#### <u>Farmers urged to remain vigilant to</u> <u>Bluetongue threat</u>

The Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) for Northern Ireland (NI) is asking farmers to remain vigilant and to source animals responsibly in response to the confirmation of Bluetongue Virus (BTV-3) in a sheep in Norfolk following an investigation of a clinical suspect case.

### Minister O'Dowd meets new DVA vehicle test examiners and staff during a tour of the Newtownards Test Centre

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has met a group of new vehicle examiners during a visit to DVA's Newtownards Test Centre. They are among approximately 40 new recruits undergoing training following a recent recruitment competition.

### <u>Switchover date for new livestock</u> <u>identification tag codes extended</u>

DAERA has extended the switchover date when 'UK' prefix livestock tags can no longer be used to 30 June 2025.

# Extension of Mental Health Champion appointment

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has extended the appointment of Professor Siobhan O'Neill as the Mental Health Champion for Northern Ireland.

## <u>O'Dowd announces £340,000 road</u> <u>improvement scheme for Henry Street /</u> <u>Gilmore Street, Ballymena</u>

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has announced that a £340,000 carriageway and footway resurfacing scheme on Henry Street / Gilmore Street, Ballymena will commence on Monday 2 September 2024.