

## **Poots launches £800,000 scheme to promote innovation and science base through PhD Research**

An annual £800,000 research programme for postgraduate students to help promote innovation and develop the science base in Northern Ireland has been opened by Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots.

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## **Swann welcomes Northern Ireland joining International Mental Health Group**

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced that Northern Ireland has joined the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership (IIMHL).

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## **Health Minister announces Independent Review of Children's Social Care Services in Northern Ireland**

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced a review of children's social care services in Northern Ireland will begin in February 2022.

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## **Coronavirus (Covid-19) Infection Survey, Northern Ireland: Weekly**

# **Report**

The Department of Health today published the next in the series of weekly results from its COVID-19 Infection Survey (CIS). The findings set out in this report relate to modelled positivity estimates for NI for the week up to the 15th January 2022. The aims of the CIS are to estimate how many people have the infection and the number of new cases that occur over a given time as well as estimating how many people have developed antibodies to COVID-19.

The survey over time will help track the extent of infection and transmission of COVID-19 among people in the community population (those in private residences).

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## **The Path to Net Zero Energy – creating jobs and more affordable energy**

Northern Ireland's new energy strategy – The Path to Net Zero – will create jobs and lead to more affordable energy, Economy Minister Gordon Lyons said today.