



June 2020

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](#).

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Outbreak

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

- [Covid-19 advice for employees, employers and businesses](#)
- [Updated figures on the number of Coronavirus cases and risk in the UK](#)
- [How to protect yourself or check if you need medical help](#)
- [Guidance on social distancing \(including for vulnerable people\) and for self-isolation](#)

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>

Other things to be aware of include:

- Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission's (Tameside Council and NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG) **One Equality Scheme Annual Review 2020** is now live on both the [Council](#) and [CCG's](#) websites. This was approved by Executive Cabinet and Strategic Commissioning Board at the end of May. Under the terms of the Equality Act 2010, all public bodies are required to publish certain pieces of equality related information. One Equality Scheme ensures that both the Council and CCG fulfil their

obligations - particularly to publish one or more specific and measurable equality objectives at no more than four years from the date of first publication. This annual update provides a round-up of how the organisation is meeting its equality objectives over the previous 12 months.

- TfGM has issued advice for those Greater Manchester residents with a disability travelling on public transport in light of the new requirement for wearing face coverings (effective **15 June 2020**). Under the new rules, exemptions will apply to those who have conditions such as breathing difficulties, mental health conditions such as anxiety disorders, impairments that would make it difficult to use a face covering, and so on. You can find more details on this information attached to this email.
- Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership has put together an information booklet comprising of the mental health support and advice available to a range of groups, for example adults, bereavement, gambling addiction older people and carers and so on. This can be found [here](#).

10GM Funding

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, including how to apply. The opportunities are listed by grounds for support, such as Covid-19, arts, children & young people and so on. You can find the latest bulletin here: <https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/news/10gm-funding-bulletin-may-2020>

Funding in Derbyshire

The Derbyshire Community Foundation has established a Coronavirus Response Fund as a vehicle for distributing the various donations and funding streams that they are administering, in response to the Coronavirus outbreak and its impact on our local communities. A number of grants are available, including emergency foodbank £1,000 grants. You can find more information on applying here <https://foundationderbyshire.org/foundation-derbyshires-coronavirus-fund/>

The Bureau has temporarily suspended their grant programme to allow focus on supporting the community in response to Covid-19. Specific financial support for Covid-19 related activities is available – you can contact the Bureau for more information on **01457 865722** or info@the-bureau.org.uk

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.

- More people are leaving home to travel to work (40%)

- Healthy habits are worsening, including more drinking alcohol and smoking (22% and 12%) and 22% exercising less
- Most parents (63%) do not feel confident in sending their children to school
- Few school leaders believe it is feasible to open their schools more fully, and most feel unprepared for managing school movement to enable social distancing (65%)
- Almost all people (98%) report following government guidelines of staying 2m apart from others and avoiding contact with vulnerable people (88%)
- The huge reduction in using cash is affecting the most vulnerable and elderly without digital skills
- Many independent foodbanks are accepting self-referrals and therefore commonly used by people who have no recourse to public funds and the recently unemployed. They have played a huge role in feeding vulnerable and families during the pandemic.
- Working from home is taking its toll on people (24% reporting finding it difficult, a 10% increase on the week previous)
- An increasing number of GM firms are furloughing staff (73%)
- The most common issue affecting well-being continues to be feeling worried about the future (63%), followed by feeling stressed or anxious (56%), and feeling bored (49%)

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:

- [New walking & cycling measures to allow safe social distancing](#) – The outbreak of Covid-19 has meant we have had to make changes to our lives, including staying apart from loved ones. As social restrictions from government ease, we are also required to make changes to ensure all our residents are kept safe when out and about in Tameside.

Changes to roads and pavements are essential to supporting the local economy as people gradually return to work. Having safe routes on foot or by bike are essential - particularly for those who have been unable to work during the height of the lockdown period and are now returning to work. You can find more information about the proposed changes here: www.tameside.gov.uk/safestreets.

Local residents are invited to have their say on these proposed changes to make a safer borough for everyone. Closing date: **2 July 2020**.

- [COVID-19 survey](#) – Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have all been asked to ‘Stay at Home, Protect the NHS, and Save Lives’. This short survey from Healthwatch Tameside will help them to understand and gather information about what you think could make the situation easier to live with. They want you to say what is working well, as well as what could be improved. Paper copies of this consultation will be made available in due course, and questions can be talked

through over the phone to support as many responses as possible. Deadline: **ongoing**.

- [Healthwatch Tameside General Survey 2020](#) – Healthwatch Tameside are asking local people about their experiences of health and care services in Tameside. The questionnaire will ask what services respondents have used in the past year, as well as what was good and what could be improved about these services. They will then combine the results from this survey with other information on how well local services are performing to produce a report on the subject. **Ongoing**
- [Healthwatch Tameside young people's health & care survey 2020](#) – Healthwatch Tameside want to find out what young people in Tameside think about health and care services they have used during the past 12 months. The questionnaire will ask about which services respondents used in the past year, their views on service quality, and what changes could be made. They will then combine the results from this survey with other information on how well local services are performing to produce a report on the subject. **Ongoing**

Regional engagement and consultations

- [How are your revised bus services?](#) Derbyshire County Council would like to hear from health workers and other key workers about their experience getting to work by bus. Because of the coronavirus outbreak, all bus operators are now working on revised timetables. The deadline for this survey is **30 June 2020**.
- [Manchester Pride online consultation](#) – Manchester Pride is setting out a new three-year vision and as such want to hear from as much of the LGBTQ+ community as possible. They want to know what you want more of, what you want less of, how you want to express yourself, and to better understand the many communities Manchester Pride represents in order to meet their needs. This survey will cover all things Manchester Pride and will be an invaluable tool in helping them to develop all of their programmes to better represent and support the LGBTQ+ community. Deadline **ongoing**.

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:

- [National Health Data Consent Survey](#) – The CLIMB Project is a Cambridge-based team funded by the UK Medical Research Council working to improve mental and physical care and research using health data. They are conducting a national survey in order to gather patient and public opinion on sharing NHS and HSC (Northern

Ireland) health data across the UK. They are seeking your views on issues such as who you would be willing to share your data with, ideas on what a health data consent form might look like, and your current understanding of health data sharing, amongst other issues. Deadline: **30 September 2020**.

- [Protecting places of worship consultation](#) – The Home Office is carrying out a consultation across England and Wales on what steps should be taken to provide greater protection from hate crimes in places of worship. Following consultation with religious leaders it has been consistently heard that there is an important balance to be had between worshipping openly and providing adequate measures to protect worshippers. The responses to the consultation will be collated, processed, and analysed by NatCen on behalf of the Home Office. The closing date is **28 June 2020**.
- [Integrating Care for Trans Adults](#) – This survey is being undertaken by researchers from the Open University, the LGBT Foundation and Yorkshire MESMAC as part of a larger study. In this study we are looking at how different services can work together to support trans people better. These services include gender identity services but could also include GP services, other health services, mental health services and support provided by the voluntary sector. You can participate if you are over 18, if your gender does not correspond with the gender you were assigned at birth and if you currently live in the UK. To find out more, you can visit this link. Deadline: **ongoing**.