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Section 12: Thematic Review

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12. THEMATIC REVIEW

12.1 Context

Thematic Reviews are the University's opportunity to conduct an institution wide exploration of a major theme that may not be fully captured through the Enhancement Led Internal Subject Review (ELISR) or the Programme Approval/Review process. Thematic Review (TR) is coordinated by the Department of Quality Assurance and Enhancement on behalf of the University.

TR is articulated as part of the University's commitment to Quality Enhancement in Learning and Teaching. The purpose of thematic review is to review the operation of existing processes and procedures and/or to assess current practice across all relevant aspects of the [QAA Quality Code](#) for the assurance of academic quality and standards in higher education and to fulfil an enhancement function through the dissemination of information on good practice throughout the University and, where weaknesses are identified, to require and/or recommend appropriate action for improvement.

12.2 Thematic Review

Thematic reviews are informed by key university priorities and the nominated theme scoped and operationalised by the Department of Quality Assurance and Enhancement and approved by the Learning Enhancement Sub-Committee (LESC). The format and scope of each review is bespoke and designed in relation to the particular theme being reviewed.

12.3 Reporting and Follow-up Activity

The outcomes of the review take the form of recommendations to the Learning Enhancement Sub-Committee. The Department of Quality Assurance and Enhancement co-ordinate the development of an action plan which will be submitted to the Learning Enhancement Sub-Committee together with the report of the review. Where there are policy and practice implications a report will also be submitted to Education Committee.

A year-on progress report will be prepared by the Department of Quality Assurance and Enhancement, with updates provided by the nominated lead for the theme under review. The report will identify definitive steps taken to address the recommendations set by the original review and/or highlight any difficulties in meeting/responding to the report recommendation.