

## **Minister launches consultation on a Fuel Poverty Strategy**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has launched a consultation on a new Fuel Poverty Strategy for Northern Ireland and new energy efficiency scheme for low-income, vulnerable households.

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## **Almost 600 social workers recruited into HSC since agency use ended**

Almost 600 social workers have been directly employed by Health & Social Care Trusts in the 18 months since agency recruitment was ceased.

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## **Executive agrees 2025-26 Draft Budget**

Finance Minister, Dr Caoimhe Archibald has today presented the Executive's Draft Budget launching a 12-week consultation giving the public the opportunity to have their say.

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## **Economic output statistics**

The economic output statistics were published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA).

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## **Education Minister announces**

## **additional 2,500 children to receive full-time pre-school education**

Education Minister Paul Givan has announced that an additional 2,500 children in 105 pre-school settings from throughout Northern Ireland will be offered full-time pre-school education from September 2025.