

Competition managers

On 14th December the Prime Minister announced that £519m (DfES £430m and DCMS £89m) would be invested to continue the national PE, School Sport and Club Links (PESSCL) strategy between April 2006 and March 2008. Competitive school sport is an integral element of the strategy. To further help reinvigorate school sports competitions the Prime Minister announced that new Competition Managers would be added to School Sport Partnerships.

He promised that 17 would be in place by September 2005, 45 by September 2006 and 90 by September 2007. Subject to the next spending review in 2006 the ultimate ambition is to have one manager per school sport partnership by 2010. Competition Managers overall role will be to manage and co-ordinate the planning and implementation of the national schools competition framework through a programme of inter-school competition within and across School Sport Partnerships. They will also reach out to local, regional and national governing body competitions.

Using funding from South Gloucestershire School's PE Association, it is hoped to begin the process of managing competition on a local basis sooner than 2007. Funding will be used to audit competition structures, results of which will then inform the best way of forward prior to Government funding. Watch this space!