



February 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 risk in the UK here:
<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>
 - ✓ How to protect yourself or check if you need medical help:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
 - ✓ Guidance on social distancing (including for vulnerable people) here
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>
 - ✓ Information on self-isolation here: [Link Removed]
 - ✓ Covid-19 advice for employees, employers and businesses here:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>
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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:

- **Partnership Engagement Network Virtual Conference** – our next virtual PEN Conference will take place on Tuesday 9 March 2021 (2.00pm – 4.30pm). 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 on the Census, Equalities in Greater Manchester and our Covid-19 vaccination programme in Tameside & Glossop
 - Workshops on specific local programmes and developments, including: Active Tameside, Health Improvement Service, Spiritual Care Strategy consultation, Community Cohesion, Digital Inclusion, Census 2021 and the Future of Local Fundraising at T&G ICFT

The Future of Local Fundraising at Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust has been added as a workshop today to bring the total number of workshops for the March PEN Conference up to seven. A brief summary of the workshop can be found below:

Local NHS staff are working tirelessly to support our communities in Tameside and Glossop during the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has increased demand on the CT (computerised tomography) scanner at Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care Foundation Trust (T&G ICFT) by 20-25%. CT scans can produce detailed images of many structures inside the body, including the internal organs, blood vessels and bones and are used to diagnose conditions, guide further tests or treatments and monitor conditions.

The CT scanner plays a vital role in the care of 80% of all patients at T&G ICFT. The CT scanner at T&G ICFT is an older piece of equipment, and the increased demand from Covid-19 has exacerbated the challenges that the Radiology team face in using it. We are appealing to raise funds to replace the CT scanner and we would like to hear from the local community about their opinions on this appeal, the best methods of raising funds, and how to further engage with the wider community.

If you have not already registered to attend the conference, please secure your place at the conference by clicking [here](#).

If you have not already selected your workshop preferences, or wish to change your workshop preferences due to the addition of the “Future of Local Fundraising at T&G ICFT” workshop, you can select your workshops by clicking [here](#).

If you are amending your workshop choices, we will consider your latest submission to be your final submission. Please select your workshop preferences by 5.00pm, 4 March 2021.

- **Ready, Steady, Census** - The decennial census is almost upon us. Households across Tameside and Glossop will soon be 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.

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 will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is **March 21**.

If you are able to help promote the census through any local social media platforms, newsletters etc., please let us know and we can provide you with the tools to do this.

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

- **Greater Manchester's Disabled People's Panel (GMDPP) is looking for new members** – The GMDPP is looking for new member organisations. The GMDPP is made up of Disabled People's Organisations (DPO- that is organisations majority run and staffed by disabled people) across GM. It operates at the highest strategic level with the GM Mayor Andy Burnham and GM Combined Authority to advise, consult, influence, and create policy with the aim to improve the lives of disabled people throughout GM. Deadline: send applications to panel@gmcdp.com by **Monday 15 March 2021**.

Grant Funding for VCSE organisations

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 Funds** – Has your company or organisation been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 crisis and been unable to access suitable or sufficient investment from existing support schemes such as the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS), the Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs) or SIB's Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund? Whether you address social needs, strengthen communities, improve people's life chances, enhance culture or protect the environment - this opportunity is for you. If you are a social enterprise, a charity or a community business then you can apply for a loan of between £50,000 and £250,000 for a 5-year term to support you through the crisis. The deadline for applications has been extended to **26 February 2021**. [Link Removed]

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- **Tameside Creative Wellbeing Fund** – Priorities: Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and the Community Wellbeing Team at Action Together are working with the local community to increase creative wellbeing activity in Tameside. The main aim of the Creative Wellbeing Programme is to reduce demand and dependency on health and social care services by connecting people who have

long term health conditions to community-based activities and services to help improve their own health and wellbeing.

They would like to fund activities/projects that aim to positively contribute to people's health or wellbeing. Examples would be; online singing for reduction in asthma symptoms or to reduce loneliness and isolation, posting craft materials to reduce stress, or an online art club.

Who can apply: VCFSE groups who are members of Action Together and are based and operate in Tameside. If you are not already a member of Action Together, you can become a member for free by registering here.

Grant amount: Up to £1,000. The deadline for applications is **Friday 26 February 2021**.

<https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/tameside-creative-wellbeing-funding-0>

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.

- 54% said life has changed for the worse since Covid-19 and 53% said the situation caused by Covid-19 has harmed their mental health
- 83% of healthcare workers think that the public are not taking the current lockdown as seriously as the first and 50% blame the public for the recent increase in Covid-19 cases
- 93% think there are aspects the government has handled relatively badly, including lockdown decisions (42%), travel restrictions (40%), and test and trace (36%)

Vaccine:

- White adults are more likely to get the vaccine (85%) than ethnic minority adults (69%), and of those just 49% of Black or Black British adults are likely to get the vaccine
- Of those that are unlikely to get the vaccine, the most reported reasons are being worried about side effects (45%) and long-term effects on health (44%)
- 64% think they are in the right place in the vaccine priority system, with those aged 16 to 65 in an at-risk group most likely to think they should be higher priority (20%)
- Of those that are unlikely to get the vaccine, the most reported reasons are being worried about side effects (45%) and long-term effects on health (44%)
- 50% will feel more comfortable about travelling on public transport when they have received a vaccine
- 56% of those who used public transport regularly before March 2020 will use public transport as much or more than they did previously when enough people have been vaccinated

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:

- **Godley Green Garden Village**

Ebenezer Howard, founder of the garden city concept, had a vision of places where people could work, raise families, travel easily and enjoy green spaces, this will be renewed for the 21st century at Godley Green.

Tameside Council is in the process of preparing a planning application for Godley Green to unlock up to 2350 new homes over the next 20 years.

The ambitious but achievable plan is to create a new sustainable garden settlement of beauty and great design that sensitively evolves around our existing communities and landscape.

Involving existing communities, stakeholders and young people in the development of Godley Green is extremely important to us. To achieve this vision, we now need your opinions, thoughts and ideas, which will be critical in helping to shape the next stages of the Godley Green development.

This is your opportunity to get involved.

Tameside Council will be hosting two open community sessions on **Thursday 25 February** to explain the masterplan and to hear from you.

The sessions will be held at **14:00-15:30** and repeated at **18:00-19:30**

You are welcome to attend either session. You can sign up for either session at Eventbrite here: [Godley Green | Garden Village Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT [[Link Removed](#)] Please do share this link with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues and we hope you can attend the events on Thursday 25 February.

- **Community Safety Strategy Consultation 2021/24** – The Tameside Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is developing its Community Safety Strategy for the years 2021-24 and would like to hear your views. Deadline: **25 February 2021**. [[Link Removed](#)]

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- **Covid-19 Vaccination Survey** – Healthwatch Tameside are seeking views on the vaccination rollout. Have you had your vaccine yet? What are your views on the vaccination programme? And what do you think about the local rollout? If you would prefer to complete the survey over the phone or you would like to receive a paper copy of the survey with a FREEPOST envelope, please call Healthwatch Tameside on 0161 667 2526
The deadline is **12 March 2021**. [\[Link Removed\]](#)
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- **Droylsden Library Survey** – Tameside Council would like your views on the proposal to relocate Droylsden Library from its current location to the adjacent Guardsman Tony Downes House, so we can build on the feedback from previous surveys on the topic to ensure the new library meets resident's needs as far as possible. The deadline is **17 March 2021**. [\[Link Removed\]](#)
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- **Health Improvement Service Consultation** - The Health Improvement contract is due to end next year. We 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 is 13 May 2021. [\[Link Removed\]](#)

- **Active Tameside Survey** - Active Tameside is a charitable trust that manages leisure services of behalf of Tameside Council. Like many local authorities, Tameside Council is having to make difficult decisions in light of the extremely challenging economic climate brought on in part by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Active Tameside is required to make efficiency savings alongside other Council services so that the Council can produce a balanced budget for 2021/22 and future years. A Sport and Leisure Review has been undertaken across leisure estate which proposes initial cost-saving measures aimed at achieving financial sustainability. The Council has developed these cost-saving proposals in partnership with Active Tameside.

Regional engagement and consultations

- **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/>

- **Local Nature Recovery Plan** – Greater Manchester Combined Authority are inviting residents to have their say on the first Local Nature Recovery Plan for the region. The plan will form the blueprint for the future of Greater Manchester's natural environment and local wildlife. The survey asks what people enjoy about nature, what the challenges for nature recovery are, and what people think should be prioritised within the plan. Deadline: **28 February 2021**.
[Help nature recover in Greater Manchester - Greater Manchester Combined Authority - Citizen Space \(gmconsult.org\)](#)

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National engagement and consultations

- **UK Statistics Authority Inclusive Data Consultation** – ONS is undertaking a review of how inclusive data and evidence are across the UK. This is in keeping with ONS' new strategy, Statistics for the Public Good, and will help to support the work of the [Inclusive Data Taskforce](#). In this review, they would like your views on where data and evidence are currently lacking or partial. This may be in terms of the quality of what is available, topics covered, geographical coverage or areas where data and evidence are missing completely. They would also welcome your suggestions about where to make improvements and what is currently working well. Deadline: **26 March 2021**.
<https://consultations.ons.gov.uk/external-affairs/uk-statistics-authority-inclusive-data-taskforce-c/>
- **Right to Regenerate: reform of the Right to Contest** – This consultation is to help to shape a reform of the Right to Contest, in order to encourage the right to be utilised more effectively and more widely to stimulate regeneration and the more productive use of land.

Strand 2 of the Community Right to Contest allows members of the public to request that the government directs the disposal of unused or underused land, including vacant homes and garages, owned by public bodies. This right is little-known and little-used, with only one direction to dispose issued since 2014.

The aim of this consultation is to strengthen the right and make it simpler to use as the new 'Right to Regenerate'.

This will provide a quicker and easier route for individuals, businesses and organisations to identify, purchase and redevelop underused or empty land in their area. In turn, the strengthened right will support greater regeneration of brownfield land, boost housing supply and empower people to turn blights and empty spaces in their areas into more beautiful developments.

The deadline for this is **13 March 2021**.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/right-to-regenerate-reform-of-the-right-to-contest>

- **Changes to the Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020** – The DfE are seeking views on their proposal to extend or amend a limited number of flexibilities within the Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2020.
On 24 April, the Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 came into force to provide local authorities (LAs) and children's social care providers with temporary flexibilities to support them during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Given the continued impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, they are now consulting on a proposal to extend or amend those regulations and are inviting interested individuals and organisations to comment on the plans.

The deadline for responses is **28 February 2021**.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/children2019s-home-team/adoption-and-children-coronavirus-amendment-regula/>

- **Keeping children safe in education - schools and colleges - proposed revisions 2021** – The DfE are seeking views on proposed changes to the statutory guidance 'Keeping children safe in education' 2020, with a view to making changes for September 2021. The consultation will seek views on revisions to 'Keeping children safe in education', the statutory guidance that sets out what schools and colleges should do and the legal duties with which they must comply to keep children safe. The closing date for responses is **4 March 2021**. <https://consult.education.gov.uk/safeguarding-in-schools-team/keeping-children-safe-in-education-schools-and-col/>
- **Mental Health Act reform consultation** – The Department of Health and Social Care are seeking views on changes to the Mental Health Act to help put patients at the centre of decisions about their own care. The deadline for responses is **21 April 2021**. www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-the-mental-health-act
- **Care Quality Commission Consultation** - The Care Quality Commission are the independent regulator of health and social care in England. They were established as an independent regulator with a clear purpose: to ensure health and care services

provide people with safe, effective, compassionate, high-quality care and to encourage those services to improve.

But the world in which they regulate has changed significantly since they were created. The Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated that change. They have created a new strategy with proposals for their future regulation, built around the themes of People and Communities, Smarter Regulation, Safety Through Learning and Accelerating Improvement.

They would like the public's feedback on their proposals for future regulation so they can make the strategy work for everyone. The deadline for responses is 5.00pm 4

March 2021. <https://www.cqc.org.uk/get-involved/consultations/world-health-social-care-changing-so-are-we>