



THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

**This is an open meeting, free
to all with an interest in
crime and criminal justice.**

**There is no need to register
to attend – just turn up on
the evening!**

**1½ hours of CPD time may
be claimed by Advocates,
Solicitors, Police and Social
Workers.**

**Registration at the event
will be required for the first
two professions.**

**Refreshments will be
available at the end of the
Lecture.**

ALL WELCOME!

Scottish Association for the Study of Offending

Edinburgh Branch

**Invite you to attend a public lecture on
Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 5.30pm**

by

**Gillian Mawdsley
Solicitor and University Lecturer**

entitled

**“A Current Perspective on Fatal Accident
Inquiries into Deaths in Custody in Scotland”**

at

**Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Chambers Street,
Edinburgh**

Deaths in custody in Scotland are a topic of significant public interest. In 2025 determinations were published in the fatal accident inquiries relating to the deaths of Katie Allan, William Brown and Sarah Jane Riley. Examining them provides the context in which to explore why these deaths matter in the public interest and to assess the current effectiveness of the Fatal Accident Inquiry.

Gillian Mawdsley is a practising Scottish solicitor, principally focused now on University lecturing and teaching. She previously worked within *Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service* as a Procurator Fiscal Depute. She worked in the Deaths Unit, investigating homicides and sudden deaths and undertaking Fatal Accident Inquiries. She was a member of the Independent Review of Fatal Accident Inquiries relating to Deaths in Custody in Scotland set up by Scottish Government under Sheriff Principal Ian Abercrombie KC.

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.

For more information about SASO, its aims and objectives, ongoing activities and membership options please visit our website at www.sastudyoffending.org.uk

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