#### <u>Executive Daily Update: Initiatives to</u> <u>deal with Coronavirus (14 April 2020)</u>

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

#### Hargey announces £500,000 for sports clubs and sporting organisations

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey MLA has today launched a £500,000 Hardship Fund for the sports sector.

## DAERA to test up to 1,000 samples a day in fight against COVID-19

DAERA's Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) will assist the health service in testing up to 1,000 samples a day from suspect COVID-19 cases, Minister Edwin Poots has confirmed.

## <u>Health Minister welcomes commitment on</u> care home statistics

Health Minister Robin Swann has welcomed the commitment by NISRA to publish statistics on deaths and suspected deaths in care homes related to Covid-19.

# We must do all we can to help the agri-food sector

Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots acknowledges the difficult financial circumstances facing the agri-food industry and vows to do all he can to help.