

Part 1: Identification of Bioscience Community Needs

1.1 Issues in Bioscience Education

It is important that LTSN Bioscience keeps up-to-date with your priorities. Please rate the importance to your unit of each of the areas below.				
	Very important	Important	Fairly Important	Not Important
Transferable skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Practical skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industrial placements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work based learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C&IT in learning and teaching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessment approaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Curriculum design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student recruitment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student retention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student transfer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student motivation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student numeracy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student literacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School curriculum/syllabus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Progress files	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feedback from students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Study skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plagiarism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Distance learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality enhancement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Benchmark statements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Postgraduate supervision and training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pedagogic research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Please comment on any areas you have rated as very important and provide any other issues you consider important:				

1.2 LTSN Bioscience Services and Activities

a) The following are services and activities that LTSN Bioscience currently provides. Please rate their usefulness to your unit.					
		Very useful	Useful	Fairly useful	Not useful
Departmental contacts	LTSN Bioscience representatives in schools and departments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Departmental visits	tailored events in response to invitation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional Development Programme	national events addressing a specific area of Learning and Teaching such as assessment or practical work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discussion Forums	events addressing current issues in Learning and Teaching such as Benchmarking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LTSN Bioscience Bulletin	published three times a year, distributed via Departmental Contacts and to registered contacts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Website	containing information on LTSN Bioscience, and learning & teaching links and resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Centre update	monthly email of Bioscience Learning and Teaching news and events sent to all Network Members and available on-line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helpdesk	individual response to enquiries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Special Interest Groups	exploring bioscience educational topics in depth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discipline Consultants	working to build discipline based networks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teaching Development Fund	grants to encourage the development, establishment or validation of innovative learning, teaching and assessment materials or methods.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

b) The following services and activities are not currently provided. Please rate their potential usefulness to your unit.					
		Very useful	Useful	Fairly useful	Not useful
On-line peer reviewed journal for bioscience learning and teaching		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Annual Learning and Teaching Conference		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Lecturers Workshop		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Special Editions of LTSN Bioscience Bulletin	dealing with specific topics i.e. assessment, widening participation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
News Service	email digest of Learning and Teaching headlines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please suggest any other activities that you would rate as being useful:

1.3 LTSN Bioscience Learning & Teaching Resources

a) The following resources are available /under development.
Please rate their usefulness to your unit.

		Very useful	Useful	Fairly useful	Not useful
Knowledgebase	on-line database of Learning and Teaching resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Imagebank	on-line collection of bioscience images that are copyright-cleared for educational purposes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Compendium of Practicals in the Biosciences	tried and tested laboratory and field practicals available on-line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Case studies	short reports describing Learning and Teaching activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information pack for academic staff	subject specific information and materials for new lecturers and staff developers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Book reviews	peer reviewed bioscience textbooks and generic professional development texts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Software reviews	peer reviewed software relating to bioscience learning and teaching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Website reviews	peer reviewed websites relating to bioscience learning and teaching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

b) The following resources are not currently provided.

Please rate their potential usefulness to your unit.

Very useful

Useful

Fairly useful

Not useful

Questionbank

collection of formative multiple choice questions in a transferable format

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Opportunities noticeboard

website section detailing learning and teaching related funding, jobs, incentives

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Have you any other suggestions for resources which would help in your teaching?