

Press Release for DAG

Devon Maintenance Partnership (DMP)

The Devon Maintenance Partnership (DMP) is a collective not for profit making service and inspection scheme in the ownership of member schools. It discharges some of a governing body's statutory duties and good practice in respect of the management of premises.

The scheme is not available for VA schools who have a different scheme in place, VA Promise 4.

The scheme is a 2 year agreement has been running since April 2008. The cost of the scheme was £9.75 per pupil in the 1st year but this has been reduced to £9.00 per pupil for the current year following a review of income and expenditure.

Around 85% of schools subscribe to the agreement and the scheme is considered to be a successful method of managing compliance issues.

The scheme is managed by NPS South West Limited on behalf of DCC with regular reports presented to schools Organisation Forum (SOF)

A successor scheme is necessary from April 2010 when the current scheme expires. The scheme will be referred to as the Devon Maintenance Partnership 2010 – 2015 Agreement. A proposal has been prepared by NPS South West working with DCC and this proposal was approved by SOF on 4th November 2009.

The details of the new scheme are generally the same as the current scheme but include certain additional services. The services provided in the scheme are as listed below. Services in *italics* are the new services

- Annual asbestos condition survey updates
- Annual building condition survey updates
- Managing Service Term Contracts
- Managing DMP and SOF reporting
- Product refinements/development
- Review of 6&12 monthly legionella reports
- ***NPS Service Level Agreement 1***
- ***NPS out of hours emergency service***
- ***3 hours Free Feasibility service***
- DCC finance Charges
- Servicing Contracts
- ***Lightning equipment survey/risk assessment***

The anticipated cost of the scheme will be **£11.40** per pupil per annum based on pupil numbers in January 2010. Included in this cost is a contingency and also the costs of providing advice to schools on property related matters (NPS Service Level Agreement 1), something that is currently separately charged between £300 and £500 for primary schools and £900 to £1500 for secondary schools.

Additionally, schools that have gas provided to their sites will be required to have gas soundness tests to maintain compliance with legislation. It is anticipated that this will be at

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an additional cost of £200 - £300 per primary school and more expensive for secondary schools.

Schools will be contacted with full details of the scheme in December and NPS South West will be available to answer any questions. Schools will be requested in January 2010 to confirm whether they wish to join the scheme.

It is possible that a rebate will be made to schools when the current scheme closes, this will be calculated on a pro-rata basis of the individual contributions at each school. It is hoped that any rebates would be made to schools in August 2010.

NPS South West will also provide “pay as you use” services to maintain other items of plant often installed at schools. These are

- Sprinkler maintenance
- Air conditioning system maintenance
- Display Energy Certificates
- Automatic doors
- Duct work hygiene
- Swimming pools/hydrotherapy pools
- Mansafe/fall arrest systems
- Hoists

NPS will provide servicing specifications and an open list of suitable contractors who are competent to undertake such works and schools would then have the option of engaging NPS to manage these works on their behalf, for which a fee would be charged, or manage the works themselves.

The specifications and contractor list would be provided without cost to subscribing schools but chargeable to non subscribing schools.

For further information on any of the above, please contact

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