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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>

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:

- **Budget Conversation 2022-23** – Tameside Council (TMBC) and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) together form the Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission. We are responsible for a range of services from bin collections through care for the elderly to the provision of GP surgeries. The total amount of money spent by both organisations combined is just over £1bn. Although a significant sum of money, that amount has reduced considerably over recent years due to cuts in funding from central Government. Both organisations have had to find increasingly new and innovative ways to provide the services local people want. We would like to explain in more detail where the money we spend comes from and what types of local services it is spent on. Then, we would like to hear your views on how we should prioritise spending, and your ideas for saving money. Closing date: **31 January 2022**
<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/budgetconversation23>
- **Gambling Policy Consultation** – Tameside Council are consulting on its Gambling Policy. The Gambling Policy 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 policy also sets out the council's approaches to ensuring such businesses remain compliant with their licences and the action it will take – in partnership with other organisations and responsible authorities – when licensing and other legislation is breached. The existing statement is due to expire in January 2022. Before it can be adopted, we would like to hear views on the revised policy. Comments are welcomed from

anyone who may have an interest in the area. Closing date: **24 January 2022.**

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/gamblingpolicy2022-25consultation>

- **Licensing Policy Consultation** – Tameside Council are consulting on its Licensing Policy. The Licensing Policy sets out the council's ambitions, strategies and policies relating to licensing for the next five years.

The previous statement of licensing policy set out the procedures in which the council would consider applications for licences. This new statement of licensing policy also covers applications for licences, but in addition, sets out the council's requirements and expectations for existing licence holders and licensed businesses and the actions it expects such businesses to take in order to promote the licensing objectives.

The existing statement is due to expire in January 2022. Before it can be adopted, we would like to hear views on the revised policy. Comments are welcomed from anyone who may have an interest in licensed premises in the area. The deadline for comments is **24 January 2022.**

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/licensingpolicy2022-27consultation>

- **Changes to the way people access health and care services** – During the pandemic, new ways to access care were introduced very quickly. These involved using technology, whilst we were locked down. Services are looking at how they can build on these changes for the future.

What do you think about using different ways to get help for your health and care?

This includes using technology.

What are your thoughts on data sharing between different organisations involved in health and care?

Your survey responses will be used anonymously in the reports Healthwatch Tameside produce. The content of these reports will be considered when services are being planned, so it is really important to hear as many views from members of the public as possible. The deadline is **28 February 2022.**

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

- **Delays in non-urgent care** – Have you delayed asking for help with your health because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Have you experienced delays in getting the care you need (after a GP has referred you)?

How have any delays affected your life?

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

- **Tameside Community Cohesion questionnaire** – A cohesive community is a diverse society where people from all backgrounds feel that they belong and are valued, enjoy similar life opportunities, and interact with other groups. A cohesive

community is one that has moved beyond an “us” and “them” narrative to one where there is trust and interaction between different groups.

Tameside Council would like to hear about your thoughts and experiences of community cohesion in the borough. This will help us to better understand the topic in Tameside. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TMBCCCommunityCohesionsurvey>

- **General feedback about health and care services** – This new survey is about general use of health and care services. Please help Healthwatch Tameside by telling them about any services you have used recently, that you haven't included in a survey response before. What went well? What could be improved?

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HWTgeneral21>

- **Barriers to accessing information and services** – Diversity Matters North West are conducting a survey on the “Barriers to Accessing Information” that people face across Tameside and Glossop. This is particularly in relation to language barriers, and in the context of Covid-19, but barriers could also include digital access, gate-keeping, “red-tape”, difficulties identifying the correct service, slow response times by services etc.

The Tameside and Glossop Inequalities Reference Group have invited Diversity Matters North West to conduct this survey as part of a wider research and engagement process into these barriers across the locality. The responses, analysis and recommendations will inform an action report for decision makers to consider and make improvements based on the results.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=NWSF4YGBkE2b_yKaOPPjCt05wS4ucD5Bgxs4OF0NjnlUQkxIUU5aVUtSWFIRQzVYVIRTEkzMUHVVi4u

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/>
- Guidance on restrictions and how to protect yourself or check if you need medical help: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- 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>
- Information on Winter 2021 ‘Plan B’ rules here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/proposal-for-mandatory-covid->

[certification-in-a-plan-b-scenario/proposal-for-mandatory-covid-certification-in-a-plan-b-scenario](#)

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

Tameside Council - www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus - 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 - www.tamesideandglossopccg.org/ link on homepage

Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust - www.tamesidehospital.nhs.uk/ information on homepage

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

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.

- 65% think that the Government's instructions on how people should respond to coronavirus are clear – similar to results in July, when 63% found Government communications clear
- 30% of adults think things will return to 'normal' within the next six months (by July 2022), but 65% think there will be another Covid-19 lockdown in 2022
- 46% don't think that office workers will return to the workplace full-time in 2022
- Just three quarters of adults fully complied with self-isolation rules after testing positive for Covid-19 (74%)
- Having to self-isolate is negatively affecting people, with a third of adults reporting it to have impaired their mental health and wellbeing (33%)
- 24% felt that 2021 was a worse year for them than 2020

Grant Funding for VCSE organisations

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:

<https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/sites/actiontogether.org.uk/files/10GM%20Funding%20Bulletin%20January%202022%20AT%20version.pdf>

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/>.

Tackling loneliness with transport funds – DfT funding available is currently available with bids open until 28 January to tackle loneliness through transport. Public and charity sectors are able to apply for grants of up to £500,000 to pilot projects that aim to reduce loneliness through transport schemes: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tackling-loneliness-with-transport-fund>.

The aims of the project that interested organisations need to meet to be eligible for funding are:

- to implement and deliver a range of effective, targeted pilot transport schemes for those at risk of loneliness
- to build an evidence base on transport and loneliness, particularly among vulnerable groups
- to demonstrate how new transport pilot schemes or a different approach using the existing transport network can trial new and innovative ways of tackling loneliness. Where applicable this may involve the continuation, adaptation or expansion of existing provision
- to fund a range of transport-related schemes that target lonely groups

There are a series of affected groups under the loneliness criteria:

- older people
- younger people (aged 16 to 24, including university students)
- people with long-term health problems
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
- LGBTQ+ people
- disabled people
- carers