

## Confederation of Professional Investigators UK

*“Safeguarding the investigation industry and clients alike via best practice, training and regulation”*



All COPI UK stakeholder organisations, and their respective members are signatories to a Joint Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. As such, VT Private Investigations, as a member of IPI and UKPIN, undertakes as follows:

- To be accountable for all our work and/or investigations, which we will carry out within the highest standards of legal, professional and ethical principles, ensuring that our activities are covered by appropriate professional insurance. We will only operate in subjects or disciplines for which we are qualified and/or recognised as being competent.
- We will treat all information received in the course of our work and/or investigations with discretion, confidentiality and in compliance with data protection law and principles. We must require confirmation that a client's information and instructions are for lawful uses only and address any conflicts of interest, ensuring that we are personally or corporately registered with the appropriate Data Protection body.
- We will deal professionally in all matters with discretion, courtesy, and confidentiality within ethical constraints. We must not deny any professional services to any client for any reasons of race, colour, religion, sex, accessibility needs, sexual preference, or national origin. We will interact with others with Courtesy, Fairness and in accordance with the principles of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).
- We must not misrepresent or exaggerate my activities and/or services. We will uphold the aims and objectives of our professional organisation(s) and protect their reputation and that of their members.
- We will maintain a high level of self-development and professional competence and keep up to date with legislation; techniques and any relevant disclosures required of me by our/my organisation, in particular any convictions recorded on the criminal database in our/my jurisdiction.
- We will ensure that any others assisting us in our work will also comply with this Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. We will challenge and report any improper conduct of colleagues. We will refer all matters of conflict between members to the organisations' governing body for arbitration, whose decision will be accepted as final and binding.
- COPI UK Stakeholders agree not to engage in courses of action that will adversely affect individual member practitioners of the industry.