

Brief Biographical Sketch

Professor Ray Bull



Ray Bull is Professor of Forensic Psychology at the University of Leicester. His major research topic is investigative interviewing.

In 1991 he was commissioned by the Home Office (together with a Law Professor) to write the first working draft of the *Memorandum of Good Practice on Video Recorded Interviews with Child Witnesses for Criminal Proceedings*. He was part of the small team commissioned by the Home Office in 2000 to write the 2002 government document *Achieving Best Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: Guidance for Vulnerable or Intimidated Witnesses, Including Children* (ABE). In 2002/3 he led the small team commissioned by government to produce an extensive training pack relating to ABE. In 2004 he was commissioned by the Scottish Executive to draft guidance on *the taking of evidence on commission*. In 2005 he received a Commendation from the London Metropolitan Police for *"Innovation and professionalism whilst assisting a complex rape investigation"*. He has advised a large number of police forces in several countries on the interviewing of witnesses and of suspects, and he has testified as an Expert Witness in a number of trials.

He has authored and co-authored a large number of papers in quality research journals and has co-authored and co-edited many books including *Investigative Interviewing: Psychology and Practice* (1999 – a second edition is now being written). He has been an Invited Speaker at a variety of meetings around the world. In recognition of the quality and extent of his research publications he was in 1995 awarded a higher doctorate (Doctor of Science).