



## Partnership Engagement Network Newsletter

July 2022

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**

**October**

Our next PEN Conference is scheduled to occur in October 2022. The date, time, venue, and topics of discussion will be confirmed in due course.

### Consultations and Surveys

#### *Local*

- **Engagement Strategy Consultation**

At Tameside Council, we are currently reviewing our Engagement Strategy. The strategy details how we involve you and how you provide your views in shaping the development of strategies and services in Tameside.

We are interested in hearing from you on how effective our engagement with you has been. We want to know what works, what does not work, and what we can do better.

Please go

to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TamesideEngagementStrategy> and



complete the survey. We are keen to hear your views.

Later this year, a further survey will be launched to provide an opportunity to comment on the draft Engagement Strategy.

- **Healthwatch Tameside Mental Health Survey**

Have you needed support for your mental health in the last 12 months? Or are you a carer of someone who has?

In 2017 Healthwatch Tameside completed a project about people's experiences of using mental health services. A number of changes have been made to services since then. This includes new services being launched.

We are carrying out another survey to find out whether feedback about mental health support has improved. This includes services for dementia, autism, learning disabilities and dependency issues. We are interested in all services, whether NHS or community/charity services. We are looking at how all the options available come together to provide an overall service.

Please be aware we are careful not to identify anyone in our reports.

How to complete our anonymous survey:

Online at: [www.healthwatchtameside.co.uk/share-your-views](http://www.healthwatchtameside.co.uk/share-your-views)

Ring us on **0161 667 2526** for a paper copy, or for us to call you back and complete over the phone. We have an answerphone

### *Regional*

- **GM Big Disability Survey 2022**

Are you tired of filling in surveys and not seeing change? This survey is different, it is not just to gather research data. The Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel is made up of 15 Disabled People's organisations, run by and for disabled people. We have a partnership agreement with GM Mayor Andy Burnham to influence policy to make Greater Manchester a



better place to live for disabled people. This survey helps us do that, and the more disabled people fill it in, the stronger our voice for change becomes.

We are particularly looking at how disabled people are coping with the rising cost of living and their hopes for the future.

Please note: By Disabled People, we mean anyone facing disabling societal barriers due to their impairments or conditions and this includes mental health, hearing or visual impairments, learning disability, neuro diverse people, and those with chronic illness or fatigue.

To fill in the survey, click here: [Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel Survey \(surveymonkeys.com/surveys/GM-DP-Panel\)](https://surveymonkeys.com/surveys/GM-DP-Panel)

- **GM Community Wealth Hub Consultation: Part II**

In March 2022, GMCA (Greater Manchester Combined Authority) launched a co-design process to create a Community Wealth Hub for Greater Manchester.

So far, GMCA have been listening to the views of a range of stakeholders, hosted a call for ideas on this platform, and held a large stakeholder workshop in June 2022.

This consultation provides stakeholders with a further opportunity to shape the co-design of a Community Wealth Hub in Greater Manchester, supporting co-operatives, mutuals, social enterprises and employee-owned businesses in the city-region. It will share the feedback received in the June workshop and ask for your thoughts on the ideas and suggestions around the following questions:

- What should be the *purpose* of the Hub?
- What *impacts* should the hub aim to create?
- What should be the key *functions* of the Hub?
- What should be the Hub's *operating model*?



For more information on this consultation, please visit: [Greater Manchester Community Wealth Hub: Part 2 - Greater Manchester Combined Authority - Citizen Space \(gmconsult.org\)](https://www.gmconsult.org)

### *National*

- **Improving disabled people's access to let residential premises**

This consultation regards the commencement and implementation of the remaining parts of section 36 of the Equality Act 2010.

This legislation will place a duty on landlords to make reasonable adjustments to the common parts of let residential premises when requested by a disabled person.

'Common parts' include outside areas, entrances, hallways, landings and stairwells.

Disabled people can already make such requests but there is currently no legal duty on the landlord to make reasonable adjustments to common parts.

For more information on this consultation, visit: [Improving disabled people's access to let residential premises: reasonable adjustments to common parts, a new duty - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-disabled-peoples-access-to-let-residential-premises-reasonable-adjustments-to-common-parts-a-new-duty)

- **A new approach to SEND area inspections**

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) seek your views on proposed changes to the way they jointly inspect area SEND arrangements from 2023.

We are seeking the widest possible range of views from:

- Those who have an interest in, or expertise relating to, disability, special educational needs (SEN) and/or alternative provision
- Children and young people who have SEND, and their parents and carers
- Local authorities, Integrated Care Partnerships,, professionals and practitioners involved in the commissioning and delivery of services to children and young people with SEND



For more information on this consultation, visit: [A new approach to area SEND inspections - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-new-approach-to-area-send-inspections)

There is a dedicated webpage for the version of the consultation aimed at children and young people with SEND: [Children and young people's consultation: Changing the way we look into services for children and young people with SEND - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/children-and-young-peoples-consultation-changing-the-way-we-look-into-services-for-children-and-young-people-with-send)

- **Childcare: Regulatory Changes**

The Department for Education are seeking views to reach well-informed and fair decisions on proposed regulatory changes to childcare in England.

This consultation seeks views on the following proposals:

- Changing the current statutory minimum staff:child ratios in England for 2-year-olds from 1:4 to 1:5
- Making the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework (EYFS) explicit that childminders can care for more than the specified maximum of three children under the age of 5 if they are caring for siblings of children they already care for, or if the childminder is caring for their own baby or child
- Making the EYFS explicit that “adequate supervision” while children are eating means that children must be in sight and hearing of an adult

For more information on this consultation, visit: [Childcare: Regulatory changes - Department for Education - Citizen Space](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/childcare-regulatory-changes)

- **Creating an offence of public sexual harassment**

The Home Office have launched a consultation asking:

- Whether or not a specific criminal offence of public sexual harassment should be created,
- if such an offence were to be created, what it should look like
- whether the government should take additional non-legislative actions to tackle public sexual harassment (either instead of or in addition to a new criminal offence)



For more information on this consultation, please visit: [Public sexual harassment consultation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/public-sexual-harassment-consultation)

To respond to the consultation, please visit: [Public sexual harassment consultation \(homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk\)](https://homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/public-sexual-harassment-consultation)

- **Down Syndrome Act 2022 – Call for evidence**

The Department of Health and Social Care have launched a call for evidence to ask what should be included in the statutory guidance accompanying the Down Syndrome Act 2022, which aims to improve life outcomes and access to services for people with Down's Syndrome.

They would particularly like to hear from individuals with Down's Syndrome, families and carers, professionals, and other people with learning disabilities.

For further information, please visit: [Down Syndrome Act 2022 guidance: call for evidence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/down-syndrome-act-2022-guidance-call-for-evidence)

To respond to the survey, visit: [Down Syndrome Act 2022 guidance – Call for evidence - Department of Health and Social Care \(dhsc.gov.uk\)](https://www.dhsc.gov.uk/government/consultations/down-syndrome-act-2022-guidance-call-for-evidence)

## **Grant Funding for VCSE Organisations**

- **Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund** - The £2.6m Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund supports community-led projects that increase the amount and quality of accessible, nature-rich green space in the city region, particularly in the areas where people need it most.

The first round of applications will close at **9am on August 22nd, 2022.**

Potential projects could include:

- Improving existing or creating new accessible green space for people and/or wildlife
- Permanently greening streets
- Creating new permanent parklets or pocket parks
- Community gardening/food growing
- Turning paved-over areas to green areas
- Cleaning up and restoring streams, rivers, canals, and ponds



If you have any questions about the application process, please  
email: [gmenvfund@lancswt.org.uk](mailto:gmenvfund@lancswt.org.uk)

For more information, please visit: <https://gmenvfund.org/green-spaces-fund>