



September 2020

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](#).

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Outbreak

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

- [Covid-19 advice for employees, employers and businesses](#)
- [Updated figures on the number of Coronavirus cases and risk in the UK](#)
- [How to protect yourself or check if you need medical help](#)
- Guidance on [social distancing \(including for vulnerable people\)](#) and for [self-isolation](#)

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:

- **Community Champions** – Tameside Council are looking for residents and staff to become Tameside Community Champions as we all continue to work together in the response to COVID-19. Armed with the latest advice and guidance, the champions can

help family, friends and other Tameside community members to understand the latest facts about the virus and what we can all do in order to protect ourselves, each other, and prevent the spread of the virus. You might be the person that everyone knows and trusts. You might be someone who just wants to help in whatever way you can. You can support the community as much or as little as you like in a variety of ways, from simply passing on information to having conversations or volunteering your time. If you're interested in becoming a Community Champion you can [find out more about the role, and how to register on the website here](#).

- **Membership of Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust –**
As part of the Tameside and Glossop community, the Trust seeks to engage with people from all walks of life who use our services. One way in which we can do this is through the membership we have as a Foundation Trust, and we are currently seeking to bring this opportunity to the attention of our residents.

Membership of the Trust is free, carries no obligation, and enables individuals to participate in both our governance and development; and to do so at a level at which they are comfortable. In particular, all members have the opportunity to participate in or offer their service through elections to the Council of Governors. The Council is a key part of our governance, charged with bringing the interests of the community into the Trust and holding the Board to account on their behalf.

Membership also gives additional information of the work of the Trust, through a regular twice-yearly membership magazine: together with the provision of information related to our wider public engagement work, undertaken through the Tameside & Glossop Public Engagement Network and other routes.

We want to ensure that our local communities are aware of the opportunity to join the Trust as members; and then to participate in or seek election as a Governor. Click [here](#) for more information or to apply to become a member of the Trust.

- **Virtual recycling education –** The Education Team at Recycle for Greater Manchester are now offering one hour virtual sessions to schools, community groups and residents to help people understand what rubbish should be recycled and in which bin, how the waste is separated and why we should recycle. The sessions are interactive and include films, activities and a question and answer session with one of their experienced Education Officers. The virtual sessions are being offered in place of visits to their Education Centres, which cannot be conducted at the moment because of coronavirus restrictions. To find out more or to book a session contact: education@recycleforgreatermanchester.com
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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. [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

- **Lloyds Foundation Grant Opportunity** – A funding opportunity has come up via the [Lloyds Foundation](#) for projects focused on learning how people interact with welfare and benefits. Action Together are interested in working with local partners who would want to apply, particularly around issues of No Recourse to Public Funds. This group face huge barriers accessing any welfare support, with legal obstacles, access to immigration advice and lack of trust being major challenges amongst other areas. This is a great opportunity to capture their experience and imagine how it could be different, but there is a deadline of 30th September to submit an Expression of Interest so we need to act quick!
If you would like to work with us on these issues or others related to the welfare system, please contact Robbie.cowbury@actiontogether.org.uk.
- **Covid-19 Community-led Organisations Recovery Scheme** – This funding is designed to support organisations that work with those communities which have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, as well as social enterprises and community businesses.
- **GM Mental Wellbeing Grants** – GMCVO, working in partnership with 10GM, have launched a grants programme to support adults from communities of identity or experience, based in Greater Manchester; that may struggle to achieve higher levels of mental wellbeing.
- **Emergency grants for GM BAME Communities** – Between July and December 2020, grants will be available for GM BAME led VCSE organisations, with an annual income of under £10,000, to focus on emergency needs within BAME communities. The grants will fund new activities and services as well as the additional costs of adapting existing services due to COVID-19. The grants will also help counter the loss of fundraising income directly caused by the pandemic.
- **Social Enterprise Support Fund** – provides grants to support social enterprises during Covid-19. It is particularly focussed on smaller social enterprises with an annual income of between £25,000 and £1.5m before COVID. The funding is specifically for

social enterprises that support people who are at high risk from COVID-19, or those that support people most likely to face increased demand and challenges as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

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.

- Less than half think guidance on who and how many people you can meet with is clear (44%), and just 34% think that others are following it well
- Young people's biggest concerns about the return to school are struggling to keep up (68%), the social distancing rules (50%) and catching Coronavirus (47%)
- 46% say they always maintained social distancing when meeting up with others (45% two weeks ago) - 8% said they rarely or never maintained social distancing (5% two weeks ago)
- Most bosses believe staff could/work effectively from home (74%), however, one in five are sceptical staff are being productive (19%)
- Most people feel safe and confident when attending hospital for specific procedures; attending hospital for essential surgery was considered most safe (78%), and attending A&E was considered least safe (50%)
- Mental health: 64% are worried about the effect that Covid-19 is having on their life right now
- Renters are more likely to be furloughed, unable to work or made redundant than home-owners
- An increasing proportion of people have few concerns about using public transport (43% compared to 38% last week)

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:

- [**Review of Draft 2020 Statement of Community Involvement**](#) – The Statement of Community Involvement sets out how Tameside Council will involve the local community, stakeholders and other organisations in preparing and revising local planning documents and making decisions on planning applications. The current SCI was adopted in 2016 and needs to be updated to reflect changes to planning legislations, policy and guidance, in addition to measures implemented to combat Covid-19. An updated SCI has been drafted and the Council is seeking feedback on this document. Deadline: **1 October 2020**.

- [COVID-19 survey](#) – Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have all been asked to ‘Stay at Home, Protect the NHS, and Save Lives’. This short survey from Healthwatch Tameside will help them to understand and gather information about what you think could make the situation easier to live with. They want you to say what is working well, as well as what could be improved. Paper copies of this consultation will be made available in due course, and questions can be talked through over the phone to support as many responses as possible. Deadline: **ongoing**.
- [Healthwatch Tameside General Survey 2020](#) – Healthwatch Tameside are asking local people about their experiences of health and care services in Tameside. The questionnaire will ask what services respondents have used in the past year, as well as what was good and what could be improved about these services. They will then combine the results from this survey with other information on how well local services are performing to produce a report on the subject. **Ongoing**
- [Healthwatch Tameside young people’s health & care survey 2020](#) – Healthwatch Tameside want to find out what young people in Tameside think about health and care services they have used during the past 12 months. The questionnaire will ask about which services respondents used in the past year, their views on service quality, and what changes could be made. They will then combine the results from this survey with other information on how well local services are performing to produce a report on the subject. **Ongoing**

Regional engagement and consultations

- [Greater Manchester State of the VCSE Sector Evaluation 2020](#) – This survey is a partnership piece of research being commissioned and led by 10GM, a joint venture to support the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in the 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester, working alongside GMCVO, Bury VCFA, Stockport Council, Trafford Council, and Wigan Council undertaken by researchers from the University of Salford. The research will not just enable the partnership to gain a picture into every local area but also Greater Manchester as a whole. The questions will focus on issues such as the number of volunteers and employees in your organisation, income, and sources of funding and partnerships. This is for VCSE organisations to complete so if you are a member of a voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisation in Tameside or Glossop this is your opportunity to give your views on the sector. Closing date: **25 September 2020**.
- [The IGNITION Project: How do you use your parks?](#) – The IGNITION project brings together 12 partners from across Greater Manchester who aim to create a greener, healthier and more climate resilient future for us all. The aim of the project is to research innovative ideas about how public parks and greenspaces can be uplifted across Greater Manchester (GM). If you live in Greater Manchester the IGNITION project would like you to share your thoughts with them by filling in this short survey

to enable them to understand how you use your public parks and greenspaces and why they are important to you. Deadline: **25 September 2020**.

- [Greater Manchester's Big Mental Wellbeing Conversation](#) – People in Greater Manchester are being asked to join a conversation about their mental wellbeing, to discover how they feel, what worries them, and what they think can be done to make a positive difference to where they live. Greater Manchester's Big Mental Wellbeing Conversation is being run by the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership and the Independent Mental Health Network. The Independent Mental Health Network is a membership-led organisation that represents a diverse community of past, current and future users of mental health services, as well as those with lived experience of mental health problems.

There will also be a series of virtual and (subject to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted) socially distanced in person focus groups. A £25 voucher will be provided to each person who takes part. They will take place on the dates below:

- Wednesday 23 September, 5 – 6:30 pm (virtual)
 - Thursday 24 September, 1 – 2:30 pm (virtual)
 - Monday 28 September, 2 – 5:30 pm (in person – subject to COVID-19 guidance)
 - Monday 5 October, 10:45 am – 12:15 pm (virtual)
- To book, please visit the Eventbrite page [here](#).

Deadline for survey responses is **19 October 2020**.

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:

- [Covid-19 and Maternity Services in the UK](#) – The Fatherhood Institute would like to know how services have been managing fathers' / partners' roles in supporting mothers through their perinatal journey, and how families have coped (and/or are coping) with the restrictions. Expectant and new parents are invited to respond, as well as those who work for NHS maternity services.
- [Distributing vaccines and treatments for COVID-19 and flu](#) – The UK government, with the Minister of Health in Northern Ireland, is seeking views on proposed changes to the Human Medicine Regulations 2012. The consultation covers:
 - authorising temporary supply of an unlicensed product
 - civil liability and immunity
 - expanding the workforce eligible to administer vaccinations
 - promoting vaccines

- making provisions for wholesale dealing of vaccines

The closing date for this is **18 September 2020**.

- [Managing Pavement Parking](#) – Consultation asking whether a change of existing pavement parking legislation should occur. The Department for Transport are proposing 3 options:
 - Improving the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, under which local authorities can already prohibit pavement parking.
 - A legislative change to allow local authorities with civil parking enforcement powers to enforce against ‘unnecessary obstruction of the pavement’.
 - A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England.

The deadline for this is **22 November 2020**.

- [LGBT Sport & Physical Activity Group Coronavirus Impact Survey](#) – With this survey Pride Sports would like to get an idea of how the coronavirus lockdown has affected LGBT+ sports clubs, not just in terms of providing sports and physical activity, but also other aspects such as social events and the governance of clubs. Deadline: **ongoing**.
- [National Health Data Consent Survey](#) – The CLIMB Project is a Cambridge-based team funded by the UK Medical Research Council working to improve mental and physical care and research using health data. They are conducting a national survey in order to gather patient and public opinion on sharing NHS and HSC (Northern Ireland) health data across the UK. They are seeking your views on issues such as who you would be willing to share your data with, ideas on what a health data consent form might look like, and your current understanding of health data sharing, amongst other issues. Deadline: **30 September 2020**.
- [Integrating Care for Trans Adults](#) – This survey is being undertaken by researchers from the Open University, the LGBT Foundation and Yorkshire MESMAC as part of a larger study. In this study we are looking at how different services can work together to support trans people better. These services include gender identity services but could also include GP services, other health services, mental health services and support provided by the voluntary sector. You can participate if you are over 18, if your gender does not correspond with the gender you were assigned at birth and if you currently live in the UK. To find out more, you can visit this link. Deadline: **ongoing**.
- [Fire safety](#) – The Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government are seeking views on proposals to strengthen the Fire Safety Order, implement Grenfell Tower

Inquiry recommendations and strengthen the regulatory framework for how building control bodies consult with Fire and Rescue Authorities. The deadline for this is **12 October 2020**.

- [Planning for the future](#) – The Planning for the future consultation proposes reforms of the planning system to streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development where it is needed. This consultation closes on **29 October 2020**.
- [Raising accessibility standards for new homes](#) – This consultation considers how to raise accessibility standards, recognising the importance of suitable homes for older and disabled people. In particular, it considers how the existing optional accessible and adaptable standard for homes and the wheelchair user standard are used and whether government should mandate a higher standard or reconsider the way the existing optional standards are used. The closing date is **1 December 2020**.