Appendix Four

Social Cohesion Measurement Framework

Outcome: People, families, whānau and communities are CONNECTED and feel like they BELONG

This means people:

- have strong social networks and support systems that provide a source of positive, meaningful interaction
- feel a sense of belonging to a community which includes those based on:
 - Identity (whakapapa/whanaungatanga, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, age, faith)
 - Place (tūrangawaewae, marae, neighbourhoods, cities, regions, and including New Zealand as a whole)
 - Interest (sport, arts, unions/employee networks)

Key indicators	What we can measure	Data source
Social contact	Proportion of people who have weekly face-to face contact with family and friends	General Social Survey (core content)
	Mean rating - connection with people in neighbourhood	General Social Survey (2018 supplement - Due to be updated in 2024)
Access to support systems	Proportion of people reporting it would be easy or above easy to get help if they were going through a difficult time	General Social Survey (core content) Whataboutme? Survey
Isolation and loneliness	Proportion of people who felt isolated and lonely	General Social Survey (core content)
Positive meaningful social connections	Proportion of people reporting the amount of contact with family and friends is about the right amount of contact	General Social Survey (core content)
	Proportion of young people who feel they get enough time to spend with their friends	Whataboutme? survey
Sense of belonging to community	Proportion of people who feel a sense of belonging to their family Proportion of people who feel a sense of belonging to their marae	General Social Survey (2016 supplement – to be updated

	Proportion of people who feel a sense of belonging to their religion	in 2021 survey)
	Proportion of people who feel a sense of belonging to their place of employment	
Sense of belonging to place	Proportion of people who feel a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood	General Social Survey (2016 supplement – to be updated in 2021)
	Proportion of people who feel a sense of belonging to their region	General Social Survey (2016 supplement – to be updated in 2021)
	Proportion of people who feel a sense of belonging to New Zealand as a whole	General Social Survey (core content) Whataboutme? Survey
	Proportion of Māori who feel very strongly or strongly connected to their tūrangawaewae	Te Kupenga

his m	leans people:
•	have a focus on the collective good and sense of solidarity
•	do things for each other, are actively involved and contribute to whanau and communities
	(including through tikanga, mahi aroha and volunteering)
•	take part in arts, culture, sports and leisure activities
•	are involved and participating in political and civic life (including at the local and national
	levels).
•	are actively involved or participating in employment, education or training

Key indicators	What we can measure	Data source
Solidarity/reciprocity	Proportion of people who consider	Quality of life
	that it is important to them to feel	Survey
	a sense of community with people	
	in their neighbourhood	
Unpaid contributions/volunteering	Proportion of people who	General Social
	volunteered formally (for an	Survey (core
	organisation) or informally (direct	content)
	help for people who don't live with	
	them)	
Club/association membership	Proportion of people who belong to	General Social
	a group, club or organisation	Survey 2016

	Proportion of young people who are part of groups, clubs and teams	Whataboutme? survey
Sports/cultural participation	Proportion of people who participate in sports and recreational activities	General Social Survey (core content)
	Proportion of people who participate in cultural activities	General Social Survey (core content)
Employment	Labour Force Participation Rate (number of persons who are employed and unemployed but looking for a job divided by the total working-age population)	Household Labour Force Survey
Education and training	Proportion of people aged 15-24 years who are not in employment, education or training	Household Labour Force Survey
Civic participation - local	Proportion of enrolled voters who voted in a local government election	Voter turnout - Local Authority election administrative data
	Proportion of Māori who are registered with their iwi, are eligible to vote in the last iwi elections and voted in an iwi election in the last three years	Te Kupenga
Civic participation - central	Proportion of people who voted in the last general election	Electoral Commission administrative data

Outcome: People, families, whānau and communities are included and experience EQUITY

This means people:

- are economically and socially included through equitable access to the determinants of health and wellbeing (housing, education, employment, health)
- have a sense of purpose and are hopeful about the future.

Key indicators	What we can measure	Data source
Life satisfaction	Distribution of self-rated life	General Social
	satisfaction scores across	Survey (core
	demographic groups	content)

		Whataboutme? Survey
Sense of purpose	Distribution of self-rated life worthwhile scores across demographic groups	<i>General Social Survey (core content) Whataboutme? Survey</i>
Hope for future (Sense of satisfaction in 5 years time) and sense of control now core content	Distribution of self-rated future life satisfaction scores across demographic groups	General Social Survey
Family and whānau wellbeing	Distribution of self-rated family wellbeing scores across demographic groups	General Social Survey (core content) Whataboutme? Survey
Financial wellbeing	Distribution of self-rated financial wellbeing scores across demographic groups	General Social Survey (core content)
General health	Distribution of self-rated general health scores across demographic groups	General Social Survey
Mental wellbeing	Distribution of self-rated mental wellbeing scores across demographic groups	General Social Survey

Outcome: People, families, whānau and communities are RECOGNISED for who they are and RESPECT others

This means people:

- are connected to and find it easy to express their full selves (including language, cultural practices, faith, sexual orientation) and are valued for who they are
- are free from discrimination
- feel safe
- accept and value diversity
- are willing to engage with others who have different views to them and people feel they can disagree respectfully

Key indicators	What we can measure	Data source
Connection to identity	Proportion of young people who	Whataboutme?
	have someone they can ask about	survey
	their culture, whakapapa or ethnic	
	group	
	Proportion of young people who	Whataboutme?
	can have a conversation in the	survey
	language of their ethnic or cultura	
	group	

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	Proportion of Māori who have discussed and explored their whakapapa or family history in the previous 12 months	Te Kupenga
	Proportion of Māori adults who have been to a marae in the previous year and know their ancestral marae	Te Kupenga
	Proportion of Māori adults who can speak, understand, read or write Te reo Māori fairly well	Te Kupenga
	Proportion of Māori who engaged in cultural practice in the previous 12 months	Te Kupenga
Ability to express identity	Proportion of people who felt it was easy or very easy to express	General Social Survey
	their identity in New Zealand	Whataboutme? Survey
Experience of discrimination	Proportion of people who experienced discrimination in the last 12 months	General Social Survey
Perception of discrimination as an issue	Proportion of people who consider racism or discrimination towards particular groups of people has been a problem in their city/local area over the past 12 months	<i>Quality of Life Survey</i>
Acceptance of diversity	Proportion of people who are accepting of others based on ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability or language spoken	General Social Survey
Value of diversity	Proportion of people who felt that Māori culture and cultural practices were important characteristics when defining New Zealand	<i>General Social Survey 2016</i>
	Proportion of people who felt that multiculturalism and ethnic diversity were important characteristics when defining New Zealand	<i>General Social Survey 2016</i>
Willingness to engage with others	Current gap identified	
Perception that people can disagree respectfully	Current gap identified	

Outcome: People, families, whānau and communities TRUST each other and institutions

This means people:

- have high levels of trust in others
- feel like they are represented in decision making positions
- feel like their voice is heard
- feel they are treated fairly
- believe services will meet their needs
- have confidence that issues will be addressed.

Key institutions and systems are: Parliament, Health, Justice, Social Welfare, Education, Transport, Local government, Immigration, Housing, Environment, Media and Arts and Culture.

Key indicators	What we can measure	Data source
Trust in others	Mean rating - trust held for others	General Social Survey
Perception of representation	Current gap identified	
Perception that voice is heard	Proportion of people who feel the public has influence on the decisions their Council makes	Quality of Life Survey
Trust in institutions	Mean trust rating in Parliament	General Social Survey
	Mean trust rating for police, the education system, courts, and the health system	General Social Survey
	Mean trust rating for the media	General Social Survey
	Mean trust rating in the private sector brand	KiwisCount survey
	Average corruption perception index score	Transparency International Corruption Perception Index

Perception of fair treatment

Current gap identified

Outcome: The places people live, work, play and learn are safe, inclusive and supportive

This means our built, natural and online environments:

- are physically, culturally, and spiritually safe
- are inclusive and accessible to individuals, whanau and communities with different needs
- support community and whanau-building activities
- supports positive interactions between different communities.

Key indicators

What we can measure

Data source

Perceived safety (where people live)	Proportion of people who feel safe walking alone in their neighbourhood at night/if home alone at night/if using or waiting for public transport at night	General Social Survey
Physical safety (where people work)	Current gap – perceived safety at work Proportion of young people who feel safe at work	Whataboutme? survey
Physical safety (where people play)	Current gap – perceived safety in places we play	
	Proportion of people who are extremely concerned about the following aspects of the internet cyberbullying, online crime, forums for extremist material and hate speech, misleading or wrong information and conspiracy theories	Internet perceptions survey General Social Survey 2022
Physical safety (where people learn)	Proportion of young people who feel safe at school	Whataboutme? survey
Victimisation	Percentage of New Zealanders aged 15 years and older who said they had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months.	<i>Crime and Victims survey</i>
Cultural safety	Current gap identified	
Spiritual safety	Current gap identified	
Inclusion and accessibility (where people live)	Proportion of people who find it easy or very easy to access key public facilities (including nearest doctor or medical centre, nearest supermarket or dairy, and public transport)	<i>General Social Survey 2018 (due to be repeated in 2024)</i>
	Proportion of people who were unable to visit the GP due to cost in the past 12 months	NZ Health Survey
	Proportion of people who experienced discrimination at any stage during school, trying to get a job, at work, trying to get housing or a mortgage, dealing with the police or courts, trying to get medical care, trying to get	<i>General Social Survey</i>

	service in a shop or restaurant, on the street or in a public place	
Inclusion and accessibility (where people work)	Proportion of public servants who feel their agency supports and promotes an inclusive workplace	Te Taunaki - Public Service Census
Inclusion and accessibility (where people play)	Proportion of people who have access to telecommunication systems, such as a cellphone or mobile phone, a landline telephone, or the internet	Census 2018
Inclusion and accessibility (where people learn)	Current gap – inclusive learning	
Supportive environments (where people live)	Proportion of people reporting a sense of pride in their area	Quality of Life Survey
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	People's perception of city as a great place to live	<i>Quality of Life</i> <i>Survey</i>
Supportive environments (where people work)	great place to live	
	great place to live Availability of public spaces?	

Outcome: Institutions and sectors are FAIR, RESPONSIVE and ACCOUNTABLE

This means they:

- reflect the diverse make-up of Aotearoa New Zealand (including at decision-making levels).
- develop policies, services and practices are accessible and effective in meeting diverse community aspirations and needs
- Undergo meaningful and effective consultation processes
- Collect diverse data to inform decision-making
- Develop policies and processes that are clear, transparent and reliable.

Key indicators	What we can measure	Data source
Representation	Demographic breakdown of	Electoral
	elected government members (local and general elections) compared to demographic make- up of New Zealand.	Commission Local Authority election administrative data
	Demographic make-up of the public sector workforce (ethnicity, gender, disability, age and	Te Taunaki - Public Service Census

	religion) compared to the overall New Zealand population	Public Service Workforce Data		
	Diversity in public sector senior leadership positions (Tier 1-3)	Public Service Workforce Data		
Accessibility and effectiveness	Current gap identified			
Meaningful consultation	Current gap identified			
Inclusive data collection practices	Current gap identified			
Transparency	Average corruption index score	Transparency International Corruption Perceptions index		
Accountability	Number of complaints to the Human Rights Commission, including the nature of complaints and proportion resolved Proportion of people who are satisfied with the human rights complaint mediation process	Human Rights Commission Annual Report Human Rights Commission Annual Report		
	Number of complaints to the Health and Disability Commission, including the nature of complaints and proportion resolved	Health and Disability Commission Annual Report		
	Proportion of people who are satisfied with the HDC advocacy service complaint mediation process	Health and Disability Commission Annual Report		

Key data sources

Data source	Description	Last updated/next update	Frequency	Subgroup analysis available
The General Social Survey	The General Social Survey provide information on the well-being of New Zealanders aged 15 years and over. It covers a wide range of social and economic outcomes, and shows how people in different groups within the	2018/2022	Biennial	Age group (15+), Gender ¹ , Ethnicity, Region and Migrant status, sexual identity ²

¹ Gender breakdown in the GSS does not currently include another Gender option

² Sexual identity includes (Heretosexual or straight, gay or lesbian, Bisexual, Other identities takatāpui, asexual, pansexual among others)

	New Zealand population are faring. The [contact with neighbourhood supplement] is due to be rerun in 2024 Sense of belonging to be collected again in GSS2021			
Te Kupenga	Te Kupenga is Stats NZ's survey of Māori wellbeing from a Māori perspective. It surveys almost 8,500 adults (aged 15 and over) of Māori ethnicity and/or descent to give an overall picture of the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of Māori.	2018/TBC	Biennial	Age group (15+), region, urban/rural, disability, sex
Whataboutme survey	The Whataboutme? survey has been developed to collect health and wellbeing data on up to 14,000 young people in secondary schools, alternative education units, kura kaupapa, and Youth One Stop Shops.	Due in 2022	Triennial	Gender identity, age, ethnicity
Quality of Life Survey	The Quality of Life Survey is a partnership between Auckland Council, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Hutt, Christchurch and Dunedin City Councils and Wellington Regional Council.	2020	Biennial	Council area
<i>Household Labour Force Survey</i>	The Household Labourforce survey helps provide New Zealand's official employment measures and provide an accurate picture of New Zealand's labour market. Approximately fifteen thousand (15,000) households take part in this survey	March 2022	Quarterly	Age, sex, ethnicity, disability, area

Gender	The Gender Attitudes	2021/2023	Biennial	Gender, Age (18+),
Attitudes Survey	survey tests attitudes around gender roles – at home, at school, at work and in the community with a sample of over 1000 New Zealanders.			Ethnicity
<i>New Zealand Health Survey</i>	The New Zealand Health Survey contains information about the health and wellbeing of New Zealanders. Over 13,000 adults and	2020/2021	Annual	Ethnicity, Disability, Age group
	the parents or primary caregivers of over 4,000 children take part in			
	the survey each year. The survey measures self- reported physical and mental health status,			
	risk and protective behaviours, as well as the use of healthcare services.			
<i>New Zealand Crime and Victims Survey</i>	The New Zealand Crime and Victims Survey collects information about New Zealanders' experience of crime. This survey asks 8,000 New Zealanders from all walks of life about their experiences.	2020/TBC	Annual	Age, sex, ethnicity, disability
Te Taunaki	Te Taunaki was a survey of approximately 60,000 public servants working in 36 Public Service agencies (departments and departmental agencies), including New Zealand employees based overseas. The survey questions focused on diversity, inclusion and wellbeing at work, a unified Public Service, and strengthening Māori-Crown relationships. The final overall response rate was 63.1%, representing the views and experiences of	2021/TBC		Ethnicity, Age, Gender,

	about 40,000 public servants.			
KiwisCount Survey	The survey gives valuable insight into people's views, trust and confidence in government and its role in society.	2022	Yearly	Age, Ethnicity, Gender, Region
Household Disability Survey	The Disability Survey is the primary source for estimating disability prevalence in New Zealand and provides detail about how well disabled people are faring compared with non-disabled people. The 2023 Disability Survey is the first national disability survey to be carried out since 2013.	2023		Disability, ethnicity, age, gender