

## **Celebrating UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities – “The Future is Accessible”**

In seeking to highlight this message the Department for Communities and Disability Action co-hosted an event today at PRONI to celebrate United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

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## **DAERA issues Direct Payments to 99% of farmers on day one**

Full or balance direct payments have commenced with 99% (23,609) of NI farmers having their payment released today, bringing the total issued since October to £281million.

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## **Department of Health statement on industrial action impact**

The Department's offer of an independent conciliation process on this dispute stands. As we have been saying for some time, we simply don't have the money or authority to resolve this impasse, and we strongly believe that patients should not be the ones to suffer because of that.

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## **Department asks trade unions to pause on industrial action**

Department of Health Permanent Secretary Richard Pengelly has publicly appealed to trade unions to pause industrial action and enter into an independent conciliation process.

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## **UPDATE: £475,000 resurfacing scheme for Millisle Road, Donaghadee**

The £475,000 carriageway resurfacing scheme on the A2 Millisle Road, Donaghadee which commenced on Monday 21 October 2019 is entering its next phase.