

## **McWhinney's Sausages invests £2.2m to increase productivity and growth**

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has announced that Bangor-based McWhinney's Sausages is investing £2.2 million in new equipment to increase productivity and automation.

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## **Water Quality Improvement Strand funding opens for 2026/27**

DAERA Minister Andrew Muir has announced the opening of the 2026/27 call for applications to the Water Quality Improvement Strand of the Environmental Challenge Fund Competition.

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## **Health Minister recognises excellence in elective care**

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has commended staff at the Day of Surgery Unit at Belfast City Hospital following the unit's recent October 2025 Elective Care Recognition Award.

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## **December stocking of Departmental waters**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has stocked the following waters with takeable fish in December 2025:

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# **Rathlin Island Ferry and Strangford Lough ferry fares to increase**

An increase in fares on Strangford Lough and Rathlin Island ferry service will come into effect on 01 February 2026.