

OBTAINING WITNESS STATEMENTS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

COURSE OVERVIEW

Those involved in criminal investigations will at some stage be required to obtain a witness statement as part of their investigations. These witness statements need to be of a high enough quality to identify other lines of enquiry, interview suspects or build prosecution files.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand how to identify witnesses and victims.
- Know how to effectively plan and prepare for an interview with a victim or witness.
- Consider vulnerabilities and deal with these accordingly.
- Use appropriate questioning styles to gather as much information as possible from the witness.
- Know how to structure a good quality witness statement.
- Identify when a Victim Personal Statement or Impact Statement for Business should be obtained.

COURSE FORMAT

Duration: One day

Method: In person or online

Materials: Course handouts provided

Certification: Completion certificate provided with 6 CPD credits

AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for any individual who may be required to obtain witness statements from members of the public as part of criminal investigations or subsequent legal proceedings.

KEY BENEFITS

- Enhance investigative outcomes with high quality witness statements.
- Build confidence in capturing evidence and exhibits correctly.
- Contribute to higher professional standards in investigatory and enforcement work.

