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ESTATES & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT – CONSULTATION

INTRODUCTION

This briefing is to inform all staff about the continuing consultation process that is taking place in order to receive as wide a view on the current and future provision of Estates and Facilities management across Probation Boards.

User interests are represented in the retendering exercise by Heather Harker (CO South Yorkshire) and Wes Lacey (ACO Warwickshire). Trade Unions and employers are also represented.

GATHERING YOUR VIEWS

Questionnaire

You will have received an all staff survey that continues the consultation process and aims to gain a view from all staff on the current provision of FM services. This was issued on the 2nd November and has a return deadline of 24th November. As of Friday 18th November we have received around 1,800 surveys.

Roger Hill – Director of Probation stated “I am committed to providing contracts that are based on the needs of the organisation as defined by staff who deliver services.”

If you have not yet already done so, please do help to continue the momentum of the consultation process by completing the questionnaire.

National Conference

Following Briefing 27 the consultation process is well underway. The 20th October saw staff with connections in property/facilities management from most probation boards attend a national conference to discuss expectations and future needs.

This event was well received and feedback from areas has been very positive. Property services gained an extensive amount of material to be able to work with – thank you to all who attended and contributed to this important exercise.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The 6th December will see Chiefs and Chairs representing the regions attend a meeting with Project Board members to follow on the consultation at a strategic/operational level. This meeting will also define how we establish specific user groups to continue the consultation, and to define the specification of the new contracts. We have the emerging views from the National Conference and will have results of the all staff survey.

The new contracts will apply to the Services' 1300 properties and 89 approved hostels. Some offices in which NPS staff work, for instance those which are part of Court buildings, cannot be included.

Details of the estate, assessments of its condition, functional suitability, contract performance and complaints are in the *NOMS Property Service – Probation Estate Annual Report 2004/05* (www.noms.homeoffice.gov.uk or www.probation.homeoffice.gov.uk). The current estate provides accommodation for approximately 22,500 people.

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