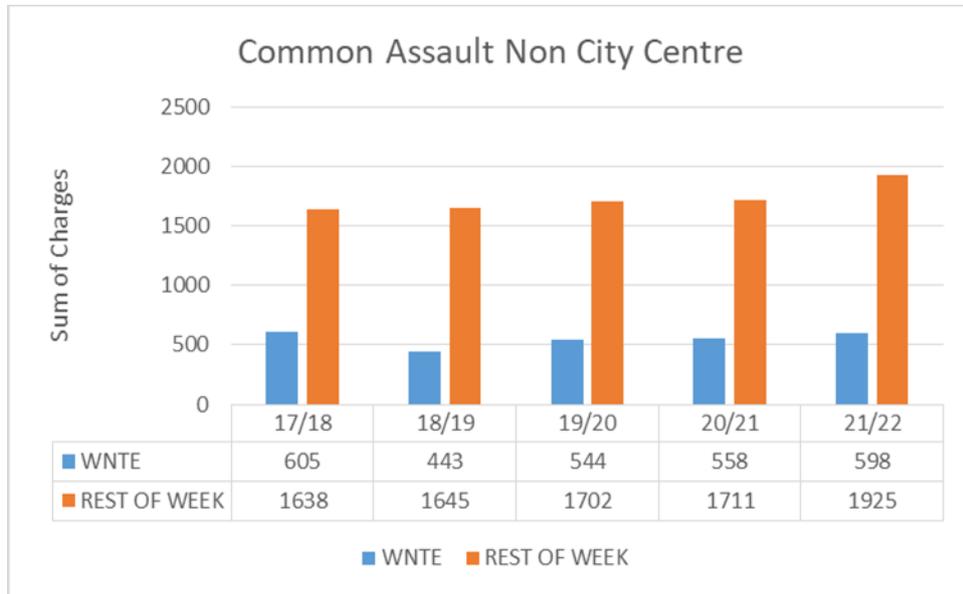
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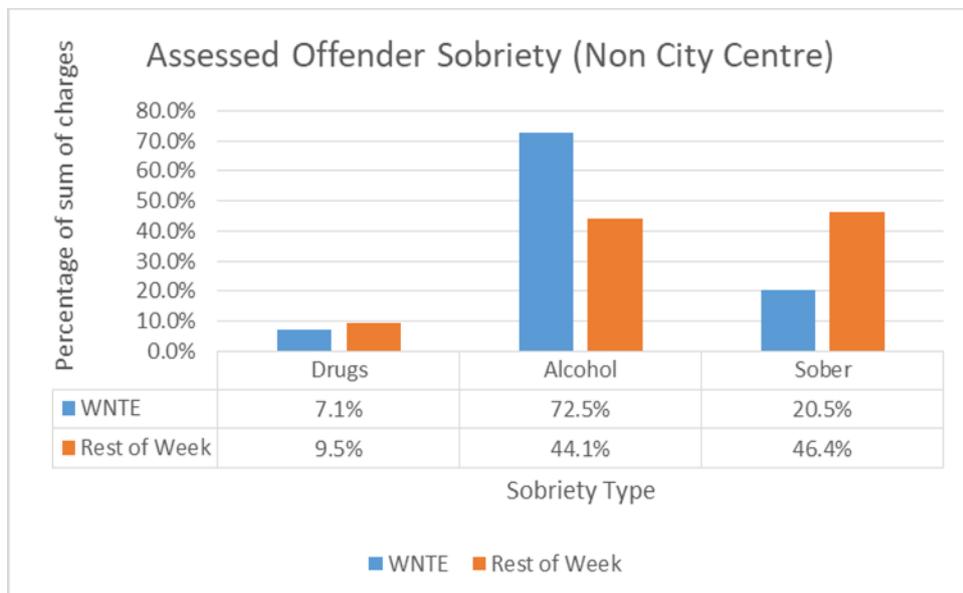
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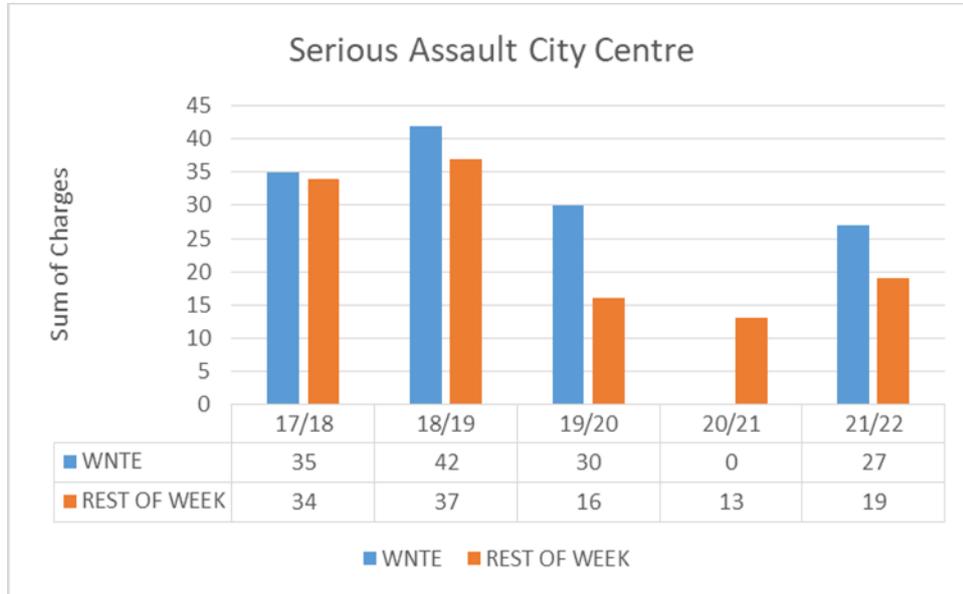
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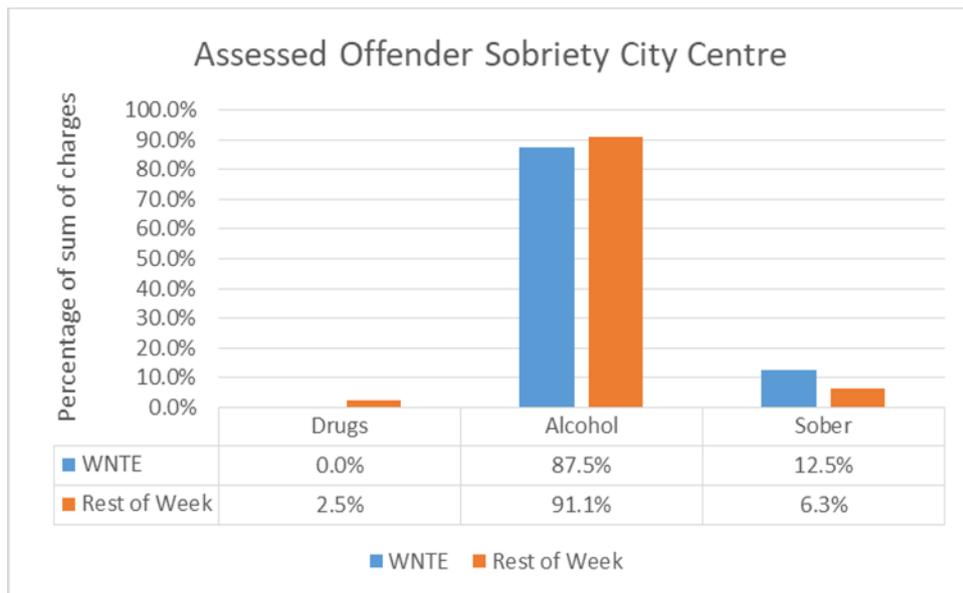
**AS6 Serious Assaults**

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- Serious Assault of a Retail Worker



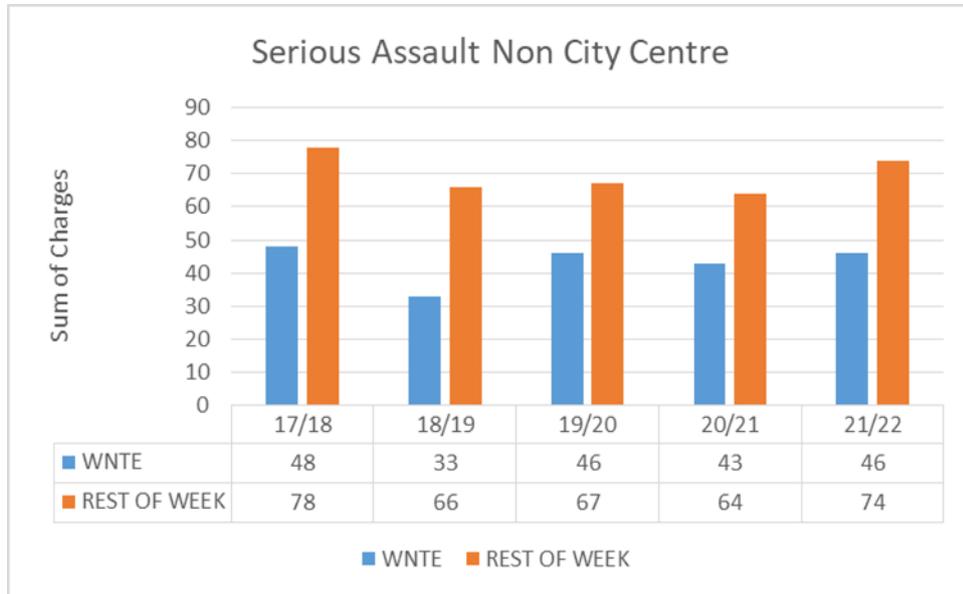
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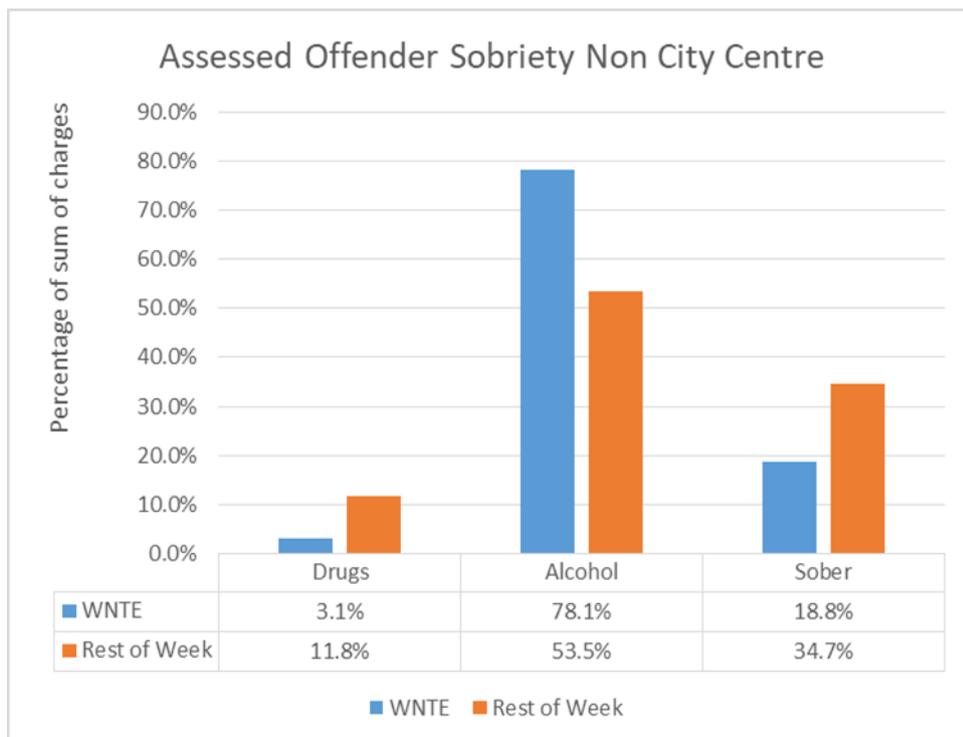
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**Assaults Licensed Premises Aberdeen City (April 2017 – March 2022)**

These tables highlight when assaults occur within licensed premises in Aberdeen. Note the red/dark orange on Saturday and Sunday mornings between midnight and 0300 hours. This clearly demonstrates the link between late night drinking and serious violence.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Grand Total
Mon	24	21	6	3	1		1				1	2				1	2	1	2	5	4	2	8	3	87
Tues	3	13	4	3								1				1	5		2	1	1		7	8	49
Wed	12	13	3	1	1			1		1	1			1		3	3	1	2	8		6	4	10	71
Thurs	12	11	8	5							1				3		2		3	1	1	10	11	9	77
Fri	18	17	11	3		6	1				3				1	2	1	2	11	7	6	19	19	28	155
Sat	39	36	48	10	4	1	1			2		1	1		3	3	4	10	5	14	12	28	33	53	308
Sun	72	77	79	22	9	2	1			1			2	1	3	1	1	3	5	2	12	9	4	10	316
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1063</b>

**City Centre Common Assaults (April 2017 – March 2022)**

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Mon	29	21	32	11	2	5	1	1	1	6	4	5	9	8	7	6	10	14	10	9	10	7	6	9
Tues	13	21	21	6	1	1	1	1	3	5	6	6	11	10	4	5	14	11	5	13	9	4	12	9
Wed	21	15	21	5	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	9	10	8	6	9	11	12	8	8	11	11	13
Thurs	24	20	26	6	2		2	1	2	4	3	6	10	13	8	20	8	11	11	8	10	14	11	14
Fri	27	27	35	13	4	6	2	2	2	4	2	4	11	8	7	15	11	6	19	10	15	27	19	42
Sat	59	59	72	56	13	6	1	1	2	9	7	11	5	4	13	9	14	18	18	23	34	31	38	54
Sun	110	122	100	93	27	7	3	1	3	2	4	4	6	3	5	8	14	11	8	14	15	12	9	18

**Non City Centre Common Assaults (April 2017 – March 2022)**

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Mon	172	24	22	17	12	13	9	14	33	44	44	26	64	49	37	69	62	86	67	77	66	53	47	38
Tues	117	25	19	20	10	10	13	17	30	43	40	28	78	53	35	70	57	68	55	63	56	51	63	39
Wed	104	33	25	21	10	9	12	22	33	31	40	27	66	54	41	88	60	60	76	72	55	56	61	48
Thurs	138	28	19	13	8	11	11	24	33	49	42	34	62	48	59	66	74	59	79	81	61	70	77	56
Fri	171	32	27	21	6	13	7	21	29	49	43	32	77	49	33	91	66	61	90	75	83	92	123	82
Sat	138	70	69	42	20	27	13	15	31	50	33	36	64	50	52	66	60	85	88	73	86	124	110	108
Sun	206	99	59	73	30	18	15	29	23	31	38	45	74	48	44	53	59	65	96	78	75	61	62	53

**City Centre Serious Assaults (April 2017 – March 2022)**

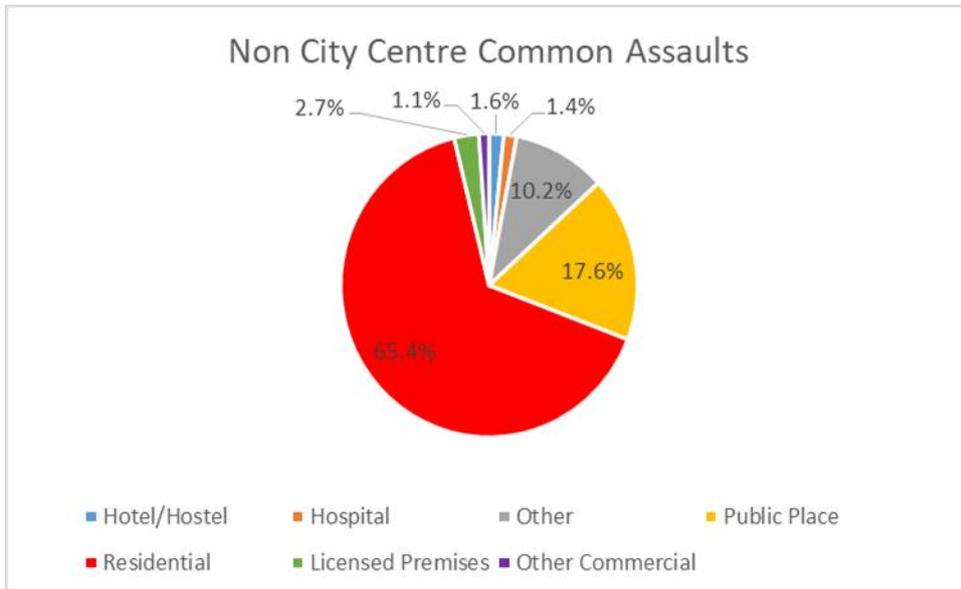
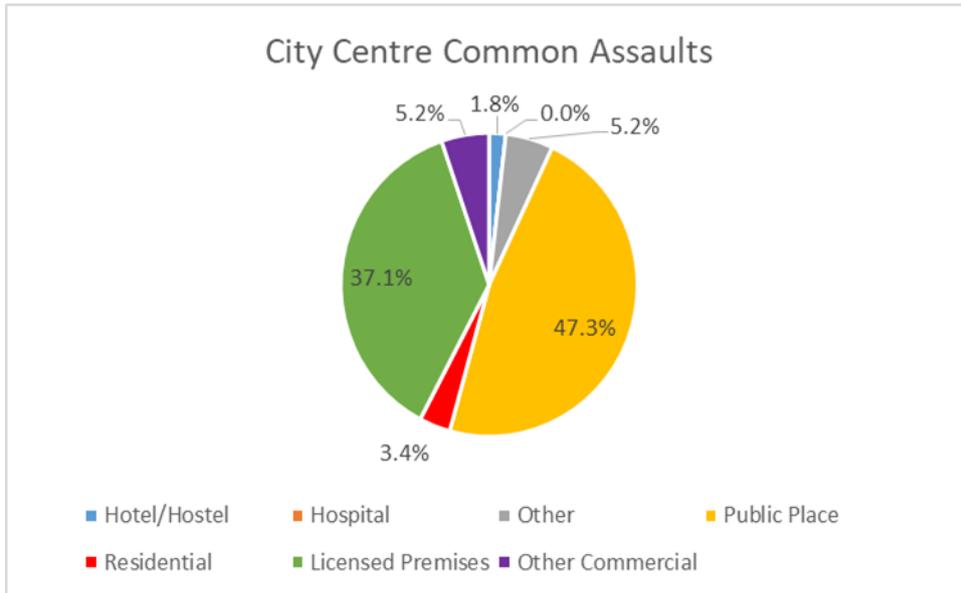
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Tues	2	5	4	1												1		2				1	1	1
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Thurs	4	4	13	2	1									1				1				1	2	1
Fri		9	8	3		1						1		2		3					3	4	1	6
Sat	3	8	9	12	2	1								1		1	1	3	1	2	3	4	4	7
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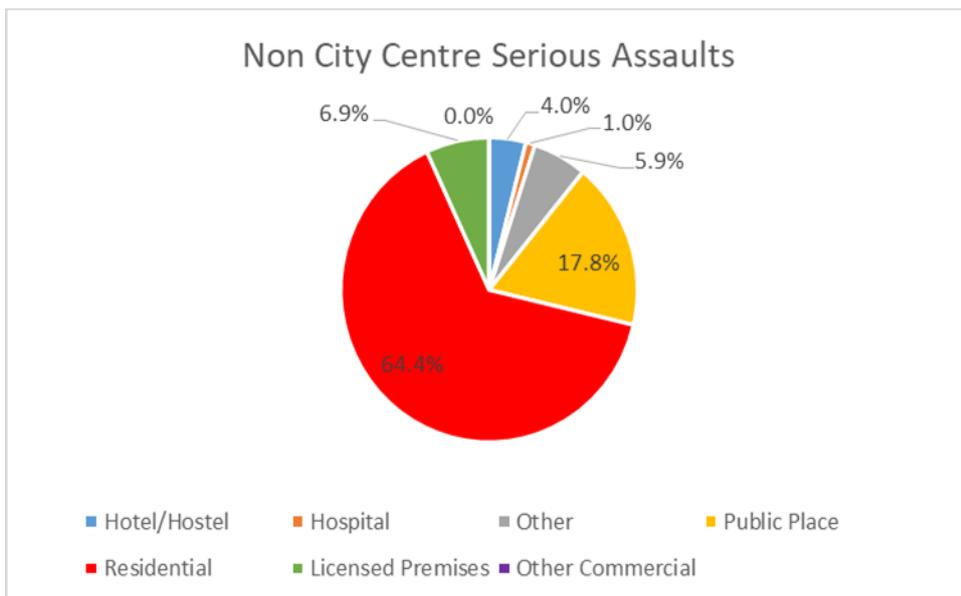
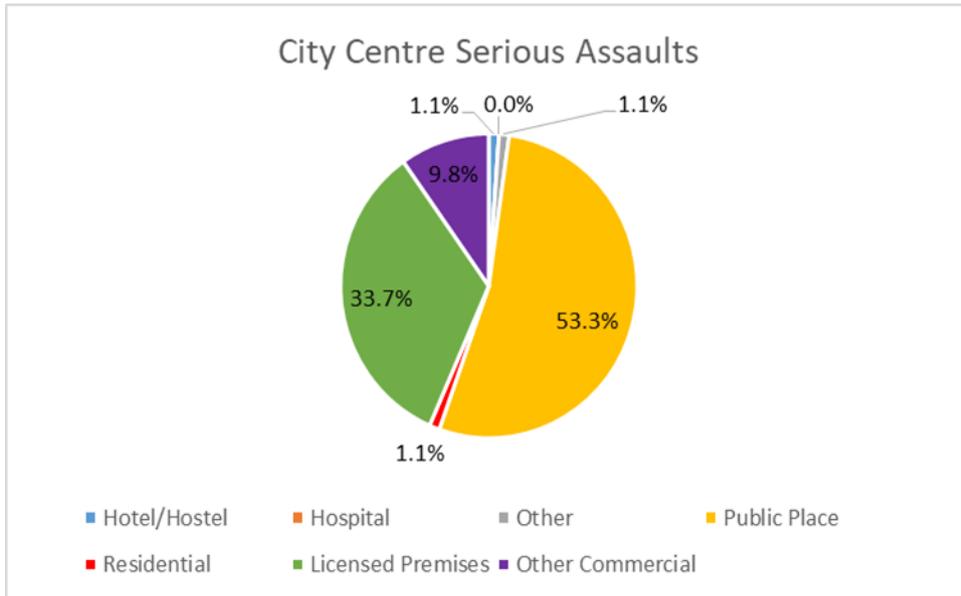
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Mon	3		1	1		2	1		3	2		2	1		1	1	3	5	10	6	4	5	5	3
Tues	2	3	1	3	3		1	1		1			6	1	3	6	4	5	10	5	2	5	4	4
Wed	4	1	1	1	4	1				2				1	3	1		3	4	9	4	4	9	7
Thurs	9	2	2	2		1			1	2	3		1	2	2	3	1	3	4	4	4	2	3	3
Fri	10	3		1	1	2	1		1	1	1	2	5	2	3	2	1	2	13	8	7	6	8	5
Sat	18	7	9	5	7	5	2	1	1				1	2	3	2	4	4	6	4	6	10	11	12
Sun	24	10	8	8	5	2	2	5	1	4		4	5	1	1	5	1	2	3	5	2	3	3	2

**City Centre and Non City Centre Common Assault Locations  
(April 2017 – March 2022) 0000-0400 Hours Sat & Sun**



**City Centre and Non City Centre Serious Assault Locations  
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**Alcohol related Antisocial Behaviour calls**

The following figures relate to instances of alcohol related antisocial behaviour reported to Police Scotland within Aberdeen City over the last 5 years. It should be noted that there is likely to be an under recording of these calls, as the addition of an 'alcohol' tag to an incident on the Police database relies on the quality of information provided to a call handler during the reporting process.

These instances often have detrimental effect on the quality of life within communities. The source of the alcohol is predominately off sales and there should be a strong emphasis on staff training in off sale premises that allow them to identify individuals with alcohol issues, such as addiction and to empower staff to refuse sale.

The excessive consumption of alcohol continues to cause a significant drain on police resources, in particular when seeking a place of safety for those who are heavily intoxicated. Officers can be committed to such incidents for several hours to ensure an individual's wellbeing and to complete the necessary administrative work.

The various charts and tables evidence the association of alcohol and the Weekend night time economy with Antisocial Behaviour.

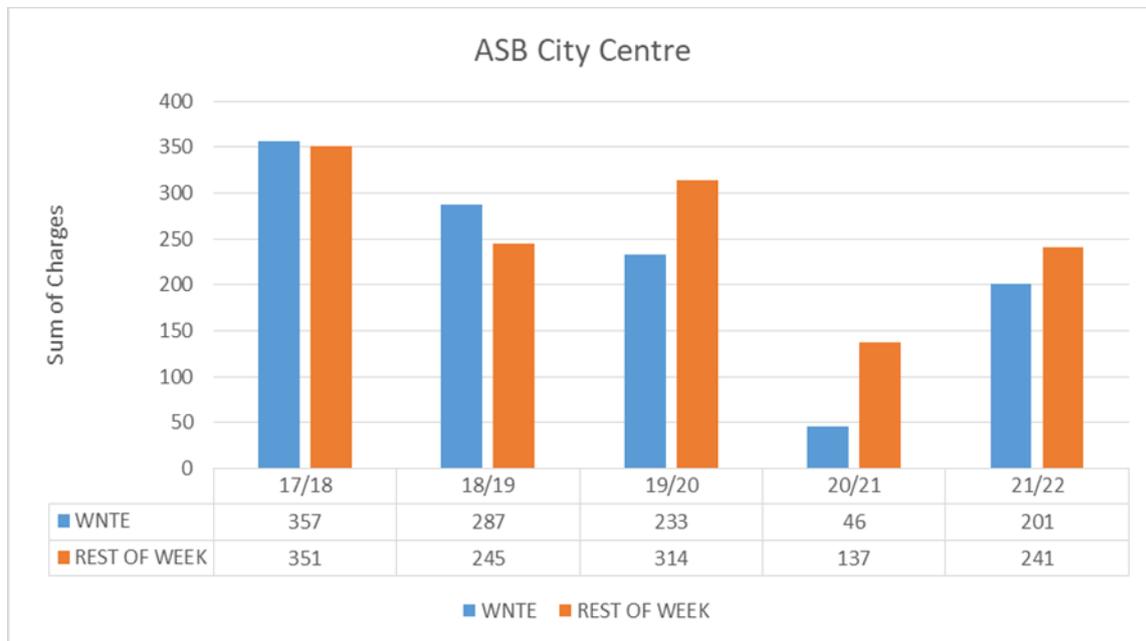
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**WNTE** – Weekend night time economy

<b>Aberdeen City</b>			
	Alcohol related ASB Youth Calls	Alcohol related ASB Non-Youth Calls	Alcohol related ASB Calls Total
17/18	2	660	662
18/19	6	566	572
19/20	4	456	460
20/21	11	430	441
21/20	15	348	363

### AS6 Anti-social behaviour offences City Centre

- Breach of the peace
- Licensing, Disorderly on licensed premises, or refuse to quit
- Refusing to quit licensed premises
- Licensing, Drunk and attempt to enter licensed premises
- Threatening or Abusive Behaviour
- Threatening or Abusive Behaviour of a Retail Worker

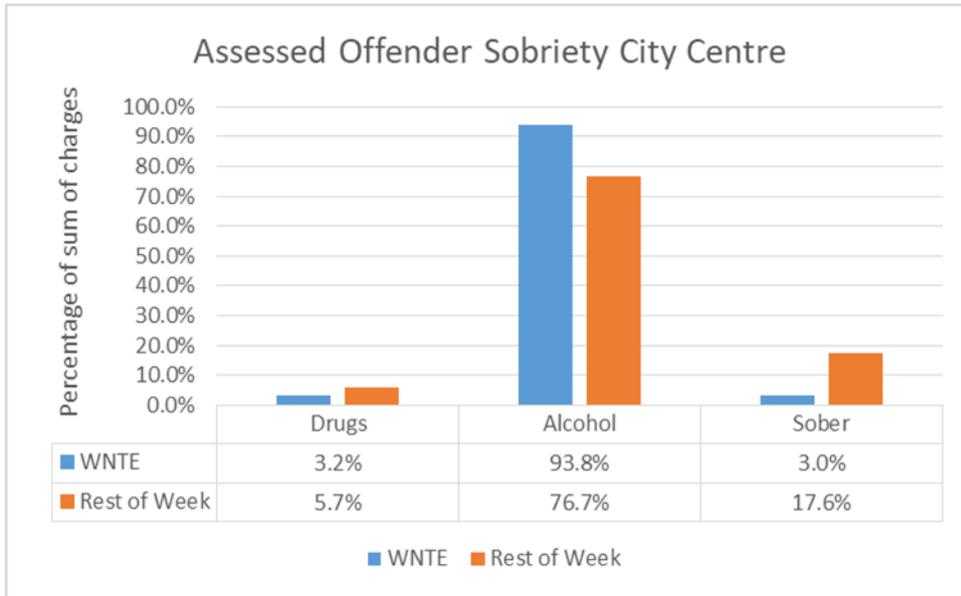


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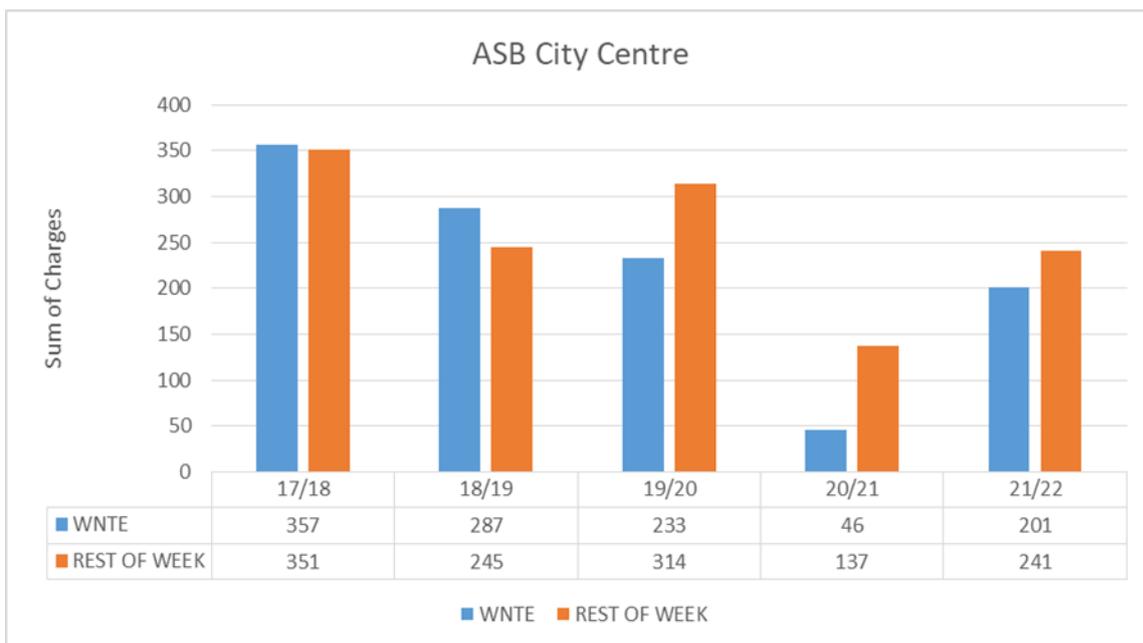
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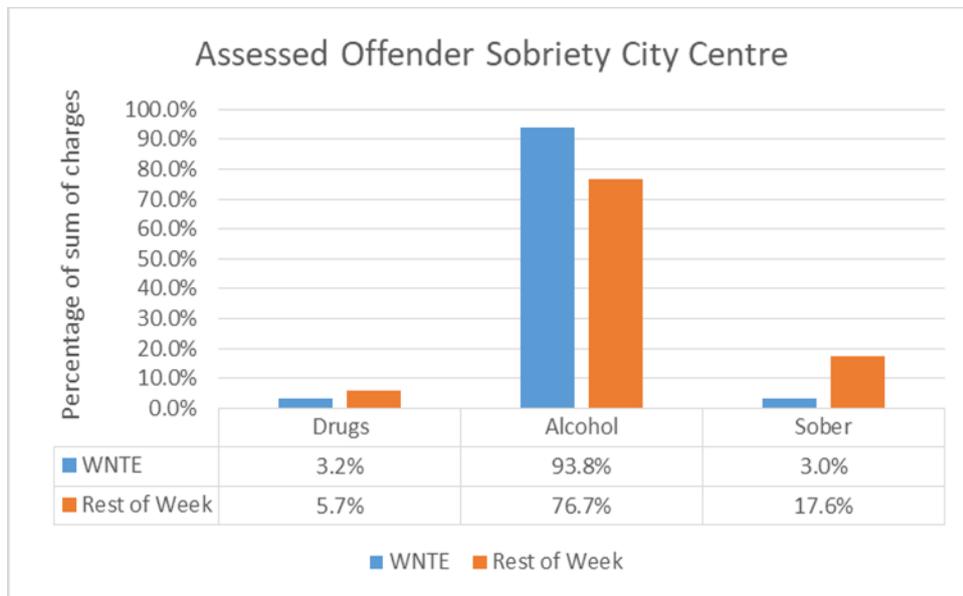
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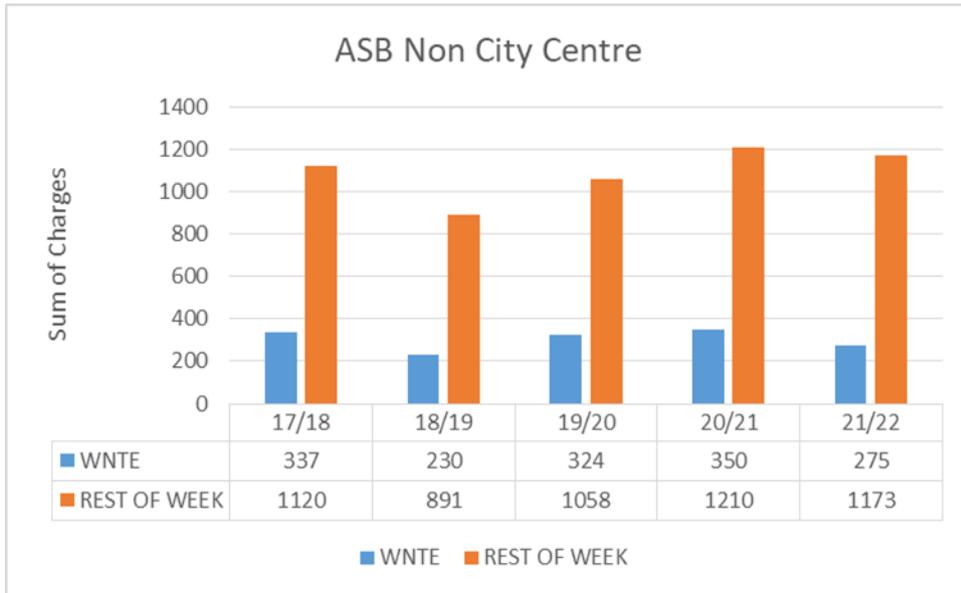
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**Anti-social behaviour offences – All other areas of Aberdeen**

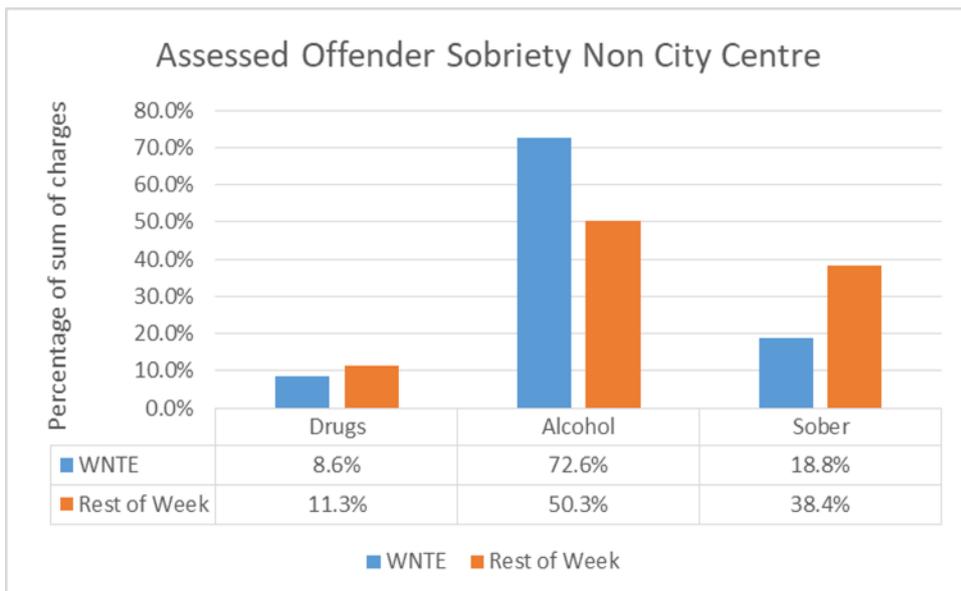
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**Sobriety - accused/suspect Drugs/drunk/had been drinking/sober. All other areas of Aberdeen (April 2017 – March 2022)**

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**City Centre ASB (April 2017 – March 2022)**

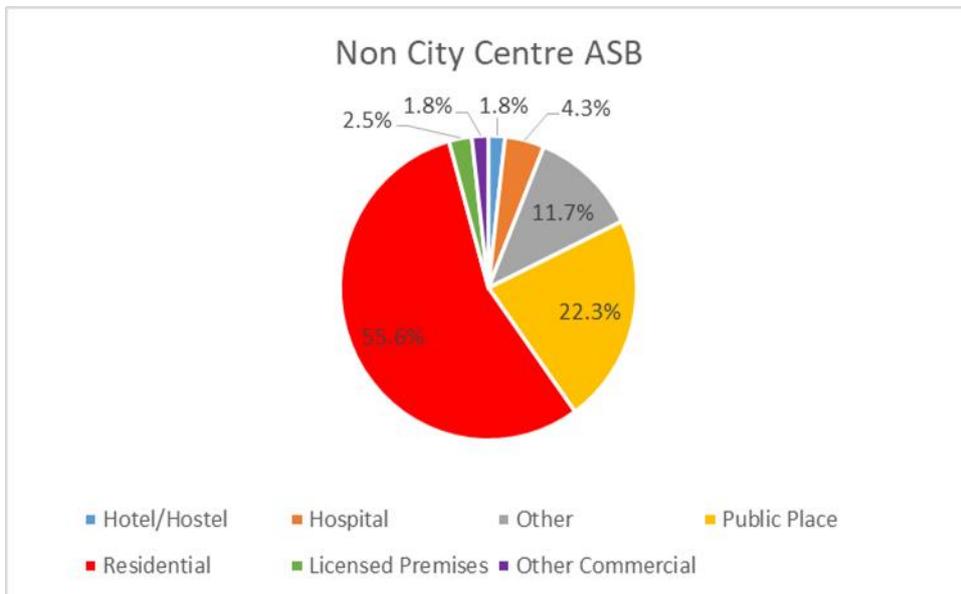
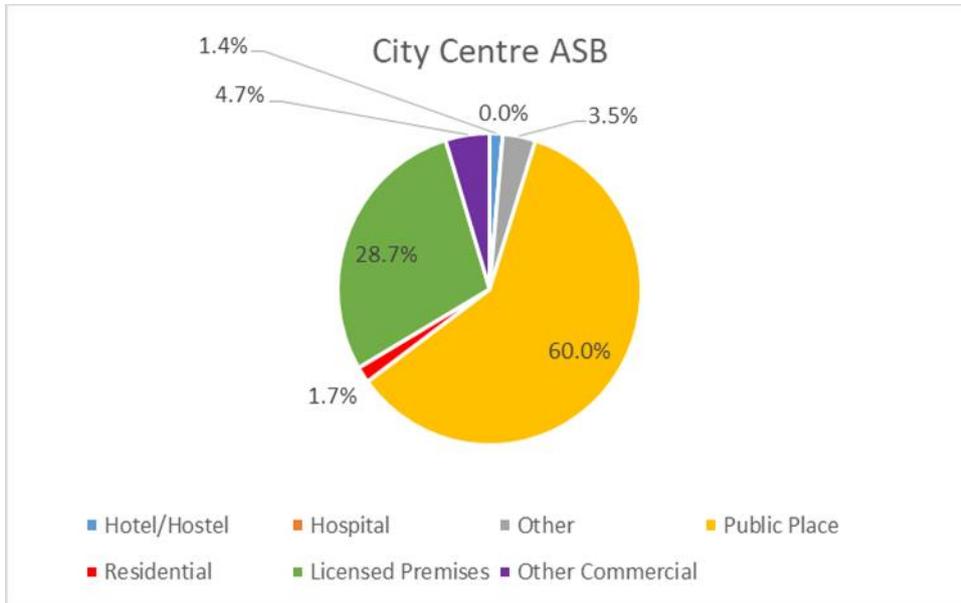
These tables provide strong evidence of the association of late night drinking with peak occurrences of antisocial behaviour.

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Mon	24	26	22	12	2	1		5	2	4	4	11	9	9	8	12	7	16	8	14	6	5	10	6
Tues	22	18	11	7	5		1		2	3	6	12	3	15	8	10	10	5	11	9	14	6	12	14
Wed	15	11	23	8	1	1		1	2	1	3	7	9	11	11	8	12	11	15	9	4	10	12	17
Thurs	17	25	20	6	2	3	4	2		4	8	12	4	13	6	19	11	11	13	13	7	7	13	11
Fri	30	27	28	7	7	4	1	1	1	3	9	5	7	9	10	8	16	5	16	11	7	23	20	29
Sat	68	73	84	72	10	7	6	4	3	5	8	3	5	4	5	5	7	8	11	20	33	27	37	72
Sun	104	123	108	101	27	7	2	4	1	1	4	4	4	15	11	8	11	11	9	14	12	22	14	21

**Non City Centre ASB (April 2017 – March 2022)**

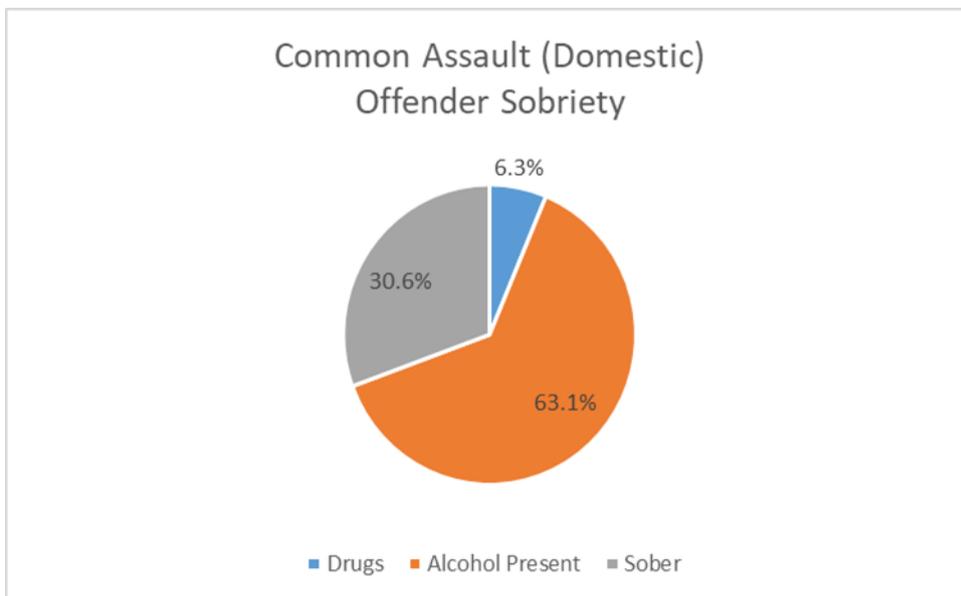
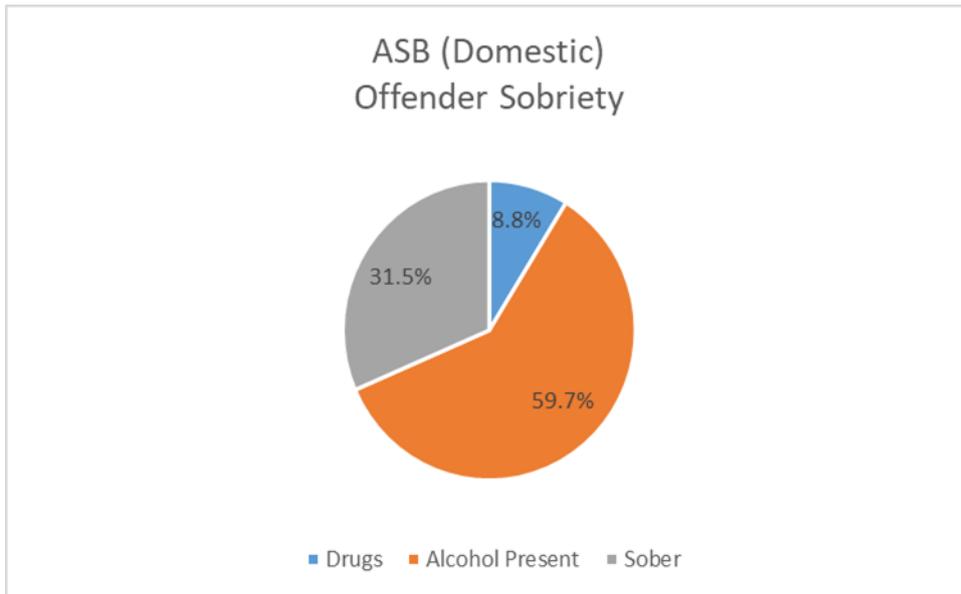
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Tues	47	25	17	10	8	5	8	8	18	34	36	28	48	44	50	66	55	53	59	56	56	51	35	38
Wed	43	29	18	12	9	8	10	16	19	18	52	34	48	27	41	87	58	52	66	56	56	59	52	33
Thurs	46	21	10	15	4	9	8	16	33	24	34	44	48	57	62	66	60	73	57	74	41	48	53	34
Fri	64	30	22	19	9	13	8	15	19	18	22	29	52	45	38	75	58	58	50	71	72	56	63	73
Sat	65	56	35	33	24	7	15	11	27	36	35	35	52	39	50	57	58	62	59	62	62	79	87	79
Sun	103	63	57	42	33	16	14	17	16	24	25	34	54	40	53	53	50	45	51	53	53	55	32	41

**City Centre and Non City Centre ASB Locations  
(April 2017 – March 2022) 0000-0400 Hours Sat & Sun**

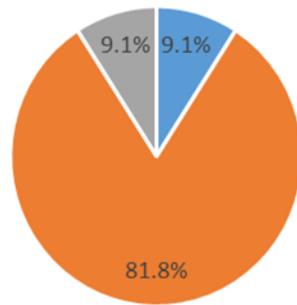


**Domestic Violence linked to Sobriety (April 2017 – March 2022)**

The following three Pie Charts strongly demonstrate the association between the consumption of alcohol and domestic violence.



Serious Assault (Domestic)  
Offender Sobriety



■ Drugs ■ Alcohol Present ■ Sober

## **Police Overtime**

The following information relates to the hours of overtime incurred by Police Scotland within Aberdeen City that is attributable Officers being detained on duty as a direct result of policing the weekend night time economy. It is important to note that these figures exclude overtime indirectly attributable to the weekend night time economy, such as alcohol related incidents out with town centres.

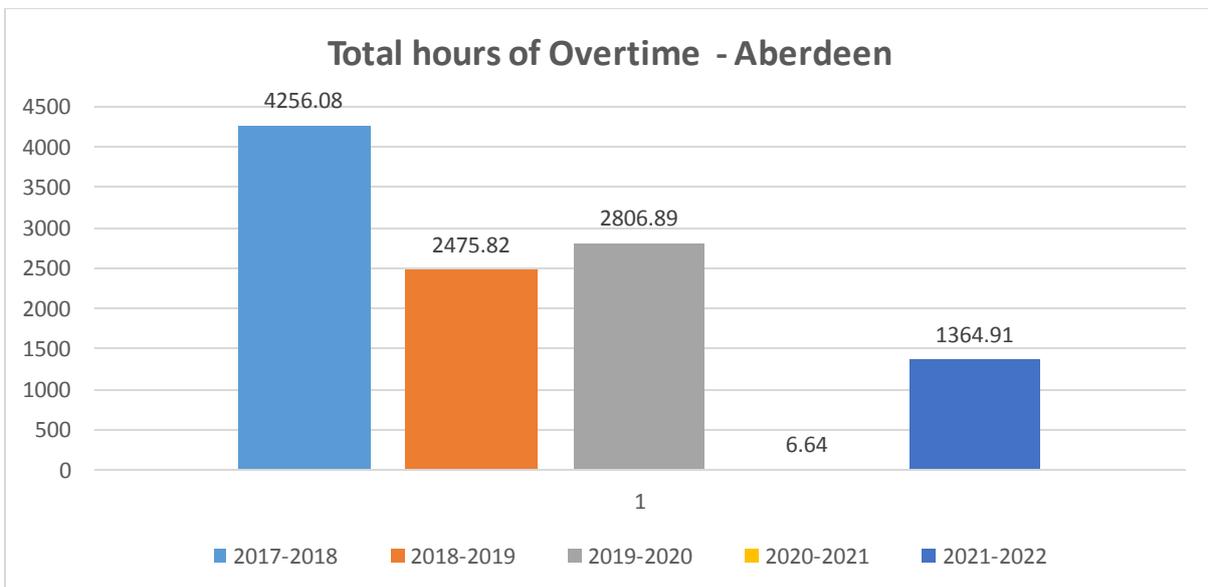
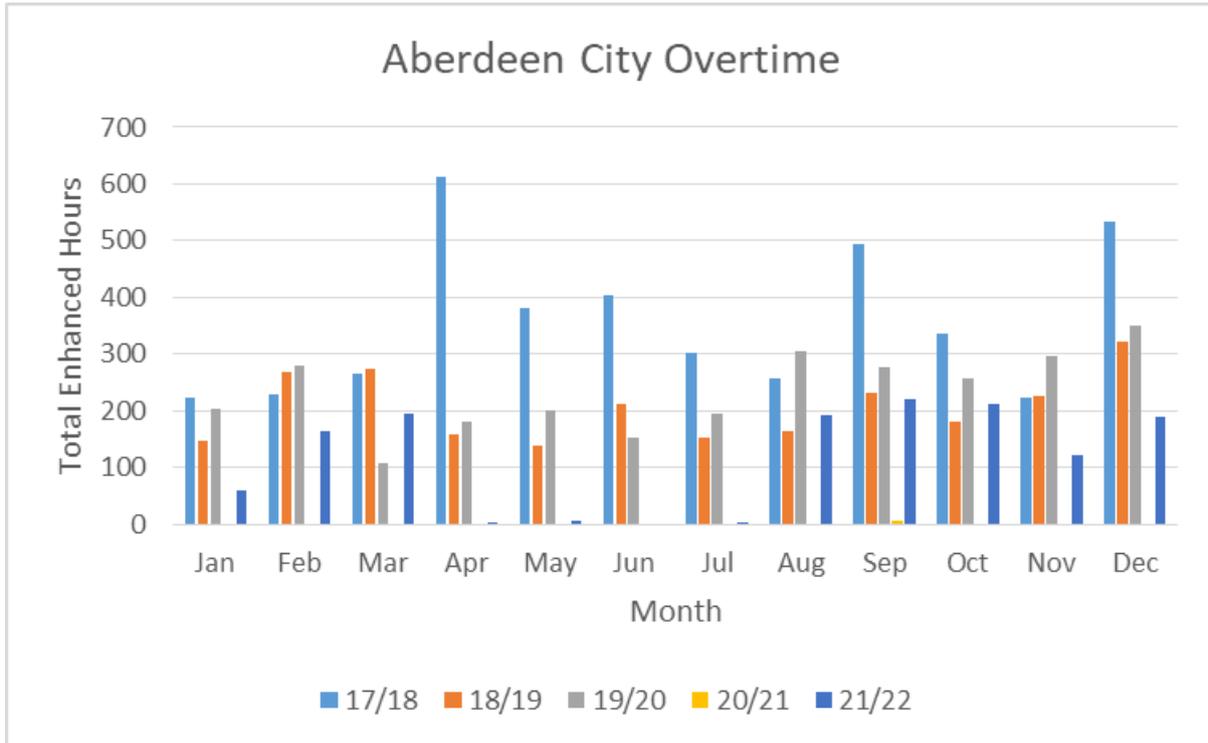
As you will see from the following charts and data, there is a continuing trend that shows a decrease in the amount overtime incurred over the last five years. However, cognisance should be taken of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 data which shows the effects of the COVID lockdowns and the arrival of the current slowdown in the national economy.

The 2020-2021 data provides an opportunity to compare data from 'normal' years such as 2017-18 & 2018-19 with 2020-2021 when there was no weekend night economy. The difference highlights the additional 'man hours' that Officers have to work in order to tackle the consequences of late night drinking.

Police Scotland Officers have two shifts which cover the weekend night time economy. Late shift (1700 – 0300) and nightshift (2200-0700). Overtime relating to the night time economy is predominately incurred by officers who are working a late shift duty. As you will note the finish time of a late shift coincides with the 0300 hours closing time. It is common practice for late shift officers to be automatically held on duty until 0400 hours to accommodate the increase in demand that occurs at closing time which cannot be managed nightshift officers alone.

Significant work has been done to balance resources to meet the competing demands throughout the day but the organisation's options are limited. Police Scotland have to ensure there is sufficient staffing on duty to mitigate the risks presented by the weekend night time economy. Having staff available at 0300 hours impacts on the number of Officers available at other times of the day which has an adverse effect on the service we can provide. I propose that any new applications for late licenses be restricted to a 0200 hours finish. I appreciate the Board cannot alter existing licences that have closing times of 0300 but over time, the 0200 hours closing time could be reinforced as new premises applications are made.

A 0200 closing time, would reduce staffing pressures not just for Police Scotland but for other public services, such as the NHS and reduce costs to the public purse.



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<b>Month</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Jan	222.68	146.39	204.84	0	58.59	<b>632.5</b>
Feb	227.99	268.55	280.52	0	164.12	<b>941.18</b>
Mar	265.55	274.82	107.13	0	195.22	<b>842.72</b>
Apr	611.71	157.09	181.41	0	4	<b>954.21</b>
May	382.1	139.24	201.11	0	5.98	<b>728.43</b>
Jun	402.34	210.77	152.88	0	0	<b>765.99</b>
Jul	301.25	153.36	193.67	0	1.66	<b>649.94</b>
Aug	256.79	165.2	305.87	0	193.31	<b>921.17</b>
Sep	493.66	232.65	277	6.64	219.69	<b>1229.64</b>
Oct	336.36	179.81	256.61	0	212.48	<b>985.26</b>
Nov	223.41	226.65	296.69	0	120.8	<b>867.55</b>
Dec	532.24	321.29	349.16	0	189.06	<b>1391.75</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4256.08</b>	<b>2475.82</b>	<b>2806.89</b>	<b>6.64</b>	<b>1364.91</b>	<b>10910.34</b>

**The NHS submission**

There is no need to repeat what is included in the report written by the NHS, however it was completed in consultation with our Chief Inspector from Partnership and Interventions. Police Scotland fully support the report submitted by the NHS in respect of the Statement of Policy Review.