

# Reports

We produce a variety of reports to present new insights, document our analytical methods, and evaluate the results of programmes and projects.

## Understanding service use at a local level

April 2021



### Description

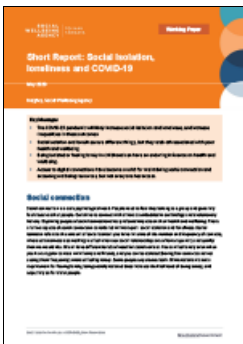
This project investigates how the local experience of a service may differ from nationally reported figures. We focused on the B4 School Check – a free health and development check available to four-year olds – using a geographic lens and describing the children and their families missing out on the B4SC at the local area level. This report provides an overview of the project and highlights the key high-level findings.

### Link/PDF

[Understanding service use at a local level \[PDF, 684 KB\]](#)

## Short Report: Social Isolation, Loneliness and COVID-19

April 2020



### Description

This short report presents key insights about those at risk of social isolation and loneliness from a literature review and descriptive analysis of the 2018 New Zealand General Social Survey. Specifically, insights are drawn about the effects this risk has on wellbeing and the likely impact of the COVID-19 Lockdown. This report is for government and non-government decision makers, researchers and evaluators, and others with an interest in the topic. The aim of is to add to the growing evidence base on the impacts of COVID-19.

The key insights are:

- The COVID-19 pandemic will likely increase social isolation and loneliness, and increase inequalities in these outcomes.
- Social isolation and loneliness are different things, but they are both associated with poor health and wellbeing.
- Being isolated or feeling lonely in childhood can have an enduring influence on health and wellbeing.
- Access to digital connections have become crucial for maintaining social connection and accessing wellbeing resources, but not everyone has access.

Note: This is a working paper.

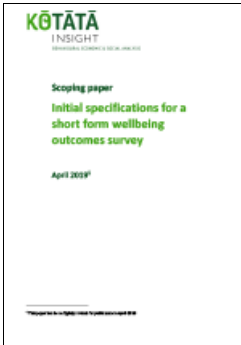
## Link/PDF

[Short Report: Social Isolation, Loneliness and COVID-19 \[PDF, 1 MB\]](#)

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## Initial specifications for a short form wellbeing outcomes survey

April 2020



### Description

This scoping paper was a preliminary desk-based exercise completed in 2019. It was prepared as the basis for consultation and possible development of a short wellbeing survey for small organisations. We are publishing it in 2020 because some found it useful to help data collection relating to Covid-19.

Note: This is a working paper.

## Link/PDF

[Initial specifications for a short form wellbeing outcomes survey \[PDF, 673 KB\]](#)

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## Implementation and emerging outcomes evaluation of the Place-Based Initiatives

March 2020



### Description

The purpose of the Place-Based Initiatives (PBI) model is to improve outcomes for at-risk children and their whānau by shifting collective decision-making and discretion to the local level. In 2016, Cabinet selected three PBI sites: Manaaki Tairāwhiti, South Auckland Social Wellbeing Board, and Kāinga Ora in Te Tai Tokerau. Kāinga Ora was disestablished in 2019. This report qualitatively evaluates the implementation and emerging outcomes of the PBIs.

## Link/PDF

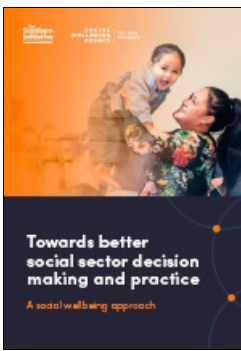
[Implementation and emerging outcomes evaluation of the Place-Based Initiatives \[PDF, 3.6 MB\]](#)

[\[Related\] PBI Success Framework Toolkit](#)

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## Towards better social sector decision making and practice - A social wellbeing approach

February 2020



## Description

A social wellbeing approach is about ‘real people’ – tamariki, rangatahi, whānau and communities – contributing to and benefitting from the work we do every day as researchers, data scientists, policy advisors or policy makers. It takes knowledge produced from science and data and makes it useful by melding it with the lived experiences of real people to create new insights for better social sector decision making and practice.

## Link/PDF

[Toward better social sector decision making and practice \[PDF, 2.2 MB\]](#)

[Quick guide \[PDF, 439 KB\]](#)

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## Measuring the impact of social housing placement on wellbeing

October 2019



## Description

We explore the impact of social housing on people’s wellbeing and find that generally people’s housing conditions and overall sense of life satisfaction improve as they move into social housing. This analysis builds upon our [earlier exploratory work \[PDF, 1.3 MB\]](#) by adding an extra year of survey data and by improving the rate at which administrative records are successfully linked to survey responses. Wellbeing outcomes for people before and after placement in social housing are then assessed.

## Link/PDF

[Measuring the impact of social housing placement on wellbeing \[PDF, 415 KB\]](#)

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## Exploring new ways to measure wellbeing: benefit to work transitions

August 2019



## Description

This paper examines how wellbeing outcomes change when people transition from benefit into paid employment. Using SIA’s methodology to connect wellbeing measures with social service usage, this study combines data from the New Zealand General Social Surveys with government administrative records.

Note: This is a working paper.

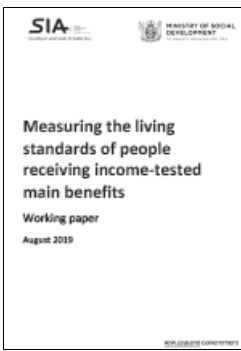
## Link/PDF

[Exploring new ways to measure wellbeing: benefit to work transitions \[PDF, 1.2 MB\]](#)

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## Measuring the living standards of people receiving income-tested main benefits

August 2019



## Description

To provide information on the living standards of individuals receiving income-tested main benefits compared with the working-age population not receiving an income-tested benefit, this paper uses data from the New Zealand General Social Surveys linked to government administrative records. A range of measures of hardship and wellbeing for individuals receiving a main benefit are considered.

Note: This is a working paper

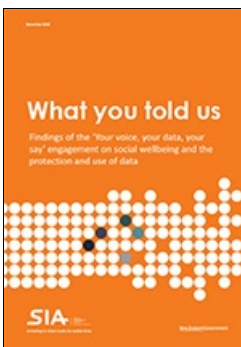
## Link/PDF

[Measuring the living standards of people receiving income-tested main benefits \[PDF, 492 KB\]](#)

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## What you told us

November 2018



## Description

Findings of the 'Your voice, your data, your say' engagement on social wellbeing and the protection and use of data.

## Link/PDF

[What you told us \[PDF, 802 KB\]](#)

[What you told us \[html\]](#)

[What you told us - Quick guide \[PDF, 416 KB\]](#)

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## From listening to learning

November 2018



## Description

The steps we took to analyse and sum up what we heard from 'Your voice, your data, your say' engagement on investing for social wellbeing and the protection and use of data.

## Link/PDF

[From listening to learning \[PDF, 476 KB\]](#)

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## Are we making a difference in the lives of New Zealanders – how will we know?

November 2018



### Description

We're developing a new approach to analyse the impact of social services on the wellbeing of New Zealanders. This can help funders, providers and others understand whether these services are making a genuine and lasting difference to people's lives, and inform better decisions about where to focus effort to improve people's wellbeing.

**Note:** This is a working paper.

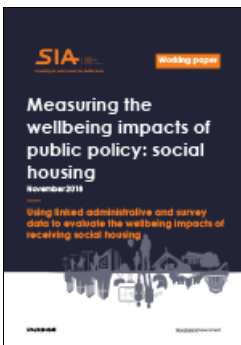
### Link/PDF

[Are we making a difference in the lives of New Zealanders – how will we know? \[PDF, 1.8 MB\]](#)

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## Measuring the wellbeing impacts of public policy: social housing

November 2018



### Description

Our new working paper 'Measuring the wellbeing impacts of public policy: social housing' examines the impact of placement in social housing on peoples' wellbeing. The paper tests a novel method of combining administrative and survey data to connect wellbeing measures with social service usage and includes preliminary results.

**Note:** This is a working paper.

### Link/PDF

[Measuring the wellbeing impacts of public policy: social housing \[PDF, 1.3 MB\]](#)

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## Your voice, your data, your say: Summary engagement update part B

October 2018



### Description

Included in this update is a summary of what we heard from service users and dedicated Māori and Pacific hui participants between 4th August and 7th September.

### Link/PDF

[Summary engagement update part B \[PDF, 738 KB\]](#)

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## Your voice, your data, your say: Summary engagement update part A

August 2018



### Description

Included in this update is a summary of what we heard from non-government organisations (NGOs)/service providers, regional government agency staff and a number of government agencies at a national level between 31st May and 3rd August.

## Link/PDF

[Summary engagement update part A \[PDF, 547 KB\]](#)

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## Social housing test case

June 2017



### Description

We've completed our first social investment test case: social housing. We crunched the numbers on social housing to help understand what benefits there are for those living in a social house.

### Link/PDF

[Social housing test case \[html\]](#)

[Social housing technical report \[PDF, 2 MB\]](#)

[Peer review \(Tom Love, Sapere research group\) \[PDF, 127 KB\]](#)

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