Extension of the Chair of the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute Board position

The Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Andrew Muir, has announced the extension of Colin Coffey as Chair of the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) Board for a two-month period while a public appointment process to appoint a new Chair is completed.

<u>Statement by Justice Minister Naomi</u> Long

Justice Minister Naomi Long has commented on media reporting in relation to a leaked correspondence. The Minister also makes clear the role of the Accounting Officer in NICS departments.

Independent Autism Reviewer appointed

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has appointed Northern Ireland's first independent Autism Reviewer.

<u>Minister welcomes significant uptake</u> of Northern Ireland Childcare Subsidy <u>Scheme</u>

Education Minister, Paul Givan, has today welcomed that almost 10,000 children have been registered for his Department's new Northern Ireland Childcare Subsidy Scheme within just two weeks of it opening.

<u>NI Health and Social Care Workforce</u> <u>Census – March 2024</u>

The Department of Health today released details of the NI Health and Social Care (HSC) Workforce Census as at 31st March 2024.