

Wednesday 26 February 2025 @ 5.30 pm

SASO Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch Seminar

St George's Tron Church of Scotland, 163 Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2JX

The Thistle - the UK's First-Ever Drug Consumption Facility

Dr Saket Priyardashi discusses a pragmatic, humane and evidence based response to the drugs crisis, with a unique legal framework

SASO Glasgow and West is delighted to host Dr Saket Priyadarshi, the Associate Medical Director of Greater Glasgow and Clyde Alcohol and Drug Services to talk to us about The Thistle, the recently opened safer drug consumption facility in Glasgow. Saket is responsible for the professional leadership of medical staff and clinical governance in Alcohol and Drugs Recovery Services in the largest health board in Scotland. He has led on a number of service developments in Glasgow, including The Thistle.

He is a graduate of the University of Glasgow medical school and qualified as a General Practitioner in 2003. Through working in deprived areas in the west of Scotland, he developed an interest in the management of substance misuse problems.

Saket is a member of the Glasgow city Alcohol Drug Partnership. He has also been a member of various Scottish Government advisory committees in relation to drug policy and has worked with the European Monitoring Committee on Drugs and Drugs Addiction.

He is involved in research and holds Honorary positions at Glasgow Caledonian University and University of Glasgow.

N.B. This is the first of two SASO talks on this topic. Part I will focus on the rationale, approach and desired outcomes of The Thistle. We will host Dr Priyardashi again for Part II either later this year or early next year to discuss results and lessons learned.

Session starts promptly at 5.30pm and SASO Glasgow and West committee will facilitate a Q&A after the talk.