

[Justice Minister announces Probation Board for Northern Ireland appointment](#)

Justice Minister Naomi Long has announced that Dr Brian Payne has been appointed as a Board Member to the Probation Board for Northern Ireland.

[Agencies ready to respond to Storm Chandra](#)

Multi-agency preparations are underway to respond to any impacts as a result of Storm Chandra, following a dual Met Office warning for rain and strong winds.

[Minister publishes response to consultation on Low Carbon Heating Support](#)

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has published the response to the Consultation on Support for Low Carbon Heating in Residential Buildings.

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