

# Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

## DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

31<sup>st</sup> October 2025      Deadline for 2025/26 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIPP)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Pension Auto- enrolment Information Session

### My Future Fund Commencing January 2026

Kerry CCC, together with Canavan Byrne, are holding an information session for Providers on the new State Auto-enrolment pension scheme.

Auto-enrolment is the new pension savings scheme for certain employees who are not paying into a pension. They will be automatically included in the scheme but can opt out after 6 months. Under the scheme, the employee, employer, and Government all pay a certain amount into the employee's pension fund.



**KERRY COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE**  
**PENSION AUTO-ENROLMENT**  
**Information Session for Providers**

Kerry CCC, together with Canavan Byrne, is running an Information Session on the new Auto-Enrolment Retirement Savings Scheme, 'My Future Fund', which is starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

**THE MEADOWLANDS HOTEL, TRALEE**  
13TH NOVEMBER 2025

18.15 REGISTRATION (TEA/COFFEE)  
18.30 - 20.00

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
Email: [eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com)

Canavan Byrne  
Supporting The Early Education Sector  
Cuideam & Cúram Leanaí Chiarraí

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## Topics to be covered:

- What auto-enrolment is and why it's being introduced
- Who will be included (and excluded) under the scheme
- Employee and employer contribution rates, with State top-ups
- How contributions will be invested and managed
- Opt-out and suspension options for employees
- The impact on existing pensions
- Key steps and suggested timeline for childcare providers and other employers
- Practical guidance on updating contracts, policies, payroll, and staff communication

If you would like to book a place, please email:  
[eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com)

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## New Employment Regulations Order / Staff Funding Additional Contribution



The ERO came into effect on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025, partner Services who failed to complete an application change between 13<sup>th</sup> October and 19<sup>th</sup> October will receive a reduced number of allocation weeks for the Staff Funding Additional Contribution. **Backdating will not be permitted.**

### What am I required to do?

To avail of the **Staff Funding Additional Contribution** for the 2025/2026 Core Funding Programme Year, eligible Partner Services **must** submit an Application Change input a Change Effective Date in the “Staff Member and/or Capacity Change Effective Date” field.

It is important that on the summary page of your Core Funding application, before submitting your Application Change, that you review the information submitted as part of your Application Change and review the grant values associated with the Staff Funding Additional Contribution.

If your service requires support, additional resources are available under the [Core Funding Documents](#) and [Help and Support](#) sections on the Early Years Hive.

For further support on the ERO please contact Kathryn: [kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com)

For further support on the Staff Funding Additional Contribution please email Pamela:

[pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com)

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## 2025/26 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIPP)

The QIPP template opened on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and will remain open until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.



The guidance document and videos can be accessed the [Core Funding – Documents - Service Provider Portal](#)

For further support please contact Rachel: [rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com)

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## Tusla Registration Renewal

All Early Years Services are required to renew registration every 3 years. The registration date can be found on the current Tusla certificate or checked on the [Early Years Register](#) or the [School Age Register](#). Please note the following key points:



- Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before your current certification expires.

- The process requires submission of in-date Garda Vetting for the Registered Provider and the Person in Charge (if different). Current timelines for vetting should be considered.

*Failure to reregister in time will result in your removal from the register, and it is an offence to operate an unregistered service. Additional information on re-registration can be found [here](#).*

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## Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page



**New Positions have been added to our Jobs Board and promoted on our Facebook page**

**(1.4k followers)**

[Website Jobs Board](#) – Local Jobs Board for Kerry

If you would like to place an advert on our Jobs Board please email [kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com).

Follow our Facebook page [here](#) and visit our [Childcare Providers Information](#) and [Childcare Providers Training](#) sections of our website for information updates.

**Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and your well deserved break.**

**Kind Regards,**

**Kerry County Childcare Committee**