<u>Hargey launches award scheme which</u> <u>promotes use of Irish language</u>

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey today launched the new business awards scheme GRADAIM.

Countries to be added to international travel Red List

Evidence of a new variant of the COVID-19 virus has emerged in recent days. This variant — B.1.1.529 — has been identified in South Africa as well as some other countries with travel links to South Africa.

<u>It's important to be "mouth aware" —</u> Health Minister

Health Minister Robin Swann has given his backing to Mouth Cancer Awareness Month by urging people to check for signs of the disease.

Kircubbin community will benefit from £283K investment - Poots

An investment of £283,000 will improve services and outdoor space for the Ards and North Down community of Kircubbin, DAERA Minister Edwin Poots has said.

Expansion of Booster Programme Welcomed

Health Minister Robin Swann has welcomed the JCVI recommendation to extend the COVID-19 vaccine booster to the 40-49-year-old age group.