[Publication of Northern Ireland Cancer Waiting Times Statistics: April to June 2024](#)

The Department of Health today published Accredited Official Statistics on cancer waiting times for the quarter ending June 2024.

[Northern Ireland Composite Economic Index Quarter 2 2024](#)

The Northern Ireland Composite Economic Index (NICEI) Quarter 2 2024 was published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA).

[New discount rate for personal injury claims set](#)

A new personal injury discount rate has been set following a review.

[Green Party reaction to vote on winter fuel payments at Labour conference](#)

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Reacting to a motion on winter fuel payments put forward by the Unite union and [supported by a majority of delegates at Labour Party conference](#), co-leader of the Green Party, Carla Denyer, said:

"Today's vote at Labour Party conference leaves Labour ministers out in the

cold. There is a groundswell of support — from opposition parties, unions, many Labour MPs, health workers, disability groups, charities supporting pensioners, as well as others — for ensuring millions of pensioners keep warm this winter.

"Targeting some of the most vulnerable to fix the supposed black hole in the public finances is cruel and unnecessary.

"There is another way. A fairer way. As the successful motion by Unite makes clear, taxing multi-millionaires and billionaires a little more would not only easily cover the cost of winter fuel payments for all pensioners but also generate additional funds for much needed investment in our health and social care services."

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[O'Dowd welcomes announcement that 48 sports clubs are eligible for new Electric Vehicle Charge Points](#)

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has welcomed the announcement by the Irish Government that 48 sports clubs across the North are now eligible to apply for funding for electric vehicle charge points.