

## **Minister launches Veterans Support Line NI**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has launched the first ever dedicated Government support line in Northern Ireland for armed forces veterans.

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## **Minister comments on changes to the Duty Reimbursement Scheme**

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has commented on changes to the Duty Reimbursement Scheme (DRS).

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## **O'Dowd welcomes passing of Baby Loss Certificate Regulations**

Finance Minister John O'Dowd has welcomed the approval of the Baby Loss Certificate Regulations in the Assembly today.

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## **Commission on Work and Wellbeing welcomed by Minister Lyons**

The establishment of a Commission on Work and Wellbeing has been welcomed by Communities Minister Gordon Lyons, whose department is leading on the initiative.

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# **“Don’t vote in anger, vote in hope” – Greens select Sarah Wakefield as candidate in Makerfield byelection**

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Sarah Wakefield (above) has been announced as Green Party candidate for the upcoming Makerfield by-election. Sarah is 38 years old, a mum with two young children, and a councillor on Manchester City Council. Currently on maternity leave as a charity director, she previously worked in retail with a focus on

sustainable food and is a trustee of a community organisation.

On being announced as Green Party candidate, Sarah Wakefield said:

“I am proud to be representing the Green Party in the Makerfield byelection. It is vital in a democracy that voters are given a choice of who they want to vote for. Together we can bring back the hope that politics can create a better life for ourselves and our children. This is what the Green Party represents.

“We showed in Gorton and Denton we can take on and beat Reform, whose backward-looking and divisive politics needs to be challenged head-on with a message that the future can be better and fairer than the failed status quo. Don't vote in anger, vote in hope.”

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