

Executive Daily Update: Initiatives to deal with Coronavirus (16 April 2020)

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

Minister Hargey to strengthen protections for private renters

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey MLA is to introduce legislation in the Assembly to extend the notice to quit period a landlord must give a tenant to 12 weeks.

Newtownards MOT centre opens as COVID-19 testing facility

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon has confirmed that testing is now underway at the site of the Driver and Vehicle Agency (DVA) test centre in Newtownards.

Mallon confirms further support for local business with a hold on water bills and tariff increases

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon has confirmed water and sewerage bills for business and non-domestic customers will be held back until July so businesses do not face this additional burden during the current health emergency.

Hardship Fund for Sport generates exceptional level in demand

350 sports clubs and organisations have applied for financial assistance through the Department for Communities Hardship Fund for Sport since the scheme was launched on Monday.