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Local police area of Västervik and the local survey

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The Local Police Area of Västervik has for many years used the same survey as Helsingborg for community policing purposes. The Police Area is responsible for policing six municipalities, consisting of mostly rural areas and small towns. The annual survey provides important upcoming signals about how people in rural areas and small towns feel safe or whether they are vulnerable to crime. In the small village of Edsbruk, the Police could 2019 detect in the survey that people who live in apartments in the countryside experienced heavy problems with drug abusers and criminals. The municipality received signs that people were afraid to go out at nights and felt badly about speeding. With the help of In-depth analyses and performance targets collaborated Police and the Municipality officers during a long period. It was possible to evaluate if the objectives are met. The situation was heavily improved. The positive results are deep-rooted 2022 and visible in the annually safety surveys. The municipality of Mönsterås is a small municipality that took great responsibility in 2016 when many refugees arrived in Sweden. Many of the refugees resided in or near the central parts of the municipality. The figures in the 2016 safety survey showed that people feel insecure going outside alone at night and being in the Village Centre. The increased presence of many stragglng youths albeit not participating in criminal activity were one reason due to analysis. At the same time well-known local petty criminals and addicts was present in the same central parts. By taking a series of measures linked to increased local police and municipality presence, several of the problems could be resolved in a way accepted by all involved. Residents reported in the local safety survey a clear improvement continuously in the period 2019 - 2022.