



## Partnership Engagement Network Newsletter

June 2022

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

We want to invite as many people as possible from across Tameside to join PEN. If you know others who would be interested in receiving updates, please encourage them to register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/penandbigconversation>

### Upcoming Events

#### **PEN Conference**

**26<sup>th</sup> July**

We are excited to invite you to come along to our first face-to-face PEN Conference in over two years. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear about and have your say on the development of local services and strategies in Tameside.

It will be held on **Tuesday 26th July, 9:00am-1:00pm at Hyde Town Hall.**

The following topics will be discussed:

- Adult Social Care
- Equalities
- Engagement
- Poverty

All these discussions will be vital to the development of the Council's new strategies in these areas. We will provide further details in due course.

In the meantime, please register for the event: [PEN Conference Tickets, Tue 26 Jul 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)



## Consultations and Surveys

### *Local*

- **Poverty Strategy Consultation**

Tameside Council is creating a new Poverty Strategy and we want to know what matters to you. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TamesidePovertyStrategy> and complete the survey before Friday.

Poverty is when a person or community lacks the financial resources for a minimum standard of living. This could mean having difficulties in heating your home, paying your rent or mortgage, accessing utilities such as transport or the internet, or buying essentials like food and clothing.

Rising levels of poverty, driven by the increased cost of living, has emerged as a major national issue in recent years. In response to this, Tameside Council is currently drafting a new Poverty Strategy. This will lay out how the council plans to tackle poverty for residents both in and out of work by improving how we support them through a range of services.

At this early stage we want to make sure that the focus of our Poverty Strategy is right by asking residents to have their say. We want to know what you think about poverty and what you would like to see happen to address it in Tameside. We're particularly interested in the views of residents who have either experienced poverty in their own lives, or know of somebody such as a family member, friend or neighbour who has experienced poverty.

We know that this can be a sensitive issue, therefore all responses will be kept in the strictest of confidence and subject to all relevant data protection laws.

A further survey will be launched later in the year to give people the opportunity to comment on the draft Poverty Strategy once it is published. All responses, along with feedback from other consultation and engagement activity, will then be used to shape the final Tameside Poverty Strategy and plans for delivery.



- **Engagement Strategy Consultation**

At Tameside Council, we are currently reviewing our Engagement Strategy. This covers how we involve you and how you provide your views in shaping the development of strategies and services in Tameside.

We are interested in hearing from you on how effective our engagement with you has been. We want to know what works, what does not work, and what we can do better.

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TamesideEngagementStrategy> and complete the survey. We are keen to hear your views.

Later this year, a further survey will be launched to provide an opportunity to comment on the draft Engagement Strategy.

- **Healthwatch Tameside Mental Health Survey**

Have you needed support for your mental health in the last 12 months? Or are you a carer of someone who has?

In 2017 Healthwatch Tameside completed a project about people's experiences of using mental health services. A number of changes have been made to services since then. This includes new services being launched.

We are carrying out another survey to find out whether feedback about mental health support has improved. This includes services for dementia, autism, learning disabilities and dependency issues. We are interested in all services, whether NHS or community/charity services. We are looking at how all the options available come together to provide an overall service.

We are careful not to identify anyone in our reports.

How to complete our anonymous survey:



Online at: [www.healthwatchtameside.co.uk/share-your-views](http://www.healthwatchtameside.co.uk/share-your-views)

Ring us on **0161 667 2526** for a paper copy, or for us to call you back and complete over the phone. We have an answerphone

### *Regional*

- **GM Big Disability Survey 2022**

Are you sick of filling in surveys and not seeing change? This survey is different, it is not just to gather research data. The Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel is made up of 15 Disabled People's organisations, run by and for disabled people. We have a partnership agreement with GM Mayor Andy Burnham to influence policy to make Greater Manchester a better place to live for disabled people. This survey helps us do that, and the more disabled people fill it in, the stronger our voice for change becomes.

We are particularly looking at how disabled people are coping with the rising cost of living and our hopes for the future.

Please note: By Disabled People, we mean anyone facing disabling societal barriers due to their impairments or conditions and this includes mental health, hearing or visual impairments, learning disability, neurodiverse people, and those with chronic illness or fatigue.

To fill in the survey, click here: [Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/survey/1234567890)

### *National*

- **Improving disabled people's access to let residential premises**

This consultation regards the commencement and implementation of the remaining parts of section 36 of the Equality Act 2010.

This legislation will place a duty on landlords to make reasonable adjustments to the common parts of let residential premises when requested by a disabled person.



‘Common parts’ include outside areas, entrances, hallways, landings and stairwells.

Disabled people can already make such requests but there is currently no legal duty on the landlord to make reasonable adjustments to common parts.

For more information on this consultation, visit: [Improving disabled people’s access to let residential premises: reasonable adjustments to common parts, a new duty - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-disabled-peoples-access-to-let-residential-premises-reasonable-adjustments-to-common-parts-a-new-duty)

- **A new approach to SEND area inspections**

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission seek your views on proposed changes to the way they jointly inspect area SEND arrangements from 2023.

We are seeking the widest possible range of views from:

- Those who have an interest in, or expertise relating to, disability, special educational needs (SEN) and/or alternative provision
- Children and young people who have SEND, and their parents and carers
- Local authorities, clinical commissioning groups, professionals and practitioners involved in the commissioning and delivery of services to children and young people with SEND

For more information on this consultation, visit: [A new approach to area SEND inspections - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-new-approach-to-area-send-inspections)

There is a dedicated webpage for the version of the consultation aimed at children and young people with SEND: [Children and young people’s consultation: Changing the way we look into services for children and young people with SEND - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/children-and-young-peoples-consultation-changing-the-way-we-look-into-services-for-children-and-young-people-with-send)

- **Introducing a separate judgement about care leavers within the inspection of local authority children’s services (ILACS)**



This consultation seeks your views on our proposals for a new judgement on the experiences and progress of care leavers within the ILACS framework.

We propose to:

- Introduce a separate a new judgement within ILACS: ‘The experiences and progress of care leavers’
- Review and update the existing evaluation criteria to ensure that they are relevant and reflect what good looks like for care leavers
- introduce the new judgement after all local authorities have at least one ILACS inspection outcome

For more information on this consultation, visit: [Introducing a separate judgement about care leavers within the inspection of local authority children’s services \(ILACS\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-a-separate-judgement-about-care-leavers-within-the-inspection-of-local-authority-childrens-services-ilacs)

### **Grant Funding for VCSE Organisations**

Action Together Funding Bulletin – Action Together have a wealth of experience that could help you find and secure funding. The latest funding bulletin, which is produced monthly with 10GM colleagues can be found here: [AT 10GM Funding Bulletin June 2022.pdf \(actiontogether.org.uk\)](https://actiontogether.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/AT-10GM-Funding-Bulletin-June-2022.pdf)