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**5.45pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
Room N204, Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University,  
Garthdee, Aberdeen  
Free car parks available

## **Current and Future Directions in the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse: the Work of Stop it Now! Scotland**

**Stuart Allardyce, National Manager, Stop It Now**

While most types of crime are falling, reported sexual crime in Scotland has risen by 65% over the last 10 years. This lecture will explore the factors underpinning this rise and discuss the work of Stop It Now! Scotland, moving beyond risk management and public protection approaches that respond to abuse after it has happened and piloting initiatives that prevent the sexual abuse of children occurring in the first place.

Stop It Now is a child protection charity working to prevent child sexual abuse by raising awareness and also provides support services to individuals who may be at risk of sexual offending.

Stuart is National Manager of Stop It Now! Scotland. As a social worker he spent 16 years as a practitioner and manager working with children with problematic and harmful sexual behaviours as well as managing services for children affected by sexual abuse. He is the chair of the Scottish branch of the National Organisation of the Treatment of Abuse (NOTA) as well as chair of the NOTA UK and Ireland Policy and Practice subcommittee. He is an Associate at the Centre of Youth and Criminal Justice at Strathclyde University and a visiting researcher there. He is the co-author of 'Working with Children and Young People who Have Displayed Harmful Sexual Behaviour' published by Dunedin Academic Press in 2018.

***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.***

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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.