

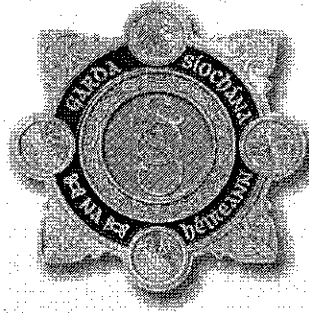
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To whom it may concern,

I wish to acknowledge the impact that Professor Becky Milne has had on the investigative interview witness training programme in An Garda Síochána, the police service in the Republic of Ireland. As a result of Professor Milne's contribution to investigative interviewing, the structure of our Level 3 advanced interviewing programme has changed dramatically. An Garda Síochána have developed new interview protocols that have brought our witness interview training in line with international best practice. Already, Senior Investigating Officers have commented positively on the quality of information elicited from recent Level 3 Enhanced Cognitive Interviews.

Professor Milne's teachings and material have become an integral part of our witness interview training programme. We have recently, with the permission of Professor Milne and the Dutch Police, introduced Professor Milne's witness interviewing film to our training. This professional and polished piece of work has enabled our officers to gain a rapid overview of the witness interviewing process in an investigative context. We are currently implementing refresher training for all of our Level 2 interview trainers (160) who will view this video as part of a two-day training programme that is heavily influenced by Professor Milne's material. I estimate that in the next 12-18 months this video and Professor Milne's work in general will have impacted upon 1000-1500 members of An Garda Síochána.

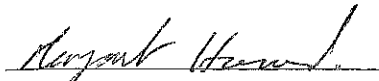
Currently, one of our trainers has completed a Master of Science Degree at the University of Portsmouth specifically to work with Professor Milne. Furthermore, this trainer has commenced a PhD at Portsmouth University with Professor Milne as his supervisor. Two of our trainers are currently working towards Master of Science degrees at Portsmouth University and another two instructors will commence study at Portsmouth University next year. Such is the ability of Professor Milne to marry academic research with the practicalities of policing that it is envisaged that many more of our officers will commence study at the University of Portsmouth. Certainly, we hope to invite Professor Milne to deliver future interview

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training in Ireland. This is reflective of our policy to continually improve our interview processes in line with evidence based practice and procedures.

Yours faithfully,

 Inspector
(MARGARET HOWARD)