

*“Confidently gather more facts faster with a proven repeatable method, reducing overhead and expensive remedial investigative interviewing”*

# ACHIEVING BEST EVIDENCE WITH CHILDREN

2 day course

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### Initial Contact

The need to consider a visual recorded interview will not always be immediately apparent, to the professionals involved at initial contact. Even where it is apparent, the need to take immediate action in terms of securing medical attention and making initial decisions about the criminal investigation plan might be such that some initial questioning is necessary.

The course concentrates on the importance of the initial contact with the child as part of serious, complex or major investigations.

Interviews conducted with children must be carefully planned and executed by suitably trained investigative interviewers. The interviewer must possess the ability to analyse accurately the information gained from all areas of an investigation in order to conduct a legally acceptable interview. Serious crime investigations demand a higher level of interview technique that is both ethical and effective.

**This course aims to improve the skills of the investigator in order that they are able to conduct effective and professional investigations.**

### Course Content

The course is designed to include the following specific areas:

- Model of ABE Interviewing
- Review of ABE Guidance - Initial Contact
- Role of the Child Interviewer
- Interview Planning & Preparation
- Understanding Child Development
- Dealing with Child Victims / Witnesses
- Understanding Rapport
- Questioning Structure
- Role of the Intermediaries
- Closing the interview
- Recording and Retaining all Material
- Post Interview Processes
- Evaluate own performance

The course is presented using a variety of learning styles such as: board blasts, powerpoints, group work and a variety of exercises.



*“Quite simply the most valuable and informative training I have ever received; delivered by a passionate and committed trainer who was clearly subject matter expert with many years of experience and currency, wish I’d had it years ago!”*

*(Law Enforcement Investigator)*

## COURSE FACILITATOR

**Martin Vaughan** completed 30 years policing in 2014 with the vast majority being in various Criminal Investigation Departments.

In 2001 he became the lead crime trainer for Gwent Police and was responsible for:

- The development and implementation of all interview programmes in line with the requirements of the NPIA
- The implementation and training of the Interview Adviser Development programme and the Advanced Suspect Investigative Interview programme

He was a regular contributor to the Crime Training School on a range of law based courses including the SIO Development Course and the IMSC Course.

He was responsible for reviewing the CPD of all specialist interviewers.

As a Detective Sergeant attached to the Major Incident Team he performed the role of Interview Adviser on numerous high profile investigations including cases of child abuse, high-stake fraud, sexual abuse, internal investigations and over 70 murder investigations.

He received 16 Commendations for the high quality of his work throughout his career including the delivery of training to multi agency audiences.

In recent years he has been a Force Interview Adviser and held the position of a National ACPO Accredited Interview Adviser covering the Welsh region.

Martin sat on several strategic implementation Boards as an interview and training adviser including the Digital Interviewing Board and PIP Implementation Team together with the Pan Gwent Multi-agency Training forum.



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