



February 2022

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:

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

Things to be aware of this month include:

- **Community Champions Event – Hyde Town Hall on Tuesday 1 March.** Tameside Champions invite you to attend a celebration, information and networking event for Tameside residents to find out more about your local community representatives, organisations and charities and learn how they can support you and your family. You will be able to discover what the Tameside Champions are doing in your area and what is on offer from local services, charities and organisations and how you can get involved.
The event will be attended by dignitaries including Madam Mayor and the Executive Leader. There will be presentations, speeches on a range of health, social and community topics, networking opportunities and workshops.
You can learn more about who the Community Champions are and how you can become one.
Tickets are free and everyone is welcome. A free light lunch and drinks will be provided. To sign up to attend, please visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tameside-champions-tickets-259451886577?utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>
- **Call to help support and improve NHS and social care services in Tameside and Glossop** – Residents in Tameside and Glossop are being encouraged to give feedback to support and improve NHS and social care services locally.
Everyone has different needs and experiences of care. Sharing feedback on health and social care services will inform improvements to care in the community and around the country and reward the amazing work of staff, helping to improve care for people, their loved ones and for everyone. Give feedback on your care with the Care Quality Commission at <https://www.cqc.org.uk/give-feedback-on-care>
- **Protect your child from Measles, Mumps and Rubella to give them best start in life** – On 1 February 2022, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), supported by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the NHS, launched a new campaign, backed by NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Tameside Council, encouraging parents and guardians of children aged 1

to 5 years to check that their children's MMR vaccines are up to date. Those that may have missed their appointments during the pandemic are advised to contact their GP practice. Now, parents and guardians are being encouraged to ensure their children are vaccinated against MMR, and if they can't remember if their child is up to date to check his or her Red Book (personal child health record). Find out more at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

- **Operation Black Vote Greater Manchester Civic Leadership Programme – deadline extended to 27 February!** Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) is working in partnership with Operation Black Vote to deliver a leadership and development programme aimed at addressing the underrepresentation of people experiencing racial inequalities within civic and public life. The Civic Leadership Programme 2021 is looking for 30 people over the age of 18 (with an emphasis on 18 – 30 year olds) who live or work in Greater Manchester and want to gain experience in civic and public life and make a positive contribution to their areas and communities. Over six months, participants on the programme will take part in a series of training sessions and gain an insight into different areas of public life. <https://www.obv.org.uk/what-we-do/schemes-programmes-and-campaigns/gmca-civic-leadership-programme-2021>
- **Facilitation of the Greater Manchester Race Equality Panel** – The tender to facilitate the Race Equality Panel is now open for applications via [The Chest: North West Procurement Portal \(the-chest.org.uk\)](https://www.thechest.org.uk) . The closing date is 11 March 2022.

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:

- **Pharmacy Needs Assessment** – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments are used by the NHS to decide whether to approve applications for new pharmacies in an area and by commissioners to identify local health needs that could be addressed by pharmacy services. PNAs include information on:
 - Pharmacies in a local area and the services they currently provide
 - Other local pharmaceutical services, such as dispensing GP surgeries
 - Relevant maps relating to providers of pharmaceutical services in the area
 - Services in neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Board areas that might affect the need for services
 - Potential gaps in provision and likely future needs

While drafting the PNA we would like to use feedback from our residents about pharmacy provision and services in our area in order to gain a greater understanding into the current and future need of pharmacies across Tameside.

The feedback from this consultation will influence the recommendations in the

2022/25 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment document before it goes to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The deadline for responses is **7 March 2022**

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

- **Changes to the way people access health and care services** – During the pandemic, new ways to access care were introduced very quickly. These involved using technology, whilst we were locked down. Services are looking at how they can build on these changes for the future.

What do you think about using different ways to get help for your health and care? This includes using technology.

What are your thoughts on data sharing between different organisations involved in health and care?

Your survey responses will be used anonymously in the reports Healthwatch Tameside produce. The content of these reports will be considered when services are being planned, so it is really important to hear as many views from members of the public as possible. The deadline is **28 February 2022**.

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

- **Delays in non-urgent care** – Have you delayed asking for help with your health because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Have you experienced delays in getting the care you need (after a GP has referred you)?

How have any delays affected your life?

Your survey responses will be used anonymously in the reports Healthwatch Tameside produce. The content of these reports will be considered when services are being planned, so it is really important to hear as many views from members of the public as possible. The deadline is **28 February 2022**.

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

- **Barriers to accessing information and services** – Diversity Matters North West are conducting a survey on the “Barriers to Accessing Information” that people face across Tameside and Glossop. This is particularly in relation to language barriers, and in the context of Covid-19, but barriers could also include digital access, gate-keeping, “red-tape”, difficulties identifying the correct service, slow response times by services etc.

The Tameside and Glossop Inequalities Reference Group have invited Diversity Matters North West to conduct this survey as part of a wider research and engagement process into these barriers across the locality. The responses, analysis and recommendations will inform an action report for decision makers to consider and make improvements based on the results.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=NWSF4YGBkE2b_yKaOPPjCt05wS4ucD5Bgxs4OF0NjnlUQkxIUU5aVUtSWFIRQzVYVIRTEkzMUhVVi4u

Regional engagement and consultations:

- **Neighbourhood Policing Consultation** – Your neighbourhood, your police, your say. Greater Manchester Police are seeking views from members of the public on neighbourhood policing in their area. Under their pledge to build public trust and confidence, they would like thoughts on what people want to see from their neighbourhood policing team. Neighbourhood policing is a crucial part of the future of policing in Greater Manchester, and the results of this survey will influence how the police work together in the community for years to come. The deadline for this is **21 February 2022**. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X6W6SGS>

National engagement and consultations:

- **Consultation on the introduction of tenant satisfaction measures** – The Regulator of Social Housing is seeking views on its proposals for tenant satisfaction measures which are part of implementing changes to consumer regulation set out in the Government’s ‘The Charter for Social Housing Residents: Social Housing White Paper’. The measures would provide data about social housing landlords’ performance and the quality of their services to help tenants hold their landlord to account and help RSH in its future consumer regulation role. Views are sought from landlords, tenants and anyone with an interest in social housing. The closing date for this is **3 March 2022**. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-introduction-of-tenant-satisfaction-measures>
- **School attendance: improving consistency of support** – The DfE are seeking views on what should be included in measures to improve the consistency of school attendance support and management. The following new measures are being proposed:
 - Requiring schools to have an attendance policy, and have regard to statutory guidance on the expectations of schools, academy trusts and governing bodies of maintained schools on attendance management and improvement.
 - Guidance on the expectations of LA attendance services.
 - A clearer more consistent national framework for the use of attendance legal intervention, including a new regulatory framework for issuing fixed penalty notices for absence.
 - Bringing the rules for granting leaves of absence in academies in line with other state funded schools.
 The deadline for comments is **8 March 2022**. <https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-attendance-policy-and-strategy-team/school-attendance-improving-consistency-of-support/>
- **Keeping children safe in education** – The consultation will seek views on revisions to ‘Keeping children safe in education’, the statutory guidance that sets out what schools and colleges should do and the legal duties with which they must comply to keep children safe. The closing date is **8 March 2022**.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/safeguarding-in-schools-team/kcsie-proposed-revisions-2022/>

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

The following are some critical sources of information from the government which are updated regularly:

- Updated figures on the number of Coronavirus cases and numbers vaccinated here: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>
- Guidance on restrictions and how to protect yourself or check if you need medical help: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Information on self-isolation here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
- Covid-19 advice for employees, employers and businesses here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>
- Information on Winter 2021 'Plan B' rules here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/proposal-for-mandatory-covid-certification-in-a-plan-b-scenario/proposal-for-mandatory-covid-certification-in-a-plan-b-scenario>

There is also guidance available on our own local websites as detailed below:

Tameside Council - www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus - includes links to service change information, how to volunteer, support for businesses, council tax recovery, mental health support, wellbeing, how to contact the Council for support and more.

NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG - www.tamesideandglossopccg.org/ link on homepage

Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust - www.tamesidehospital.nhs.uk/ information on homepage

Derbyshire Council - <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/health-protection/disease-control/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19.aspx>

Covid-19 opinion and behaviour insight:

The following are some key statistics taken from different pieces of national and regional research indicating what the impact of covid-19 has been for people including businesses. Understanding the impact of Covid-19 will be crucial to our recovery locally and how we plan to build back better.

- Confidence in public transport is increasing with both users and non-users reporting increased levels of confidence in buses and trains
- Half support the lifting of working from home guidance (50%), while 39% oppose

- Nearly 7 in 10 people are confident in the ability of the NHS to deal with those who are ill with Coronavirus (69%)
- Over two-fifths think that the government is planning to relax Covid-19 restrictions too quickly (43%), while 34% think they have got the balance about right, 13% think they are relaxing restrictions too slowly
- Over three-quarters say they followed the lockdown rules of 2020, and don't regret doing so (76%); 13% say they did and now regret doing so, just 6% say they didn't follow the rules

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:

<https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/sites/actiontogether.org.uk/files/10GM%20Funding%20Bulletin%20February%202022%20%28003%29.pdf>

For Glossop, Derbyshire County Council offer a range of grants to assist in the delivery of social, economic, health, environmental, and cultural services.

(<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/funding-and-grants.aspx>) High

Peak Borough Council also offer grants to VCSE organisations, including through the Councillors' Initiative Fund for residents, local groups, and businesses which can be found here: <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/576/Councillors-Initiative-Fund>. Whilst

Foundation Derbyshire offers a wide variety of funding programmes available to community & voluntary groups working across Derbyshire, with information and guidance on available grants and how to apply available here: <https://foundationderbyshire.org/apply-for-a-grant/>.

Recovery Loan Fund – Social Investment Business are offering loans from £100k-£1.5m to trading charities, social enterprises and community businesses with a viable business model who have been adversely affected by Covid-19.

The Recovery Loan Fund will work under the terms of the Government's Recovery Loan Scheme, offering attractive terms. The closing date for applications is **20 May 2022**.

<https://www2.sibgroup.org.uk/RecoveryFund?Referrer=GMCVO>.