#### <u>Minister O'Dowd meets new DVA vehicle</u> <u>test examiners and staff during a tour</u> of the Newtownards Test Centre

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has met a group of new vehicle examiners during a visit to DVA's Newtownards Test Centre. They are among approximately 40 new recruits undergoing training following a recent recruitment competition.

# Extension of Mental Health Champion appointment

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has extended the appointment of Professor Siobhan O'Neill as the Mental Health Champion for Northern Ireland.

## <u>O'Dowd announces £340,000 road</u> <u>improvement scheme for Henry Street /</u> <u>Gilmore Street, Ballymena</u>

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has announced that a £340,000 carriageway and footway resurfacing scheme on Henry Street / Gilmore Street, Ballymena will commence on Monday 2 September 2024.

# Help shape future transport proposals in the North West

The Department for Infrastructure is working with the Derry City and Strabane District Council and others across the North West region to begin drafting

proposals for the North West Transport Plan 2035. Everyone is encouraged to share their views at this early stage in the process.

### <u>Switchover date for new livestock</u> <u>identification tag codes extended</u>

DAERA has extended the switchover date when 'UK' prefix livestock tags can no longer be used to 30 June 2025.