

## **Applications open – #apprenticeawards2020**

The Apprenticeship Awards will recognise excellence in apprenticeships including a special awards ceremony on 6 February 2020 at the Titanic Hotel in Belfast. The Awards Ceremony will be one of the highlight events during the Department's inaugural Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week which will run from Monday 3 to Friday 7 February 2020.

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## **NI's first Aspiring Nurse Directors graduate at Stormont**

Northern Ireland's first group of locally trained Aspiring Nurse Directors stepped forward to take their place in transforming health services today.

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## **DOH Statement – RCN ballot announcement**

It is disappointing that a ballot has been announced. Health service staffing vacancies are an issue across these islands, and industrial action will do nothing to resolve workforce challenges and can only penalise patients at a particularly difficult and uncertain time.

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## **Noise complaint statistics for Northern Ireland 2017-2018**

Noise complaints received by district councils between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018 have fallen by 3% according to a report published today by the Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

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## **The first Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2018/19 has been published today**

Planning statistics from the Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework for 2018/19 are now available.