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THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

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Aberdeen Branch

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5.45pm on Thursday 24th November 2016

Room H303, Faculty of Health and Social Care, Robert Gordon
University, Garthdee, Aberdeen
Free car parks available

Aberdeen Problem Solving Court

Sheriff Alison Stirling and Lesley Simpson

Sheriff Alison Stirling is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh. She was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1997, where she practised for 17 years. She specialised in claims arising out of the historical abuse of children in various institutions, in family law and in human rights law. She sat as a part-time sheriff from 2012 before being appointed a full-time sheriff of Grampian Highland and Islands at Aberdeen in 2014. She has been involved in setting up and running the Problem Solving Court in Aberdeen.

Lesley Simpson qualified as a social worker in 1979 and has been the Service Manager for Aberdeen City Council Criminal Justice Social Work Service for the past 8 years. Prior to this she worked in duty and mental health social work teams before moving to Criminal Justice Social Work. She has maintained particular interests in working with clients with drug and alcohol problems, personality disorders and in working with women. She has been instrumental in the development and delivery of programmes for drug and alcohol using offenders as well as in setting up the Connections Women's Centre. She has been involved in the introduction of the Problem Solving model in Aberdeen, specifically in relation to social work services for the Court.

Members and non-members alike are welcome.

Solicitors & Advocates, Police and Social Workers and other professions may claim CPD time for attendance at SASO lectures - registration at the event will be required.

Please communicate any enquiries regarding the presentation or SASO in general to:

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The COSTA Coffee Shop is open in the Sir Ian Wood Building until 10pm.

The aim of SASO is to bring together people with a wide range of experience in the criminal justice system so that by listening, talking and sharing experience, a better understanding of our common problems will develop.