Department for Communities statement

A DfC spokesperson said "There has been no request received from the British Home Office in relation to Afghan refugees by Communities Minister Hargey or the Department.

<u>We are ready to help Afghan refugees —</u> Givan and O'Neill

The First Minister Paul Givan and deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill have acknowledged the developing refugee crisis in Afghanistan and said the Executive stands ready to do what it can to help.

<u>Vaccination is our best defence —</u> <u>Health Minister</u>

Health Minister Robin Swann has repeated his plea for more people to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Revised Covid guidance for new academic year published

Education Minister Michelle McIlveen has today published revised Covid guidance setting out how schools and educational settings should plan ahead for the new academic year.

'Big Jab Weekend' will boost vaccination drive

A 'Big Jab Weekend' has been announced for this Saturday and Sunday, to give people even more opportunities to get vaccinated against COVID-19.