## £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).

# Appointment of Non-Executive Chair & Social Work Professional Member to the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency

Health Minister Robin Swann, has announced the appointment of a Non-Executive Chair and a Non-Executive Social Work Professional Member to the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency (NIGALA).

### <u>Swann publishes Mental Health Action</u> Plan

Health Minister Robin Swann has published the Mental Health Action Plan as part of his commitment to improve the mental health of the population in Northern Ireland.

### Hargey announces over £20m for local councils

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey has announced that the Executive is allocating £20.3m to local councils to assist them with their financial pressures as a result of Covid-19.

#### <u>Income Support Scheme for substitute</u> <u>teachers</u>

Education Minister Peter Weir has announced a scheme to help support substitute teachers during the Covid-19 crisis.