

OBTAINING WITNESS STATEMENTS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

COURSE INFORMATION

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.

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.

COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

The course is a one-day course and provides 6 CPD credits.

It can be delivered virtually or in-person.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- 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.
- Structure a good quality witness statement.
- Identify when a Victim Personal Statement or Impact Statement for Business should be obtained.

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