

## **Justice Minister Statement on Hate Crime**

One of my priorities as Justice Minister has been to improve support and legislative protections for victims of hate crime. When someone is targeted because of who they are, where they are from, or what they believe, it is completely unacceptable.

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## **Parole Commissioners appointments**

Justice Minister Naomi Long has announced the reappointment of Paul Mageean to the role of Chief Commissioner to the Parole Commission for Northern Ireland along with the reappointment of 27 Parole Commissioners.

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## **Minister Archibald announces Assured Skills Academy in welding at South West College**

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has announced the latest Collaborative Assured Skills Academy in Welding at South West College (SWC).

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## **New laboratories for Forensic Science Northern Ireland take a step closer**

Graham Construction has been appointed to take forward the detailed design and construction phase for new offices and laboratories at Forensic Science Northern Ireland's headquarters, on the outskirts of Carrickfergus.

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# Appointments to the Board of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland

Communities Minister, Gordon Lyons MLA, has appointed Nora Douds as Chair to the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Board from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2029. He has also appointed five new Members to the Board from 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2029: