



April 2019

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](#).

Things to be aware of this month include:

- **PEN Conference June 2019** – The next Partnership Engagement Network Conference takes place on **Tuesday 25 June 2019** commencing at 9.30 am (registration from 9.00am) at Hyde Town Hall, 10 Corporation Street, Hyde, SK14 1AL. Please keep the date free in your diary to join other PEN members to engage on key pieces of work taking place across Tameside & Glossop. The full arrangements and agenda for the day will be confirmed at a later date.
- **NHS Long Term Plan** – The government is investing an additional £20bn a year in the NHS as part of the NHS Long Term Plan. Local organisations are also working to develop their own plans which will set out how the national plan will work across individual areas. The public are being asked for their views about how services could be improved. Healthwatch Tameside are facilitating the engagement exercise on a local level. There are two surveys for this consultation – a Healthwatch Tameside general survey and the following service specific ones: [Cardio and Respiratory](#); [People with learning disabilities](#); [People with autism](#); [People with mental health conditions](#); [Cancer patients](#) and; [People with dementia](#). The consultation ends on 26 April 2019.
- **Heart and Lung Services Focus Groups** – as part of the Long Term Plan, NHS England and Healthwatch would also like to hear from people who use heart and/or lung NHS services or people who have had an experience with them as a carer or family member. They would like to have conversations about the care pathway from diagnosis to treatment. Two focus group sessions have been arranged for 17 April at 10am and on the 26 April at 11am at Volunteer Centre, Penny Meadow, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 7EP. Those who are interested can get in touch at 0161 667 2526 or email info@healthwatchtameside.co.uk

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:

- [Tameside's Food Survey](#) – Want to have your say on how to create a healthy and sustainable food environment in Tameside? The Tameside Food Partnership would like to hear what you think, about your experiences and what matters to you from food and health, food poverty or the impact on the environment and much more. We will be developing a healthy and sustainable food strategy and it is important that we consult with you as residents and workers of Tameside. The deadline for this consultation is 29 April 2019.
- [Tameside Parenting Support Survey](#) – Tameside is currently reviewing the offer available to support parents and carers in understanding their child's behaviour and development. In reviewing the offer it is important that the views of parents, carers and guardians be gathered to find out what kind of support is needed. The deadline for this consultation is 6 May 2019.

Regional engagement and consultations

There are a number of consultations taking place at a regional level which you may wish to take part in. For further information and to have your say please follow the relevant links below:

- [Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service Programme for Change](#) – Programme for Change is a major transformation programme for Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service with the aim of ensuring the service has the right resources in the right places, is well-equipped, well-managed and well-led. The consultation is the public's opportunity to contribute their views on the content of the business case. This includes a proposal to consolidate six fire stations into three brand new community fire stations in Bolton, Manchester and Stockport and; a proposal to manage the fleet of fire engines whilst ensuring that their response time is still faster than the national average. The consultation closes on 31 May 2019.

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:

- [Consultation on consistency in household and business recycling collections in England](#) – While many local authorities continue to make improvements and introduce new services some have seen a drop in recycling rates and do not collect the full range of materials that can be recycled or do not collect food waste separately. Defra are seeking views on plans to make recycling collections consistent across England. They also want views on changes to require businesses to separate their recyclable waste from residual waste for collection. The deadline for this consultation is 13 May 2019.
- [Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers](#) – Defra are seeking views on proposals to introduce a deposit return scheme for drinks containers including glass bottles, plastic bottles and cans. The cost of the deposit would be added to the price of drinks included in the scheme and could be redeemed when returned. It is anticipated that this will increase recycling and reduce littering. The consultation closes on 13 May 2019.
- [Tackling Homelessness](#) – This consultation seeks views on how the Government could improve local accountability for the delivery of homelessness services. It covers existing accountability arrangements, Homelessness Reduction Boards and other ways of achieving effective partnership working. The consultation is open to everyone and views from a wide range of interested parties from across the public, private sectors and general public are welcomed. The survey closes on 16 May 2019.
- [Serious violence: new legal duty to support multi-agency action](#) – Tackling serious violence requires a multi-agency approach involving a range of partners and agencies such as education, health, social services, housing, youth and victim services. The Home Office is consulting on proposed options for supporting a multi-agency or ‘public health’ approach for partners to work together voluntarily to prevent and tackle serious violence. The consultation closes on 28 May 2019.
- [Introducing further advertising restrictions of products high in fat, sugar and salt \(HFSS\) on TV and online](#) – Childhood obesity is one of the most pressing public health challenges that we face. The Government is concerned that despite existing restrictions, children see a significant level of HFSS adverts through the media they engage with the most and this can shape their choices and over time, lead to obesity. Therefore they are consulting on options across broadcast and online media in order to reduce children’s exposure to HFSS advertising. The deadline for this is 10 June 2019.