### Latest update on coronavirus (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.

# The Northern Ireland Planning Statistics: Third Quarter 2019/20 Statistical Bulletin, has been published today

Provisional planning statistics for the third quarter of 2019/20 are now available. These data provide an overall view of planning activity.

#### <u>Driving tests suspended for three</u> <u>months to protect DVA customers and</u> staff from COVID-19

The Driver & Vehicle Agency will suspend practical driving tests for three months from the last test today, following the latest advice from public health authorities to delay the spread of the Coronavirus.

## **COVID-19: Business Support Grant Schemes**

In order to protect the livelihoods that support our families and our communities, the Executive has announced a grant of £10,000 to be provided to

all small businesses who are eligible for the Small Business Rate Relief Scheme and a grant of £25,000 to be provided to companies in the hospitality, tourism and retail sectors with a rateable value from £15,000 up to £51,000.

#### <u>Partnership working disrupts drug</u> <u>supply in Northern Ireland</u>

An operation carried out by the Organised Crime Task Force (OCTF) partners resulted in the disruption of the supply of drugs purchased online.