

## **Health Minister congratulates Professor Ian Young on award of CBE**

The Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has congratulated Professor Ian Young on being awarded Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for services to Health Services Research and Development and to Health Education in the 2026 Birthday Honours.

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## **Roco invests £2.5m in new factory and doubles headcount in Crossmaglen**

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has announced that mobile crushing and screening equipment manufacturer, Roco, is investing £2.5m in a factory expansion and 30 new jobs.

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## **Oral Statement to the Northern Ireland Assembly – Update on the Affordable Rent Programme**

I welcome the opportunity to update Members today on progress with the affordable rent programme. I am pleased to announce that I have now made an award of £61.5m Financial Transactions Capital loan funding to Maple and May. I can also now provide more information on the locations where we will see the first affordable homes of this type delivered here in Northern Ireland.

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## **Givan announces further £1.91m funding to deliver RAISE locality led projects**

## **across Northern Ireland**

Education Minister Paul Givan has announced a second tranche of locality led projects to tackle educational disadvantage in RAISE localities.

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## **Education Minister welcomes social media ban to protect children online**

Education Minister Paul Givan has today welcomed the UK Government's announcement to ban social media platforms for children under the age of 16.