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| <b>Course Title</b> | <b>Achieving Best Evidence</b> | <b>Duration</b> | <b>Three days</b> | <b>Interviewing</b> |
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| <b>Aim</b> | <p>Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) interviewing is a critical skill for professionals involved in criminal investigations, particularly when working with children or vulnerable adults. The primary aim of this course is to equip delegates with the knowledge, practical skills, and confidence to conduct interviews that are ethical, victim-centred, and compliant with current legislation and best practice guidance. By mastering ABE techniques, participants will help ensure that evidence gathered is robust, reliable, and admissible in court, ultimately supporting the pursuit of justice and safeguarding the interests of vulnerable witnesses.</p> <p>This course is essential for anyone whose role involves interviewing vulnerable victims or witnesses in criminal proceedings. It emphasises trauma-informed approaches, effective planning and execution of interviews, and adherence to legal standards. Participants will benefit from a blend of theory, practical exercises, and real-world scenarios, ensuring they are fully prepared to handle the complexities and sensitivities of ABE interviews in their professional practice.</p> |
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| <b>Prerequisites</b> | Recent (in the last three years) Conversation Management or Investigative Interviewing training. |
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**NB : This course includes delegate assessment.**

| <b>Outcome</b>                                                                               | <b>Content</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Plan</b><br>Demonstrate the ability to effectively plan and prepare for an ABE interview  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Identifying the needs and vulnerabilities of witnesses or victims</li> <li>✓ Structuring the interview process, including roles of those present</li> <li>✓ Preparing appropriate resources and interview environments</li> <li>✓ Documenting the planning process and rationale for interview strategies</li> </ul>                                                                                                         |
| <b>Interview</b><br>Conduct an ABE Interview using approved techniques                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Establishing rapport and explaining the interview process to the interviewee</li> <li>✓ Employing the phased approach: free narrative, questioning, and closure</li> <li>✓ Using open, non-leading questions, and adapting to the interviewee's needs</li> <li>✓ Managing difficult situations and disclosures sensitively</li> <li>✓ Recording and monitoring the interview in line with evidential requirements</li> </ul> |
| <b>Legalities</b><br>Describe the legal and ethical principles underpinning ABE interviews   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Relevant legislation, guidance, and organisational protocols</li> <li>✓ Witness competency, compellability, and special measures</li> <li>✓ Integrity, transparency, and objectivity</li> <li>✓ Handling possible conflicts of interest and safeguarding concerns</li> <li>✓ Ensuring the rights and welfare of vulnerable witnesses are protected</li> </ul>                                                                |
| <b>Evaluation</b><br>Evaluate your own interview practice and identify areas for development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reviewing recordings and documentation for quality and compliance</li> <li>✓ Reflecting on the impact of interviewer behaviour on evidence quality</li> <li>✓ Keeping up to date with both guidance and best practice</li> <li>✓ Identifying personal strengths and areas for improvement</li> </ul>                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>Cost</b>               | Tier 6A                                                                             |
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