## <u>Vaccine jabs — on a high street near</u> <u>you</u>

Community pharmacies across Northern Ireland will join the Covid-19 vaccination programme from the end of this month, Health Minister Robin Swann has announced.

#### **Economic Output Statistics**

The economic output statistics were published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency (NISRA).

### Vaccine appointments will be honoured

Vaccination appointments for first and second doses will continue to be honoured in Northern Ireland, it has been emphasised.

## Minister to be final decision maker in Area-based Scheme Payment Reviews

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has announced that the final decision in future reviews of area-based scheme payments, which have been heard by an independent panel, will now be taken by the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

# Ministers launch competition for Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service

The First Minister and deputy First Minister have launched a competition to appoint a new Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service (HOCS).