



August 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 - 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:

- **Virtual PEN Engagement sessions** – thank you to those of you who attended the recent virtual PEN engagement sessions. The sessions focussed on the impact of COVID-19 on local people and how we can build back better. A bespoke virtual engagement session with young people also took place earlier this week. Some strong key themes have emerged which we will use to inform local recovery and service planning. A report with the findings of the sessions will be available shortly.

- **Early Help Strategy** – a refresh of the Tameside Early Help Strategy was launched earlier this month. The refreshed strategy, which is a multi-agency, integrated approach to supporting children and young people and their families can be found in full [here](#).
- **For the Love of Scrubs Stockport & Cheshire** is a local group formed initially to supply scrubs to GPs and care staff at a time of urgent need. These are homemade scrub bags, mask extenders, scrub caps, non-clinical face masks, made by volunteers who can sew, cut fabric or deliver items. If you are a health or care worker, or work / volunteer with people on low incomes and would like to find out more on how to request scrubs or other items, please contact amathesoncw@gmail.com

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/>.

Update on various funding pots available

- [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.
- [Community Support Fund](#) (Phase 2) – Forever Manchester. Funding is available for voluntary and community organisations in Greater Manchester who are supporting those suffering from hardship as a result of Covid-19.
- [Community Centre Support Fund](#) – Forever Manchester. Funding is available to help community centres make the adaptations that they need in order to welcome groups and people back into their spaces in a Covid-19 secure way.
- [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](#) – 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.

- 65% of adults are worried about their children returning to school or college (up by nearly 10% from the week previous)
- 89% of the population are not confident that Britain will mainly be back to normal by Christmas – 75% think a second outbreak is likely.
- Following the local lockdowns in Greater Manchester and beyond, 59% would strongly support a local lockdown in their area)
- 96% said they had used face coverings outside their home
- 30% said they'd be certain to get a vaccine tomorrow if one became available
- 70% said they believed face coverings will improve feelings of safety on public transport
- Doctors of the world interviews with excluded people:
 - Digital exclusion and language barriers make it difficult to access Covid-19 messages
 - Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities have been heavily impacted by job losses due to self-employment or reliance on informal or seasonal work
 - Fear and distrust of health professionals, the NHS and government caused by legislation that increases certain groups' risk of criminalisation, and previous negative experiences with the criminal and justice system, immigration services and social care are preventing people seeking advice on and healthcare for Covid-19
 - Shared accommodation and lack of living space make it difficult to follow government guidelines around staying at home, physical distancing, self-isolation and shielding
 - Excluded groups routinely face barriers to GP registration, often being turned away because of their inability to provide proof of address or ID documents
- Gender inequality: mothers are more likely than fathers to have left paid work since February – more likely to have been furloughed or made redundant
- 75% of over-70s always maintained social distancing when meeting others

- LGBT Foundation saw increases in calls about biphobia (450%) transphobia (100%) and homophobia (52%) between March and April

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:

- [Reopening the High Street Safely](#) – Tameside Council has been allocated funding by the government to enable high streets and the local economy to reopen safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will allow the authority to put in place additional measures to establish a safe trading environment for businesses and customers, particularly in high streets in our towns. We want to gather your views and feedback on what measures can be taken in our town centres to ensure they are a safe and attractive environment for residents, customers and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Deadline: **30 September 2020**
- [Impact of COVID-19 and Building Back Better](#) – The COVID-19 pandemic has changed all of our lives in some way. We want to understand how the pandemic has impacted the lives of people who live, work or spend time in Tameside & Glossop. We also want to gather your views on how we can better live with, and recover from, COVID-19. As challenging as the COVID-19 pandemic has been, it also presents a range of opportunities to do things differently in Tameside & Glossop. We want to hear what your priorities are for the way we recover and for the future of the area. This survey is running alongside our series of virtual Partnership Engagement Network (PEN) engagement sessions. Each virtual engagement session covers a distinct topic surrounding COVID-19 and our recovery. These topics are:
 - How do we get services back open safely?
 - What have been the impacts on the most vulnerable?
 - Living with Covid-19 and preventing further outbreaks
 - How do we do things differently in the future?

Feedback gathered through this survey and the virtual engagement sessions will feed into how we recover from the pandemic and how we work in the future. Closing date: **28 August 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**
- Glossop residents may be interested in the Peak District National Park Authority’s consultation on its [Residential Annexes Supplementary Planning Document \(SPD\)](#). The Residential Annexes SPD explains how the National Park Authority will consider planning applications for residential annexes and outlines the information that should be submitted in support of a planning application. They are inviting comments on the document, and these can be submitted until **28 August 2020**.

Regional engagement and consultations

- [Developing a Race Equality Panel for Greater Manchester](#) – The Greater Manchester Combined Authority are asking for views on developing a Race Equality Panel for Greater Manchester. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact upon sections of the community and has highlighted the deep-seated inequalities that still exist, and therefore the GMCA are looking to finalise plans to establish the Race Equality Panel. The deadline has been extended to **23 August 2020**.
- [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**.

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:

- [Bereavement Care during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#) – The University of Cambridge is holding a survey on the experience of people who have been bereaved during the pandemic and how they are being supported. The survey takes 5 minutes to complete. Closing date: **4 September 2020**.
- [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.
- [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**.