

## Undercover and Covert Online Investigator

**Duration:** 5 Days In Person / Virtual (0900-1630)

**Cost including delivery, and materials:** £1900 + vat

## Summary

This is a hands on, practical and immersive course suitable for those who use the internet to conduct covert investigations such as **test purchase**, **online surveillance**, and **undercover** deployments where the investigator covertly engages with individuals online.

The subjects dealt with will enhance the effectiveness of any investigator conducting Internet investigations.

Delegates will grapple with several online exercises throughout the course with a final interactive exercise designed to test participants online against real people.

Attendees will also build personal confidence in this area of expertise and have an opportunity to identify how they will use new knowledge and skills in the working environment.

The course will be facilitated in person and remotely by former police **online undercover officers** and trainers to provide the depth of knowledge and tradecraft required when operating in this challenging area of business. They will be supported by an experienced **psychologist** throughout, providing extra depth to the learning process.

The facilitators are current practitioners in their fields, ensuring delegates are provided with training based on recent and authentic operational experiences.

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Sessions will be approached from an operational perspective, with psychological issues explored to ensure delegates can operate safely whilst maximising investigative opportunities.

## Learning Outcomes

**At the conclusion of this module, delegates will be able to:**

Describe the role of the covert and undercover investigator.

Discuss the structure of the Internet, computer networks and investigative opportunities.

Identify evidential and intelligence opportunities to develop covert investigations.

Apply appropriate safeguards when operating online to protect tactics including anonymisation and virtualisation.

Describe decision-making processes and associated biases.

Apply appropriate evidence capture and corroboration methodologies in covert investigations.

Demonstrate the development of a defensible decision-making methodology.

Identify and mitigate risk in covert and undercover online operations.

Describe the principals of online covert and undercover legend and cover story building.

Demonstrate the creation, maintenance, and effective deployment of an Online Investigative Persona.

State legislation and procedural practices which may influence covert and undercover investigations.

Explain the principal of Agent Provocateur and entrapment.

Demonstrate the techniques for operating covertly on the dark web and associated networks effectively.

Demonstrate the deployment of cryptocurrencies and related technologies.

Demonstrate covert online test purchase techniques.

Demonstrate covert online infiltration techniques.

Identify and address operational compromise.

Discuss the role of managers in covert and undercover online investigations.

Discuss the process of preparing internet material for court or tribunal presentation.

Describe decision-making processes and associated biases.