

RIPA AUTHORISING OFFICERS

COURSE INFORMATION

Those working in public authorities should have an understanding of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) Act 2000.

Public authorities that use RIPA will also be subject to inspections by the IPCO Authorisation and 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.

AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for those individuals who authorise activity under Part 2 RIPA 2000.

COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

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

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- Describe Directed Surveillance and its 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.

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