October 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.

NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG - [Link Removed] link on homepage

Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust - [Link Removed] 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:

- **Partnership Engagement Network Virtual Conference** – our next virtual 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.
  The Partnership Engagement Network enables everyone to play an active role in developing the approaches that we take in the delivery and commissioning of services. Our next virtual Partnership Engagement Network Conference will cover:

- **Presentations** from key speakers
- **Workshops** on specific local programmes and developments.

Details of the workshop sessions are in the process of being confirmed - once these are available we will be in touch so you can select your preferred sessions. In the meantime please secure your place at the conference by clicking **here**.

Please note that due to social distancing 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

- **Engagement during Covid-19** – a report has been compiled on engagement undertaken to date with local residents, patients, service users and other stakeholders on the impacts of Covid-19 and their experiences during the pandemic. This includes feedback from the virtual engagement sessions with PEN members which took place during July and August. You can find the report, which includes key messages of what people have told us so far, **here**.

- **PENNA Finalist** – We are pleased to share that the Partnership Engagement Network was shortlisted as a finalist in the PENNA (Patient Experience Network National Awards) for 2020. PEN was shortlisted under the Integration and Continuity of Care category. Although we did not win an award this time, it was an honour to be shortlisted and recognises the great work that we do together as the PEN family.



- This week marks **Hate Crime Awareness Week.** The awareness week is an opportunity to bring people together, highlight Greater Manchester's zero tolerance to hate crime and encourage both victims and witnesses to take a stand and report hate crime. This week, social media accounts from key GM organisations will be sharing the message that hate crime is not acceptable in Greater Manchester. Also keep an eye out for word of any local events taking place to promote hate crime awareness, and the newly refreshed letsendhatecrime.com website for more information.

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: [Link Removed].

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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 54% say that Government communications about what to do in response to coronavirus are unclear, an increase from 40% in June
- The vast majority of the public think the police should be strict in enforcing the rules to reduce the spread of Covid-19 (80%), however fewer people say they are following the government rules now – 62% compared to 75% in May
- 67% of students are worried about the quality of education they will receive due to Covid-19
- Of the people who have experienced new or worsening health problems in the last week, 42% have not sought professional health advice. The main reason was not thinking it was serious enough to seek advice (66%)
- One in 5 wanted to avoid putting pressure on the NHS (20%), and 1 in 8 were concerned about catching Covid-19 while receiving care
- 68% are avoiding doing things they don't see as absolutely necessary because they are worried about Covid-19

Greater Manchester Care Records

Health Innovation Manchester is an academic health science and innovation system, at the forefront of transforming the health and wellbeing of Greater Manchester's citizens. Health Innovation Manchester and the Greater Manchester Health and Social Partnership have overseen the GM Care Record project.

The GM Care Record allows workers in health or social care, easy access to patient information that is critical to support decision-making about patient care and treatment.

Health and care organisations across Greater Manchester have accelerated the deployment of the GM Care Record for all 2.8m citizens to provide frontline professionals with vital information in the fight against COVID-19.

For more information about GM Care Record please visit Health Innovation's website by clicking here.

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:

- **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

- **City Centre Transport Strategy Consultation** – Since 2018 there have been many discussions with city centre residents, commuters, businesses and interest groups to learn how they want to travel into and around the centre of Greater Manchester, and how they would shape the next phase of improvements to roads, rail, tram, bus, bike, pedestrian and public spaces.

  The proposed strategy reflects the strongest calls from these discussions, including those for more space for pedestrians and bikes, and cleaner, greener more sustainable travel options. This final consultation is to make sure that their ambitions for city centre travel are right for you. The deadline for this is **4 November 2020**.

- **Greater Manchester's Big Mental Wellbeing Conversation** – People in Greater Manchester are being asked to join a conversation about their mental wellbeing, to discover how they feel, what worries them, and what they think can be done to make a positive difference to where they live. Greater Manchester's Big Mental Wellbeing Conversation is being run by the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership and the Independent Mental Health Network. The Independent Mental Health Network is a membership-led organisation that represents a diverse community of past, current and future users of mental health services, as well as those with lived experience of mental health problems.

  Deadline for survey responses is **19 October 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. They are now consulting on the proposed standards and want you to have your say until **3 December 2020**.

- **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. Closing date: **3 December 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:

- **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.**

- **Planning for the future** – The Planning for the future consultation proposes reforms of the planning system to streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development where it is needed. This consultation closes on **29 October 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. The closing date is **1 December 2020**.