



February 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](#).

Things to be aware of this month include:

- **PEN Conference on 7 February:** Thank you all to those attended the latest PEN Conference. We had representation from across the board, including the VCSF sector and members of the public. We were really encouraged to see new members attending as well. The conference began with a presentation informing the group of the forthcoming work to look at developing an Estates Strategy for Tameside & Glossop. This was followed by an engagement activity on the topic in which the delegates could give their opinions and help inform plans for the future. There was some great discussion - participants came together to discuss Primary Care Networks, the future of personalised care, The Bureau's Engagement Strategy, Bee Network Proposals, Sexual Health Services and North West Ambulance Service experience. A conference report will be available soon and can be found on the PEN webpage [here](#).
- **Future of PEN survey** – We want to ensure that PEN remains useful and valuable to the public, patients and partners in Tameside & Glossop. We would very much like to hear your thoughts on what you like about PEN and how we can develop PEN further. Your feedback is essential for PEN to be the best it can be for the future. Please let us know your views before **Friday 28 February 2020**.
- Those who attended the February PEN Conference will have heard that **North West Ambulance Service** have formed a Patient and Public Panel and are looking for people who are interested in joining. It gives a chance for members of the public a voice and the chance to have their views acted upon. It will offer meaningful opportunities to influence improvements to emergency, patient transport and 111 services. You can find out more and apply at www.nwas.nhs.uk/panel or call 01204 498 428.

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 Sexual Health Services Survey](#) – Tameside Council would like to understand the sexual health needs of our residents. Some people may not be able to access the sexual health services they need. Filling in this survey will help us to decide how to improve services and will help to shape what services look like in the future to make sure they meet the needs of our residents. The deadline is **28 February 2020**.
- [Bee Network Schemes in Tameside](#) – Tameside Council want to create a genuine culture of walking and cycling in the borough. We have developed a number of proposed schemes to improve walking and cycling infrastructure in Tameside and funding has been secured – in principle – for eleven schemes. We want to gather your views on these proposed schemes. The closing date for this is **6 March 2020**.
- [Future of Health and Care in Hattersley](#) – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG want to make sure that health and care services in Hattersley are fit for the future – which may mean reviewing our current building and location. They want your views on the future of health and care services in Hattersley. The closing date for this is **27 March 2020**.
- [Council Off-Street Parking Review](#) – Tameside Council off-street parking is an important service provided by the council. It is appropriate to review the offer to ensure it is fit for purpose; is fair and equitable for all; and meets the needs of a range of users and interested parties. Alongside this a review should ensure the approach to council off-street parking supports wider plans for Tameside in areas such as the economy and environment; and is both viable and sustainable for the long term. Tameside Council is currently undertaking a review of council off-street parking, in which there is a need to balance a number of factors including (but not limited to) the views of the public. Nothing has been decided yet. We want to hear your thoughts on the current council off-street parking provision; when, why and where you use council off-street parking; your views on the future of council off-street parking in Tameside; and how that fits with our priorities around the economy and the environment. The deadline for this is **27 March 2020**.
- [Appointee and Deputyship Consultation](#) – Tameside Council is seeking views on proposals to revised the Policy regarding the Appointee and Deputyship Service. This consultation asks for views on the way the service is charged, how capital is kept and the overall policy. The closing date is **16 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:

- [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 for this is **3 April 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. The deadline for this consultation is **8 April 2020**.
- [Review of the ban on the use of combustible materials in and on the external walls of buildings](#) – This consultation seeks the views on the ban on the use of combustible materials in and on external walls of buildings, including buildings types covered, height threshold, list of exemptions and a proposal to specifically ban the use of metal composite panels in and on the external walls of all buildings. The deadline is **13 April 2020**.