



Welcome to the November 2018 Tameside & Glossop Partnership Engagement Network (PEN) update.

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.

Things to be aware of this month include:

- **Feedback from the fourth Partnership Engagement Network Conference on 15 October** – many thanks to those of you who attended the most recent PEN Conference. Over 70 participants gave their views in a series of diverse workshops including Frailty, Community Safety, Patient Centred Diagnosis Discussions in Long Term Conditions, Collaborative Practice in Primary Care, Tameside's Big Food Debate and Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing. A copy of the feedback report from the event is attached to this e mail and can also be found [here](#).
- **Our PEN Family** – the PEN family database continues to grow with more residents, patients, service users, stakeholders, partners and voluntary and community groups from across Tameside & Glossop signing up to hear more about upcoming PEN and engagement & consultation activity. Help us to keep you updated by making sure you are signed up to the PEN Family Database [here](#).

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:

- [Council Tax Support Scheme](#) - Tameside Council's Council Tax Support Scheme provides financial assistance to some Council Tax charge payers on a low income whether they rent or own their own home, or live rent-free. A range of proposals are currently being considered on whether the Council Tax Support Scheme should change for 2019/20. The deadline for comments is 22 November 2018.
- [Same-sex accommodation of in-patient mental health wards](#) – Based on some recommendations from the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Pennine Care is considering a move towards same-sex accommodation from the current arrangement of mixed-sex accommodation of in-patient mental health wards. Before the proposals are implemented, they are seeking the views of patients, staff, families, carers and stakeholders. The survey will take around 30 minutes to complete and is open until 26 November 2018.
- [Improving household waste recycling centres 2018 in Derbyshire](#) – Derbyshire County Council are seeking resident's views residents on what they like and what they think needs improving at their waste recycling centre sites. The deadline for comments is 21 December 2018.

- [**Public health school nursing and health visiting service in Derbyshire**](#) – Derbyshire County Council are seeking views on a proposal to put in place a formal partnership agreement for the delivery of the 0-19 public health school nursing and health visiting service. The deadline for comments is 24 December 2018.
- [**Gambling Act Policy**](#) - In accordance with the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005, Tameside Council is required to publish a Statement of Principles (also known as the 'Gambling Policy'). The statement provides guidance on the approach the Council, as the Licensing Authority, takes on gambling licensing matters. The Council is required to review its policy at least every three years. The existing statement is due to expire in February 2019. Before the revised statement can be adopted, the Licensing Authority must consult with a wide variety of individuals and businesses who may have an interest in licensed premises within its area. The deadline for comments is 4 January 2019.

Regional engagement and consultations

There are a number of 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:

- [**Developing a Good Employment Charter for Greater Manchester**](#) - Greater Manchester is developing a Good Employment Charter. The aim of the Charter is to help employers reach excellent employment standards and become more successful as a result. They are now seeking your views on their draft Employment Charter, which will help to finalise what it looks like for people across Greater Manchester. GMCA particularly want to hear from employers and employees in the private, public and voluntary and community sectors, people working in organisations responsible for employment practices, and representative bodies such as business groups and trade unions. The deadline for comments is 18 November 2018.
- [**Greater Manchester Industrial Strategy**](#) - Greater Manchester is a world-renowned centre of industry, innovation, enterprise and creativity. Developing an industrial strategy is an opportunity to drive our city-region forward as a global economic powerhouse. The Mayor of Greater Manchester and the wider GMCA want people to have their say on the strategy before it is agreed in March 2019. Your views will help shape the future of the city-region's economy. The deadline for comments is 22 November 2018.

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:

- Sale of Energy Drinks to Children - The Department of Health and Social Care are consulting on ending the [sale of energy drinks to children](#). Closing date: 21 November 2018.
- Proposals for the reform of the annual canvass – The Cabinet Office are seeking views on the [proposed reforms to the annual canvass](#). Closing date: 30 November 2018.
- [Consultation on proposals to ban the sale/distribution of plastic straws, stirrers and cotton buds in England](#) – The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs is seeking views on proposals to ban certain plastics with the overall aim of protecting the environment from plastic pollution. Closing date: 3 December 2018.
- [Changes to planning policy and guidance including the standard method for assessing local housing need](#) – The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is seeking views on new proposals to update planning practice guidance on housing need assessment to be consistent with increasing housing supply. Closing date: 7 December 2018.
- Calorie labelling for food and drink served outside of the home – The Department of Health & Social Care is seeking views on making [places that serve food and drink outside of the home show calorie information \(calorie labelling\)](#). Closing date: 7 December 2018.
- Improving adult basic digital skills – The Department for Education is seeking views on plans to improve [adult basic digital skills](#). Closing date: 10 January 2019.
- [Planning reform: supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes](#) – The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government is seeking your views on proposals that will allow greater change of use to support high streets to adapt and diversify, support extending existing buildings upwards to create additional homes, and speed up the delivery of new homes. Closing date: 14 January 2019