## **RIPA Applicants 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 applicants have a good understanding of the Act and know how to complete a good quality application.

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

## **AUDIENCE**

This course is ideal for those who apply for authorisations under Part 2 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000, or supervise those who make applications.

## 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
- Demonstrate the correct application style required for a DSA application
- Describe the judicial approval authorisation process outlined in the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

