



April 2021

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:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/penandbigconversation>

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

The following are some critical sources of information from the government which are updated regularly:

- Updated figures on the number of Coronavirus cases and numbers vaccinated here: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>
- How to protect yourself or check if you need medical help: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Guidance on restrictions here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>
- Information on self-isolation here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
- Covid-19 advice for employees, employers and businesses here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

There is also guidance available on our own local websites as detailed below:

Tameside Council - [Link Removed] - includes links to service change information, how to volunteer, support for businesses, council tax recovery, mental health support, wellbeing, how to contact the Council for support and more.

NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG [Link Removed] [link on homepage](#)

Derbyshire Council - <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/health-protection/disease-control/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19.aspx>

Other things to be aware of include:

- **Next PEN Conference – save the date!** The next Partnership Engagement Network Conference will take place on **Thursday 1 July 2021, 2pm-5.00pm**. The conference will be take place virtually via Zoom.

Ensuring that public voice and opinion is at the heart of the public sector is key to designing approaches and strategies that meet the needs of our communities. The Partnership Engagement Network enables everyone to play an active role in developing the approaches that we take in the delivery and commissioning of services. Our next virtual Partnership Engagement Network Conference will cover:

- Presentations from key speakers
- Workshops on specific local programmes and developments.

Details of the workshop sessions are in the process of being confirmed - once these are available we will be in touch so you can select your preferred sessions. In the meantime please secure your place at the conference by clicking here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pen-conference-july-2021-tickets-151651049371>

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- **Census Final Reminder** - The 2021 Census is almost complete. Households across Tameside and Glossop were asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Census day this year was Sunday 21 March. Residents have until 4 May to fill out their questionnaire.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households should now have had a reminder if they have not already completed the questionnaire. Paper questionnaires are available on request.

For more information, visit www.census.gov.uk

- **Equalities in Tameside & Glossop** – Have you or your organisation worked on a project supporting equalities over the last 12 months? Do you have best practice examples of working with different protected characteristic groups in Tameside & Glossop? If so, we would like your help.

We are looking to identify examples of projects or pieces of work that have taken place across Tameside & Glossop during the last 12 months (March 2020 to now) relating to

equality & diversity and different protected characteristic groups. If you feel you or your organisation has a particular case study they wish to submit then we would love to hear from you. The project or piece of work does not have to be covid-19 related – the focus is on how your work has positively promoted equality & diversity. The case studies will be used to help reflect on the breadth of work undertaken in relation to our diverse communities over the past year – and help us to understand where additional work may need to take place. This evidence will also help inform the evidence base for this year's [One Equality Scheme](#) Annual Update.

Many thanks to those of you who have already provided examples – a list of which is attached to this e mail. If you have anything extra to add that is not on the list then please let us know by e mailing pen@tameside.gov.uk by no later than **Wednesday 19 May**.

- **CRISTAL Care Awards 2021** – The opening of the CRISTAL Care Awards nominations for 2021 is 4 May. Organisers are calling for eligible people to nominate those in the care sector that they feel deserve an award. The awards celebrate remarkable and inspirational stars, teams and leaders in Tameside and Glossop. Those eligible to nominate must:
 - Work within an independent Care Quality Commission (CQC) registered care provider in Tameside and Glossop - care workers, colleagues, managers and carers, or senior management of the organisation that owns the care home
 - Be a health or social care professional with links to the care delivery - social workers, GP, district nurse, any other visiting professionals - excluding commissioning and regulating colleagues
 - Be a family or friend of a person receiving careNominations will run from **4 May until 4 June**. A panel of judges will meet to discuss nominations in July with shortlisted finalists notified by late summer. [Link Removed]
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- **Pennine Care Health & Wellbeing College** – the new term commences on 12 April and runs until 13 August 2021. A series of wellbeing courses are offered, including arts for wellbeing, mental health awareness and reading for health. Enrolment can be completed online. All face-to-face courses will be delivered in a Covid-safe way but

numbers are restricted in line with government guidance. For more information, visit [\[Link Removed\]](#) or contact 0161 716 2666 or hwcollege.penninecare@nhs.net

- **Greater Manchester Older People's Network online event – Healthy Ageing: From ideas to influence.** Want to bring your life experience to make a difference for older people now and in the future? Join the online event on **Thursday 6 May, 10:15-12:30** to hear about GM Older People's Network's partnership with Manchester University's Healthy Ageing Research Group. They want to make sure that all older people can input if they want to and that research is inclusive of everyone. Whatever your background or experience, your voice is important.

This event will take place on zoom, you can join either by video or by telephone. Register via this link: [\[Link Removed\]](#) or telephone 0161 834 9823 Email GMOPN@macc.org.uk or telephone 0161 834 9823 for further information.

Grant Funding for VCSE organisations

There are a number of ways VCSE organisations in Greater Manchester and Derbyshire can apply for funding during the Covid-19 outbreak. 10GM, a partnership of local support and development agencies in Greater Manchester, have come together to produce a bulletin providing all the information on funding opportunities available for VCF organisations in Greater Manchester, including how to apply. You can find the latest bulletin here: [\[Link Removed\]](#)

Action Together Funding Bulletin – Action Together have a wealth of experience that could help you find and secure funding. The latest funding bulletin, which is produced monthly with 10GM colleagues can be found here: [\[Link Removed\]](#)

For Glossop, Derbyshire County Council offer a range of grants to assist in the delivery of social, economic, health, environmental, and cultural services. (<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/funding-and-grants.aspx>) High Peak Borough Council also offer grants to VCSE organisations, including through the Councillors' Initiative Fund for residents, local groups, and businesses which can be found here: <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/576/Councillors-Initiative-Fund>. Whilst Foundation Derbyshire offers a wide variety of funding programmes available to community & voluntary groups working across Derbyshire, with information and guidance on available grants and how to apply available here: <https://foundationderbyshire.org/apply-for-a-grant/>.

Update on various funding pots available

- **Emergency Investment Fund** – applications deadline approaching. The Emergency Investment fund is aimed at Social Enterprises, Charities and Community Businesses who are in urgent need of capital caused by Covid-19. This Emergency Investment Fund helps organisations by providing loans ranging from £50,000 to £250,000.

There is a repayment and interest free period of up to 2 years at the start of the investment and then a 3 year repayment period. The deadline is **Sunday 16 May**.
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Covid-19 opinion and behaviour insight:

The following are some key statistics taken from different pieces of national and regional research indicating what the impact of covid-19 has been for people including businesses. Understanding the impact of Covid-19 will be crucial to our recovery locally and how we plan to build back better.

- 88% people aged 16 to 29 years reported positive vaccine sentiment (63% at the start of the vaccination programme in December 2020)
- There has been a drop in confidence in the safety of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine compared with two weeks previously, with a larger drop of confidence seen in women (from 75% to 64%) compared with men (from 78% to 75%)
- 43% would prefer to go to a pub or restaurant for vaccinated patrons only, 23% would prefer them to be open to all
- 63% would feel uncomfortable travelling abroad once restrictions lift, 30% would feel confident
- 64% support the introduction of a traffic light system for international travel
- 57% reported meeting up with someone outside their household, childcare or support bubble in the last seven days (increase from 49% last week)
- 53% of working adults reported leaving home for work in the past seven days
- 72% of those that are currently working from home think it's likely that their employers will continue to allow them to work from home
- 57% of furloughed workers worry about losing their job – and young workers especially are anxious about the long-term impact
- 30% of furloughed workers have started looking for other work. This rises to 47% among those aged 18 to 24

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:

- ✓ **Urgent Care Survey 2021** – Healthwatch Tameside work on behalf of the community to make sure health and care services are working as best they can for you, influenced by what patients say. Have you used urgent care recently?
 - Did you understand all the options?
 - What assistance was provided?
 - What went well and what could be improved?The deadline for responses is **3 May 2021**.

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- **Spiritual Care Strategy** – The Tameside and Glossop Chaplaincy service provides a service to all patients who are admitted into Hospital. Currently, the multi-faith chaplaincy team offers religious and spiritual care to people of faith and none. The changing nature of communities in England means that chaplains respond to calls of increasing complexity. The diversity of religions and cultures within the population has grown. Chaplaincy provides highly skilled and compassionate spiritual support for patients, carers and staff facing situations which are at times harrowing and stressful. As the Trust moves towards an Integrated Care model they recognise that the chaplaincy has to reflect this change. To help them to achieve this and develop their future strategic priorities they are seeking your views that will best serve the needs of service users and align with the Trust objectives and values. The closing date is **14 May 2021**. [\[Link Removed\]](#)

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- **Health Improvement Service Consultation** – The Health Improvement contract is due to end next year. Tameside Council are planning to recommission services to replace Be Well, and want to make sure that we focus on the right things for Tameside. In November 2020, the Health Improvement Service was one of a number of services identified by the council's spending review for savings.

We are asking for your views to help us design what the new services will look like. The deadline for responses is **13 May 2021**. [\[Link Removed\]](#)

- **Getting to medical appointments** – Healthwatch Tameside work on behalf of the community to make sure health and care services are working as best they can for you, influenced by what patients say. How did you get to your recent medical appointment? Have you had to cancel appointments because you couldn't get there and was it rearranged?
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- **Attitudes towards the Covid-19 vaccination** – Healthwatch Derbyshire wants to hear from local people about why they may be hesitant about having the Covid-19 vaccination. We want to hear the concerns people have about having the vaccine. We also want to know if there are any difficulties booking or getting to the appointment, to have the injection.

All responses will be treated confidentially and will be shared anonymously with Derbyshire Public Health Services and the NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, which is coordinating the county's vaccination programme.

This will help these organisations to remove any practical barriers preventing people from having the vaccine and help to identify where there might be a need for public information.

(For Glossop residents who fall under the Tameside & Glossop CCG area). The deadline for responses is **29 June 2021 [Link Removed]**

Regional engagement and consultations

- **Let's talk about wildfires** – Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service would like to find out what the public think about wildfire. They would like to find out what people think is the cause of wildfires, what should be the consequence of negative actions around wildfires, your concerns and what should be done to prevent them from happening. The deadline for this is **31 August 2021**.

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- **Dementia Call for Evidence – Black African and Caribbean People In Greater Manchester** – The African Caribbean Care Group (ACCG) want to understand the dementia support and information provision to Black African and Caribbean people in Greater Manchester. Questions can be answered by either carers or people living with dementia. The Dementia Call for Evidence Survey covers 4 areas of a person's Dementia journey: Diagnosing well, living well, supporting well and end of life. This consultation is **ongoing**.

<https://www.accg.org.uk/dementia-surveys/>

National engagement and consultations

- **The Big Ask (Children's Commissioner)** - The Big Ask is a survey for children and young people aged 4–17 in England. The survey is split into different age groups, so you can fill in a version appropriate for your age. An easy-read 'accessible' version is also available as well as a version for care leavers. This is your chance to have your say on the things that matter to you. You can tell the Children's Commissioner what your life is like, what you want in the future, and anything you think is holding you back.

The Children's Commissioner will use what you say to tell the people who run the country or your local area what you think needs to change to make your life better.

Have your say at <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>. The closing date is **19 May 2021**.