# <u>Statement by Communities Minister</u> <u>Deirdre Hargey MLA - NI Executive</u> <u>daily Covid-19 briefing 8 April 2020</u>

As of 11.15am today, there has sadly and regrettably been 5 deaths recorded since yesterday.

#### <u>Executive Daily Update: Initiatives to</u> <u>deal with Coronavirus (8 April 2020)</u>

Northern Ireland Executive Ministers and their officials have over the last 24 hours been involved in a number of initiatives and critical decisions relating to the Coronavirus emergency.

## <u>Dodds provides update on award of vocational qualifications</u>

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today provided an update on the award of vocational qualifications to learners in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Hargey provides £1.5m to councils to help in COVID19 support measures

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey MLA has released £1.5m to local councils as she steps up her Department's efforts to help citizens get safely through the Covid-19 health crisis.

#### <u>Minister raises concerns on beef</u> <u>imports</u>

Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots MLA has raised concerns with the main supermarkets after recent reports that a significant shipment of beef was imported into the UK from Poland during the start of COVID-19 pandemic.