



November 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>

Things to be aware of this month include:

- **PEN Conference October 2021 – report now available.** Another thank you to those who attended our third virtual Conference of the year. Over 40 people were in attendance to hear a presentation on the Community Champions Network, and take part in workshops on the following topics:
 - Community Champions
 - Heart Failure Care Plan
 - Understanding Cancer
 - Waste Policy Consultation
 - Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy

The report of the Conference summarising the discussions and feedback is now available and can be found here:

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tamesideandglossopPEN/reports>

- **Greater Manchester LGBTQ+ Advisory Panel opportunities** – The GM LGBTQ+ Advisory Panel is currently recruiting for new Panel members. The Panel is one of seven Panels established by Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to tackle injustice and inequality in our region. The Panel aims to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ people across the city region by putting LGBTQ+ communities at the heart of decision-making in Greater Manchester. They are currently looking for passionate individuals with links to local LGBTQ+ communities to join the Panel

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:

- **Adult Social Care Non-Residential Charging Policy Consultation** – Tameside Council is seeking views on proposed changes to the Council’s Adult Social Care Non-Residential Charging Policy. This consultation is open to all but we are particularly interested to hear the views of residents who receive adult social care and support services.

The consultation sets out the key changes proposed to the way the Council charge for care and support services, such as care received at home or Shared Lives scheme and support to manage finances provided by the Council.

We would like to hear your views on proposals that relate to:

- o The Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG)
- o The elements of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)/ Personal Independence Payment (PIP) care component that may be disregarded and;
- o The introduction of an arrangement fee and an annual fee for setting up care for self-funders.

The closing date for this consultation is **23 December 2021**.

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/>

- **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_yKaOPPiCt05wS4ucD5Bgxs4OF0NjIUQkxIUU5aVUtSWFIRQzVYVIRREkzMUhVVi4u

- **Self-isolation survey** – Tameside Council are conducting a survey to better understand the barriers and challenges that people may face when asked to self-isolate due to coronavirus. Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19). You are typically asked to self-isolate for at least 10 days. This helps stop the virus spreading to other people. The reasons people are asked to self-isolate are because they have tested positive for coronavirus and been asked to self-isolate, a member of your household has tested positive for coronavirus, or you have been identified by the NHS Track and Trace as a contact of someone who tested positive. A better understanding of the barriers and challenges people face to self-isolation can help us to better support local people to self-isolate. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/tmbcselfisolation>

Regional engagement and consultations

- **Greater Manchester Police & Crime Plan Refresh 2021** – This consultation seeks views on the refreshed plan for police, community safety, criminal justice services and citizens in Greater Manchester.
Up to now the Mayor has been working the ten community safety partnerships, Greater Manchester Police, young people, businesses, communities, health organisations and VCSE organisations to refresh the Plan.
There has been overwhelming support for the priorities in the current Plan and they are felt to reflect what is needed at a more local level. Your views are now sought regarding the priorities for keeping you and your loved ones safe. All responses are confidential. The closing date is **30 November 2021**.
<https://www.gmconsult.org/police-and-crime-team/greater-manchester-police-and-crime-plan-refresh-2/>
- **Greater Manchester LGBTQ+ Advisory Panel – Public Engagement Survey** – The purpose of this survey is to help the Greater Manchester LGBTQ+ Advisory Panel understand the needs of local LGBTQ+ communities.
The LGBTQ+ Advisory Panel is one of seven Panels established by Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), to tackle the causes of inequality in Greater Manchester and influence change in a way that best responds to the needs of marginalised communities. Your response will contribute to shaping the LGBTQ+ Advisory Panel's priorities this year, and ensure they are representing you. The closing date for this is **17 November 2021**.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GMLGBTQPanel>
- **Urgent and Emergency Care – Winter Pressures Survey** – The NHS in Greater Manchester is looking to develop its understanding of why some people within Greater Manchester inappropriately access urgent and emergency care and wants to support people to access the right services and understand how to make that choice.

Any findings from the survey will be used to help health and care professionals in Greater Manchester better understand why people access the NHS services in the way that they do and what communications might help to support people to make the best choices to get the help they need. The closing date for this is **10 December 2021**.

- **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/>

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

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

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

Tameside Council - www.tameside.gov.uk - 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.

Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust
- www.tamesideandglossopicft.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.

- If COVID-19 hospitalisations increase over the coming months, most of the public would support face masks being required indoors again (80%)
- Most adults would support the return of a 'working from home' rule and use of vaccine passports if COVID-19 hospitalisations become high over the coming months (78% and 72% respectively)
- The majority of UK adults would accept a vaccine booster if it was offered to them (82%)
- Most adults think vaccinations should be compulsory for care home staff (73%)
- Feelings of safety amongst transport users remains stable on buses, but has dropped on trains: 88% of trains users feel safe (2% decrease), 19% did not feel safe (9% increase)

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.

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/>.

Various funding pots available:

GM Mental Wellbeing Grants – GMCVO are delivering a grants programme to support people from communities of identity or experience, based in Greater Manchester, who may struggle to achieve higher levels of mental wellbeing. Funded by Greater Manchester

Health and Social Care Partnership, a total of £90,000 will be awarded in year 2 between August and November 2021.

The grants will be awarded, in two stages, to small, grassroots VCSE organisations that will support people to develop high levels of mental wellbeing.

The second stage, a small grants round of £750 - £3,000, launched on Wednesday 6th October 2021. Deadline for applications is Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 17:00, we will communicate decisions on Friday 10th December 2021.

Skills for Growth - SME Support – Skills for Growth - SME Support is a fully funded, tailored service to help up-skill your employees and improve productivity. Available to any Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations in Greater Manchester with between 1-250 (FTE) employees, the service is designed to help your organisation grow through re-shaping, developing your talent and enhancing team performance.

The service is delivered by Growth Company (GC) Business Growth Hub in partnership with Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO), funded through the European Social Fund and commissioned by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. For more information and to access support, please email Sittu Ahmed (sittu.ahmed@gmcvo.org.uk)

Supporting Ageing in Place microfunding programme

GMCVO-led programme, Ambition for Ageing, are pleased to share a list of projects funded in the first and second round of our Supporting Ageing in Place microfunding programme. Over 100 projects across Greater Manchester have received funding to tackle social isolation, build social connections and make places across the city-region more age-friendly.

Delivery of the projects began in August and it has been great to see activities beginning, with older people from a range of communities getting involved.

Ambition for Ageing's research on microfunding has shown that a small pot of money can generate significant change within a neighbourhood, so they are delighted to have funded such a wider range of small projects across the region.
