



Course Title	Open Source and Communications Data Acquisition	Duration	One Day	Investigations
Aim	As our world becomes more and more technology based, so should our investigations. If you realise this then you'll know that there's a wealth of information that can be accessed directly from your desktop, and without jumping through the usual hoops. Added to this is the wealth of 'closed source' <i>Communications Data</i> – data that is available, as long as you follow the correct procedures. This course will give delegates the skills and knowledge to obtain communications data using the RIPA / Investigatory Powers Act procedures. They'll learn what impact the IPA has on extant powers and will explore the use of <i>Open Source</i> information. Come on this course to learn to get the best out of <i>Open Source</i> and <i>Communications Data</i>. Find out about where to go to get information, how to use the internet effectively and who to ask if you need more. You'll wonder how you ever managed without it.			
Prerequisites	None			
NB : This course forms part of a professional qualification and includes delegate assessment during the course. A considerable amount of pre- and post- course guided learning is used in the delivery of this module.				
Outcome		Content		
Open sources and available data Identify likely open sources of data and data already available to an organisation, and state the process required to retain such data so that it may be used as information, intelligence and / or evidence.		✓ Public record vs protected data ✓ Useful open sources (such as Gumtree / Preloved / Autotrader) ✓ Using internet information as evidence ✓ Tracing Individuals ✓ Internal sources of information ✓ Partnerships and collaborations (police / government departments) ✓ Working with overseas agencies		
Communications data acquisition Identify likely sources of <i>communications data</i> in an investigation, state the process required to obtain such data and complete relevant application paperwork		✓ <i>Lawful Business Monitoring</i> and staff data ✓ RIPA and IPA rules and processes ✓ Communications Data definitions ✓ The <i>Investigatory Powers Commissioner</i> (IPC) ✓ Identifying and reporting errors to the IPC ✓ <i>Investigatory Powers Tribunals</i> ✓ NAFN and the SPOC role (Single Point Of Contact)		
Obtaining OSINT safely and lawfully Describe a safe, secure and effective method of identifying, accessing and recording open source data.		✓ Workstation safety ✓ Creating and using covert identities ✓ Searching social networks ✓ Basic and advanced searching (Boolean) ✓ Collection and storage of open source data ✓ Secure certificates ✓ Practical exercise		
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