



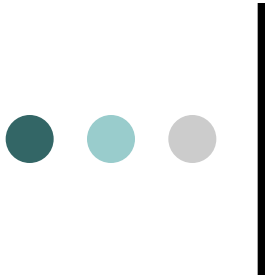
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# Competency of the BSO

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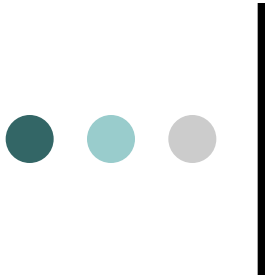
# Departments and Biological Risk

- 34 plus
- Low hazard to high hazard
- Small/medium/large
- GM /COSHH/ General r/a



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# DBSO

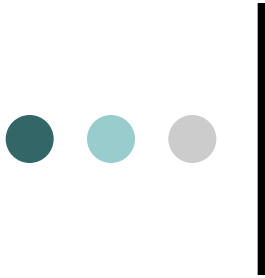
Traditionally covers

- GM
- Dangerous Pathogens



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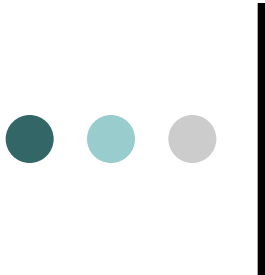
# Duties extended

- Schedule 5 pathogens and toxins
- HTA
- SAPO
- DEFRA
- LAA



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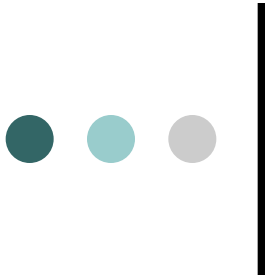
# Training - one size – fits all?

- MRC/Sussex, 'Porton Down'
- BSP level 1
- BSP level 2
- ISTR autumn symposium
- Miscellaneous events/courses
  - IATA Dangerous Goods by Air



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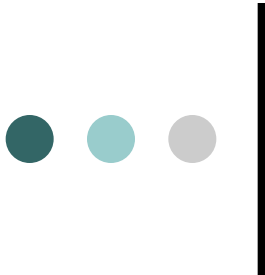
# Cambridge Internal

- Using Containment Facilities and MSCs
- Risk Assessment of GMMs
- Annual BSO Event
- PG-biological safety
- Bespoke



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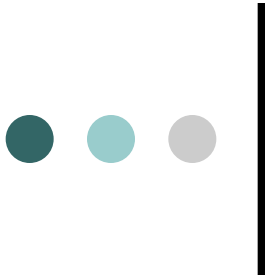
# Different needs depending on

- Departmental management system
- Range of biological hazards/risk
- Level of biological knowledge of workers



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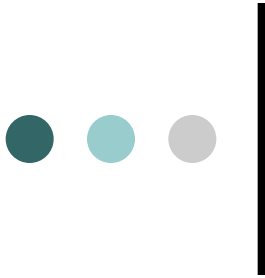
# Individual BSOs

- Letter of appointment
- Biological safety audit
- Records of attendance/certificates
- Determine on individual basis afap



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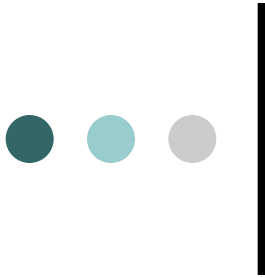
# Looking Forward

- Tasks/role of individual DBSOs considered during audit
- Membership ISTR already offered
- Get Cambridge courses accredited by ISTR
- BSOs attend BSP 1 – in house?



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Finally – support from

**Your Head of Department**

Safety Office

School Safety Officers

Biological Safety Sub-committee

Networking - ISTR



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