

# Conducting PACE Interviews Course

## COURSE INFORMATION:

This CPD accredited training course has been designed for officers involved in the investigation and enforcement of criminal investigations. The course will cover what a PACE interview is and when it should be used, what the relevant Codes of Practice mean, the caution and how to explain it, roles of individuals in an interview, pre-interview disclosure, the PEACE model of interviewing, investigative questioning and how to conduct a PACE interview.



A key stage of a criminal investigation will involve the interviewing of a suspect for the offence(s). Officers need to be able to demonstrate that they can accurately conduct a PACE interview, question suspects, and provide pre-interview disclosure to legal representatives. These interviews will be used by decision makers and lawyer to make justified and proportionate assessments as to whether to prosecute an offence, and if so, help build the case. These interviews may subsequently be used in any trial to allow the court to make a decision as to whether a defendant is guilty or not guilty of the offence(s) for which they have been charged or summonsed.

This course can be delivered in-person or virtually.

## AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for any individual who is responsible for conducting a PACE interview as part of criminal investigations, whether as a lead interviewer or a second officer.

As well as being suitable for investigators, this course is also suitable for team leaders and managers who may have oversight of officers involved in criminal investigations.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand what a PACE interview is.
- Obtain an overview of Codes C and E of PACE 1984.
- Understand when a PACE interview should be conducted.
- Understand the differences when interviewing an individual compared to a company or partnership.
- Understand the caution and how to explain it.
- Understand the roles of individuals within the interview.
- Understand how to deal with pre-interview disclosure.
- Understand bad character and significant statements and how to introduce them.
- Understand the PEACE model of interviewing and the types of investigative questioning.
- Understand how to deal with “no comment” interviews.
- Understand oppressive interview techniques.
- Understand the interview equipment.
- Understand written contemporaneous interviews.
- Increase confidence in conducting a PACE interview by working in groups to plan and conduct a mock PACE interview using one of our real-life examples.