Buller Community Profile FAQs

Whose project is this?

The Buller Interagency Forum initiated the Profile in 2015 in response to their concerns about the increasing pressure being experienced by local services (including health, social and education) as a result of major job losses in mining and other industries and other population changes in the Buller District.

How was the information for the Profile gathered?

To help identify how best to support the Buller community, Community and Public Health (CPH) and Pete Howard, Buller Community Development Facilitator (based at Buller REAP), carried out a stocktake of social services in the Buller District. More than 80 interviews were carried out with people working in the health, social service and education sectors in Buller from late 2015 to March 2016. The CPH Information Team in Christchurch also gathered relevant reports and statistical information for the Community Profile.

What use will the Profile have?

The Community Profile is a snapshot in time that will enable the development of a set of baseline indicators and help to clearly identify local priorities. The Profile will also provide information on what is currently available and identify community need generally.

What happens next with the Profile?

The Buller Interagency Forum will be meeting within the next week to create an action plan based on the information in the Profile. This will include how each agency plans to look at ways of using the information to better service their communities; and how the agencies will collectively and strategically deal with duplication or gaps in services.

Will the Profile be available to the public?

Yes, the Profile will be available on the West Coast District Health Board website, the Community and Public Health website, Buller REAP website, and will be available for all Buller Interagency Forum members to distribute either through their own websites or in other ways.

It's pretty long. Where do I find a short version?

There's a summary of the Profile's key themes on the West Coast DHB website, the Community and Public Health website and Buller REAP website. There are summary brochures available to download.

Who is going to take notice of this Profile?

All those involved in the Buller Interagency Forum have a vested interested in understanding, analysing and using the Profile information to better plan their services. Anyone who works with the Buller community will find the information useful.