



Derbyshire Pension Fund

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Actuarial valuation 2025 update

We'll be holding an Employer Valuation Forum on 11 December 2025, attended by the Fund's actuary, which will include the launch of a consultation on our new Funding Strategy Statement.

The Forum will be held virtually and we'll be in touch in the coming weeks with further details.

i-Connect and Contribution return (CR1) forms

Most of our employers are now sending monthly data to us through i-Connect. The deadline for [i-Connect](#) submissions is the same as your contributions payment and CR1 form deadline which is the 19th of the following month.

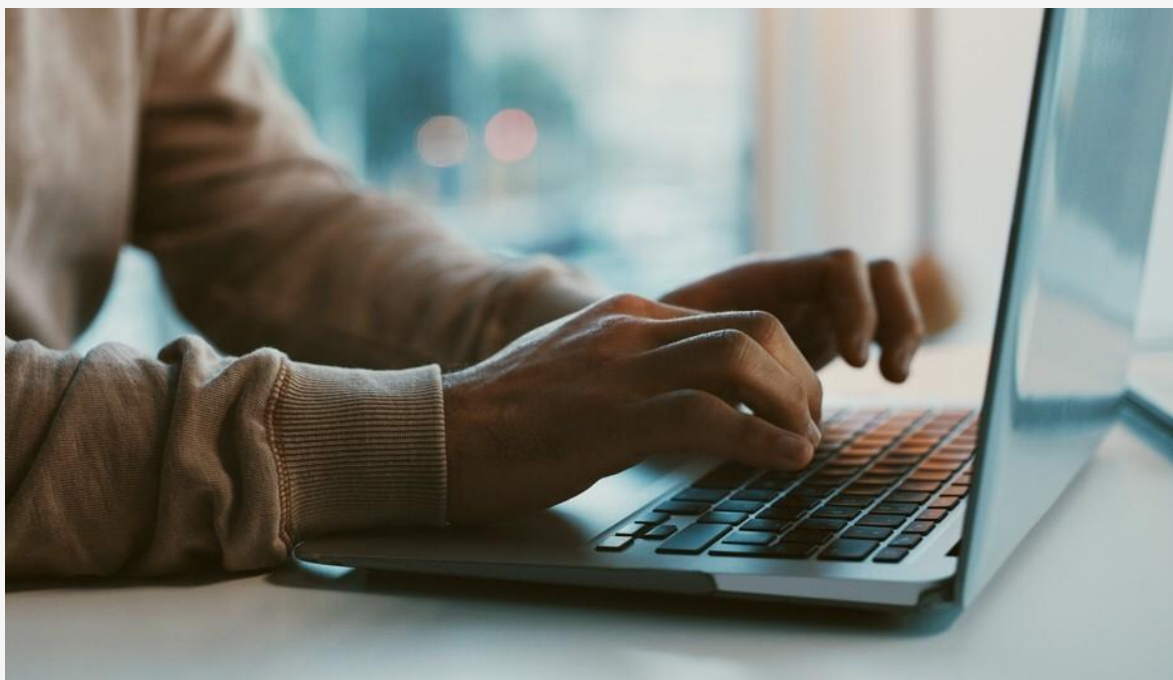
For example, your October 2025 contributions payment, CR1 and i-Connect submission must be received by us no later than 19 November 2025.

In months where you expect to trigger tolerances on i-Connect you should allow yourself additional time in the month to resolve any errors ahead of the 19th deadline. For example, when you have experienced a high number of new starters.

We are looking into streamlining the process for i-Connect and CR1 submissions after the valuation has been completed. When this has been finalised, we will share further details with you. Until then, please continue to send CR1 forms by the monthly deadline.



Tip: To help reduce queries, please ensure your CR1 form and i-Connect file reconcile before you submit them to the Fund.



Updates to your Authorised Signatories and Employer Discretions Policy

Thank you to all our employers who have recently submitted an updated list of authorised signatories and/or their latest employer discretions policy.

Keeping these details up to date is essential for ensuring the secure and efficient administration of the Fund. Your co-operation helps us maintain strong governance and deliver a reliable service to our members.

If you have any questions or need further support, please contact the team at pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk

Thank you once again for your continued partnership.

Ill-health retirement

Ill-health risk management

The Fund's current approach to ill health risk management means that [shortfall costs](#) in respect of ill health early retirements are not immediately payable by the employer (unlike certain other forms of early retirement such as redundancy).

The ill-health retirement liabilities will be considered at the next triennial valuation and may result in an adjustment to your funding position and employer contribution rate.

The [ill health risk management](#) page on our website provides further information on:

- how an ill health retirement shortfall cost is worked out
- the impact on your funding position and employer contribution rate
- information about how to mitigate the risk with an external ill health insurance policy which can be arranged through the Fund's actuary, Hymans Robertson LLP
- how to contact Hymans Robertson LLP, to obtain a quotation for cost of the insurance

Ill-health process

Employers no longer need to inform the Fund of any changes to their list of medical practitioners due to recent updates to our medical certificates.

In the latest versions of our medical certificates, employers authorise the medical practitioner on completion of the relevant declaration.

Please ensure when considering an ill-health retirement application that you are using the latest version which is available on our [website](#).

You can find our 'Employers guide to ill health retirement' on the [Ill-health process](#) page of our website.



LGPS consultation: Scheme Improvements (Access and Protections)

We issued an email on 22 October 2025 to our main contact at each employer about a new consultation opened by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG): [LGPS: Scheme improvements \(access and protections\) consultation](#).

The consultation outlines proposed changes to the LGPS regulations in England and Wales. It covers 4 areas relating to access to the scheme and its benefits as follows:

- Normal minimum pension age
- Pension access for councillors and mayors
- Academies in the LGPS
- New Fair Deal

Please share our [Scheme Improvements \(Access and Protections\) consultation news item](#) with your LGPS eligible members to make them aware of this consultation.

If you and your members wish to respond to the consultation, MHCLG's preferred method is by their [online survey](#).

The consultation is open until 22 December 2025.

Employee details changes

It's important that you let us know as soon as possible when an employee's details change, for example, title, name, address. This helps us to minimise the risk of data breaches occurring.

If you're not using i-Connect yet, please notify us using the C1 form when any of your LGPS members change their personal and contact details. Member notification forms are on the [forms for employers](#) section of our website.

Email addresses

Our email addresses and what they are used for:

dpf.employers@derbyshire.gov.uk - For submitting [member notification forms](#)

pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk - For submitting [contribution returns](#) (CR1s) and payment queries

pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk - For queries relating to [i-Connect](#) onboarding, regulations, training and events

For queries and requests from members of the LGPS, please direct them to the [enquiry form](#) on our website.

If you have any queries about the information provided in this Newsletter, or about the LGPS in general, please contact us at:

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