



April 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.

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>

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:

- [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.

- [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.

Regional engagement and consultations

- [Understanding the impact of Covid-19 on food banks, clubs, pantries and other food providers](#) – The Coronavirus is having a huge impact across Greater Manchester and in particular Greater Manchester's Poverty Action Network. The public and private sectors, and community, voluntary, social enterprise and faith organisations are thinking about how they maintain and adapt services to response to emerging needs. GMFA is gathering intelligence from across the city-region to understand the impact of Coronavirus on service delivery and responses to poverty. This survey is for those in charge of food banks, clubs, pantries and other providers of hot meals. It includes specific questions about the impact of the virus on stock and volunteer and client numbers, and will take less than 10 minutes to complete. Deadline: **30 April 2020**
- [Understanding the impact of the Coronavirus on voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations \(VCSE\)](#) – The Coronavirus (also known as the COVID-19) is having a huge impact across Greater Manchester, and in particular Greater Manchester Poverty Action's (GMFA) network. The public and private sectors, and community, voluntary, social enterprise and faith organisations are thinking about how they maintain and adapt services to response to emerging needs. GMFA is gathering intelligence from across the city-region to understand the impact of Coronavirus on service delivery and responses to poverty. This survey is for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations whose work supports people in ways other than through food provision (there is a separate survey for food banks and other food providers), and will take less than 10 minutes to complete. Deadline: **30 April 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:

- [Changes to Ofsted's post-inspection processes and complaints handling: proposed improvements](#) – Ofsted is seeking views on a number of proposals regarding changes to Ofsted's post-inspection processes and complaints handling. They propose to provide greater consistency in post-inspection arrangements, allow all inspected providers 5 working days to review their draft report and submit any comments about issues of factual accuracy and the inspection process before a report is finalised, consider and respond to formal complaints from inspected providers before their inspection report is published, and retain current arrangements for internal reviews into complaints handling such as the scrutiny panel. The deadline is **30 April 2020**.
- [First Homes](#) – First Homes are flats and houses built on developments up and down the country, no different from other properties except they will be sold with a discount of at least 30%. They will be prioritised for first-time buyers, serving members of the armed forces and key workers such as nurses, police and teachers. The MHCLG is seeking views on first homes for local people, considering both the design of this policy and options for its implementation, including: what first homes are and who should be eligible for them, how the scheme should work and how to deliver more of these homes through developer contributions. The closing date is **1 May 2020**.
- [Protecting places of worship consultation](#) – The Home Office is carrying out a consultation across England and Wales on what steps should be taken to provide greater protection from hate crimes in places of worship. Following consultation with religious leaders it has been consistently heard that there is an important balance to be had between worshipping openly and providing adequate measures to protect worshippers. The responses to the consultation will be collated, processed, and analysed by NatCen on behalf of the Home Office. The closing date is **10 May 2020**.
- [NHS: your current experiences of coronavirus](#) – You can help the NHS plan its response to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) by sharing your experience. This survey will help the NHS understand more about how and where coronavirus is affecting people currently. The deadline is **31 May 2020**.
- [Unregulated provision for children in care and care leavers](#) – The DfE is seeking views on a number of proposals aimed at addressing the number of children aged 16-17 placed in unregulated settings. The proposals include banning the use of this provision for under-16s and new legal powers for Ofsted to take action against illegal providers. They are seeking views from young people with experience of care, local authorities, children's social care workforce & providers. Deadline: **3 June 2020**.

- [Low Pay Commission Consultation 2020](#) – The Low Pay Commission is seeking evidence to inform its recommendations for the 2021 National Minimum Wage (NMW) rates. They are particularly interested in: the affordability and effects of an increase in April 2021 to an National Living Wage (NLW) rate of £9.21; views on a new NLW target of two-thirds of median earnings and lowering the NLW age threshold to 21; potential changes to the Apprentice Rate and their effects in particular on 16-18 year old apprentices; and the effects of recent increases in the NLW and their impacts on employment, hours, pay and benefits, productivity, prices and profits. The deadline for this consultation is **4 June 2020**.