

Course Title	Socially Distanced Investigations	Duration	One day	Investigation
Aim	<p>Covid-19 is a game changer – I think we all realise that – and one of the things it's significantly changed is the way in which we're all going to carry out investigations and dispose of cases.</p> <p>This course is designed for those who are already carrying out investigations (new investigators should come on our <i>Professional Qualification</i> training) and will consider the main changes that are needed in investigative practice, in order to comply with social distancing rules and guidance.</p> <p>We consider how selection of cases may change, the methods used to investigate and gather evidence, interviewing suspects and witnesses, case disposal considerations and preparing for, and 'attending', court hearings.</p> <p>This course is a must for those who intend to keep safe whilst keeping on investigating.</p>			
Prerequisites	A good working knowledge of investigations and investigation law			
Outcome		Content		
Consider how the <i>social distancing</i> requirement changes proportionality and investigation planning.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the investigation really necessary? Do we need to prosecute or should we enforce? Avoiding unnecessary contact vs 'least intrusive' actions. RIPA – Why online / open source is now more appropriate than ever. 		
Review the collection of physical evidence.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original or copy? Paper or electronic? Collecting evidence safely 		
Describe the methods available for gathering evidence, and taking statements from, victims and witnesses.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiating between procedural and key witnesses Gathering the information – email / Zoom / telephone (pros and cons) Making / keeping a record of the interview Drafting the statement, getting it signed and proving the 'signature' 		
Describe the alternatives to a face-to-face <i>PACE Interview</i> .		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case review – Interview required, immediacy and non-prosecution options Interview options – Interview room / in-office video link / Remote interview Dealing with solicitors, interpreters and appropriate adults Recording and proving the interview (includes national guidance) 		
Examine the options available for case disposal and the new <i>Public Interest</i> considerations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case review – Sentencing Guidelines & preferred case disposal Evidence test – quality and source Public Interest test – 'need vs. greed' ; cynical abuse of C-19 schemes ; diverting limited funds from genuine cases ; diverting resources Case costs, compensation and recovery of losses 		
Understand the options available for court hearings.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service of documents Preliminary hearings – remote / paper based 'Attendance' of witnesses 		
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