

## **Minister determined to unlock care home visiting**

Health Minister Robin Swann today underlined his determination to see visits for care home residents facilitated across Northern Ireland over Christmas and into the New Year.

Under Department of Health visiting guidance issued in September, all care homes should facilitate a range of methods that provide for safely managed and meaningful contact between residents and their loved ones. That guidance has not been adopted uniformly throughout Northern Ireland's care home sector. Many families have reported that they have only had limited and impersonal contact with a relative since March.

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## **Dodds launches NI Apprenticeship Awards 2021**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today launched the Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Awards 2021.

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## **Health Minister visits specialist transport & retrieval team NISTAR**

Health Minister Robin Swann today visited the Northern Ireland Specialist Transport & Retrieval (NISTAR) service to see first-hand the vital work the team carry out.

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## **Independent Review of Education**

Education Minister Peter Weir has today announced his intention to establish an Independent Review of Education.

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## **Labour market statistics**

The labour market statistics were published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency.