

## Hill Street, Belfast to be pedestrianised from Thursday 4 December

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmens has announced that Hill Street in Belfast will be a pedestrianised zone from Thursday 4 December 2025.

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## £1m PhD funding call open for DAERA priority research needs

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Andrew Muir has launched the 2026 Postgraduate Studentship competition. The application window is now open and will close at midnight on Thursday 19 February 2026.

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## Northern Ireland Abortion Statistics Publication 2024/25

The Department of Health today published statistics relating to abortions in Northern Ireland 2024/25.

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## New children's book to tell story of US Declaration of Independence signatory Charles Thomson

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has welcomed a new children's book which tells the story of Charles Thomson and his involvement in the US Declaration of Independence.

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## **Appointment of Chair and four Non-Executive members to the Business Services Organisation**

Health Minister, Mike Nesbitt has announced the appointment of a Non-Executive Chair and four Non-Executive (Lay) Members to the Business Services Organisation (BSO).