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## **SASO Aberdeen PROGRAMME of TALKS 2026 - 2027**

**All talks take place at Aberdeen Sheriff Court and start at 1730, finishing no later than 1900**

**ALL WELCOME !**

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### **THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Dr James Grieve, Emeritus Professor of Forensic Medicine, University of Aberdeen - The Role of the Forensic Pathologist: fact and fiction

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### **THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2026**

Alex Prentice QC, Principal Advocate Depute, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service - The role of the Advocate Depute (including prosecuting cold case homicides)

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### **THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2026**

Haydn Pesi, Head of National Voluntary Throughcare, Upside and Lynsey Blaney / Karen Watson, Upside North, Turning Point Scotland

“Upside” – Scotland’s national prison throughcare service: supporting reintegration and improving outcomes for people and communities

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### **THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2027**

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### **THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2027**

Ewan Cameron, Crime and Courts Editor, Press and Journal - Court reporting in the modern age (and how digital permanence has changed things)

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### **THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2027**

James McLellan Deputy Director, Prisons & Release, Scottish Government & a colleague from the Scottish Prison Service (TBA)

Working Title: Prisons, prison overcrowding and rehabilitation of prisoners

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### **THURSDAY 29 APRIL 2027**

Det Supt. Stevie Bertram, Specialist Crime Division, Police Scotland

Working Title: Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery and Organised Crime in the North East

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