### O'Dowd announces £487,000 road improvement scheme for A24 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has announced that a £487,000 carriageway resurfacing scheme on A24 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff will commence on Monday 26 February 2024.

## <u>O'Dowd reaffirms commitment to</u> promoting biodiversity and protecting the environment

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has reaffirmed his commitment to promoting biodiversity to help address the climate and nature emergency.

# <u>Justice Minister Naomi Long is</u> <u>extending the Sexual Offences Legal</u> <u>Advisers pilot scheme until March</u> 2025.

Minister Long said: "I introduced this pilot scheme in April 2021 to provide free, independent legal advice and advocacy to adult complainants in serious sexual offence cases, up to the point of trial – since then more than 1,600 people have received free legal advice.

### **Increase in funded IVF provision**

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced that publicly funded IVF treatment will increase to one full cycle for eligible women.

### <u>Consultation on criminal assets</u> <u>recovery Codes of Practice launched</u>

Department of Justice has launched a public consultation to seek views on recovery of criminal assets Codes of Practice.