

## **Joint Statement by the Department of Health and the Police Service of Northern Ireland**

The regulations on social distancing were introduced quickly for very good reason. In an ideal world, they would have received detailed scrutiny at the Assembly before becoming law.

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## **Ministers send best wishes to new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland**

The First Minister Arlene Foster and deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill have sent their best wishes to the Anglican Archbishop John McDowell as he takes up his role as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland.

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## **Minister announces support measures for care homes**

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced £6.5m in additional funding for Northern Ireland's care homes, as part of a series of measures to support the sector during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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## **Communities Minister Launches £1.5m Support Fund for Arts Sector**

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey MLA has announced funding of £1.5m to support individuals and organisations in the Arts Sector in response to

COVID-19.

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## **Northern Ireland local authority collected municipal waste management statistics released**

Provisional Northern Ireland local authority collected municipal waste management statistics for October to December 2019 have been published last week by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.