### Vital air links must be protected in both the short and long term

Finance Minister, Conor Murphy, Economy Minister, Diane Dodds and Infrastructure Minister, Nichola Mallon today engaged with the Chief Executives of Belfast City, Belfast International and City of Derry airports.

#### <u>Arlene Foster and Michelle O'Neill</u> <u>express sympathy after Covid-19 death</u>

First Minister Arlene Foster and deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill have expressed sympathy following the first death of a person in Northern Ireland who had tested positive for Covid-19.

### <u>Latest update on coronavirus</u> (Covid-19)

As of 2pm on Thursday 19 March, testing has resulted in 9 new positive cases, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in Northern Ireland to 77.

# 'Social care will play vital role during severe Covid-19 challenges'

Chief Social Worker Sean Holland has underlined the essential role social care will play in supporting vulnerable people in the weeks and months ahead.

# <u>Murphy presses Treasury on support for workers and families</u>

Finance Minister, Conor Murphy this evening joined Finance Ministers from Scotland and Wales on a conference call with Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Stephen Barclay.