November 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) Update

The following are some critical sources of information from the government which are updated regularly:

- **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**
- **Covid-19 advice for employees, employers and businesses**

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.

NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG - [Link Removed] link 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:

- **Partnership Engagement Network Virtual Conference – LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!** The next PEN Conference will take place on **Thursday 19 November 2020 (2.00pm – 4.30pm)**. Ensuring that public voice and opinion is at the heart of the public sector is key to designing approaches and strategies that meet the needs of our communities. Our next virtual Partnership Engagement Network Conference will cover:
    - **Presentations** from key speakers

- **Workshops** on specific local programmes and development, including: the Clean Air Plan, improving access in primary care, community safety and Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission Budget Conversation.

Please secure your place at the conference by clicking **here**, and select your workshop preferences **here**.

Please note that due to lockdown restrictions this conference will be hosted virtually using Zoom. The Zoom joining details will be provided once your registration is confirmed. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us at pen@tameside.gov.uk

- **Budget Conversation 2021-22** – Tameside Council (TMBC) and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) together form the Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission. We are responsible for a range of services from bin collections through care for the elderly to the provision of GP surgeries.

  Both Tameside Council and NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group have to set a balanced budget for 2021/22.The coronavirus pandemic has also resulted in significant financial challenges for the Strategic Commission, which now need to be addressed as part of our budget setting process.

  To prepare a balanced budget a number of considerations have to be taken into account. The views of local people are important in helping us understand your priorities and informing the budget setting.

  We are also hosting a number of public virtual engagement sessions to gather views of people in Tameside & Glossop. Participants will have the opportunity to share and discuss their priorities for the budget in 2021/22. Sessions will take place on:
  - 18 November 2020, 9am – 10.30am
  - 25 November 2020, 6pm – 7.30pm
  - 8 December 2020, 2pm – 3.30pm

  You can sign up to these by using this quick registration form **here**.

  Closing date for survey responses: **6 January 2021**.

- **Improving Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic community experiences of mental health services** – NHS England and NHS Improvement national mental health team is holding a series of webinars for patients, carers, health leaders, decision-makers, and senior clinical managers to discuss ways to improve experiences and outcomes of care for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) patients and carers in mental health services. This will help inform the development of the Patient and Carers Race Equality Framework (PCREF). There are two webinars which can be booked here: Friday 13 November, 2-3pm and Friday 20 November 2-3pm.

- **Free online training sessions from Answer Cancer** – Available to anyone living or working in Greater Manchester. Cancer awareness saves lives. Every year thousands

of people are diagnosed with Cancer. We know that the earlier a cancer is detected, the better the outcome for the people involved. Early detection saves lives. Cancer screening saves lives.

Why not top up your knowledge and confidence so that you can help yourself, your family members, community leaders and staff.

You need to register in advance to attend these sessions. You can join as many as you like. Click **here** to find out more.

- **Census 2021 jobs** – the next set of jobs for next year's Census have been launched. Some of the upcoming vacancies are as follows:
    - Census officer – Working with the community and talking to people to champion the census, boost response rates and ensure residents have the right support to fill in their form.
    - Census team leader – Our team leaders oversee and coordinate the field operation in an assigned area, guiding a team of census officers and providing the tools and expertise they need to succeed.
    - Census area manager – Our managers will use their people skills to motivate and manage our team leaders, track their performance and ensure their teams visit addresses to help everyone complete the census.

  All current openings and FAQs can be found **here**.

- As we go through the recent lockdown, it may be the case that residents require advice and support from public or third sector services relating to Covid-19. The following list has been compiled to raise awareness of the support available to residents in Tameside & Glossop during this time – many of which are tailored to different needs. They can be found on the Council and CCG websites.

Grant Funding for VCSE organisations

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.
- 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 – Between July and December 2020, 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.
- Emergency Investment Funds – Has your company or organisation been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 crisis and been unable to access suitable or sufficient investment from existing support schemes such as the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS), the Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLS) or SIB's Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund? Whether you address social needs, strengthen communities, improve people's life chances, enhance culture or protect the environment - this opportunity is for you. If you are a social enterprise, a charity or a community business then you can apply for a loan of between £50,000 to £250,000 for a 5-year term to support you through the 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.

- 72% support returning to lockdown, compared to 93% in March
- The most compelling reasons to follow the government's rules are to protect friends and family (87%), vulnerable people (87%) and the NHS (87%)
- Mancunians are slightly less compliant with following government rules compared to the national average, but are just as compliant when it comes to test and trace rules
- 76% are worried about the effect of Covid on their life right now, up 12% from August
- Life satisfaction levels have hit their lowest point since the beginning of the pandemic, down from an average score of 7.2 (out of 10) in March to 6.7 in October

- 41% think the current restrictions are just right; 35% think they are not strict enough; and 24% think they are too strict
- Support for Covid measures largely correlates with how effective people think they will be, with a couple of exceptions: the rule of six, and 10pm curfew for pubs and restaurants are supported but not considered to be effective
- 93% of those who have made a journey by train in the past seven days felt safe, 7% did not

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:

- **Inclusive Growth Strategy Consultation** – Tameside Council is reviewing its Inclusive Growth Strategy, a guiding document that sets out how the borough will ensure that the quality of life, health and happiness of our people is improved, by good employment, with greater security and better pay. It also states how the borough will support improved productivity which will benefit local businesses, and how it will effect proactive public service reform in a thriving, varied, inclusive economy. Anyone who lives, works or spends their time in Tameside is asked to review the draft document and give their comments and opinions. The closing date for this is **16 December 2020**.

- **Improving Access to Primary Care in Tameside & Glossop** – We need to make sure that we offer alternative ways for people to see their GP/Doctor/other healthcare professionals to meet the different need and requirements of people in Tameside and Glossop. This will ensure that local people are given as much choice as possible to access healthcare. Examples of other ways to access your GP/Doctor/other healthcare professional include online appointments/telephone appointments and video consultations.

  The purpose of this survey is to find out what you, as a patient registered with a GP/Doctor's surgery in Tameside and Glossop, think of the alternative ways of seeing your GP/Doctor/other healthcare professional from your surgery. Deadline: **2 December 2020**.

- **A57 Link Roads Consultation** – Highways England have launched a consultation on the A57 Link Roads project and want to hear your views on the updated design of the proposed road.

  You can access the consultation and supporting documents by clicking here.
  If members of the public have any questions about the consultation or the project, they can join a telephone consultation event by calling the freephone number 0808 196 4502 during the dates and times below:

  Tuesday 17 November - 10am to 3pm and 4pm to 8pm

Tuesday 24 November - 10am to 3pm and 4pm to 8pm

People can also join one of the below webinars, which will involve the presentation of proposals and a Q & A session. These will be held on the following dates and times:
Wednesday 18 November - midday to 2pm Click here to join at the time of the event
Wednesday 18 November - 6pm to 8pm Click here to join at the time of the event
Saturday 21 November - 2pm to 4pm Click here to join at the time of the event
Closing date: **17 December 2020.**

- **Creating quieter and safer residential streets to support walking and cycling** – Residents' views are being sought on new schemes to create safer routes for walking and cycling. The first two schemes to be trialled in Tameside are at Currier Lane in Ashton, and Stamford Drive in Stalybridge. The plans for these two schemes can be found here. Direct engagement with residents, living adjacent to the schemes, has already begun. The closing date for this is **16 November 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**.

Regional engagement and consultations

- **Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan** – Greater Manchester needs to take action to improve air quality now and for future generations. Air pollution is linked to a range of serious health conditions and contributes to early deaths.
Government has directed us to introduce a Greater Manchester-wide Clean Air Zone. It will bring harmful nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) levels on local roads within legal limits in as short a time as possible.
GMCA / TfGM are consulting on key elements of the proposals, including the proposed Clean Air Zone boundary, daily charges for non-compliant vehicles, discounts and exemptions, and support funding.

  You can view more details about the consultation and join live webinars via the virtual engagement space here. The closing date is **3 December 2020**.

- **Greater Manchester Minimum Licensing Standards** – GMCA / TfGM want to see taxi and private hire services in Greater Manchester deliver a safer, high-quality experience for everyone, every time, using vehicles that meet high environmental standards.
Greater Manchester's 10 local councils, supported by Transport for Greater

Manchester (TfGM), have worked to develop a proposed set of common, minimum standards for services licensed in Greater Manchester. We are now consulting on the proposed standards and want you to have your say.

You can view more details about the consultation and join live webinars via the virtual engagement space here. The closing date is **3 December 2020.**

- **Employment during the Coronavirus pandemic for people with lived experience of disability and long-term conditions** – The North West Disabled Peoples Stakeholder Group are a network recruited by the Governments Disability Unit and they would like to raise with the Disability Minister issues that are affecting disabled people in employment during the pandemic. Complete their short and confidential survey to give your views. Closing date: **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:

- **Ethnic disparities and inequality in the UK: call for evidence** – The Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities We have been asked by the government to review ethnic disparities and inequality in the UK, focusing on 4 areas. We are looking at outcomes across the whole population. They are particularly keen to hear from: the public and local communities; public, private and third sector organisations; and researchers and academics. Responses are welcome from: the public and local communities; public, private and third sector organisations; researchers and academics; and others who wish to share their views. The closing date is **30 November 2020**.

- **Improving health and wellbeing support for armed forces families in England** – The NHS in England provides healthcare services for families of serving personnel (regular and reserve) who have registered with an NHS GP practice and the families of veterans. Whilst most armed forces families enjoy healthy lives, the unique circumstances of military life can cause pressure for some, and affect an individual's health and wellbeing. NHS England want to help change this, so armed forces families are able to access local NHS services easily in all parts of England. They also want to ensure that they can get care and support from clinicians and people who understand their health and wellbeing needs. This questionnaire is an opportunity for people and organisations to share their views on how they can do this. The closing date for this is **30 November 2020.**

- **Raising accessibility standards for new homes** – This consultation considers how to raise accessibility standards, recognising the importance of suitable homes for older

and disabled people.
In particular, it considers how the existing optional accessible and adaptable standard for homes and the wheelchair user standard are used and whether government should mandate a higher standard or reconsider the way the existing optional standards are used. Deadline: **1 December 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.

- **Managing Pavement Parking** – Consultation asking whether a change of existing pavement parking legislation should occur. The Department for Transport are proposing 3 options:

    - Improving the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, under which local authorities can already prohibit pavement parking.
    - A legislative change to allow local authorities with civil parking enforcement powers to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement'.
    - A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England.

  The deadline for this is **22 November 2020**.

- **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**.

- **Healthy Start Vouchers** – The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) would like to hear about your experience of applying for, and using, the Healthy Start scheme. Your feedback will allow us to review and shape the future of Healthy Start.

  It will take around ten minutes to complete the survey. Please do not include any personal or identifiable information. All the information you provide will be treated as strictly confidential and individuals will not be identifiable in any report we write. This survey is **ongoing**.

- **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.**

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