



**Jisc Area review support**  
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Jisc is the UK **higher, further education** and **skills** sectors' **not-for-profit** organisation for **digital services** and **solutions**

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We...

Provide trusted **advice** and **practical assistance** for universities, colleges and learning providers

Negotiate **sector-wide deals** with IT vendors and commercial publishers

Operate **shared digital infrastructure** and **services**

Your account manager aims to:

- Help you make the best use of [Jisc Services and products](#)
- Tailor support for your organisation's needs, e.g. library, curriculum, accessibility and inclusion, technical
- Provide objective advice and guidance
- Develop a bespoke engagement plan with you
- Listen to you and champion your needs in Jisc
- Bring in subject specialists as required

## Getting the best return on your investment in digital technology

- » Asked by the Department of Education to provide you with full support throughout the Area Review Process.
- » To act as a critical friend – from the initial meetings through to advice and guidance
- » Jisc provide trusted advice and practical guidance on the use technology to deliver high performing learning outcomes whilst delivering efficiencies and savings



## Jisc can guide you as to how technology can enhance the digital experience

- » An in depth review of the technology available to the organisation, and how it is used
- » A thorough analysis of the review with recommendations for areas that require development
- » A comprehensive follow-up service that will facilitate the identification and implementation of development actions

### GUIDE

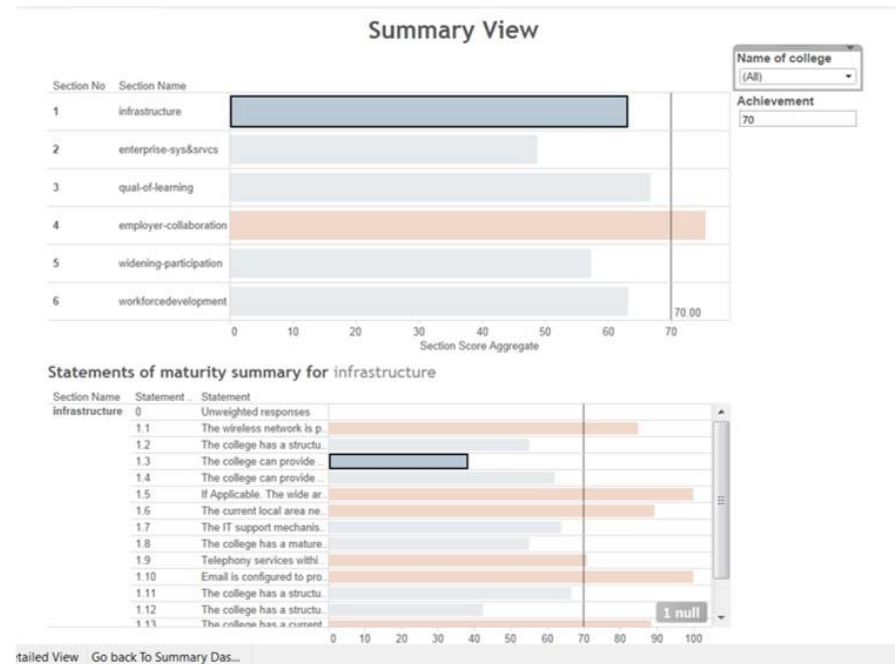
#### Fundamental technology services to embrace during area reviews

Supported by BIS, our guide outlines the fundamental technology services that we believe every college should aim for as standard

<https://www.jisc.ac.uk/area-review-support>

## An in depth review of the technology available to the organisation, and how it is used

- » Our free online technology review tool enables you to assess your colleges current use of technology
- » We can work with your strategic leadership team to analyse your digital / technical maturity
- » We provide a dashboard along with a report with recommendations on alternative technology approaches



A thorough analysis of the results with recommendations for areas that would benefit from development

» Areas covered

- › Network and infrastructure
- › Enterprise systems and services
- › Quality of learning
- › Employer collaboration
- › Widening participation
- › Workforce development



| Subject areas covered (and no. of specialists) |   |
|--|---|
| Strategy and business process (x2)             | Teaching, learning and assessment (x3)                  |
| Network technologies and infrastructure (x4)   | Online learning and the digital student experience (x2) |
| Accessibility and inclusion (x4)               | Systems, tools and information management (x2)          |
| Libraries and digital resources (x1)           | Technology to support enterprise (x2)                   |
| Research (x1)                                  | Research data management (x1)                           |
| Scholarly communications (x1)                  | Technology and the law (x2)                             |



## Based on our Financial X-ray tool

- » This free tool provides not only detailed analysis of the full cost to deliver all IT services by service, but also benchmarking against peer institutions. This provides a way to identify areas of relatively-high and low IT spend
- » Transparency and benchmarking provided by this tool delivers robust decision support for future IT cost management

## Blog posts by Sue Attewell, Head of change - further education (FE) and skills

### Learnings from colleges that have gone through mergers and transformation

The need to find new efficiencies when purse strings are already being pulled tight is a very real challenge across the UK, and particularly for colleges in... »

5 September 2016

### How technology - and Jisc - will support colleges going through the area reviews

Podcast Listen to the accompanying podcast . Play audio Now I want to turn my attention to arguably the most significant plank in UK government's plans for... »

17 November 2015  2 comments

### Securing financial sustainability and quality in further education and skills

Podcast Listen to the accompanying podcast . Play audio What's surely the rhetoric of our time - to do more with less - is set to continue, as further cuts are... »

30 October 2015

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