

## **Minister Muir reflects on an inspiring visit to Rathlin Island**

DAERA Minister Andrew Muir has visited Rathlin Island to learn about progress on a number of projects on the island.

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## **Rathlin Island Ferry Service contract extended**

A contract extension has been accepted for the provision of the Rathlin Ferry service by Dunaverty Ltd.

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## **Chickenpox vaccination to be offered to children in Northern Ireland from 2026**

Children in Northern Ireland will be offered a free vaccination against chickenpox for the first time from 2026.

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## **Education Minister publishes SEN Policy Statement**

Education Minister Paul Givan has today published a Policy Statement on Special Educational Needs (SEN).

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# Minister Lyons announces £100k funding for the Travel Awards for Bands Programme

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has confirmed funding for a new programme which will support bands to play at showcase opportunities outside Northern Ireland.