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Room N204, Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University,
Garthdee, Aberdeen
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Vulnerable Individuals and the Use of Appropriate Adults in the Scottish Criminal Justice System - A Policing Experience

**Barry Stewart, Detective Sergeant, Police Scotland,
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In recent years there have been a number of significant legislative changes which have influenced the way the Police conduct their business. One such change has been the introduction of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014. This legislation defines circumstances in which individuals are deemed vulnerable and *may* require the assistance of an Appropriate Adult

Barry Stewart is a Detective Sergeant in the Police Scotland's Public Protection Unit, based in Aberdeen. Barry has 14 years Police Service and has spent the majority of these in investigative roles within the CID disciplines. Over the last two years he has worked exclusively within the sphere of public protection where he has been involved in a diverse range of enquiries from child protection to the abuse of adults in care settings.

The nature of investigations undertaken by the Public Protection Unit means they are one of the more regular users of the Appropriate Adult Service and are familiar with the challenges this can present. These legislative and logistical challenges will be addressed in DS Stewart's presentation.

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.