### Education Minister welcomes letter from Chief Medical Officer to parents and carers

Education Minister Peter Weir has welcomed a letter from the Chief Medical Officer, Michael McBride, which is being sent to parents and carers of school children today.

#### <u>Minister announces plans for Adult</u> <u>Safeguarding Bill for Northern Ireland</u>

Health Minister Robin Swann has pledged to bring forward a new Adult Safeguarding Bill for Northern Ireland, to help protect care home residents and other vulnerable members of society.

### Road improvement scheme for A4 Fivemiletown

A road improvement scheme will commence on the A4 at Edfield Way, Fivemiletown on Wednesday 16 September 2020.

# Minister announces removal of Greening requirements with effect from 1 January 2021

DAERA Minister, Edwin Poots MLA, has announced a simplification of the Basic Payments Scheme that will be introduced for the 2021 scheme year.

# Health Minister reinforces support available on World Suicide Prevention Day

Health Minister Robin Swann has stressed the importance of seeking help on this year's World Suicide Prevention Day.

The Health Minister commented: "The Covid 19 pandemic has made us all acutely aware of how our mental health needs must be met as well as our physical needs. The restrictions put on our daily lives and routines have meant that for many of us loneliness and feelings of desperation have crept in, but I want to reinforce on this year's World Suicide Prevention Day there is support and help available to anyone who needs it. No one must feel that there is no other option.