



May 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:

10GM Funding

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, including how to apply. The opportunities are listed by grounds for support, such as Covid-19, arts, children & young people and so on.

You can find the latest bulletin here: <https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/news/10gm-funding-bulletin-may-2020>

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:

- [New walking & cycling measures to allow safe social distancing](#) – The outbreak of Covid-19 has meant we have had to make changes to our lives, including staying apart from loved ones. As social restrictions from government ease, we are also required to make changes to ensure all our residents are kept safe when out and about in Tameside.

Changes to roads and pavements are essential to supporting the local economy as people gradually return to work. Having safe routes on foot or by bike are essential - particularly for those who have been unable to work during the height of the lockdown period and are now returning to work. You can find more information about the proposed changes here: www.tameside.gov.uk/safeststreets.

Local residents are invited to have their say on these proposed changes to make a safer borough for everyone. Closing date: **2 July 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**

Regional engagement and consultations

- [Future Travel Survey](#) – The coronavirus has affected all our lives, from how we work and shop to how we travel.

Getting our future transport network right will be central to getting more and more of Greater Manchester moving again. TfGM want to keep you safe, support the local economy and ensure recovery is sustainable, so congestion can be cut congestion and the air can be cleaner.

To get this right TfGM need to know what you think and need. This survey will take about 15 minutes. Your saved questionnaire can then be accessed via the link that will be emailed to you. The deadline for this is **31 May 2020**.

- [Greater Manchester Big Disability Survey – Covid-19 Special](#) – This survey aims to find out what issues disabled people face during the Covid-19/Coronavirus Pandemic. The evidence this survey provides will inform GM services about support needs and how to improve responses to the pandemic. In addition to access and support questions it also have includes demographic questions to better gather information of how different communities are experiencing the impact of the Pandemic. By Disabled People this can mean anyone facing disabling societal barriers due to their impairments or conditions and this includes mental health, hearing or visual impairments, learning disability, neurodiverse people, and those with chronic illness or fatigue. Please note that there are two versions of this survey available. There is also a simplified version of the consultation available [here](#). The closing date for this is **25 May 2020**.
- [LGBT People: Share How Coronavirus Has Affected You](#) – The LGBT Foundation are carrying out a survey to help identify how LGBT+ communities in the UK are being affected by the current Coronavirus outbreak. Your feedback will help to shape the support that is being provided by the LGBT Foundation. The closing date for this is **31 May 2020**.
- [Impact of Covid-19 in the Caribbean and African Community](#) – GMCA is hosting this survey on behalf of the Caribbean and African Health Network, which works to eradicate health inequality. They would like to hear anonymously from the Caribbean and African Community in Greater Manchester to help them gain insight into the impact they face as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak. The closing date for this is **31 May 2020**.
- [How are your revised bus services?](#) Derbyshire County Council would like to hear from health workers and other key workers about their experience getting to work by bus. Because of the coronavirus outbreak, all bus operators are now working on revised timetables. The deadline for this survey is **30 June 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:

- [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 **28 June 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**.
- [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 for this is **25 May 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.**