#### R Number - Covid-19

The Department of Health has published the current Covid-19 reproduction number (R).

### <u>Health Minister Pauses Shielding</u> <u>Advice</u>

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced plans to pause the shielding advice that was issued to people ahead of the Covid-19 peak in Northern Ireland.

## <u>Swann appoints new Interim Chair of</u> the RQIA

Health Minister Robin Swann has appointed Christine Collins MBE as the new interim Chair of the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority.

# <u>Weir sets out plans for the reopening</u> of schools

Education Minister Peter Weir has said that new guidance setting out how schools should plan for the new school day will be published tomorrow.

#### **Dodds announces launch of Parental**

### **Bereavement Leave and Pay consultation**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today announced the launch of a two-month Parental Bereavement Leave and Pay consultation.