



THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

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Aberdeen Branch

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Ferguson

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5.45pm on Thursday 25th April 2024

Room 620, Riverside Building, Robert Gordon University, Garthdee,
Aberdeen

Free car parks available

Children's Hearings Redesign – Scottish Government planning for implementation

**Tom McNamara, Unit Head for Youth Justice
and Children's hearing in the Scottish
Government's Children and Families Directorate**

Tom McNamara is Unit Head for Youth Justice and Children's Hearings in the Scottish Government's Children and Families Directorate. He has been in his current role for the past 10 years. It includes responsibility for sponsorship of SCRA and Children's Hearings Scotland, the national safeguarders panel and children's hearings advocacy, review of the Age of Criminal Responsibility, the Children (Care and Justice) Bill, youth justice policy and secure care matters, as well as system redesign. Tom joined the then Scottish Executive in 2000, and has worked in a number of posts in the years since, centring mainly on children's care, justice and rights policy issues.

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 8pm.

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.