<u>Minister Poots warns residents not to</u> <u>do DIY damage to environment</u>

Environment Minister Edwin Poots has urged people not to damage the water environment when doing a spot of DIY or gardening at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Temporary weekly publication of high level children's social care statistics during the Covid-19 pandemic

The Department of Health (DoH) has today published high level children's social care statistics in relation to number of children who are currently on the Child Protection Register and number of children who are currently in care (looked after children).

<u>Poots thanks farmers and agents for</u> <u>submitting 24,494 Single Applications</u> <u>on time</u>

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has confirmed that 24,494 Single Applications were received by midnight on 15 May 2020.

Sydenham Bypass to be closed this

weekend

A resurfacing scheme on a section of the Sydenham Bypass, Belfast, between Dee Street and George Best Belfast City Airport will re-commence on Friday 22 May 2020.

£40million NI Micro-business Hardship Fund opens to applications today

Economy Minister Diane Dodds has announced that the £40m NI Micro-business Hardship Fund will open to applications at 6 pm today (20 May).