<u>Minister Nesbitt: Timely discharge is</u> <u>better for patients and our hospitals</u>

The Health Minister is reminding the public that timely discharge from hospital is vital to protect our Health and Social Care (HSC) services this winter.

<u>Bluetongue restrictions on livestock</u> market to be relaxed

DAERA has announced plans to relax some of the restrictions on a County Down livestock market introduced following the detection of the Bluetongue virus in the area.

<u>Warning issued over counterfeit toys</u> <u>this Christmas</u>

Trading Standards Service (TSS) has recently seized over £22,000 worth of fake toys, including Labubu dolls, K Pop Demon Hunters merchandise, Lego figures and Disney's Lilo & Stitch products.

Statement on Nazareth House Primary School

Education Minister Paul Givan has set out plans to allow pupils of Nazareth House Primary School to return to face-to-face learning from 7 January 2026.

Statistics from the Northern Ireland Substance misuse database: 2024/25

The Department of Health today published "Statistics from the Northern Ireland Substance Misuse Database: 2024/25 (Official statistics in development)" report and accompanying statistical tables.