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**Aberdeen Sheriff Court, Castle Street, Aberdeen
(Please enter by the main entrance and you will be directed to the
appropriate courtroom)**

**Nick Hobbs
Head of Legal
Office of the Children and Young People's Commissioner**

**The Role of the Children and Young People's Commissioner in incorporation of the UN
Convention on the Rights of a Child (UNCRC) and the powers introduced by the UNCRC
(Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024**

CHAIR: SHERIFF MORAG McLAUGHLIN

Nick Hobbs is Head of Legal for the office of the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland. He leads a team whose role is to exercise the Commissioner's legal powers of investigation into violations of children's rights, and to engage in strategic litigation on key children's rights issues.

Nick will reflect on the first 18 months of UNCRC incorporation, with a focus on the new litigation powers granted to the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland. He will discuss the UNCRC Act itself, the approach to operationalising the new powers, as well as learning from the first cases the Commissioner's office has taken, including the first UNCRC case decided in the criminal courts, which raises important issues for all criminal practitioners.

Members and non-members 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 available.

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