

## **Housing and Health Ministers launch New Foundations initiative to support care leavers**

Housing Minister Gordon Lyons and Health Minister Mike Nesbitt have announced a collaborative new programme to support young people leaving care and help prevent homelessness.

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## **£1m PhD funding call open for DAERA priority research needs**

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Andrew Muir has launched the 2026 Postgraduate Studentship competition. The application window is now open and will close at midnight on Thursday 19 February 2026.

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## **Hill Street, Belfast to be pedestrianised from Thursday 4 December**

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced that Hill Street in Belfast will be a pedestrianised zone from Thursday 4 December 2025.

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## **Northern Ireland Abortion Statistics Publication 2024/25**

The Department of Health today published statistics relating to abortions in Northern Ireland 2024/25.

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## **Executive committed to Ending Violence Against Women and Girls**

As part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, the Executive has reaffirmed its determination to tackle all forms of gender-based violence, abuse, and harm.