



February 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:

- **PEN Conference February 2019** – 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 Living Life Well (Mental Health), Loneliness, Greater Manchester Moving Local Delivery Pilot, Corporate Plan (Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission), Building a Social Movement around Community Wellbeing and Social Prescribing and Asset Based Community Development. There was also a PEN development session, the feedback from which will be used to shape the future delivery of PEN events. A copy of the feedback report from the event is attached to this e mail and can also be found [here](#).
- **[‘Dementia: discussing and planning support for your loved one’](#)** – Maggie Murdoch, Patient and Public Involvement Lay Member for the CCG has featured in the Social Care Institute for Excellence talks about the importance of planning for a family member’s care and encourages people to seek the support that is available to them.
- **LGBT+ Futures Fund small grants programme** - The LGBT Consortium has launched the LGBT+ Futures Fund small grants programme to support LGBT+ voluntary and community organisations across England. The deadline for receiving applications is on Wednesday 6 March at 5pm. You can find more information about the grant [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:

- **[Single Handed Care Proposal](#)** – Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission are looking to review their manual handling policies and procedures. A number of areas have championed a procedure known as ‘single handed care’. Evidence suggests that current procedures are out of step with what is required by people receiving care, and many wish to participate in their own care and enjoy the one-to-one relationship that single handed care offers. The deadline for this is 28 March 2019.

- [Physical Activity: LGBTQ Questionnaire](#) – Tameside Council (Population Health) is seeking insight on physical activity among the LGBT community. Learning about what types of activity LGBTQ people take part in and their views on the matter will help shape staffing education programmes, resources about inclusion, shaping transgender policies and potentially running LGBT participation programmes. The deadline for this survey is 15 March 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:

- Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership is developing a region-wide suicide prevention campaign to launch in April. This will help the Partnership to understand what the region thinks about suicide and therefore how they can develop the campaign to encourage people to talk about this sensitive issue. You can find the survey [here](#). The closing date for this survey is 11 March 2019.
- [The Greater Manchester Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment](#) - Greater Manchester's Plan for Homes, Jobs, and the Environment (the "spatial framework") has been put together by Greater Manchester Combined Authority, which comprises the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the leaders of Greater Manchester's ten local councils. This plan is about providing the right homes, in the right places, for people across our city region. It's about creating jobs and improving infrastructure to ensure the future prosperity of Greater Manchester. Local people are the driving force behind Greater Manchester's success. It's important that you have your say on the future of the place you call home, and help shape its transition into a world-leading city region. The closing date for comments is 18 March 2019.
- [Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner 'Listening to you' survey](#) – Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner is looking to improve the policing and victims service and would like to hear views. The 'listening to you' public safety survey is an opportunity for residents to share their experiences with crime and community safety and give their thoughts on local policing issues. This consultation is for residents in Derbyshire only (including those living in the Tameside & Glossop CCG area). All information provided will be treated confidentially and the deadline for this consultation is 31 March 2019.

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:

- [Improving access to social housing for members of the armed forces](#) – The government is committed to ensuring that those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families, and those who have served in the past, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public services. This consultation sets out proposals for new statutory

guidance for local authorities to assist members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their families, to access social housing. The deadline for comments is 8 March 2019.

- **[Consultation on consistency in household and business recycling collections in England](#)** – While many local authorities continue to make improvements and introduce new services some have seen a drop in recycling rates and do not collect the full range of materials that can be recycled or do not collect food waste separately. Defra are seeking views on plans to make recycling collections consistent across England. They also want views on changes to require businesses to separate their recyclable waste from residual waste for collection. The deadline for this consultation is 13 May 2019.
- **[Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers](#)** – Defra are seeking views on proposals to introduce a deposit return scheme for drinks containers including glass bottles, plastic bottles and cans. The cost of the deposit would be added to the price of drinks included in the scheme and could be redeemed when returned. It is anticipated that this will increase recycling and reduce littering. The consultation closes on 13 May 2019.