

# Executive Daily Update: Initiatives to deal with Coronavirus (8 April 2020)

Northern Ireland Executive Ministers and their officials have over the last 24 hours been involved in a number of initiatives and critical decisions relating to the Coronavirus emergency.

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## Dodds provides update on award of vocational qualifications

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today provided an update on the award of vocational qualifications to learners in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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## Hargey provides £1.5m to councils to help in COVID19 support measures

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey MLA has released £1.5m to local councils as she steps up her Department's efforts to help citizens get safely through the Covid-19 health crisis.

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## Education Minister welcomes progress on teachers' pay negotiations

A formal offer on teachers' pay and workload has been made to the five main teaching unions.

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**Statement by DAERA Minister Edwin  
Poots MLA – NI Executive daily  
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“As Easter quickly draws closer, we become acutely aware of the impact COVID-19 is having on family life, the restrictions that have been put on our movements and the sacrifices we are all making for each other.