

RIPA Authorising Officers Workshop

COURSE INFORMATION:

Covert tactics can provide intelligence and the evidence needed to assist with the prosecution of offenders. If this evidence is gathered incorrectly this can have severe impacts on the investigation, the officer, and the organisation.

If you work in a public authority it is crucial that you have an understanding of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 and the Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016.



Where these are used incorrectly public authorities risk action being taken against them by the Investigatory Powers Tribunal which can award compensation, stop activity, quash authorisations, and order material to be destroyed.

Public authorities that use RIPA will also be subject to inspections by the IPCO Authorisation & Oversight. This is a statutory obligation. Inspectors will scrutinise the organisations records to determine compliance and may interview relevant staff. Therefore, it is vital that Authorising Officers have a good understanding of the Act and know what makes a good application, what to consider when making an authorisation decision and how to correctly record this information.

This one-day course can be delivered both virtually and in-person.

AUDIENCE

This course is ideal for those who authorise activity under Part 2 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe Directed Surveillance and its 7 key elements
- Discuss the content of an application for Authorisation of Directed Surveillance Activity (DSA)
- Describe the purpose of Authorisation Review, Cancellation and Record Keeping
- Describe how DSA applies in the digital and online environment
- Describe the considerations required when making an authorisation decision
- Demonstrate the correct style and content required for a DSA authorisation
- Describe the judicial approval authorisation process outlined in the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012