

## Minister discusses new AgriSearch strategy during tour of potential “Beacon” farm in Ahoghill.

Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots has met with AgriSearch to discuss its new strategy, in particular plans to develop a new ‘Beacon’ network of farms, and the potential for future collaboration with DAERA.

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## Ministers outline new Covid-19 measures

Ministers have outlined a package of measures agreed by the Executive that will come into effect at the end of the two week circuit breaker.

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## Covid-19 vaccinations arrive in Northern Ireland

The Health Minister has confirmed that the first batch of the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine has arrived into Northern Ireland.

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## ‘We can look to the future with optimism and patience’

Vaccines have changed our world. They have been successfully deployed against a wide range of diseases including smallpox, polio, measles and flu. They have saved many millions of lives.

So the confirmation of the UK’s first regulatory approval for a Covid-19 vaccine is hugely significant.

The decision by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has only been taken after rigorous assessment of both safety and effectiveness.

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## **Dodds announces new support scheme for newly self-employed**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today announced a new Covid-19 support scheme for the newly self-employed.