

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 27th – 31st October 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 27th – 31st October 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

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

1st – 14th November 2025 Core Funding Review & Confirm

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pension Auto- enrolment Information Session

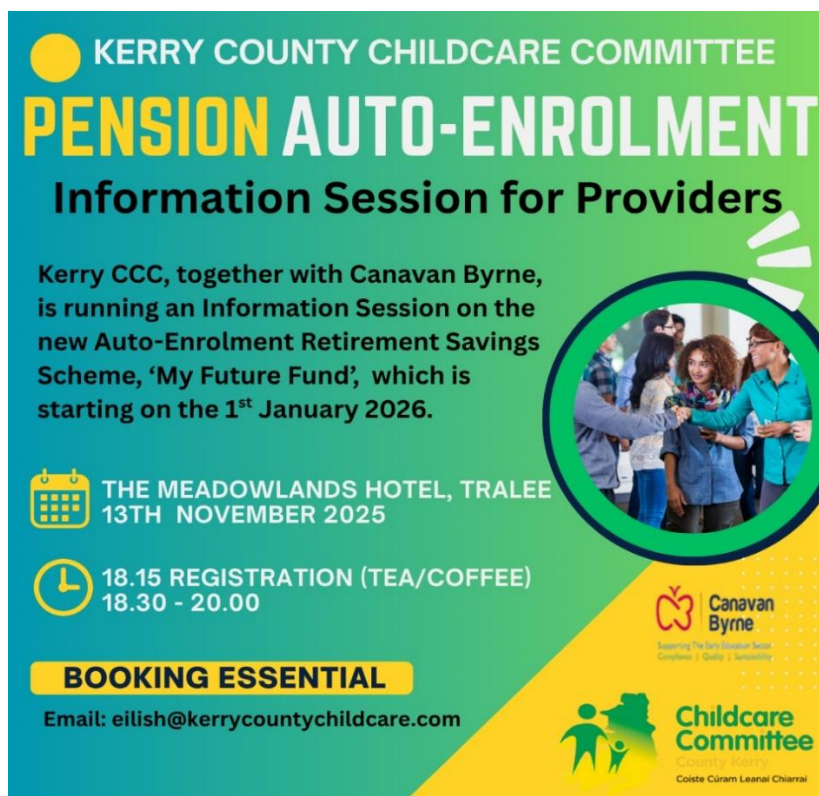
My Future Fund Commencing January 2026

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.

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



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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 1st January 2026.

THE MEADOWLANDS HOTEL, TRALEE
13TH NOVEMBER 2025

18.15 REGISTRATION (TEA/COFFEE)
18.30 - 20.00

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Email: eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com

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Coiste Curam Leanaí Chiarraí

If you would like to book a place, please email:
eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com

2025/26 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIPP)

The QIPP template is due to be submitted today, 31st October 2025.

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

For further support please contact Rachel: rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com



Core Funding Review and Confirm

The Review and Confirm task for November 2025 can be completed between 1st - 14th November 2025.

In this cycle of the November Review and Confirm, all Services are being asked to review and update the “Rate of Pay Per Hour” value for active In Ratio and Managerial Staff Members entered into the Service Profile. **Please see attached document / link below.**



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For further support please contact Pamela: pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com



New Employment Regulations Order / Staff Funding Additional

Contribution

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

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

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

pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com

Journey Through the Early Years Hive

This training is for those who wish to refresh their Early Years Hive navigation skills and for new users of the Early Years HIVE. Please click on the link below to register:



[Journey through the Hive Thursday 6th November at 10:30am – 11:30am.](#)

Auto-enrolment retirement savings scheme – My Future Fund – Information for employers

The DCDE is hosting a bespoke online information session Monday 3rd November at 2pm, Owners/Managers are welcomed to attend please registers your interests by emailing nurturingskills@dcde.gov.ie . For those who are unable to attend a recording will be made available at a later date.



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](#).

Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page

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



Happy Halloween!

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