



October 2019

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](#).

Things to be aware of this month include:

- **October PEN Conference:** a big thank you to those of you who attended the recent PEN Conference on 16 October. We had over 60 participants in the room. The Conference began with two presentations on getting more people moving more often in Tameside & Glossop, and the Mayor's Challenge Fund for improving access to walking and cycling. This was followed by six workshops on the following topics:
 - Health Inequalities
 - Patient Experience and Service User Engagement
 - Volunteer Strategy
 - Co-operative Councils
 - SAMMIE Campaign (Fire & Rescue Service)
 - Active Parks

A full feedback report from the Conference will be available shortly.

- **Greater Manchester & Eastern Cheshire Strategic Clinical Networks** are looking to establish a **Greater Manchester Patient and Carer Group for the Cardiac Network**. The aim of this group is to actively get involved and help shape future projects by providing input and engaging with a wide range of stakeholders across the system. They are looking for patients and carers who have used GM Cardiology services in the past 3 years. Those interested in participating can contact Denise Booth on denise.booth9@nhs.net for further information.

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:

- [Co-operative Councils Innovation Network Proposals](#) – Tameside Council is aspiring to become a member of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network. CCIN was established to promote the delivery of local services in a co-operative or co-productive manner. The approach is about giving people choice and control over the

public services the use. A consultation is open asking for views and suggestions on working towards a co-operative council.

- [Tameside Health Improvement](#) – Tameside Council are collecting information on the support available in Tameside to improve your health and wellbeing. They want to get information, views and opinions from people living and working in the area, including individuals and organisations who work to support communities in Tameside. They want to find out how, when and why you use services, groups, and facilities to improve your health and wellbeing. They want to know what you use, and what your experiences of these are. The deadline is **24 November 2019**.
- [Proposed changes to opening hours at Gamesley Library – \(Glossop\)](#) Following an earlier consultation Derbyshire CC have decided that 20 of 45 libraries in the county would be transferred to community management and that any of those 20 that did not have an expression of interest from the community would have their opening hours reduced. The closing date for comments is **17 November 2019**.

Regional engagement and consultations

Listed below are consultations taking place at a regional level which you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

- [Doing Buses Differently – proposed franchising scheme for Greater Manchester](#) – Greater Manchester is consulting on a proposed bus franchising scheme. This would mean bus services would be under Greater Manchester's control and they would decide which bus services would be provided, like the way buses are run in London and other major cities. GM would set the routes, timetables, tickets and standards, while bus operators would run the services. You can share your views on the proposals by following the link. The deadline is **31 October 2019**.
- [Developing a Health and Justice Strategy for Greater Manchester](#) – Poor health is something that impacts both victims of crime and offenders. From learning disabilities to drug addiction to poor mental health, there are a surprising number of health problems that make you more likely to be a victim of crime or an offender. So GMCA have decided to develop a Health and Justice Strategy, which is open for comments. The deadline for this is **31 October**
- [LGBT Foundation Trans and Non-Binary People Affected by Cancer](#) – LGBT Foundation is currently looking to inform healthcare professionals on how they can best support trans and non-binary people affected by cancer. They want to hear experiences of those who received such care in order to understand where improvements can be made.

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:

- [Home to school travel and transport: statutory guidance](#) – the DfE is seeking views on revised statutory guidance for local authorities on home to school travel and transport for children of a compulsory age (5-16). The revised guidance seeks to clarify local authorities' statutory duties in relation to home to school travel and transport policy, in response to feedback from local authorities and other interested parties. The deadline for this consultation is **31 October**.
- [Sprinklers and other fire safety measures in new high-rise blocks of flats](#) – This consultation outlines the government's proposal on options to reduce the trigger height for sprinkler provision in new high-rise blocks of flats in England, alongside other fire safety measures – improving wayfinding signage within blocks of flats and installing evacuation alert systems for use by fire and rescue services. The deadline for this is **28 November**.
- [Statutory guidance review for local youth services: have your say](#) – The review is designed to highlight the positive role Local Authorities should play in the provision of youth services. The government want to have an open conversation about the statutory guidance document, what is working well, and what government can do to strengthen it further. The closing date is **1 December**.
- [Independent review of Prevent: call for evidence](#) – The review will critically examine and report on the government strategy for supporting people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The consultation closes on **9 December**.