



March 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:

- **PEN Conference** – Just to say thank you to those who attended our most recent PEN Conference on Monday 28 February. 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. Around 30 attended, listened and had their say on the following topics:
  - School Streets Pilot
  - Children & Young People Plan
  - Walking & Cycling (Active Travel Fund/Mayor's Challenge Fund)
  - Walking Strategy
  - Tameside Pharmacy Services

A report detailing the discussions in the workshops, discussion on the future of PEN engagement and feedback on the event is currently being developed and will be shared with you soon. In the meantime, if you did manage to attend, please leave your feedback here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PENfeedbacksurvey>

- **TfGM: Travelling to healthcare sites engagement opportunity** – To help reduce carbon emissions, supporting NHS and wider government goals, TfGM's Customer Experience team want to learn more about the ways in which patients and staff travel to health sites such as hospitals, GPs, clinics and walk-in centres. At the end of March, the team will be hosting a "Travelling to Healthcare Sites" engagement workshop to provide an opportunity for attendees to share their travel experiences, highlight any potential practical issues encountered when travelling to health sites and to discuss opinions on sustainable transport modes. Participant insight and feedback will help us to make a difference to people travelling to health sites in Greater Manchester.

The engagement workshops will be held virtually, via Teams.

All workshop tickets are free and can be booked via the following Eventbrite links:

- 29th March, 11am-1pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/289663269637>
- 30th March 6pm-8pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/290286493717>

Please note that joining details will only be circulated with those who have booked a placed via Eventbrite. Please book your tickets before midday on Tuesday 22 March 2022.

- **Tameside in Work** – a new support service has launched in Tameside aimed at helping people to progress in their employment. If you are or know a Tameside resident who is on low pay, self-employed and would like professional support to upskill or increase earnings – sign up now. Trained advisors are here to support you. They will offer you a bespoke service tailored to your personal needs, career aspirations, skills and development goals.  
Email [tamesideinwork@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:tamesideinwork@tameside.gov.uk), call 07849310786 or sign up at [www.tameside.gov.uk/tamesideinwork](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/tamesideinwork).

### 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's it like to live in Tameside?** Using funding as part of the Community Champions programme, we are looking at what residents think about where they live to help us improve the area and our services. The next survey is now live and focusses on town centres, giving residents of Tameside the opportunity to give feedback on their local areas. The survey only takes around 10-15 minutes to complete and ends on the **27<sup>th</sup> March**.  
<https://interviewer.djsresearch.com/scripts/Dubinterviewer.dll/Page?Quest=80924&fbclid=IwAR26IXPbT9Pj7xgoijUmEQjB88RvWAASIG44VUXbLr8qX%5F34RAm4ZpyKg90&QW9679=707169&Resp=501859606&redirected=1&device=PC&html5=true>
- **General feedback about health and care services** – This survey is about general use of health and care services. Please help Healthwatch Tameside by telling them about any services you have used recently, that you haven't included in a survey response before. What went well? What could be improved?  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HWTgeneral21>

### 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 closing date is **21 March 2022**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X6W6SGS>

National engagement and consultations:

- **Operational guidance to implement a lifetime cap on care costs** – On 7 September 2021 the Prime Minister announced that from October 2023, the government will introduce a new £86,000 cap on the amount anyone in England will need to spend on their personal care over their lifetime.

The main purpose of this consultation is to seek views on the statutory guidance which sets out how a cap on care costs would operate in practice, as well as to inform how government can support local authorities in their preparations for its implementation from October 2023.

It is important that the guidance for local authorities is clear and operable so that local authority officials and other stakeholders are able to prepare successfully for implementation of this reform. The closing date is **1 April 2022**.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/operational-guidance-to-implement-a-lifetime-cap-on-care-costs>

- **Consultation on the impact of joint tenancies on victims of domestic abuse** – The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities is seeking views on the impacts of the law on joint tenancies on victims of domestic abuse in the social rented sector, with particular interest in:
  - perpetrators are using their ability to end a joint tenancy to threaten the victim with homelessness;
  - victims feel trapped in their joint tenancy with the perpetrator;
  - the current guidance for social landlords is sufficient to support victims in joint tenancies; and
  - the law on transferring joint tenancies is functioning successfully for victims

The closing date for submissions is **10 May 2022**.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-impacts-of-joint-tenancies-on-victims-of-domestic-abuse>

- **Consultation on local connection requirements for social housing for victims of domestic abuse** – Consultation on regulations to prevent local authorities applying a local connection to victims of domestic abuse who apply for social housing. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities is seeking views on:
  - Proposals to introduce regulations to enable victims of domestic abuse who need to move to another local authority district to qualify for an allocation of social housing in the new area, and;
  - How local authorities are making use of the existing legislation and guidance to support victims of domestic abuse who wish to move within and across local authority boundaries.

Deadline: **10 May 2022**.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-local-connection-requirements-for-social-housing-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse>

## **COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

The government is reducing remaining domestic restrictions in England. The advice is still the same for reducing the risk of catching and spreading Covid-19. This information is available via <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

Recent and upcoming changes:

- 24 February – You are not legally required to self-isolate if you test positive for Covid-19. Stay at home if you can and avoid contact with people.
- The Test and Trace Payment Scheme has ended
- From 1 April – the government will:
  - Remove the current guidance on voluntary COVID-status certification in domestic settings and no longer recommend that certain venues use the NHS COVID Pass.
  - No longer provide free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England.
  - Remove the health and safety requirement for every employer to explicitly consider COVID-19 in their risk assessments.

You can find information on Covid-19 for Tameside & Glossop residents here:

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/covid19Information>

<https://www.tamesideandglossopccg.org/coronavirusaccessingprimarycare>

## **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%20March%202022\\_0.pdf](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/sites/actiontogether.org.uk/files/10GM%20Funding%20Bulletin%20March%202022_0.pdf)

### **10GM Funding Bulletin – March 2022**

The latest Funding Bulletin produced by 10GM, a partnership of local support and development agencies in Greater Manchester has been produced. March's edition features local funds including Kellogg's Breakfast Club Programme and the Zuto Make a Difference Fund.

<https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/system/files/10GM%20Funding%20Bulletin%20March%202022.pdf>