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**Court 5 Aberdeen Sheriff Court, Castle Street, Aberdeen
(Please enter by the main entrance and you will be directed to the
court 5)**

Dr Andrew Gibb, forensic scientist Scottish Police Authority (SPA)

**“DNA Analysis in forensic science: history, current practice, reporting,
advancements and the future”**

CHAIR: SHERIFF MORAG McLAUGHLIN

Dr Gibb is a forensic scientist with the Scottish Police Authority based in Aberdeen, where he also teaches forensic science at RGU.

He is a Cambridge graduate with a PhD in Myotonic Dystrophy from Nottingham. He joined what was the Grampian Police Forensic Lab, which later morphed to SPSA and then SPA, in 2004. At SPA he is the laboratory's representative on the DNA Interpretation Working Group. As well as DNA analysis and court reporting, he also reports Blood Pattern Analysis, sexual offence investigations, textile damage, and am scene attendance.

Dr Gibbs's talk will cover the history of identification in forensic science, what a DNA profile is and how to make one, DNA mixtures and solutions, reporting DNA results and its problems / challenges and advancements in DNA technology and what the future may hold!

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. 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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