



June 2019

Our regular updates enable us to keep you informed of upcoming activity including PEN events and engagement or consultation work across Tameside and Glossop which may be of interest to you.

We want to invite as many people as possible from across Tameside & Glossop to join the PEN family. If you know others who would be interested in hearing about upcoming activity including PEN events and engagement or consultation work across Tameside and Glossop please encourage them to register [here](#).

Things to be aware of this month include:

- **PEN Conference June 2019** – The next Partnership Engagement Network Conference takes place on **Tuesday 25 June 2019** commencing at 9.30 am (registration from 9.00am) at Hyde Town Hall, 10 Corporation Street, Hyde, SK14 1AL.

Join other PEN members to engage on key pieces of work taking place across Tameside & Glossop - sign up to attend [here](#). You will sit in on presentations focussing on Dementia and Clean Air. Furthermore, you can choose to take part in the following discussion & workshop sessions:

- Active Neighbourhoods, GM 'Get Moving' Campaign
- Personalised care planning at the end of life
- Tackling dementia in Tameside & Glossop
- New ways to access General Practice
- Tameside & Glossop Lung Health Checks
- Tameside & Glossop Bereavement Booklet

Local engagement and consultations

There are a number of consultations taking place which you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

- **[What Matters To You 2019](#)** - During summer 2018 the Strategic Commission (Tameside Council and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group) took part in the NHS England **["What Matters to You" \(WMTY\) Campaign](#)** where individuals, and groups across Tameside and Glossop were encouraged to tell us what matters to them in terms of the health and social care they receive in their local area.

It is a nationwide effort that takes place every year where as many people as possible are invited to have a meaningful conversation about the things that are important to them when it comes to health and social care services. Once again, members of the public can comment using either the [online form](#), or pre-paid postcards which are available in a number of locations including GP surgeries, libraries and children's centres for people to complete and return.

You will also be able to hear more about the campaign at the next Partnership Engagement Network.

Regional engagement and consultations

There are a number of consultations taking place at a regional level which you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

- [Our Pass Opportunities](#) – Our Pass is for 16-18 year olds in Greater Manchester. It combines free bus travel with access to sport, culture and leisure offers. It will become available from this September with applications open from July. Before it launches, GMCA would like to hear from young people to find out how they will use the pass. The consultation closes on 23 June 2019.
- [Greater Manchester Vascular Services Survey](#) – The Greater Manchester Specialist Care Programme is reviewing hospital-based vascular services to make them the best they can be and to ensure that they are sustainable for the future. This looks at vascular conditions not related to the heart and brain i.e. heart attack and stroke. They are looking to gather the experiences of those who have used the service and their relatives in order to plan future services. The deadline for this consultation is 28 June 2019.
- [Wheelchair Survey](#) – GM Health and Social Care Partnership are conducting a survey on both adults and children's services across the region to determine any variation in services that may cause inequality of provision or quality of services. The deadline for this survey is 28 June 2019.
- [Greater Manchester Clean Air Proposals](#) – Greater Manchester is working to tackle air pollution. Unless something is done, roads across Greater Manchester will continue to have dangerously high levels of pollutants, which can contribute to a wide range of illnesses and health conditions. A series of government-funded schemes are to help Greater Manchester HGV, bus and coach, taxi and private hire vehicles upgrade to cleaner vehicles. The Clean Air Plan will be developed in more detail in the coming months and the public are invited to comment to help shape the proposals. The deadline for this consultation is 30 June 2019.

Clean Air will also be a topic discussed at the upcoming PEN Conference – come along and take part in the conversation!

National engagement and consultations

There are currently a number of pieces of engagement and /or consultation work being led by Government departments / agencies that you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

- [Children Not in School](#) – This consultation is about establishing a local authority registration system for children who do not attend state-funded or registered independent schools. It seeks views on proposed legislation to establish a register maintained by local authorities of children not attending mainstream schools, and to establish a duty to support parents who educate children at home and seek support from their local authority in doing so. The deadline for this consultation is 24 June 2019.
- [Consultation on a new Rent Standard from 2020](#) – A new Rent Standard is proposed to be introduced from April 2020. It applies to private registered providers, local authority registered providers, tenants, lenders and anyone who has an interest in social housing. The Regulator of Social Housing are consulting on expectations such as rules on social rent (including fair rent); rules on affordable rent and movement between different types of rent. The deadline is 30 July 2019.
- [Adding folic acid to flour](#) – The Department of Health & Social Care is seeking views on a proposal to make it mandatory for flour millers to add folic acid to flour. Mandatory fortification of flour is expected to help raise people's levels of a vitamin called folate. Raising folate levels in people who could become pregnant would help reduce the number of babies born with birth defects of the brain, spine or spinal cord. This change would be implemented across the UK. The deadline is 9 September 2019.