NPI Name:	**Spiral tree guard and cane**

NPI Code:	**TGC**

NPI Payment:	Year 1: £0.39 per guard and cane

NPI Aim(s):	To protect newly created EFS Options, facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites and contribute to the protection of soil and water.

Scheme Applicability:	Wider – EFS(W)	☐	Higher – EFS(H)	✔	Group – EFS(G)	✔

This NPI is:	Permanent	✔	Rotational	☐

NPI Description and Outcome:	'Spiral tree guards and canes' are eligible where they will maintain and enhance the biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and are included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). 'Spiral tree guards and canes' will protect newly planted trees, particularly from rabbit damage.

Number Permitted:	**Minimum** 1	**Maximum** Not Applicable*

 * DAERA reserves the right to limit a Higher Level agreement value where it considers appropriate to ensure value for money.

Requirements and Controls:

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type[1]		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
TGC1C	All 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must be installed by the end of Year 1.	✔		✔
TGC2C	New 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must be used.	✔		✔
TGC3C	The claimed number of 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must be erected in the fields where they have been approved.	✔		✔
TGC4C	The claimed number of 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must comply with the Specification outlined below.			✔
TGC5C	Field records must be kept detailing location, number and date(s) erected for the 'Spiral tree guards and canes'.	✔		✔

[1] The possible control types for each requirement may be:
'Admin' – administrative checks, 'CwRS' – Control with Remote Sensing, 'OTSC' – On-the-Spot Check

Specification:

- 'Spiral tree guards' must be at least 0.60 m tall and a minimum 38 mm diameter;
- all canes must be a minimum 90 cm long; and
- 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP for EFS(H) sites.

<u>Further Advice:</u>

Approval should be sought from DFI TransportNI before new 'Spiral tree guards and canes' are erected along a roadway.