



NATIONAL FORUM
FOR
BIOLOGICAL RECORDING



Results of NFBR survey of National Recording Schemes and Societies



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Introduction

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- **Who responded?**
- **The results**
- **Looking to the future**



Why the survey was required

- **The National Forum for Biological Recording is the independent voice of Biological Recording in the UK. Based on its diverse membership, NFBR aims to represent the biological recording community as a whole, as far as possible.**
- **To help us achieve this, we were keen to find out more about how the organisers of recording schemes and societies perceive some of the current issues in biological recording, and how best NFBR could represent their views.**
- **The survey was distributed on behalf of NFBR by BRC**

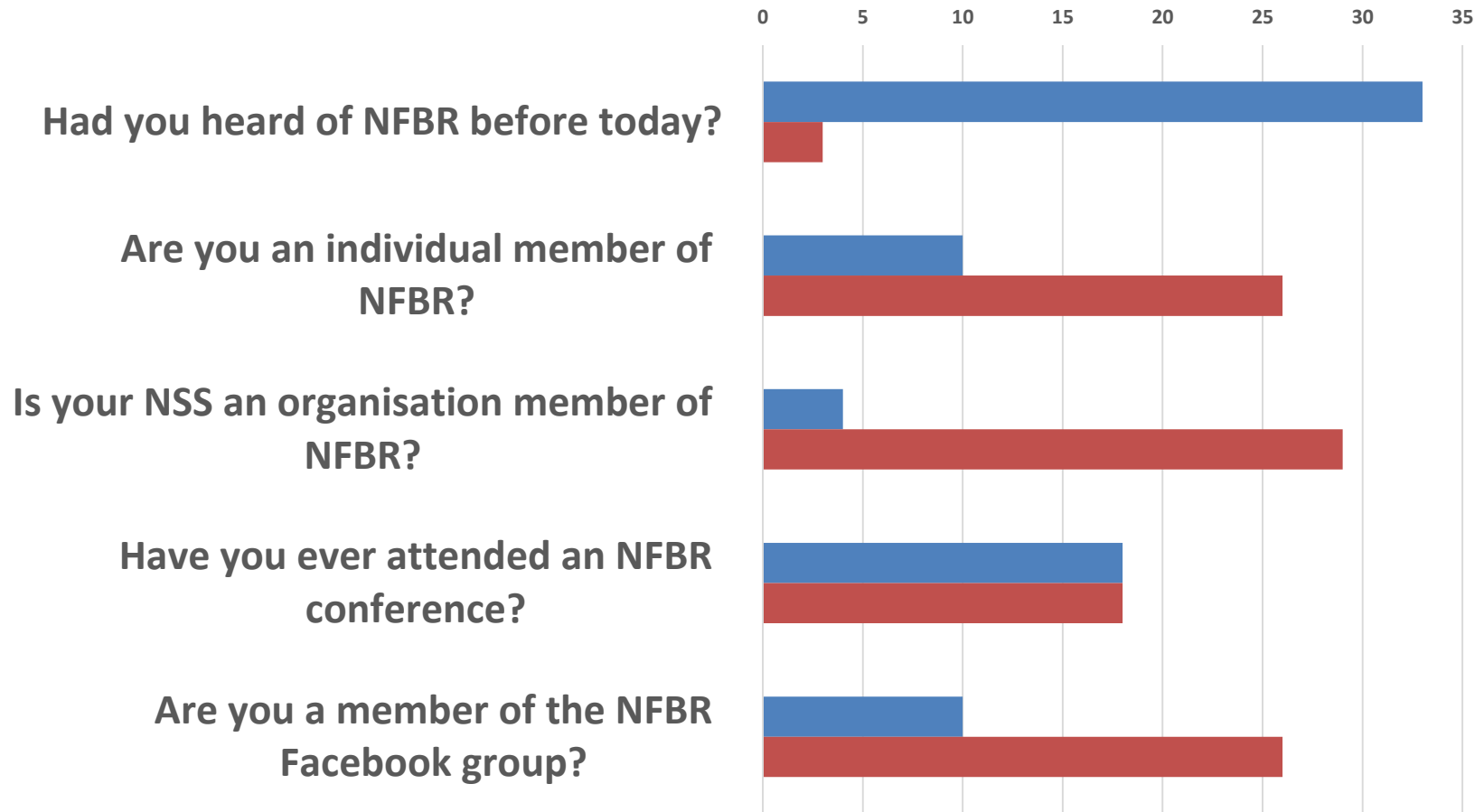


Who responded

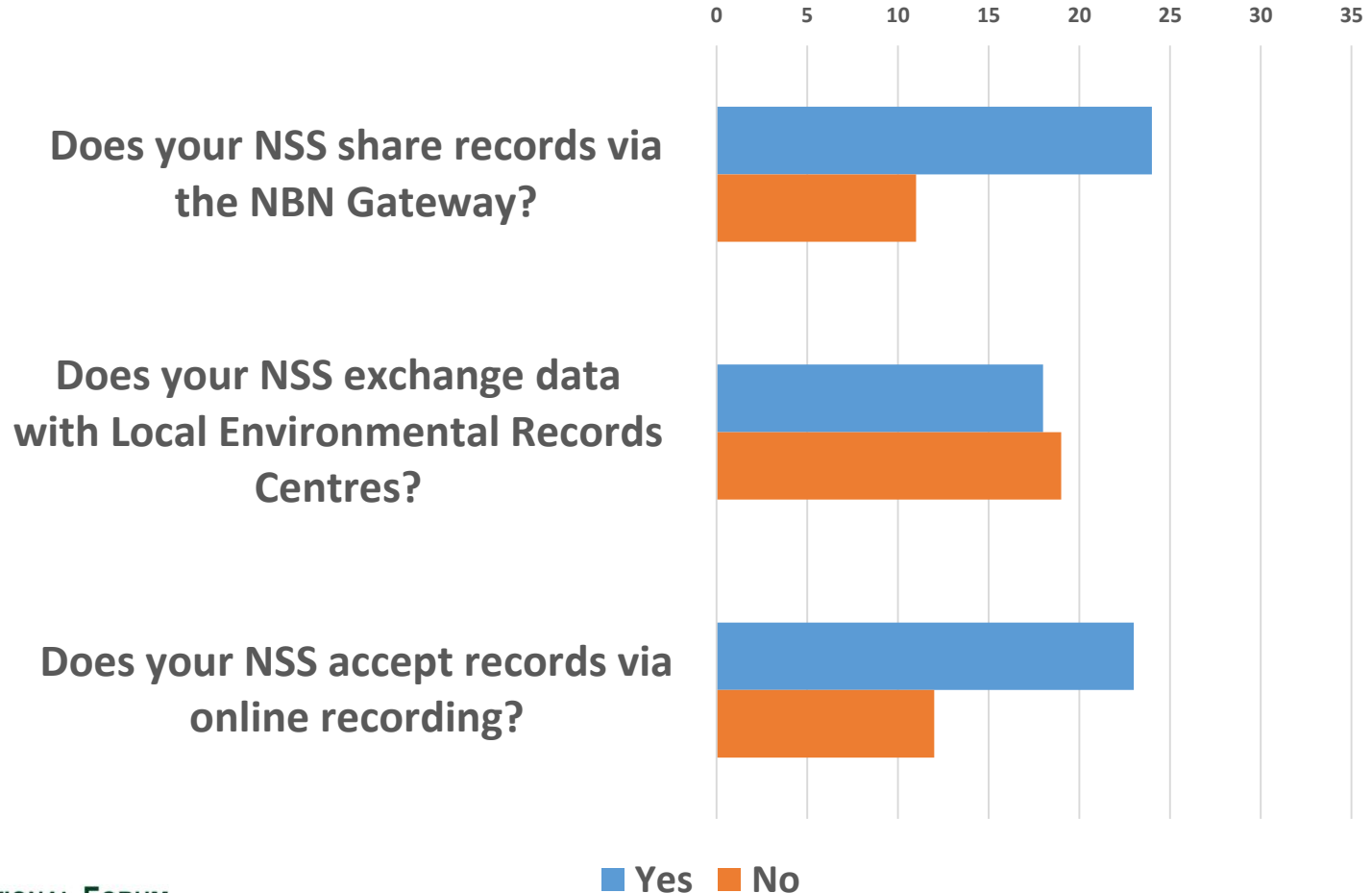
- **Survey sent to around 80 NSS coordinators of whom 37 responded. A high success rate of 46%. The following charts show the actual number of responses to each question. Not everyone answered all the questions.**
- **Responses from large and small schemes and both new and old. Scheme sizes ranged from ‘one man bands’ to those with hundreds of recorders. Earliest scheme founded in 1876, latest founded in 2015.**



About the National Forum for Biological Recording

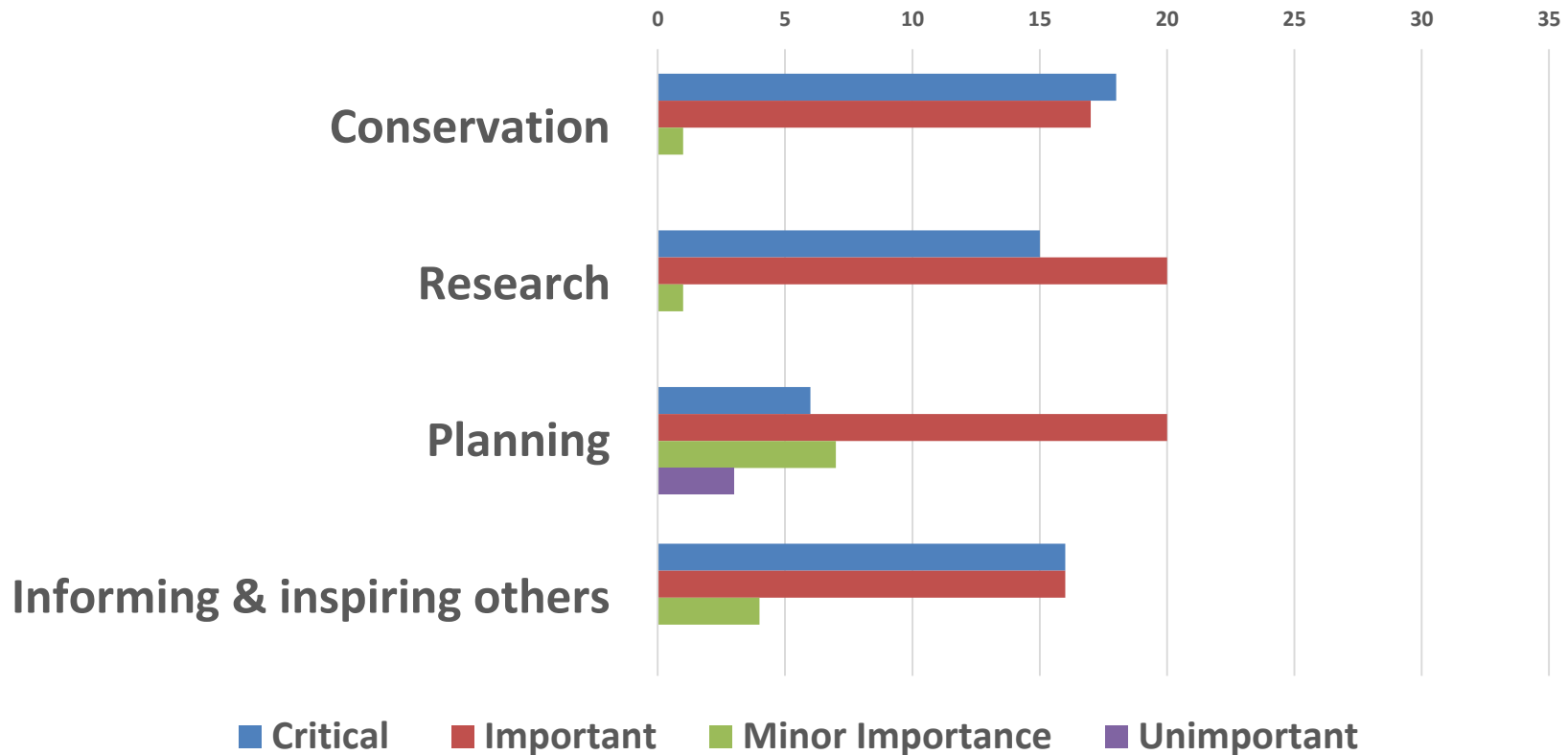


Recording and Data



Recording and Data (2)

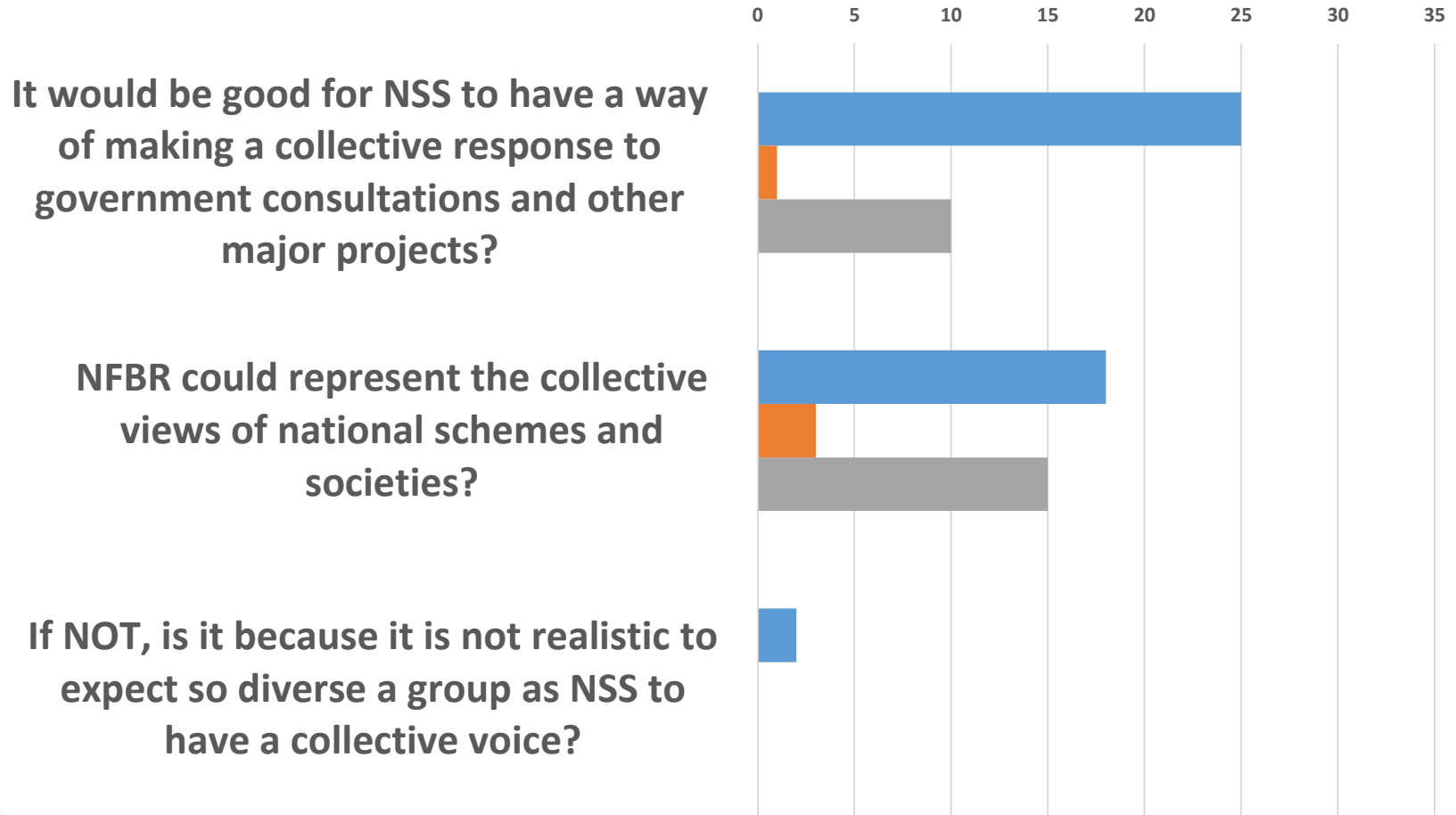
How important is it to you that your NSS records are used for:



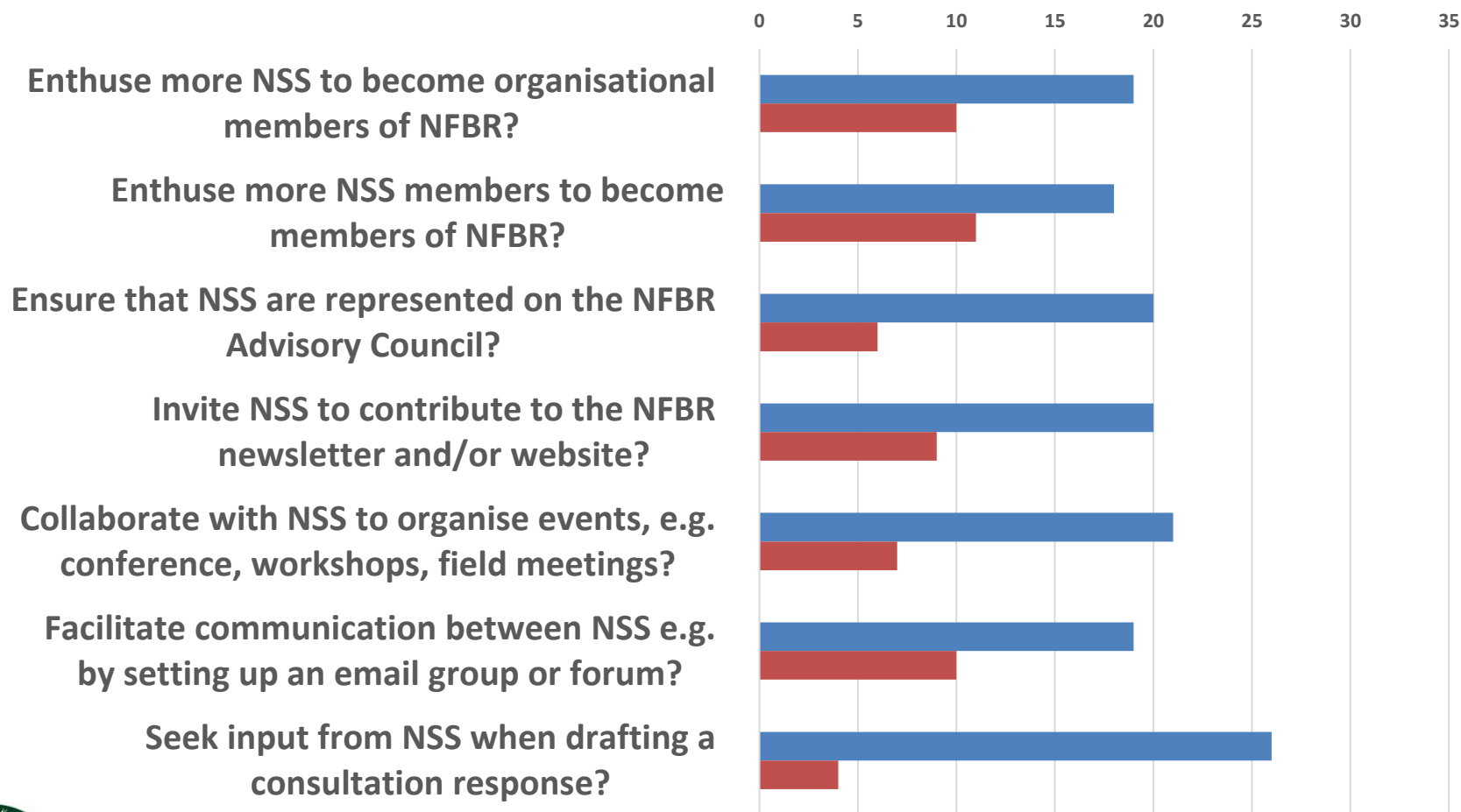
■ Critical ■ Important ■ Minor Importance ■ Unimportant



Representation of National Schemes & Societies



What could NFBR do to represent and support NSS?

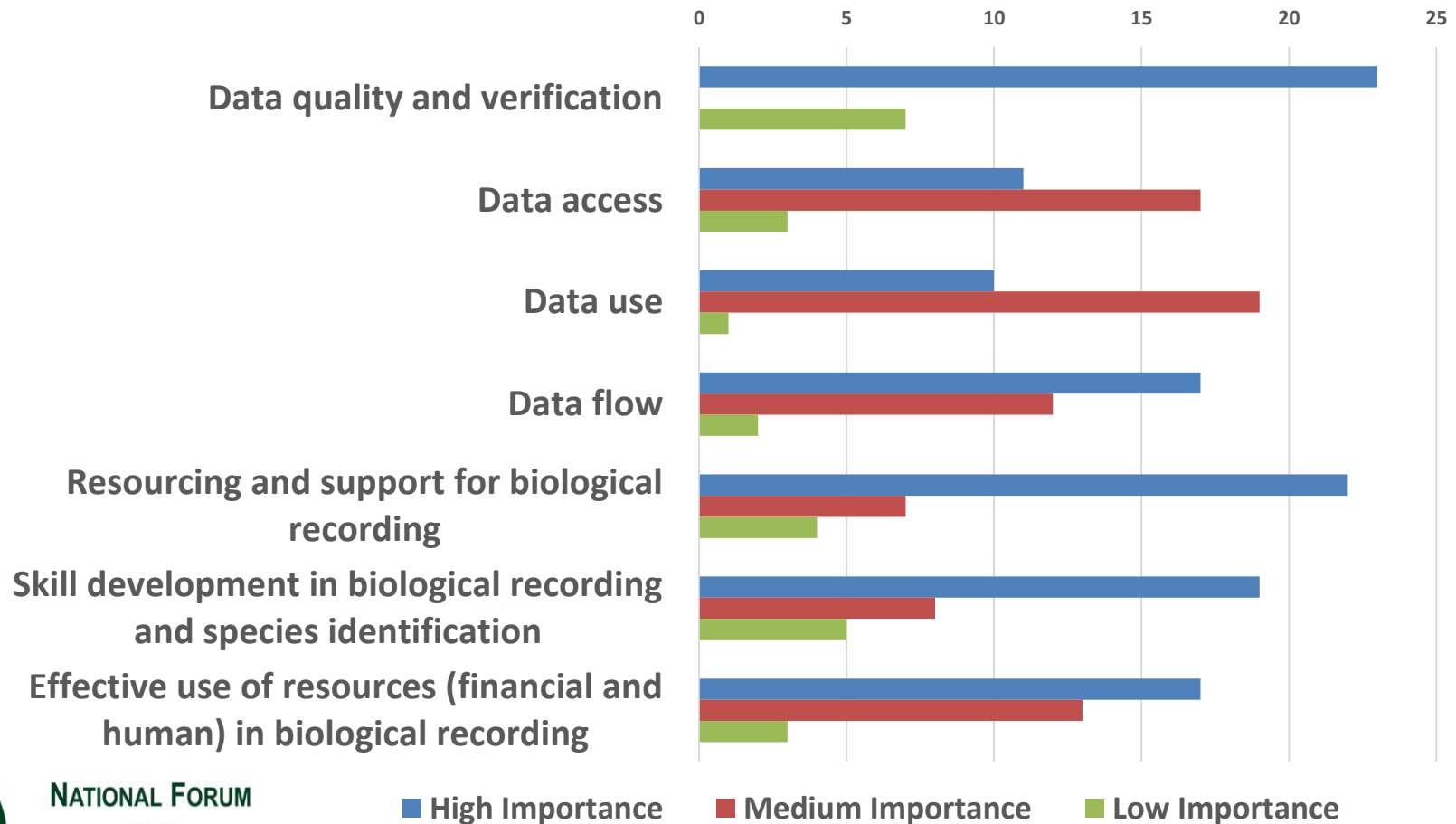


■ Yes ■ No



Current issues for biological recording

Would you like NFBR to help your NSS influence:



Current issues for biological recording (2)

In addition to answering the questions some people added:

- Insufficient capacity to deal with demand - we have expanded the team but all are overstretched.
- Data flow – a better system is needed for LERCs to receive records from NSS. It's easy enough for local schemes and societies to pass their records on to LERCs but not for volunteer-led national ones.
- I think it is important to gather knowledge, in this case distribution knowledge, about living things in the UK. This has obvious uses around planning, BAPs, climate change etc.
- I see the role of the NFBR as a higher-level campaigning organisation, that could focus on promoting biological recording and its achievements.



Discussion: Looking to the future

- What support and resources do NSS need?
- What is being done already?
- How can things be improved?
- How can BRC, NFBR & MBA help?
- Where are the gaps?

Now please let us know your thoughts...

