This is only the Beginning: Education Minister updates the Assembly on TransformED

Education Minister Paul Givan has hailed the early success of TransformED and delivered a wide-ranging update in the Assembly, on progress since the strategy for educational reform launched in March 2025.

<u>Appointments to the Board of the Arts</u> Council of Northern Ireland

Communities Minister, Gordon Lyons MLA, has appointed Nora Douds as Chair to the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Board from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2029. He has also appointed five new Members to the Board from 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2029:

Parole Commissioners appointments

Justice Minister Naomi Long has announced the reappointment of Paul Mageean to the role of Chief Commissioner to the Parole Commission for Northern Ireland along with the reappointment of 27 Parole Commissioners.

<u>Justice Minister Statement on Hate</u> Crime

One of my priorities as Justice Minister has been to improve support and legislative protections for victims of hate crime. When someone is targeted because of who they are, where they are from, or what they believe, it is completely unacceptable.

<u>Health Minister Expands EU Treatment</u> Scheme

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has confirmed the launch of Phase Two of the £10 million Waiting List Reimbursement Scheme, delivering on the commitment made when the scheme was first introduced in June.