



June 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>

**(Please note, the Covid-19 information section can now be found in the second half of this PEN update)**

Things to be aware of:

- **Next PEN Conference – pick your workshops!** The next Partnership Engagement Network Conference will take place on **Thursday 1 July 2021, 2.00pm-5.00pm**. The conference will be take place virtually via Zoom.

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:

- Domestic Abuse Strategy
- People Powered Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Future of Customer Services
- Be Well Service
- Barriers to Accessing Information
- Tameside Out and About Project

Please secure your place at the conference by clicking here:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pen-conference-july-2021-tickets-151651049371>

Please secure a place on your preferred workshop here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/july2021penworkshops>

- **Living well with bowel cancer** – on Sunday 19 June 10.30am-2pm, Bowel Cancer UK are holding a free virtual information and support event for anyone affected by bowel cancer. Patients can hear about how to cope with their diagnosis, live better with the disease and manage side effects of treatment. A working laptop/computer/smartphone or tablet with sound and a camera will be needed for the event, to be hosted on Zoom. To register for a free place, visit [www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/supportevents](http://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/supportevents) or email [supportevents@bowelcancer.org.uk](mailto:supportevents@bowelcancer.org.uk)

- **Financial support for self-isolation** – You could get a £500 Test & Trace Support Payment to support you & your family if you meet the eligibility criteria & can provide:
  - ✓ An NHS Test & Trace Account ID
  - ✓ Confirmation that you receive a means-tested benefit or are on a low income
  - ✓ Proof of work & a bank statement
 For more information, visit <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus/tatspaymentscheme>
- **The Greater Manchester (GM) Effective Use Of Resources (EUR) Website** – The Greater Manchester (GM) Effective Use Of Resources (EUR) Team are pleased to announce the introduction of their new website. This can be accessed at <https://gmeurnhs.co.uk/>. The site contains information for patients who can view GM EUR treatment policies; any local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) treatment policies; and information about the process.

### 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 2021** – ‘What Matters To You?’ aims to encourage and support more meaningful conversations between people who provide health and social care and the people, families and carers who receive health and social care. We want to ask what matters to you, so we can listen to what matters, and do what matters. The deadline for comments is **7 July 2021**. <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/wmt2021>
- **Self-isolation survey** – Tameside Council are conducting a survey to better understand the barriers and challenges that people may face when asked to self-isolate due to coronavirus. Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19). You are typically asked to self-isolate for at least 10 days. This helps stop the virus spreading to other people. The reasons people are asked to self-isolate are because they have tested positive for coronavirus and been asked to self-isolate, a member of your household has tested positive for coronavirus, or you have been identified by the NHS Track and Trace as a contact of someone who tested positive. A better understanding of the barriers and challenges people face to self-isolation can help us to better support local people to self-isolate. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/tmbcselfisolation>
- **Homelessness Contract Consultation** – Tameside Council has a statutory duty to provide services to people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. The homelessness service is provided under contract by Tameside Housing Advice. The Council also commissions a number of other services that contribute towards the prevention of homelessness and enable the Council to meet its statutory duties. This includes the commission of supported accommodation for people with a range of

needs and floating support services that work to both make sure a person can stay in their home or help people access suitable housing. The Council also runs the Rough Sleeper service which works to provide accommodation and support to ensure that no-one has to sleep rough in the Borough.

These contracts are due to expire and the Council is planning to re-commission services that will continue to offer a range of accommodation and support services that will also ensure service users are given every opportunity to build life skills to move on to managing their own tenancy, have increased independence and regain a positive place in the community. Overall the Council want to make sure that we focus on the right things in Tameside and want to hear your views the closing date is **22 June 2021**.

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/homelessnessservicecontractconsultation>

- **Portage Service Consultation** – The Portage Service is part of the Early Years Offer in Tameside. The Portage Team have links with the Integrated Service for Children with Additional Needs (known as ISCAN).

Portage offers tailored sessions which are designed to help children from 0-5 years who have additional needs to develop through play with support from various services and their parents/carers. Families are visited on a regular basis, weekly, fortnightly or monthly usually at home by a Portage worker.

The portage offer has remained successful throughout this period with positive feedback from families, therefore we would like to maintain elements of this offer moving forward. What is proposed is an offer that will be more virtual, take place more predominantly through inclusive groups within our children's centres, meanwhile reducing the offer of support by 1:1 home visits. The service would like to hear your views on the proposal to continue this way of delivering the Portage Service, how we progress this and continue to meet varying needs. The deadline for this is **7 July 2021**. <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/portageserviceconsultation>

- **Infant Feeding Peer Support Service Engagement** – Tameside Council is tendering its Breastfeeding Peer Support Service, before this take place, we would value the input for local families to help shape the re-tendered Service. The Tameside Breastfeeding Peer Support Service is a 7-day service, which supports parents in Tameside in breastfeeding their babies, offering support such as antenatal classes, postnatal support either at maternity wards, at home or by telephone, and information for new parents.

The Tameside Breastfeeding Peer Support Service contract is due to end next year. We are planning to re-commission the service and therefore asking for your views to help us design what the new service will look like. Your thoughts on the current service and how you have used this previously will help us to ensure we continue to support those who use the service in the most effective way. The closing date is **9 July 2021**. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/InfantFeedingEngagement>

- **Urgent Care Survey 2021** – Healthwatch Tameside work on behalf of the community to make sure health and care services are working as best they can for you, influenced by what patients say. Have you used urgent care recently?
  - Did you understand all the options?
  - What assistance was provided?
  - What went well and what could be improved?

[\]https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HWTurgentcare](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HWTurgentcare)
- **Have your say on draft recommendations for Tameside Borough Council** – LGCBE are asking local people and organisations to comment on our draft recommendations for new ward boundaries across Tameside. They have an open mind about further suggestions from local people to change and improve these recommendations. They will consider all the submissions we receive whoever they are from and whether your evidence applies to the whole of Tameside or just a part of the area.

By following the link, you can see the proposals for new ward boundaries. You can compare the proposals (in red) to the existing boundaries (in blue) and search across the whole of Tameside, even down to street level. You can also click on any ward to find out how many voters are included in it and how many councillors we propose should represent it.

You can submit comments to us or upload a document by clicking on the 'Have your say' link at the top of the page. Further information is available to help you make a submission in the 'Related links' section at the top right of the page. The closing date for this is **9 August 2021**.

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/24716>

### Regional engagement and consultations

- **Homelessness Prevention Strategy** – The Homelessness Prevention Strategy sets out the steps Greater Manchester needs to take over the next five years to help tackle homelessness and rough sleeping in Greater Manchester. GMCA are keen to get input from Greater Manchester residents and stakeholders on the strategy so that your views influence the plans and inform decision making. The closing date is **26 June 2021**.  
<https://www.gmconsult.org/communications-and-engagement-team/homelessness-prevention-strategy/>
- **Attitudes towards the Covid-19 vaccination** – Healthwatch Derbyshire wants to hear from local people about why they may be hesitant about having the Covid-19 vaccination. We want to hear the concerns people have about having the vaccine. We also want to know if there are any difficulties booking or getting to the appointment, to have the injection.

All responses will be treated confidentially and will be shared anonymously with

Derbyshire Public Health Services and the NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, which is coordinating the county's vaccination programme.

This will help these organisations to remove any practical barriers preventing people from having the vaccine and help to identify where there might be a need for public information.

(For Glossop residents who fall under the Tameside & Glossop CCG area). The deadline for responses is **29 June 2021**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bulletinQCMNYB8>

- **Have your say in shaping the future of assisted conception and fertility treatment services across Greater Manchester** – People in Greater Manchester are being asked to share their experiences and views about assisted conception and fertility treatment services to help shape the future of the service. Commissioners across Greater Manchester want to hear your views: what works well now and what needs to be improved?

What is meant by assisted conception and fertility treatment?

Assisted conception is a collective name for treatments designed to lead to conception by means other than sexual intercourse.

If you or a family member have experienced fertility problems or are currently undergoing treatment or may need to access a fertility treatment service in the future, we want to hear from you. The deadline for comments is **27 July 2021**.

<https://www.gmhsc.org.uk/get-involved/surveys-consultations/>

- **Let's talk about wildfires** – Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service would like to find out what the public think about wildfire. They would like to find out what people think is the cause of wildfires, what should be the consequence of negative actions around wildfires, your concerns and what should be done to prevent them from happening. The deadline for this is **31 August 2021**.

<https://www.gmconsult.org/strategy-team/public-perception-of-wildfire/>

- **Dementia Call for Evidence – Black African and Caribbean People In Greater Manchester** – The African Caribbean Care Group (ACCG) want to understand the dementia support and information provision to Black African and Caribbean people in Greater Manchester. Questions can be answered by either carers or people living with dementia. The Dementia Call for Evidence Survey covers 4 areas of a person's Dementia journey: Diagnosing well, living well, supporting well and end of life. This consultation is **ongoing**.

<https://www.accg.org.uk/dementia-surveys/>

#### National engagement and consultations:

- **Introducing national standards for unregulated accommodation** – The DfE is seeking views from care experienced young people on proposed standards for

unregulated accommodation for looked after children and care leavers aged 16 and 17. They would like to know your views on:

- how to tell the difference between children's homes and independent and semi-independent accommodation
- what this type of accommodation should be called
- what should be included in the new standards
- how Ofsted should make sure the accommodation is following the new standards

The deadline is **19 July 2021**.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-national-standards-for-unregulated-accommodation>

- **Introducing national standards for unregulated accommodation** – The DfE is seeking views from local authorities and providers on proposed standards for unregulated accommodation for looked after children and care leavers aged 16 and 17. The number of children in care placed in unregulated settings has increased from 2,900 in 2009 to 6,490 in 2020. They want to ensure these placements are of good quality. This consultation invites views on:
  - the key indicators of whether a provider is delivering 'care' or 'support'
  - how best to define this provision in future and whether 'supported accommodation for older children' is the best descriptor
  - what the best provision in this sector looks like and therefore what needs to be accounted for in new national standards
  - a proposed suite of national standards
  - how settings should be regulated by Ofsted

The deadline is **19 July 2021**.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-national-standards-for-unregulated-provision>

## **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>

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>

### **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.

- The proportion of adults who met indoors with someone not in their household, childcare or support bubble in the last seven days increased to 39% this week, almost double the proportion last week (20%)
- Younger people are more likely to say the government messaging on which activities you should and shouldn't do is unclear
- 98% of people said they will definitely have their second dose of Pfizer, compared to 94% who said they will definitely have their second dose of Astra Zeneca
- 72% of White Britons have had the vaccine or have an appointment booked, compared to 50% of Ethnic Minority Britons
- 94% of those aged 30 to 49 years reported positive vaccine sentiment (92% last week); this proportion was 74% at the start of the vaccination programme in December 2020

### **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/gm-funding-ebulletin-june-2021> .

**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%20June%202021\\_0.pdf](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/sites/actiontogether.org.uk/files/10GM%20Funding%20Bulletin%20June%202021_0.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/>.