



Partnership Engagement Network Newsletter

February 2023

Our regular updates keep you informed of upcoming engagement activity, including PEN events and consultations, across Tameside which may be of interest to you.

We want to invite as many people as possible from across Tameside to join PEN. If you know others who would be interested in receiving updates, please encourage them to register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/penandbigconversation>

Upcoming Events

PEN Conference

Wednesday 15th February 2023

We are excited to invite you to our first evening Partnership Engagement Network Conference. It is an excellent opportunity for you to hear about and have your say on health and other important topics relating to Tameside.

The next PEN Conference will be held on **Wednesday 15th February, 6:30pm-8:30pm and will be held virtually.**

We will discuss two topics:

- Greater Manchester Elective Care Services: In Greater Manchester there are approximately 535,000 people waiting for planned hospital care, also known as elective care. NHS organisations across the region are working together to reduce the backlogs and get people seen and treated as soon as possible. We will ask for your thoughts and input on how we can best support people while they wait.
- Tameside Council's Engagement Strategy: In July 2022, we conducted a public consultation on our approach to engaging with the public asking you how we currently do and how we could improve. We have listened to your feedback and have drafted our Engagement Strategy for 2023-2027. We would like to present the helpful feedback we received and hear your views on the objectives we developed based on this feedback.

Please register to attend the event [here](#). A meeting link will be sent to registered attendees closer to the meeting date.

Tameside Council Engagement Strategy Workshops

Monday 27th February, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Tuesday 28th February, 5:00pm-6:00pm

We will be discussing Tameside Council's Engagement Strategy in two face-to-face engagement sessions.



- The first workshop will be held on **Monday 27th February, 2:00pm-3:00pm, at Tameside One in Ashton-under-Lyne**. To register for the workshop, please click [here](#).
- The second workshop will be held on **Tuesday 28th February, 5:00pm-6:00pm, at Tameside One in Ashton-under-Lyne**. To register for the workshop, please click [here](#).

Consultations and Surveys

Local

- ***NEW* Tameside Domestic Abuse Support Survey**

Deadline: 13/03/2023

Domestic Abuse is any type of controlling, threatening or violent behaviour between people in a relationship or between family members. It can affect anyone regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, religion or disability.

As a Local Authority we work with our partner agencies to make sure people experiencing domestic abuse can access support and advice.

Your responses to this survey will help us to make sure that we continue to provide the right support for people at the right time.

This survey should take no longer than 5-10 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey by **Monday 13th March, 11:59pm**.

[To complete the survey, please click here.](#)

- ***NEW* Big Conversation Survey**

Deadline: 22/02/2023

At Tameside Council, we advertise our local engagement and consultation opportunities on the Big Conversation webpage. ([Please click here to open the webpage](#)). Also, we advertise regional and national consultations.

As part of our Engagement Strategy that we are currently developing, we want our engagement and consultation opportunities to be accessible and transparent. The Big Conversation will play a role.

We are considering refreshing and re-designing the Big Conversation webpages. In this survey, we want to know whether you are aware of and use the Big Conversation, what



you think of the current website, and what improvements can be made.

This survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete and will close on **Wednesday 22nd February, 11:59pm**.

To complete the survey, please click
here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TMBCBigConversationSurvey>

- **Healthwatch Care and Experiences Survey**

Deadline: Ongoing

This survey asks about your use of any health and care services. This could be GPs, hospitals, NHS dentists, pharmacies, ambulance services, social care, and so on.

Please help us by telling us about any services you have used recently.

What went well? What could be improved?

To fill in the survey, please click [here](#).

Regional

- ***NEW* NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care: Accessible Engagement**

Deadline: 17/02/23

NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Communication and Engagement team would like to develop accessible engagement guidance for their staff to use. The guidance is to make sure that when we carry out engagement activity with people and communities that we do so in a way that is inclusive and does not create barriers for people, especially those experiencing health inequalities.

To help us understand the barriers for the people you work alongside we would really appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

[To complete the survey, please click here](#)

- ***NEW* Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service: Annual Delivery Plan Consultation**

Deadline: 08/02/23

Do you live in, work in, or visit Greater Manchester?

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service wants your views on their plans for the next



year.

Their proposed Annual Delivery Plan sets out how they'll achieve the priorities in their four-year Fire Plan over the next year.

[To complete the consultation, please click here](#)

National

- ***NEW* Employment: Draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement**

Deadline: 18/04/23

This consultation from the Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy is seeking views on the draft Code of Practice on dismissal and re-engagement.

The Code sets out employers' responsibilities when seeking to change employment terms and conditions, if there is the prospect of dismissal and re-engagement. It requires employers to consult staff and explore alternative options, without using the threat of dismissal to pressure employees to agree new terms.

This is an opportunity for all interested individuals and groups to review the draft Code, consider its provisions and provide their views on it. The consultation will remain open for twelve weeks. The Government will analyse all submissions, and take the views expressed into account before publishing a response and final version of the Code in due course.

[To complete the consultation and read the draft Code, please click here](#)

- ***NEW* Charities: Use of Social Media**

Deadline: 14/03/23

The Charity Commission are consulting on draft guidance for charities on their use of social media.

Their casework suggests that some trustees have limited oversight of their charities' use of social media compared to other aspects of their communication and engagement strategy. This might be due to a lack of confidence or understanding, or because uptake of social media has developed through staff or volunteers.

It is important that there is an appropriate shared understanding of the charity's use of social media and the particular risks it can bring.

The aim of this guidance is to help trustees improve this understanding, and to encourage charities to adopt a policy on social media as a way to set their charity's approach.



The Commission would like feedback during the consultation period on how the guidance currently stands and how it can be improved.

The guidance is relevant to charities in England and Wales, whether or not they are registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

[For more information and to complete the consultation, please click here](#)

- **Introducing further advertising restrictions on TV and online for products high in fat, salt or sugar: secondary legislation**

Deadline: 31/03/23

In response to previous consultations (an [initial consultation in 2019](#) and a [second consultation in 2020](#)), government published a [formal consultation response](#) on advertising restrictions for high in fat, salt or sugar (HFSS) products.

This response announced the UK wide policy will:

- introduce simultaneously a 9pm TV watershed for HFSS products and a restriction of paid-for HFSS advertising online
- include all on-demand programme services (ODPS) under the jurisdiction of the UK, and therefore regulated by Ofcom, in the TV watershed for HFSS advertising
- include non-UK regulated ODPS in the restriction of paid-for HFSS advertising online because they are outside UK jurisdiction

As outlined in the consultation response, certain elements of the policy will be taken forward in secondary legislation. These regulations will be made under new powers in the Communications Act 2003, which was amended by the Health and Care Act 2022.

Government is now seeking feedback on our draft regulations from those with an interest in these regulations and who will have to comply with them. The aim of this consultation is to gather views on the specific text in the regulations to ensure these are fit for purpose.

To complete the consultation, please click [here](#).

- **Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill: Reforms to National Planning Policy**

Deadline: 02/03/23

This consultation seeks views on the Government's proposed approach to updating to the National Planning Policy Framework. They are also seeking views on their proposed approach to preparing National Development Management Policies, how they might develop policy to support levelling up, and how national planning policy is currently accessed by users.



To complete the consultation, please click [here](#).

- **Veterans' Survey**

Deadline: 10/02/23

The Office for Veterans' Affairs (OVA) and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) are carrying out this important survey. It covers a range of topics related to the circumstances and lifestyles of people who have left the UK Armed Forces. These people are commonly known as veterans.

The UK Government wants to make the UK the best place for veterans to live by 2028. Change has already started. For the first time, the Census counted UK Armed Forces veterans. We need to find out more.

By taking part in this survey, you will help us to produce statistics about the lives of the UK Armed Forces community, veterans, and their families. Government departments, public bodies and charities will use the anonymous findings from this survey to make plans.

This is your unique opportunity to tell us about your experiences. Your responses will provide information not available from any other sources. Do not miss your chance to have your say.

To complete the survey, please click here: [Veterans' Survey - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

- **The Building Safety Levy: Consultation**

Deadline: 07/02/23

This consultation seeks views on the design and implementation of the Building Safety Levy. The Levy will be paid by developers and charged on new residential buildings requiring building control approval in England, for the purpose of meeting building safety expenditure.

The levy was announced in February 2021 and will ensure the taxpayer and leaseholders do not pay for the necessary remediation of building safety defects.

The consultation covers the following areas

- Overview and update
- Exclusions
- Supportive measures
- Impact on industry
- Sanctions and incentives
- Appeals



To complete the consultation and view the Building Safety Levy document, please click [here](#).

Grant Funding for VCSE Organisations

- For funding opportunities, please visit Action Together's funding directory: [Find Funding | Action Together](#)