



RIPA - FAQ

Who needs RIPA training in my organisation?

As a minimum, we strongly advise that the following are trained to a high level :

- Chief Executive / Head of Paid Services ;
- Deputy Chief Executive ;
- Head of Legal Services (or your legal team's designated RIPA solicitor) ;
- Head of Internal Audit Services (or whoever is undertaking the role of RIPA Monitoring Officer / RIPA Coordinator) ;
- All designated Authorising Officers ;
- Any designated RIPA Gatekeepers ;
- Any member of staff involved in directed surveillance or activities that might amount to directed surveillance ;
- Any member of staff who uses informants or whose activities might amount to acting as an informant themselves ;
- Any member of staff involved in intelligence management.

The following should be trained to at least a basic level :

- Any officers who might occasionally wish to use covert techniques ;
- Any managers whose staff might (intentionally or otherwise) use techniques that fall under the ambit of RIPA. (This includes those who gather information from the public.)

NOTE THAT 'covert techniques', 'surveillance' and 'acting as an informant' may include the use of open source investigative techniques, including the accessing of social media.

What does “...trained to a high level” mean?

This means that they have :

- a good knowledge of the requirements of RIPA law ;
- a good understanding of the RIPA authorisation and application process ;
- a good knowledge of the record-keeping and oversight process ;
- a good knowledge of investigation law surrounding intelligence management and data protection ;
- a working knowledge of investigation techniques ;
- demonstrated that they can assess an application in accordance with the law.

What does “...a basic level” mean?

This means that they know :

- what might constitute surveillance or the use of a Covert Source ;
- what to do if an enquiry might cross the line ;
- the implications of unauthorised covert actions ;
- how words might (unintentionally) create covert agents ;
- how RIPA applies in the world of the web ;
- where to find the RIPA forms and how to complete them.

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