



Partnership Engagement Network Newsletter

March 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>

Consultations and Surveys

Local

- ***NEW* Tameside Adult Social Care Strategy**

Deadline: 21/04/2023

Tameside Adult Social Care have used learnings from individual assessment processes, specific focus groups, engagement events, surveys, partnership boards, complaints, and more to inform the focus for the future Adult Social Care Strategy. This survey is to check back that we have captured what is important to you, and gather your views on adopting an Adult Social Care vision for Tameside.

We understand that these can be sensitive issues to discuss; therefore all responses will be kept in the strictest confidence and subject to all relevant data protection laws.

This survey should take no longer than 5-10 minutes to complete and will close on the 21st April 2023.

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

- ***NEW* Tameside Early Help Strategy 2023-2026**

Deadline: 14/04/2023

The sooner a family receives the right support, the sooner they are able to improve their situation. Early Help means taking action to support a child or young person and their family early in the life of a problem to improve outcomes for families.

The **Tameside Early Help Strategy 2023-2026**, is a partnership document underpinning our commitment to early intervention, building on the previous Tameside Early Help Strategies of 2017 and 2020.

It would be great to get as much feedback as possible to ensure we have a comprehensive



early help strategy reflecting the needs of the borough. A link to a pdf of the strategy is available on the first page of the survey.

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

- **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.](#)

- **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* Transport for Greater Manchester Business Travel Survey**

Deadline: 11/08/2023

Greater Manchester is working towards an ambitious target for becoming carbon neutral by 2038, and transport plays a significant role in reaching this. Greater Manchester's



transport and travel priorities aim to provide an environmentally sustainable network which is accessible, affordable and easy to use, and that supports long-term economic growth and access to opportunity for all. You can read more here: greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/transport-and-travel/

The Bee Network is Greater Manchester's vision for an integrated, London-style transport system which will join together buses, trams, rail as well as active travel - walking, cycling and wheeling. It is important that local businesses operating in GM have the ability to influence how the Bee Network works for their business and their workforce. You can find out more about the Bee Network here: tfgm.com/destination-bee-network

This survey from Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is to understand how businesses feel about the current public transport and active travel network in Greater Manchester, and what would encourage them to take up sustainable ways of traveling for their employees and business operations. It takes approximately 5 minutes to complete.

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

- ***NEW* Renting in Greater Manchester**

Deadline: 28/04/23

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) are working with DJS Research, an independent research agency, to carry out a survey with residents to understand their experiences of renting a home in the private sector.

This means - tenants who rent from a private landlord, such as a private individual, either directly or through a letting agent, or via a private company such as your employer or provider of student accommodation (rather than the council or a housing association). The findings from the survey will be used by GMCA and the ten local authorities to develop policies to improve standards in the private rented sector.

The survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

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

National

- ***NEW* Stable Homes Built on Love, Children's Social Care Reform**

Deadline: 11/05/23

This consultation is seeking views on proposals to reform children's social care.



The Stable Home, Built on Love, Strategy and Consultation responds to recommendations made by three independent reviews.

The Department of Education is seeking views on their proposed response to various recommendations, including:

- Support and protection for children and families
- Support for kinship carers and wider family networks
- Reforms to the experience of being in care, including corporate parenting
- Support for the workforce
- Delivery and system reform

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

- ***NEW* Schools: Use of Reasonable Force and Restrictive Practices**

Deadline: 11/05/23

The Government are seeking to understand how reasonable force, restraint and restrictive practices are used in schools to inform revisions to guidance.

The Government has committed to minimising the use of restraint in all schools and in instances where restraint is necessary and lawful, to support school to use it as safely as possible.

The Department for Education have launched a call for evidence to understand more about the use of reasonable force, physical restraint and restrictive practices in schools. Your views will help to inform revisions to existing guidance to ensure all schools are calm, safe and supportive environments in which pupils and staff can work in safety and are respected.

To provide your views, please click [here](#).

- ***NEW* Children's Social Care National Framework and Dashboard**

Deadline: 11/05/23

The Government are seeking views on the Children's Social Care National Framework (National Framework) and the Children's Social Care Dashboard (Dashboard).

This describes the purpose, principles and outcomes for children's social care and provides clarity on what local authorities should achieve and how they should start to understand their progress towards those outcomes.

The Department for Education are seeking views on these outcomes, enablers and indicators, and would like to hear from across the sector and from children, young people and families.



To provide your views, please click [here](#).

- ***NEW* National Police Code of Ethics**

Deadline: 28/04/23

The College of Policing is conducting a national public consultation to gather views to inform the development of the revised Code of Ethics Framework.

The Code of Ethics sets out how the police works together and with the public, so they can keep people safe. It provides a framework to guide the actions taken and decisions made by police officers, police staff, special constables and volunteers every day.

For more information and to provide your views, please click [here](#).

- **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](#)

- **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](#).

- **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](#)

Grant Funding for VCSE Organisations



- For funding opportunities, please visit Action Together's funding directory: [Find Funding | Action Together](#)
- ***NEW*** **Tameside Community Inspiration and Innovation Fund**
Deadline: 31/03/23

The Tameside Community Inspiration and Innovation Fund has been relaunched.

Applications for grants of up to £2,000 will be accepted until the end of the month. To qualify, groups need a project based around one or more of four themes: Keeping people safe, youth anti-social behaviour, green spaces, and supporting poverty and vulnerability.

The fund is based on participatory budgeting, which means the decision on who gets money is taken at community events.

Applications are especially welcome from new groups and particularly youth diversionary schemes.

For more information, please click [here](#).