<u>Health Minister welcomes Interim</u> <u>Permanent Secretary appointment</u>

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has welcomed the appointment of Mike Farrar as interim Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health.

Minister for Communities' 'zerotolerance approach' to benefit fraud

Communities minister Gordon Lyons has outlined his 'zero-tolerance approach' to benefit fraud in a statement to the Northern Ireland Assembly today.

<u>Kimmins holds introductory meeting</u> with NI Water

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has said she looks forward to working in collaboration with NI Water to address the challenges facing waste-water infrastructure.

<u>Health Minister provides further</u> <u>update on pay</u>

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has approved payment of the full 12 months of the Health and Social Care (HSC) and Medical and Dental pay deals.

Pay increase for agricultural workers

Following a meeting on the 3 February 2025 the Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland has announced proposed increases to the minimum wage rates for agricultural workers from 1 April 2025.