



# Derbyshire Pension Fund

## Local Government Pension Scheme Employer Newsletter

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## LGPS Fit for the Future

We have published an update on the current position of the proposed Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Fit for the Future reforms.

Please visit the news article [LGPS Fit for the Future: Current Position](#) for more information.

## 2025 Funding Strategy Statement (FSS) consultation

Thank you to those employers who have submitted responses to the consultation on our draft revised FSS.



If you haven't responded yet, the consultation period closes at 11:59pm on 1 February 2026. The draft revised FSS can be found on our [Funding Strategy Statement: 2025 consultation news item](#) along with a link to the response form.

All responses will be reviewed before a final version of the FSS is considered by Derbyshire County Council's Pensions and Investments Committee at its meeting on 4 March 2026.

## Admission, cessation and bulk transfer policy

Following approval by the Pensions and Investments Committee on 3 December 2025, the latest version of our [Admission, Cessation and Bulk Transfer policy](#) is now available on the Fund's website.

This policy is implemented with effect from 1 April 2026 and will continue to be reviewed every three years as part of the Fund's actuarial valuation cycle.

The policy sets out our approach to the risks involved in:

- the admission of new employers to the Fund
- handling potential bulk transfers
- employers ceasing their participation in the Fund

Please review the updated policy to ensure that you understand the processes and requirements that will apply from 1 April 2026.

The current version of the policy will remain available on the website until 31 March 2026.

## Authorised signatories

To support the efficient administration of the LGPS, it is important that we maintain up-to-date information about each employer's LGPS employer contacts and authorised signatories.

We have updated our authorised signatory requirements to reflect the Fund's modernised administration processes.

The key change is that authorised signatures are now only required when an employer is authorising the release of LGPS benefits.

We no longer require a signature when submitting routine member notification forms. These submissions are verified through i-Connect, by the user ID, or by the email address where forms are submitted by email.

### Signatory types

There are two distinct levels of signatory as follows:

**Benefit release**, where signatures are required:

- acceptances of retirement shortfall costs
- approvals of flexible retirements
- decisions on ill health retirement certificates
- declarations on a Reductions in Pensionable Pay forms

**Forms and data**, where signatures are no longer required:

- leaver forms
- changes forms (only used by employers yet to be onboarded onto i-Connect)
- estimate request forms\*

*\*While estimate request forms can be completed and submitted by those authorised for "forms and data", quotes for redundancy, flexible retirement or serious ill health can **only** be returned to a benefit release signatory.*

Benefit release signatories can submit [forms and data](#).

Forms and data signatories cannot authorise the release of benefits.

### Ill health certificates

On the current versions of the ill health certificates, the Independent Registered Medical Practitioner (IRMP) is authorised by the employer when they complete their declaration. This means that employers no longer need to maintain a list of IRMPs engaged by them (provided the up-to-date version of the certificate is being used).

For audit purposes we retain the details of those IRMPs authorised in relation to earlier ill health retirements.

### Keeping us informed

Please continue to keep us informed of changes to your authorised signatories, particularly where a signatory or main contact is leaving their role, or where your payroll provision is changing.

You can notify us of individuals to be removed from your list of signatories, and request a form authorising additional signatories from: [pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk)

## My Pension Online has been upgraded

Our upgraded My Pension Online platform went live earlier this month. The site now looks different and introduces some new features:

- **SMS Multi-Factor Authentication** – Users will be prompted to enter their mobile number to receive one-time passcodes to use the site.
- **Electronic ID verification (EIDV)** – For new registrations, members can use EIDV to verify their identity to register for the service.
- **Death grant nominations** – Registered members can update their death grant nominations directly through the new platform.
- **Retirement planner** – Members can access projections of their Derbyshire LGPS pension against the [retirement living standards set by Pensions UK](#) to help plan their future.

The [My Pension Online homepage](#) has been updated with information for new and returning members. The full registration process can be found on our [getting started on My Pension Online webpage](#).

Any members that registered for the previous platform will need to re-register for the new platform to set up the new security features.

We have dedicated [My Pension Online resources](#) including banners and posters you can use around the workplace to help encourage members to register for the service.



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

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

[pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto: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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