



January 2021

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>

### **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 risk in the UK here: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>
- How to protect yourself or check if you need medical help: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Guidance on social distancing (including for vulnerable people) here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>
- 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>

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

**Tameside Council** - [www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://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/](http://www.tamesideandglossopccg.org/) link on homepage

**Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust** - [www.tamesidehospital.nhs.uk/](http://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>

Other things to be aware of include:

- **Partnership Engagement Network Virtual Conference** – our next virtual PEN Conference will take place on Tuesday 9 March 2021 (2.00pm – 4.30pm). Ensuring that public voice and opinion is at the heart of the public sector is key to designing approaches and strategies that meet the needs of our communities. The Partnership Engagement Network enables everyone to play an active role in developing the approaches that we take in the delivery and commissioning of services. Our next virtual Partnership Engagement Network Conference will cover:
  - Presentations from key speakers
  - Workshops on specific local programmes and developments. Details of the workshop sessions are in the process of being confirmed - once these are available we will be in touch so you can select your preferred sessions.

In the meantime please secure your place at the conference by clicking here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/partnership-engagement-network-conference-march-2021-tickets-137395953997>

- **PEN Conference Report – November 2020** – a big thank you to those of you who attended our Partnership Engagement Network Conference in November – the first large scale PEN conference to be delivered virtually. With over 70 people in attendance there was a lot of discussion during the workshops, which covered topics such as Improving Access to Primary Care; Environment Strategy; Inclusive Growth Strategy; Clean Air; Minimum Licensing Standards; and Tameside & Glossop Budget Conversation. A report summarising the discussions and feedback from the conference is now available and can be found here: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/policy/PEN-Conference-Report-19th-November-2020.pdf>

- **Ready, Steady, Census** - The decennial census is almost upon us. Households across Tameside and Glossop will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is **March 21**.

If you are able to help promote the census through any local social media platforms, newsletters etc., please let us know and we can provide you with the tools to do this.

For more information, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

- **2021 GP Patient Survey** – The 2021 GP Patient survey is now live. The GP Patient Survey is sent out to a targeted selection of patients nationally and assesses their experience of healthcare services provided by GP practices, including experience of

access, making appointments, the quality of care received from healthcare professionals, patient health and experience of NHS services when their GP practice was closed.

Last year, almost 740,000 people gave feedback on around 6,800 GP practices across England. Due to changes made as a result of COVID-19, it is more important than ever that if you are selected to receive a survey, that you share your experiences of using local GP and health services.

- **Chat Together – new digital support group for bowel cancer patients.** Chat Together is a free online support group hosted by Bowel Cancer UK for people living with and beyond bowel cancer. It's a welcoming place to talk to others with bowel cancer and to meet new people. It's a chance to share experiences in a safe, supportive and informal environment. Chats take place once a week, via Zoom, over an eight week period. Choose between two Chat Together groups starting on: Tuesday 26 January 7-8pm **OR** Wednesday 27 January 1-2pm. Bowel cancer patients can join us for Chat Together by registering on our website via this link: <https://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/how-we-can-help/supportevents/chat-together/>

### **Grant Funding for VCSE organisations**

There are a number of ways VCSE organisations in Greater Manchester and Derbyshire can apply for funding during the Covid-19 outbreak. 10GM, a partnership of local support and development agencies in Greater Manchester, have come together to produce a bulletin providing all the information on funding opportunities available for VCF organisations in Greater Manchester, including how to apply. You can find the latest bulletin here: <https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/news/10gm-funding-bulletin-december-2020>.

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/>.

Update on various funding pots available

- **Emergency Investment Funds** – Has your company or organisation been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 crisis and been unable to access suitable or sufficient investment from existing support schemes such as the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS), the Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLS) or SIB's Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund? Whether you address social needs, strengthen

communities, improve people's life chances, enhance culture or protect the environment - this opportunity is for you. If you are a social enterprise, a charity or a community business then you can apply for a loan of between £50,000 and £250,000 for a 5-year term to support you through the crisis. The deadline for applications has been extended to **26 February 2021**.

<https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/gmsocinvest/emergencyinvestmentfund>

- **GM BAME Network** have launched the second round of [Emergency Grants for GM BAME Communities](#) small grants.  
Grants of £1000-£5000 are available to GM BAME-led VCSE organisations, with an income of £50,000 or less, to respond to the needs of their communities during the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications for this round close on Friday 26th February 2021 at 4pm. These grants are funded by Comic Relief and the National Emergency Fund in response to Covid-19. You can view the news story with the published list of recipients of the first round of micro grants (£50-£1000) via this link:  
<https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/news/emergency-grants-gm-bame-communities-round-1-micro-grants-awarded>
- GMCVO has access to a range of social investment funds to support social enterprises, charities and community businesses. They can work with organisations whether they have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 crisis, looking to take advantage of opportunities as the economy starts to recover, or a mixture of both:
  - **Access to Growth** fund, offering a blended investment mix of grant and loan  
<https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/gmsocinvest>
  - Additionally, for organisations impacted by Covid-19, they are able to support applications for Social Investment Businesses' **Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund** and the **Bounce Back loan Scheme** offered by Growth Company.  
<https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/civicrm/ mailing/ url? u=85905& qid=3827416>  
<https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/civicrm/ mailing/ url? u=85906& qid=3827416>
  - For communities looking to develop their own housing schemes or sports facilities GMCVO is also the local partner for the **Resonance Community Developers Fund**  
<https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/civicrm/ mailing/ url? u=85907& qid=3827416>

### **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.

- 85% support the national lockdown measures, including 62% who strongly support them (compared to 93% who supported the first national lockdown in March)
- 77% say that the new lockdown should have been introduced sooner
- 72% think the government has not acted fast enough in tackling Covid-19
- 58% think responsibility for deciding local lockdowns should lie with councils, 32% think it should rest with central government and 9% think someone else should decide

- 62% think it was wrong to reopen most primary schools in England
- 52% of head teachers report having no confidence in the Department for Education's decision making
- 85% of adults reported they would be either very likely or fairly likely to have the Covid-19 vaccine if offered, a slight increase on the week previous
- 57% of respondents from ethnic minority backgrounds were likely to accept a COVID-19 vaccine, compared to 79% of White respondents.
- 70% of lowest earners are likely to say yes to the job compared to 84% of highest earners
- 73% of women are likely to say yes to the job compared to 80% of men

### 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:

- **Low Carbon & Environment Strategy Survey** – Tameside Council are developing a Low Carbon & Environment Strategy to guide their work in becoming carbon neutral by 2038. The Council are seeking your views on the early proposals for what the strategy should include and prioritise. The closing date for this is **29 January 2021**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TamesideEnvironmentStrategySurvey>
- **Community Safety Strategy Consultation 2021/24** – The Tameside Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is developing its Community Safety Strategy for the years 2021-24 and would like to hear your views. Deadline: **25 February 2021**.  
<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/communitysafetystategyconsultation2021/24>
- **Creating “Pop-Up” Cycle Lanes to Support Safe Walking and Cycling - A635** – Acting on advice from central government, we are creating ‘pop-up’ cycle lanes to help people travel safely and provide an alternative to travelling by car and public transport. One phase of the temporary works will see the introduction of a combination of measures running from the Snipe Retail Park along A635, Manchester Road to the Manchester boundary as shown on the plans. The Council is keen to obtain your views on Phase 2 of the scheme - the “pop-up” cycle lane. Deadline: **21 January 2021**. You can view the full plans and have your say here:  
<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/safestreets/a635>
- **Inclusive Growth Strategy Consultation** – Tameside Council is reviewing its Inclusive Growth Strategy, a guiding document that sets out how the borough will ensure that the quality of life, health and happiness of our people is improved, by good employment, with greater security and better pay. It also states how the borough will support improved productivity which will benefit local businesses, and how it will effect proactive public service reform in a thriving, varied, inclusive economy. Anyone who lives, works or spends their time in Tameside is asked to review the

draft document and give their comments and opinions. The closing date for this is **22 January 2021**. <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/tigsc>

### Regional engagement and consultations

- **Police Funding 2021/22** – Funding for the police comes both directly from a central Government grant and also from the police precept. About 25 percent of the funding for GMP comes from the police precept, one of the lowest proportions in the country. This means that here in Greater Manchester we are heavily reliant on Government funding to protect the police on our streets who help keep our communities safe. However this funding has decreased between 2011-19. The 2021/22 provisional settlement for Police was received from the Government on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. This included an increase in the Police Core Grant of 5% to continue to recruit additional officers. The Government has given Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) the ability to raise the police element of council tax (the precept) by up to £1.25 a month (£15 a year for an average Band D property and £11.66 a year for an average Band B property) which is what is being proposed in this consultation.

GMCA would like to hear your views on the proposed precept. The deadline for this is **28 January 2021**. <https://www.gmconsult.org/police-and-crime-team/police-funding-2021/>

- **Young People Crime Surveys** - The GM Violence Reduction Unit is working with an agency called Hitch Marketing to develop a campaign to help young people achieve their aspirations in life and provide support to prevent them from getting involved in violent crime. The campaign will be positive and will be developed with input from young people. It will also offer support to parents and carers to help young people get on well in life. They have already carried out focus groups with some young people, including offenders and victims of violent crime. Now they want to hear from a wider cohort of young people aged 10-17 from across Greater Manchester, along with parents and carers.

As part of this, they have launched two surveys – one aimed at young people and one aimed at parents/carers. The surveys will help to find out what it's like to be a young person, what support they would like, and how to help parents and carers. Young people who fill out the survey, will also be offered the chance to enter a prize draw to win a pair of Apple AirPods. Deadline: **21 January 2021**

Young people survey: <http://bit.ly/35jrAAP>

Parent/carers survey: <http://bit.ly/2JTgTt>

- **LGBT Communities: Share your views on the Covid-19 Vaccine** – The LGBTQ+ Advisor to the Mayor of Greater Manchester, and LGBT Foundation are carrying out a survey to better understand LGBT people's views on the Covid-19 vaccine. Information you choose to share may be used in policy and research documents which will be publicised. However, you will not be identified by anything included. All

questions are optional. This survey should only take 5 minutes. The closing date is **18 January 2021**. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSLVV5R>

- **How can we tackle inequality in Greater Manchester?** The Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission was set up in October 2020 to explore the causes of inequality and offer solutions to tackle these issues. Now, the Commission wants to hear from people who have an interest in making Greater Manchester more equal, particularly those with experience of intersecting inequalities based on their gender, race, class, disability, age, sexuality, migration status, or those working with marginalised groups.

The Commission is looking for practical solutions and concrete actions that can be taken to build a more equal Greater Manchester and to mitigate the unequal impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. The closing date is **29 January 2021**.

<https://www.gmconsult.org/young-people/how-can-we-tackle-inequality-in-greater-manchester/>

- **Doing Buses Differently: The impact of Covid-19 on our proposals for the future of your buses** – Greater Manchester has an ambition for a truly integrated public transport system, Our Network, to make getting around the city-region easy, accessible and affordable. Franchising means bus services would be brought under local control. Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) would coordinate and invest in the bus network, while the bus operators would be contracted to run the services.

Between October 2019 and January 2020, GMCA held a consultation on a proposed franchising scheme for the city-region's buses. In June, GMCA received the results of the consultation and decided, before a final decision could be made that the impact of Covid-19 on the bus market and proposed franchising scheme should be considered.

Covid-19 has caused a lot of uncertainty over how people will travel in future. So, TFGM has used four scenarios in a report which looks at potential future travel demand in Greater Manchester and what it could mean for GMCA's proposals to change how buses are run. Anyone can take part in the consultation. You do not have to live in Greater Manchester or be a regular bus user to have your say. The closing date for this is **29 January 2021**. <https://www.gmconsult.org/strategy-team/greater-manchester-bus-consultation/>

#### National engagement and consultations

- **UK Statistics Authority Inclusive Data Consultation** – ONS is undertaking a review of how inclusive data and evidence are across the UK. This is in keeping with ONS' new strategy, Statistics for the Public Good, and will help to support the work of the [Inclusive Data Taskforce](#). In this review, they would like your views on where data and evidence are currently lacking or partial. This may be in terms of the quality



of what is available, topics covered, geographical coverage or areas where data and evidence are missing completely. They would also welcome your suggestions about where to make improvements and what is currently working well. Deadline: **26 March 2021**.

<https://consultations.ons.gov.uk/external-affairs/uk-statistics-authority-inclusive-data-taskforce-c/>

- **Clinical Review of Standards Consultation** – The NHS National Medical Director was asked in June 2018 to review access standards to ensure that they measure what matters most both to patients and clinically.

The recommendations from the clinically-led review of NHS access standards for urgent and emergency care are set out in the Transformation of urgent and emergency care: models of care and measurement report. These proposals are supported by key clinical groups including the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, patient groups and hospital leaders. NHS England and NHS Improvement are now consulting on the approach recommended and on the refinement of individual measures.

NHS England are seeking views on the recommendations made within the report from anyone with an interest including patients, their representatives, members of the public and NHS staff and organisations. This will provide valuable further insight and evidence to inform final recommendations, implementation and operational guidance. The deadline for this is **12 February 2021**

<https://nhs.researchfeedback.net/siam/surveylanding/interviewer.asp>