University of Exeter – Priority Matrix

	IMPACT				
URGENCY	Priority / Reaction time	High Total Loss	Medium Partial Impact	Low Minor Impact	
	High Immediate Action	Site down/service not functioning. Affects entire University or large number of users. Incident during peak/critical period. Incident affects a group of users	Site/service functioning but performance is degraded. Affects only a small number of users. Incident during normal/critical period. P2	Small impact on live service or operations. Affects only a small number of end users. Incident during quiet period.	
	Significant Standard Response	Site down/service not functioning. Affects a building/department or significant number of users. Incident during normal period.	Site/service functioning but performance is degraded. Affects only a small number of end users. Incident during quiet period.	No impact on live service or business operations. Usually affects only a single user.	
	Regular Planned	Site down/service not functioning. Affects only a small number of end users. Incident during quiet period.	Site/service functioning but performance may not be optimal Usually affects only a single user	Advisory or general enquiry. Any work is planned or project related.	

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	High Immediate Action	Priority 1 1 Hour response* Escalation – 1 hour	Priority 2 8 Hour response* Escalation – 8 hours	Priority 3 2 day response* Escalation – 2 days	
	Significant Standard Response	Priority 2 8 Hour response* Escalation – 4 hours	Priority 3 2 Days response* Escalation – 2 days	Priority 4 5 Days response* Escalation – 5 days	
	Regular Planned	Priority 2 8 Hour response* Escalation – 2 days	Priority 4 5 Days response* Escalation – 5 days	Priority P5 20 Days* Escalation – 20 Days	

^{*} Response times refer to working hours and days which is Monday – Friday 09:00 – 17:00 only

Incident Priority Definition Table

CRITICAL - P1

Response time: 1 Hour

Criteria

Any major failure affecting an entire site/business or more than one device/server

Examples:

- Connectivity failure
- Site down e.g. Aptos, Website
- Site performance severely affected
- Service affecting packet loss
- Inability to monitor multiple devices or probe stale
- Failure of multiple nodes in a cluster

Escalation

Immediate notification to Engineers

Escalation direct to 3rd line

Escalation direct to Incident Manager

Notification to senior management immediately

HIGH - P2

Response time: 8 Hours

Criteria

Incident affecting single, critical device/server

Example:

- Single node failure in cluster
- Degradation of site performance
- Inability to monitor single device/server
- Tests stale
- Failure of firewall or load balancer
- Minor service affecting packet loss
- Backup failure

Escalation

Immediate notification to Help Desk Supervisor.

Incident Manager also informed.

Notification to Team leader/Manager if response SLA not met.

NORMAL – P3

Response time: 2 days

Criteria

Normal service requests and incidents affecting non-critical device/server

Examples:

- Regular change requests within live environment.
- Addition or removal of firewall rules
- DNS additions or removal
- Adding user accounts
- Restoration of data from backup
- Individual monitoring test failed

Escalation

Notification to Team leader/Manager if response SLA not met.

LOW - P4

Response time: 5 days

Criteria

Low priority service requests and incidents with no impact on live environment

Examples:

- Test environment service affected
- Change requests within test environment
- Customer technical enquiry (how does this device work? etc)
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Escalation

Notification to Team leader/Manager if response SLA not met.

P5 Planned

Software Development
Upgrading existing hardware
Admission to machine room for engineer
Ad-hoc implementation work / chargeable resource
Requests for updates to escalation docs
Regular service/health check documents
Regular reports from backup etc
Production of documentation (such as server build doc)
Adding user to Biometrics
Planned maintenance alerts from carriers
Customer advisory of planned maintenance or work under way
Power audits and documentation

NOTES

All implementation work should go through projects team