

## **Publication of Children Adopted from Care in Northern Ireland 2024/25**

The Department of Health has today published the Children Adopted from Care in Northern Ireland 2024/25. This bulletin details statistical information relating to children adopted from care during the year ending 31 March 2025. The tables within the bulletin present a range of information about these children and their adopters, including durations between different stages in the adoption process. The bulletin is based on the DoH statistical return AD1 2024/25, which was collected from each of the five Health and Social Care Trusts.

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## **Delivering reform through community optometry**

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt and Permanent Secretary Mike Farrar joined Optometry Northern Ireland (ONI) at an event in Stormont to highlight the vital role of community optometry in improving access to care and shaping the future of eyecare in Northern Ireland.

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## **£55,000 funding boost for Co-operative Research and Awareness**

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has announced £55,000 in funding to support co-operative development and raise public awareness of the co-operative business model in Northern Ireland.

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## **Minister to establish business support**

## **service for childcare providers**

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has announced her intention to set up a business support service for childcare providers.

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## **Health Minister officially opens Rapid Diagnosis Centre**

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt officially opened the Rapid Diagnosis Centre (RDC) at Whiteabbey Hospital, a service designed to deliver earlier cancer diagnoses, ensure faster access to treatment, and improved outcomes for patients.