

## **Junior Ministers use London events to reaffirm Executive's commitment to economic growth and prosperity**

Junior Ministers Aisling Reilly and Joanne Bunting have reaffirmed the Executive's commitment to growing the economy and improving the lives of all our people.

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## **Prof Ian Young to step down as DoH Chief Scientific Adviser**

Department of Health Permanent Secretary Mike Farrar has paid tribute to Professor Ian Young, who is stepping down as the Department's Chief Scientific Adviser.

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## **New planning policy can balance the drive to decarbonise energy use, alongside protection of our environment and communities – Kimmins**

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has today published new regional strategic planning policy for renewable and low carbon energy development, following public consultation and Executive Committee agreement to it.

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## **New suspected case of Bluetongue virus**

## **under investigation 11/12/25**

DAERA has announced the emergence of two more suspected Bluetongue cases on a third Co Down farm.

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## **Statistics from the Northern Ireland Substance misuse database: 2024/25**

The Department of Health today published “Statistics from the Northern Ireland Substance Misuse Database: 2024/25 (Official statistics in development)” report and accompanying statistical tables.