

## **Education Minister launches a new literacy framework for Northern Ireland**

Education Minister, Paul Givan, has launched a new literacy framework for primary schools aimed at strengthening literacy practice across Northern Ireland.

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## **Minister comments following December Monitoring Round allocation**

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt said:

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## **DAERA to permit some animal movements under licence following Bluetongue outbreak**

DAERA has announced plans to allow some animal movements in the wake of the recent incursion of Bluetongue virus (BTV), in the context of scientific advice, ongoing surveillance data and consultation in recent days with GB authorities and stakeholders.

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## **Life Expectancy in Northern Ireland 2022-24**

The Department of Health today published the statistical report 'Life Expectancy in Northern Ireland 2022-24'. The Department of Health are the official producers of life expectancy figures for Northern Ireland. This

report presents the latest estimates of life expectancy, healthy life expectancy and disability-free life expectancy. The report explores the extent to which mortality within certain age groups and causes of death contribute to the observed variations in life expectancy over time, in addition to inequality gaps between sexes, deprivation levels, Health and Social Care Trusts and Local Government Districts.

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## **Council receives an update on road infrastructure projects for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council 2025**

Members of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council received an update from the Department for Infrastructure regarding road maintenance and improvement works for the years 2024/25 and 2025/26.