

INVESTIGATIVE COMPLIANCE: PACE, RIPA & CPIA REFRESHER

COURSE INFORMATION

Several statutory frameworks govern the procedural requirements for those involved in criminal investigations. Some of the key ones are the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984, the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act (CPIA) 1996, and the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000.

PACE and CPIA set out detailed procedures relating to the investigation of criminal offences and the treatment of individuals who may be subject to prosecution before the criminal courts. RIPA establishes the legal framework for the authorisation and use of certain covert investigative techniques by public authorities.

This one-day course has been designed to provide a comprehensive refresher on the requirements of these pieces of legislation, together with the associated codes of practice.

AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for investigators, team leaders, and manager across any organisation which is involved in conducting criminal investigations, including local authority, regulatory bodies, police, and other private prosecutors.

COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

The course is one-day in length. It can be delivered virtually or in-person.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- Review and apply the relevant legal frameworks governing criminal investigations under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984, Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, and the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000.
- Identify circumstances in which authorisation is required for surveillance activities and the acquisition of communications data.
- Understand evidential requirements, including the principles governing admissibility of evidence and the importance of accurate and contemporaneous record keeping.
- Ensure compliance with Codes C, E and F of PACE, including the identification and assessment of vulnerability and effective engagement with legal representatives.
- Execute search warrants in accordance with the requirements of Code B of PACE.

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