

[Communities Minister's Bill to Extend Terminal Illness Support reaches final stage in Assembly](#)

The Social Security (Terminal Illness) Bill, introduced by Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey, which extends access to fast-tracked financial support for the terminally ill, reaches its final stage in the Assembly today.

[Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) Infection Survey, Northern Ireland: Weekly Report](#)

The Department of Health today published the next in the series of weekly results from its COVID-19 Infection Survey (CIS). The findings set out in this report relate to modelled positivity estimates for NI for the week up to the 15th January 2022. The aims of the CIS are to estimate how many people have the infection and the number of new cases that occur over a given time as well as estimating how many people have developed antibodies to COVID-19.

The survey over time will help track the extent of infection and transmission of COVID-19 among people in the community population (those in private residences).

[Multi-million pound investment in fishing harbours moves step closer – Poots](#)

Fisheries Minister Edwin Poots has announced that a multi-million pound investment in Northern Ireland's three key fishing harbours has moved a step closer.

Poots launches £800,000 scheme to promote innovation and science base through PhD Research

An annual £800,000 research programme for postgraduate students to help promote innovation and develop the science base in Northern Ireland has been opened by Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots.

Swann welcomes Northern Ireland joining International Mental Health Group

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced that Northern Ireland has joined the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership (IIMHL).