

Executive Daily Update: Initiatives to deal with Coronavirus (12 June 2020)

Northern Ireland Executive ministers and their officials have over the past 24 hours been involved in a number of initiatives and critical decisions relating to the Coronavirus emergency.

Minister Confirms to Councils Trade Arrangements for Outdoors

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon has written to all councils asking them to temporarily take a flexible and pragmatic planning approach to the use of on-street seating for cafes and bars, beer gardens and similar outdoor areas to accommodate physical / social distancing.

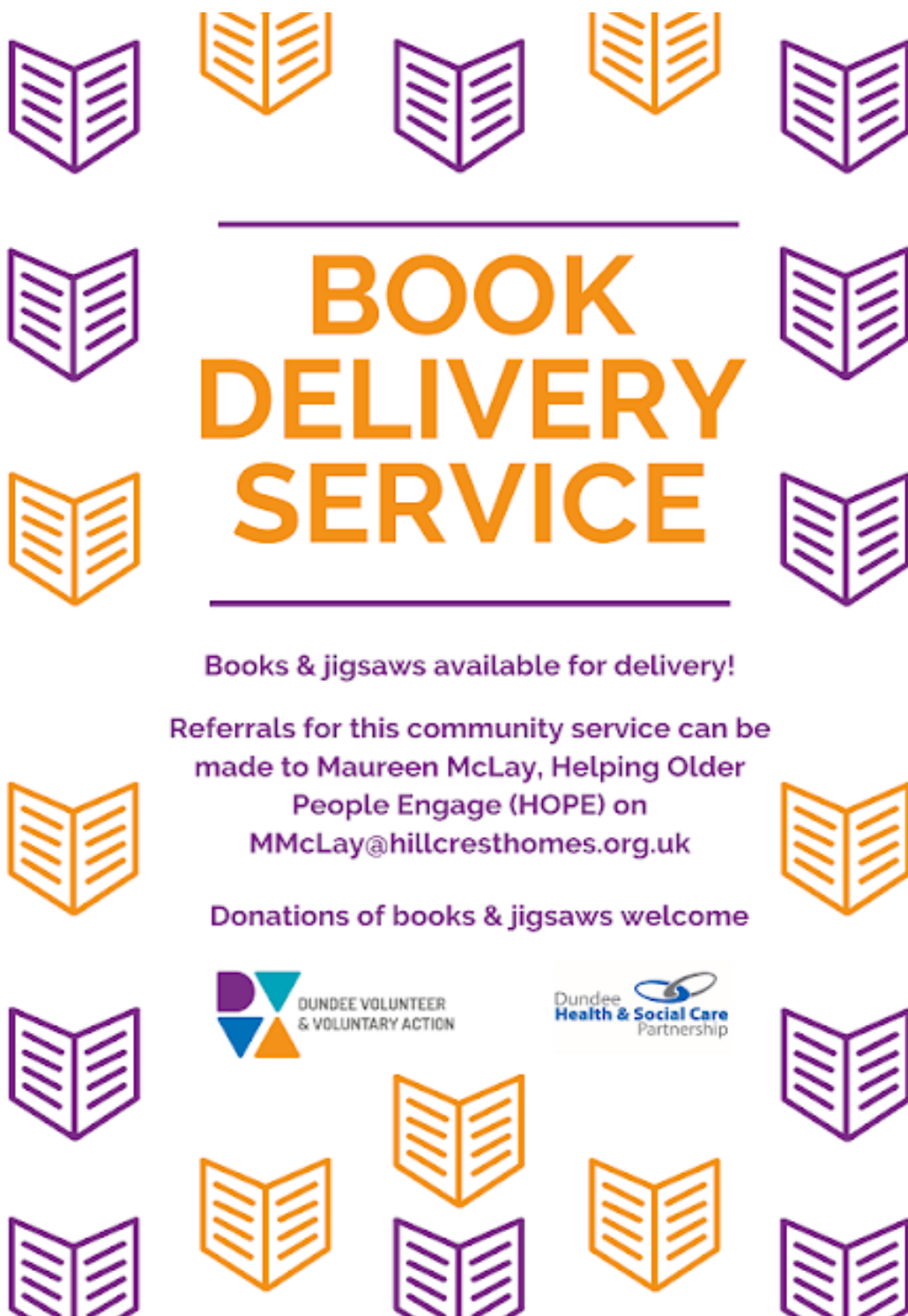
Work on strategic roads and flagship road schemes underway

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon has announced her intention to progress a number of strategic infrastructure schemes and flagship projects as part of her plan to aid economic recovery and community transformation

Economy Minister visits local retailer following re-opening

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today visited a local Banbridge retailer to see how they were managing their re-opening following the Executive's announcement that all goods retailers can now re-open for business.

Book delivery service




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Referrals for this community service can be made to Maureen McLay, Helping Older People Engage (HOPE) on MMcLay@hillcresthomes.org.uk

Donations of books & jigsaws welcome



The following update is from Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action with grateful thanks – I am delighted to see this service being launched as I have had a number of constituents asking about how to access library books and this service will be a real help :

“Lots of the Older People’s Network told us that they were looking for books

or jigsaws to keep them busy during lockdown whilst the library service is unavailable. We are working with the HOPE Project, Grey Lodge Settlement and Dundee West Church who have these items available.

If you or someone you know would like to request a hard copy of a book or jigsaw, please contact Maureen and she will arrange a volunteer through our Get Local Support project to pick one up and deliver it to you. We are unlikely to be able to pick preferred authors for you due to limited supplies, so it will be more of a surprise!

Please note that these items should be quarantined for 48 hours for paperbacks or 72 hours for plastic covered books (like library books) and wiped down before use.

If you have any books or jigsaws that you would like to donate, please get in touch with Maureen.

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