# Court Awareness





#### **Overview**

This two-day introduction to Court Awareness covers the duties and practicalities of giving evidence as an expert or professional witness in court and provides information about the court systems and processes.

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## Who are these Courses for?

This course is ideal for any expert and professional witnesses who may have to give evidence in court,

This includes:

- Vets or RSPCA professionals
- Fire Officers, other professional witnesses
- Crime Scene Managers
- Crime Scene / Forensic
  Investigators
- Scientific Support Managers
- Forensic Service Managers

• Forensic practitioners, including those from Forensic Science Providers to Evidence Recovery Units







### **Course Learning Outcomes**

The course will be delivered by our own experts who have many years of experience in presenting evidence to court.

Course Modules will include:

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

Overview of courts and the roles within them

Roles and responsibilities of the expert witness

Overview of relevant legislation and Forensic Regulator Guidance

Case management and disclosure

Importance of scientific accuracy and staying within remit of expert discipline

Case file management and the importance of contemporaneous notes

Report writing, relevant legislation and the importance of peer review

Reviewing and critiquing the report of another expert - agreed facts, disputed areas and joint reports

Consideration of hypotheses, awareness of confirmation bias and how to mitigate this

Court preparation

Attendance at court

Tips and advice for court presentation

Methods of examination and cross examination and coping strategies

Part lecture based and part practical giving opportunity to practice giving evidence

#### Contact our Training & Events team to book your place.

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