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IRIS-IAM SLA & Updates

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What is IRIS-IAM?

- Identity and Access Management (IAM)
 - created for
 - IRIS system
 - Related organisation
- Federated identities from university credentials
 - No new account needed
- Use cases
 - STFC Cloud
 - GOCDB
 - IRIS Indico
 - SCD Internal services



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Agenda

1 Dashboard and Usage Data

Monitoring, Service management support

2 IRIS-IAM SLA

What can the IRIS IAM Team deliver?

3 Future of IAM

HA trials Findings + Path to HA + Performance





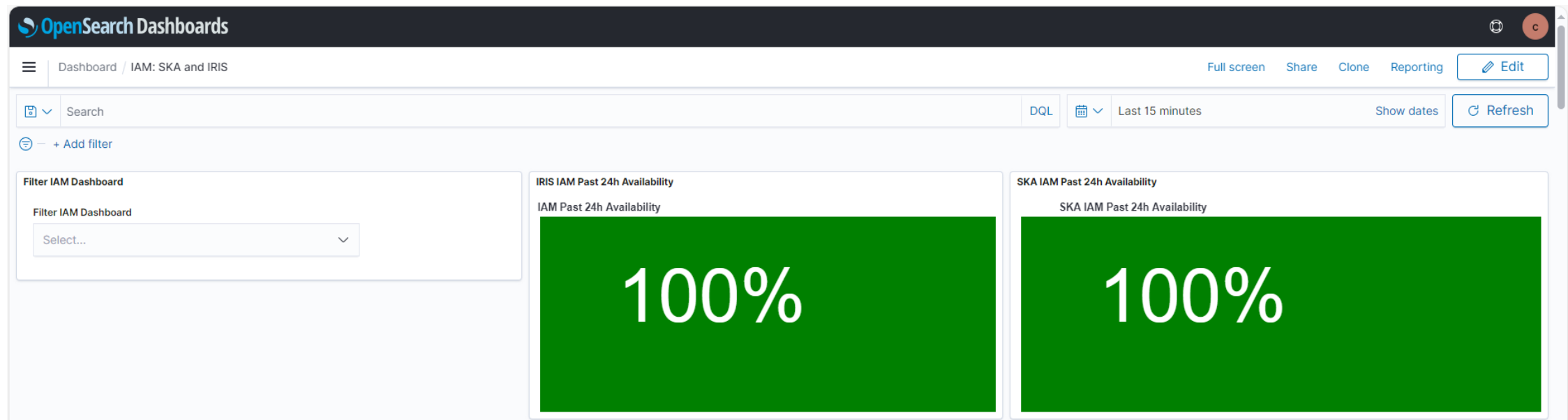
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IRIS-IAM Monitoring Dashboard

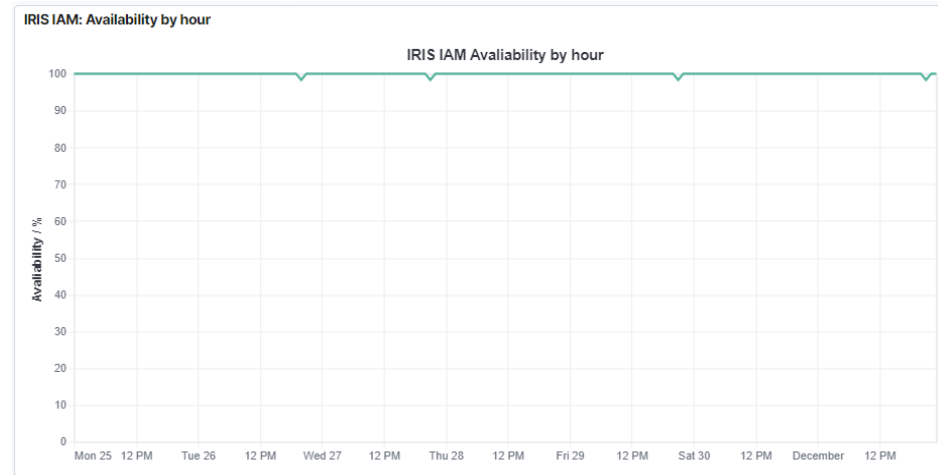
Introducing IAM Dashboard

- Continuous improvement (CI) to service management IRIS IAM
- Data stored for 90 days



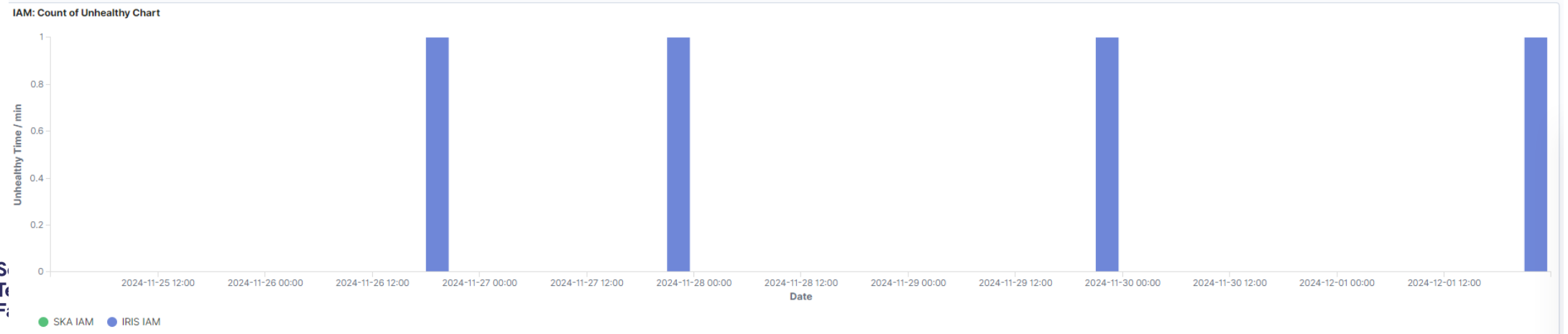
Timeframe: 24 Hr

IAM Availability



- Health test runs every minute
 - Pass=healthy & available
 - Fail=unhealthy & unavailable
- Maintain Availability >95%

↕ Timeframe: 6 days (25.11.24-01.12.2024)

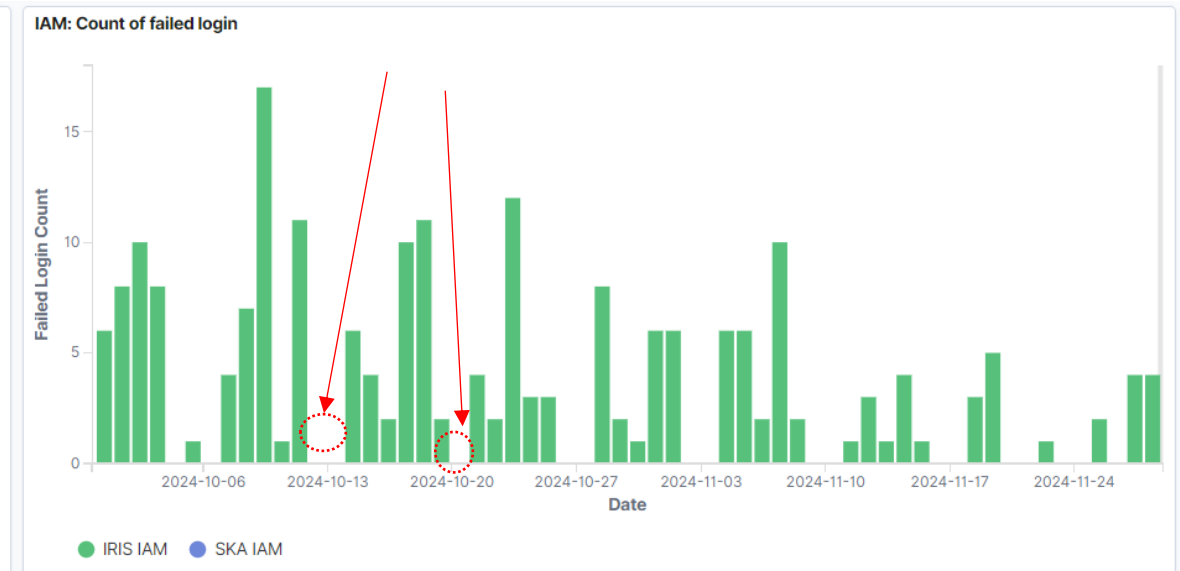


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IAM login data

- Understand IAM user behaviors, and issues
- Weekends: Reduced number of user logins
- IRIS – user failed logins due to human errors



What other information is on the dashboard?

Event Count	Tabular Data
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tokens issued• groups created, group request created and approved• user register request and approved• client created and registered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tokens issued• refreshed tokens issued• groups created, group request created and approved• user logins, register request and approved, password change, authority change• client created and registered• Not healthy logs/unavailability logs

- **IAM Dashboard** is a recent beneficial implementation



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IRIS-IAM SLA

Why SLA?

- **Why we need an SLA (Service Level Agreement) now?**
 - Give clarity for the community
 - Improve transparency for our service
 - IRIS IAM is a core service
 - Widespread Impact during service disruption
 - Reduced customer satisfaction
 - User community can understand what can be delivered
 - Potentially what needs to be done if we need more

Source: [IAM for IRIS IAM-Log in \(stfc.ac.uk\)](https://stfc.ac.uk)



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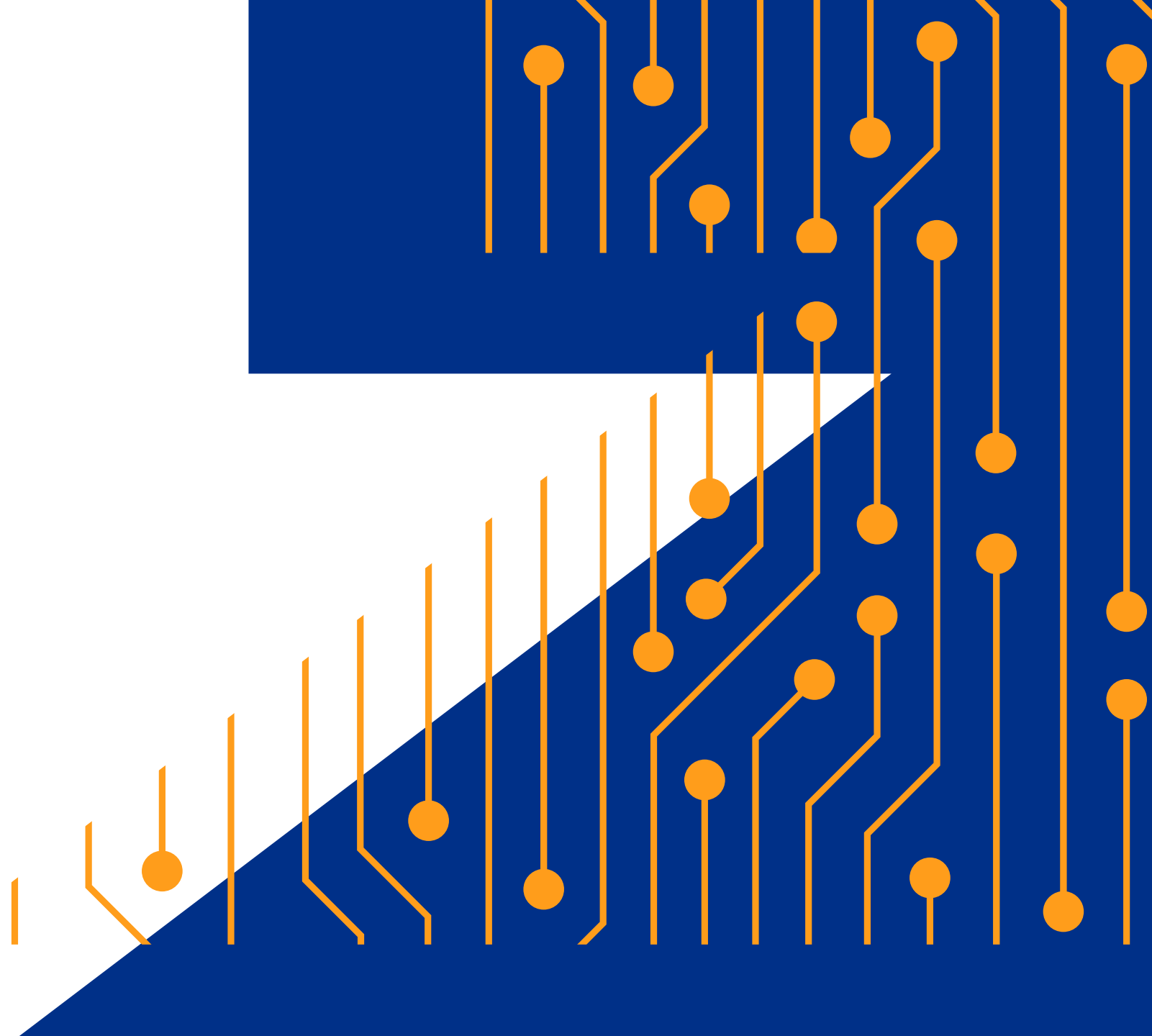
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Service level



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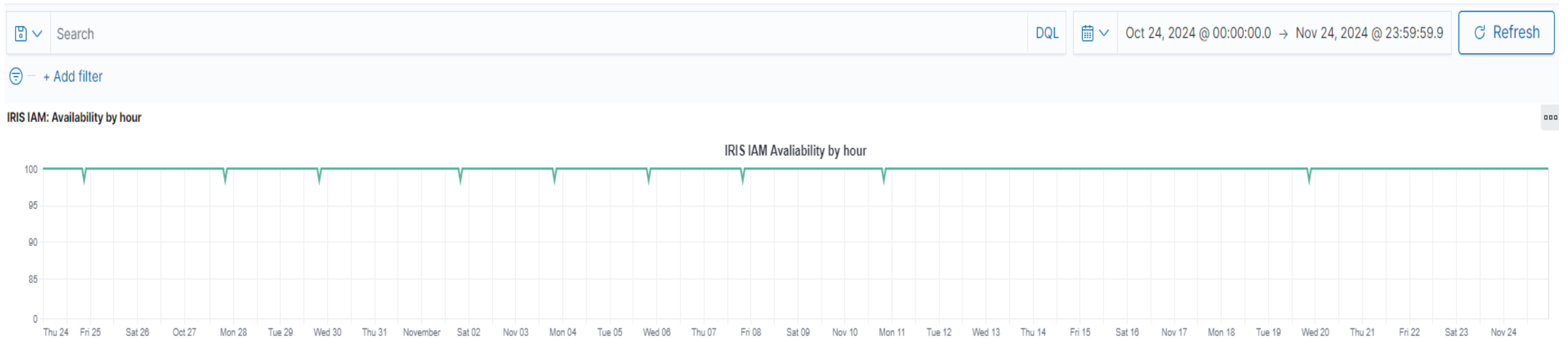


Service hours & Downtime

- Support hours: 09:30 AM – 16:30 PM (Mon – Fri)
- No weekly at-risk period
- Planned Downtime: Written Notice >4 weeks in advance
 - Endeavour to avoid University/working Hours
 - Complete before 9:30AM if possible
- Emergency Downtime: >2 working days in advance

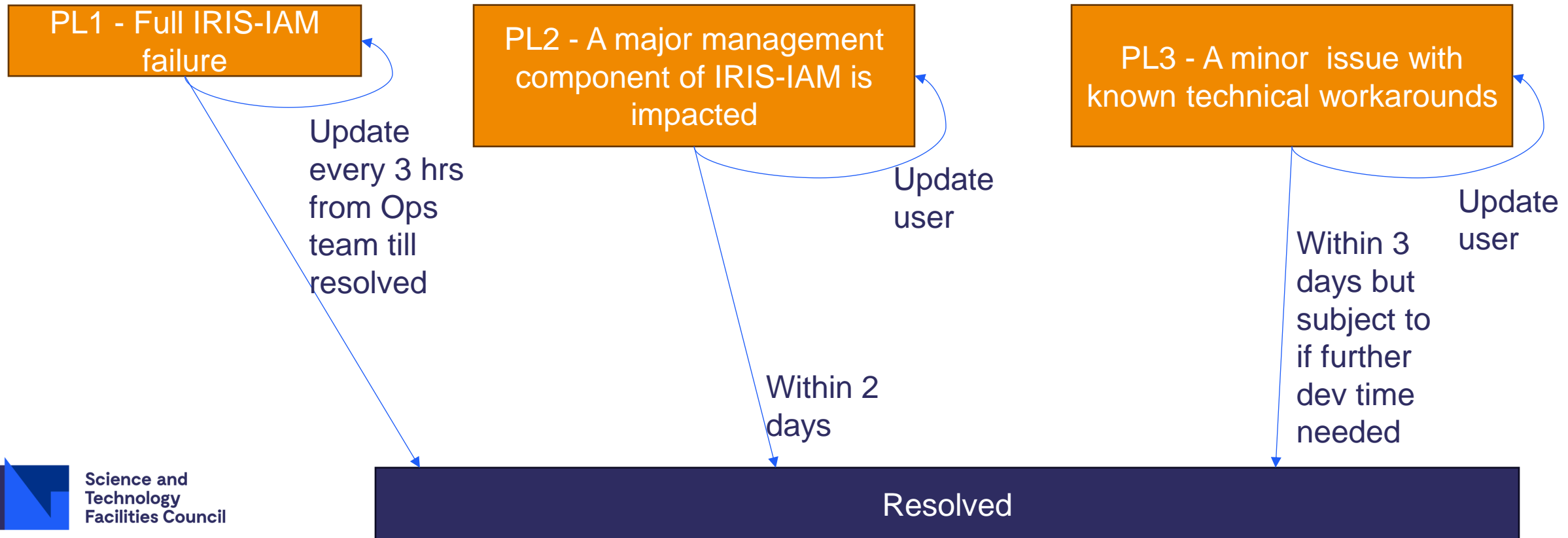
Availability Target

- **>95% availability** within support hours
- Endeavour to achieve this target 24/7
- No out-of-hour support
- 24-Oct – 24-Nov: **No 60min intervals <98%**



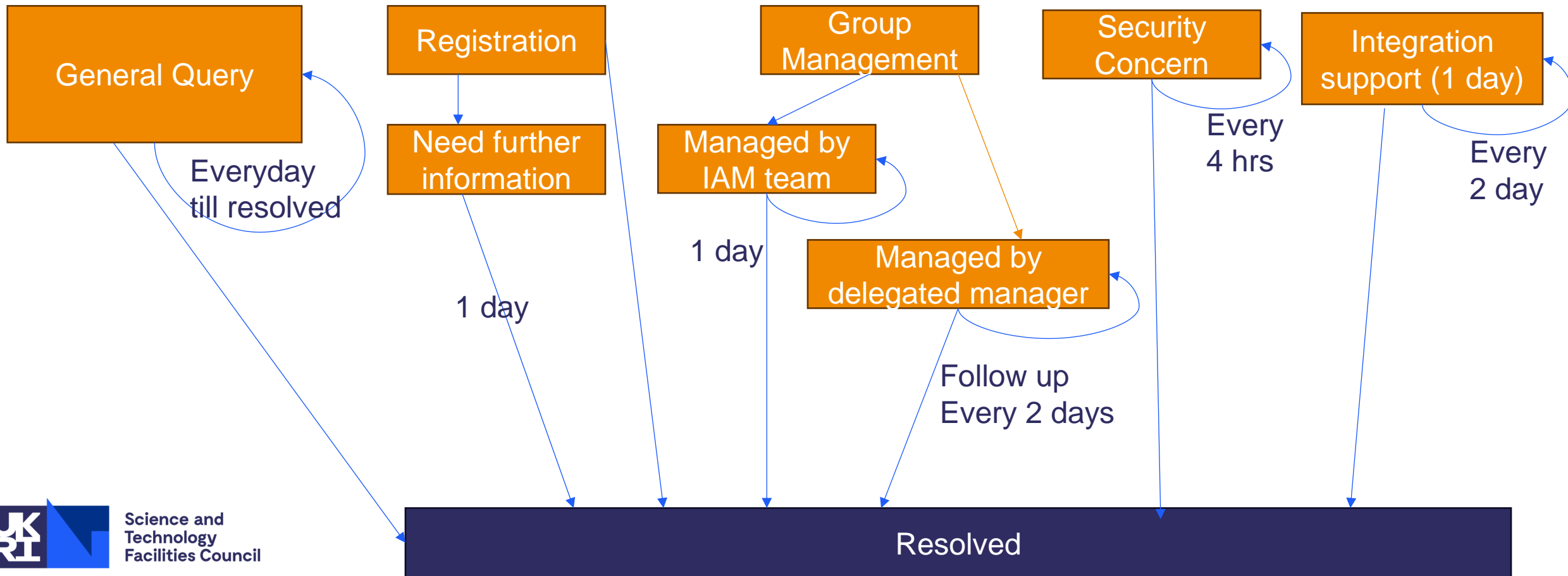
Incident handling

- First response: 4 hours (within office hours)



User Request

- Targeted response time: 4 hours (within office hours)



SLA exceptions

- Governed by our SLA with the service provider
- Best effort
 - Database
 - RAL
 - Network
 - Data centre

Conclusion – SLA

- Provides clarity to our services
- Improve confidence/satisfaction when using the IRIS IAM as your identity management solution
- Communicate with downstream service manager



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Future of IRIS-IAM

How can we do better?

Why HA(High availability) and HA-trial

- Why
 - RAL data centres is the single point of failure
 - Increase availability without out of hour on-call
- HA Trial findings
 - Docker
 - Not easy to manage cross site
 - Not recommended for production service management
 - IAM might run into technical issues
 - Difficult to solve remotely
 - No confidence in implementation of this architecture will leads to better availability

New path to HA

- Need Geographically distributed HA
 - Resilience when a data centre is down
 - Improved performance via proximity
 - Resilience to data loss
- Kubernetes
 - Semi-official solution (CERN, IAM dev etc.)
 - But
 - Require resilience for data centre failure
 - Circular dependencies issue prevents the use of STFC cloud Kubernetes

New path to HA (2)

- Possible solution
 - Kubernetes specifically for the use of IRIS IAM
 - Not efficient but a possible path
 - Federation of Kubernetes cluster in multiple sites
 - RAL +
 - Public cloud
 - IRIS partners
 - Federated Kubernetes
 - Offloading when RAL is down
 - Increased performance/capacity due to horizontal scaling
 - Possible projects
 - Ligo ([liqotech/liqo](https://liqotech.com/): Enable dynamic and seamless Kubernetes multi-cluster topologies)
 - Admiralty ([admiraltyio/admiralty](https://admiralty.io/): A system of Kubernetes controllers that intelligently schedules workloads across clusters.)
 - KubeEdge ([kubedock/kubedock](https://kubedock.com/): Kubernetes Native Edge Computing Framework (project under CNCF))



Performance

- CERN
 - 200ms Token Exchange
- Optimisation possible
 - Workflow change
 - MitreID (Old OIDC client) deprecation
 - Database Change
 - Officially it support MySQL 5.x/8.x
 - Other drop-in replacement possible?
 - Migration to Postgres

Conclusion – Why IRIS IAM?

- Delivering secure community IAM services for IRIS community
 - Works with eduGAIN federation
 - High performance / availability
 - Based on robust framework tested in the industry
 - New feature coming 2024-25
 - Multi-factor authentication (MFA)
 - React based dashboard
- Please get in touch if you need support:
 - Contact Email (STFC Federating Service Team): iris-iam-support@gridpp.rl.ac.uk
 - Customer portal: <https://stfc.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/31>



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