

## **Poots reiterates call for Common Travel Area and confirms extension of education phase for pet checks**

Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots has reiterated his call for a Common Travel Area for pets as they travel within the UK – urging Westminster and the European Union to adopt a pragmatic and sensible approach, which retains pet welfare at its heart.

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## **Minister announces PPE funding for non-statutory training providers**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today launched a £250,000 fund to help non-statutory training providers meet the additional costs resulting from ensuring compliance with public health regulations as a result of Covid-19.

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## **Ministers welcome rapid testing scheme for Northern Ireland hauliers**

The introduction of rapid testing for Northern Ireland hauliers heading to France has been welcomed by the Health Minister Robin Swann and the Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon.

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## **NI's vaccine numbers climb past 220,000**

The number of Covid-19 vaccines administered in Northern Ireland has passed the 220,000 mark.

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## **Communities Minister announces further £150,000 for Business Improvement Districts**

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey confirmed today that she is allocating an additional £150,000 to Business Improvement Districts (BIDS) to assist them with their operational costs.