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Stage 2: Examiner's Report Unit 5 Investigations Professional Interview November 2025

General

Three candidates took the Investigations professional interview in November 2025. All candidates passed the exam with marks ranging from 48 –63. Classifications ranged from Pass and Merit. One scenario was used in this cycle of professional interviews which took place over the course of one day.

Candidates are presented with a scenario which they are likely to come across during their careers. They have ten minutes to read the scenario and to make notes. The interview then commences, where candidates are shown five questions, all of which directly relate to the scenario, enabling the scenario to develop. Candidates have a maximum of twenty minutes to answer the questions presented.

All three candidates had prepared well and were able to apply their knowledge to the scenario and the questions asked, whilst all passed and some of the questions were answered to a detailed level, others could have had more in-depth answers results in higher marks. All candidates used their time wisely, returning to earlier questions and adding anything further that directly related to the scenario.

Other information

The areas where candidates more marks could have been gained were

The process for obtaining communications data referring to the NAFN SPOC, details of types of data, and how process would be followed.

The process for carrying out surveillance - referring to any codes of practice and own councils RIPA/RIPSA policy, and how the process would be followed.

The role of an expert witness – referring to the process of engagement of the expert, including terms of reference, letter of instruction, what happens in court as officer of court and duty to the court.