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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](#).

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 - 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>

Other things to be aware of include:

- **Greater Manchester Women & Girls Panel** – applications are open for women or organisations who are able to advise on key matters related to policy and activities aimed at accelerating gender equality across Greater Manchester. It will establish a clear vision for women and girls across the city region to understand inequalities impacting the lives of women and girls' particular experience of the Covid-19 pandemic. To apply you will need to complete and application form by **Sunday 16**

August 2020. Click [here](#) for more information. Any queries about the panel can be emailed to Hannah.hatton@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

- A new dedicated webpage on useful contacts for people who find themselves in need of advice or support in light of the Covid-19 outbreak has been set up on the Tameside & Glossop CCG website [here](#), and the Council website [here](#).
- **Preparation for the 2021 Census:** The ONS is embarking upon the recruitment of 30,000 field staff to fill vital roles that will be pivotal for the 2021 Census. Adverts for the first of their community engagement vacancies are now live at www.censusjobs.co.uk. Initially, approximately 200 census engagement managers (CEMs) are being recruited across England and Wales and the application window is open until 31 July. The primary role of CEMs is to build links with local community organisations, trusted local leaders and charities, so that more people can take part in the census. They will do this by raising awareness, helping people understand why the census is important and building trust in the census.

Grant Funding for VCSE organisations

There are a number of ways VCSE organisations in Greater Manchester and Derbyshire can apply for funding during the Covid-19 outbreak. 10GM, a partnership of local support and development agencies in Greater Manchester, have come together to produce a bulletin providing all the information on funding opportunities available for VCF organisations in Greater Manchester, including how to apply. You can find the latest bulletin here: <https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/news/10gm-funding-bulletin-may-2020>.

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/>.

Grants for LGBTQ organisations – LGBTQ+ organisations and groups across the UK will soon be able to apply for grants of up to £15,000 to support their vital role in supporting LGBTQ+ communities through the coronavirus pandemic and beyond. METRO Charity will be cascading the £585k fund from Comic Relief. The partners will be convening grants panels in each nation - Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and England to ensure the maximum reach to grassroots community-led LGBTQ+ organisations across the UK. Organisations and groups with income under £100,000 will be able to apply for over 100 grants ranging from £500 to £15,000. For more information, click [here](#).

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.

- GM Disabled People's Panel have published the findings of their survey of 936 disabled people. Results shows that disabled people have really struggled to access the support they need, and most are dissatisfied with the help provided by the Government (76%) and local authority (62%). The report has been shared widely throughout the city-region and nationally.
- 60% feel that the Government's relaxation of lockdown measures on the 4th July is too quick – compared with 28% who feel it is at just the right time, and just 8% who feel that it is too slow
- 92% left their home this week (91% last week) – 89% of those with an underlying health conditions and 83% of over 70s left their home
- 58% said they are likely to wear a face covering in the next seven days, up from 50% last week
- 26% had formed a support bubble with another household. Of those, 89% had either visited or been visited by that household at least once.
- 16% said they “probably” or “definitely” will avoid a COVID-19 vaccine, those who rely more on traditional than social media are more likely to say they will “probably” or “definitely” get vaccinated (72%)
- There are still deep-seated concerns about returning to public transport – 42% of regular users don't feel safe using it now
- People living in destitution or on a very low income have difficulties managing access to food during the pandemic. It is often not possible for them to buy in bulk or store food so there is a need to shop regularly for small amounts. In order to manage shopping on their tight budgets, people often need to travel on public transport to different areas to source cheaper items, thus exposing themselves to greater risk of exposure to the virus. Online shopping is out of reach for asylum seekers receiving financial support through the preloaded payment card
- 23% of people in their 50s & 60s have seen their physical health deteriorate during the lockdown period and 39% have said their mental health has deteriorated

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:

- [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

- [LGBT Homes Survey](#) – The LGBT Foundation are excited to launch their new project to better understand the housing and support needs of older lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) people across Greater Manchester and involve them in local strategic planning, including the development of the country's first LGBT affirmative extra care scheme in Manchester. They have launched a survey to gather the views of LGBT people aged 55+ in GM about their housing and support needs and would like to get as many responses as possible. Closing date: **31 July 2020**.
- [Greater Moments COVID-19](#) – Greater Moments are conducting a short survey in order to help them to assess how people with dementia are feeling and responding at this challenging time during Covid-19. The responses gathered will help to inform Greater Moments of what is working well and any possible areas of support Greater Manchester services can improve on. Deadline: **ongoing**.
- [Manchester Pride online consultation](#) – Manchester Pride is setting out a new three-year vision and as such want to hear from as much of the LGBTQ+ community as possible. They want to know what you want more of, what you want less of, how you want to express yourself, and to better understand the many communities Manchester Pride represents in order to meet their needs. This survey will cover all things Manchester Pride and will be an invaluable tool in helping them to develop all of their programmes to better represent and support the LGBTQ+ community. Deadline **ongoing**.

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:

- [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**.