<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.

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.

'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.

Importance of food production and distribution never been more important - Poots

DAERA Minister Edwin Poots has urged consumers to buy responsibly whilst thanks agri-food sector for keeping food on our tables.