

## **'We can look to the future with optimism and patience'**

Vaccines have changed our world. They have been successfully deployed against a wide range of diseases including smallpox, polio, measles and flu. They have saved many millions of lives.

So the confirmation of the UK's first regulatory approval for a Covid-19 vaccine is hugely significant.

The decision by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has only been taken after rigorous assessment of both safety and effectiveness.

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## **Dodds announces new support scheme for newly self-employed**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today announced a new Covid-19 support scheme for the newly self-employed.

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## **Electricity Consumption and Renewable Generation in Northern Ireland: Year Ending September 2020**

A report detailing the percentage of electricity consumption in Northern Ireland generated from renewable sources has been published today.

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## **Minister launches £25m Sport**

## **sustainability fund**

Communities Minister Carál Ní Chuilín has announced that the £25M Sports Sustainability Fund is to open tomorrow.

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## **Health Minister welcomes Covid-19 vaccine announcement**

Health Minister Robin Swann has hailed a “hugely significant day for Northern Ireland” with the announcement that the first Covid-19 vaccine has been approved for widespread use.