

Attachment 1 Indicator Selection Criteria

1. Reliable

- Obtainable from a reliable or official source eg Statistics NZ, Quality of Life Survey, MSD Social Report, Ministry of Health survey
- Statistically sound

2. Valid

- Grounded in research and measures what we want it to measure, not a by-product (the indicator is based on research that is generally accepted by specialists and the methods used to obtain the data are rigorous)

3. Repeatable

- Able to be collated regularly and consistently in future to enable progress of indicator to be tracked over time through a time series analysis

4. Easily understandable

- Simple and easy to understand and communicate

5. Aggregation / disaggregation

- The indicator can be broken down to a regional level
- Where possible the indicator may be aggregated up or disaggregated to the territorial authority level

6. Culturally meaningful and relevant (ethnicity)

- Representative of a multi-cultural region – tolerance and inclusiveness of newcomers
- Recognises the special role of tangata whenua in the Wellington region

7. Available and cost effective

- Uses existing information wherever possible
- Data can be obtained at a realistic and reasonable cost both in terms of financial cost and time constraints

8. Shows changes

- Can indicate if measure is better or worse off over time

9. Leading indicator

- Gives early warning of changes
- Identifies causes to consider the present situation