



THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

43rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

at Dunblane Hydro Hotel
16th – 17th November 2012

“Gender, Crime and Justice”

*An opportunity to explore and discuss the impact
that gender has on victim and perpetrator experiences of the
Scottish Criminal Justice System*

**Conference Chair:
Catherine Dyer, Crown Agent**

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For over forty years SASO has been organising conferences which bring together people with a wide range of experience within the criminal justice system. Views may differ, but by listening, talking and sharing experiences, a better understanding of our common problems tends to develop. On some issues, consensus has been reached which has, on occasions, been translated into action from which the system has benefited.

PROGRAMME

Friday 16th November

- 13.00 Arrivals & Registration
- 14.00 Conference Opens (dress informal)
- Conference Chair's Introduction: Catherine Dyer, Crown Agent**
- 14.15 Keynote Address: The Rt Hon the Baroness Corston: 'The Corston Report – A Review of Women with Particular Vulnerabilities in the Criminal Justice System'
- 15.00 Keynote Address: Marianne Hester, Head of the Centre for Gender and Violence Research: 'Who does what to whom? Gender and Domestic Violence Perpetrators'
- 15.45 Refreshments
- Exhibitions and Posters
- 16.15 **The Willow Project: 'Women, health and offending: the experience of the Willow Project' Kirsty Pate & Ciara Byrne**
- 17.00 Conference Close, day 1
- 17.00 **SASO AGM** (members only) and brief **SASO Council Meeting**
- 19.30 **Reception**
- 20.00 **Conference Dinner** (business/lounge suit)
- Chaired by David Strang QPM, Chairman SASO
- After Dinner Speaker: **The Rt Hon the Lord Carloway**

Saturday 17th November

- 09.20 **Chair: Catherine Dyer, Crown Agent**
- 09.30 The McInnes Memorial Lecture
- In memory of Sheriff Principal John McInnes*
- Sheriff Daniel Scullion**
- 10.30 Refreshments
- Exhibitions and Posters
- 11.00 Keynote Address: Pragna Patel, Southall Black Sisters: 'Honour Based Violence'
- 11.30 Practitioners' Panel: 'Programmes to Assist Women in the Criminal Justice System'
- Members of leading projects and programmes present their work and answer questions from delegates.
- 12.30 Lunch
- Exhibition and Posters
- 14.00 Women Offenders Sentencing Exercise
- 'Sentencing Women – Considerations and Challenges' A Sentencing Exercise.**
- 15.30 Refreshments
- Exhibitions and Posters
- 15.45 Keynote Address: Detective Chief Superintendent John Carnochan QPM: 'Gender and Violence'
- 16.30 Keynote Address: Lesley Riddoch: 'How community perceptions of women within the Criminal Justice System are influenced through the media'
- 17.15 Conference Close and Refreshments

The Rt Hon the Baroness Corston

Baroness Corston was Member of Parliament for Bristol East from 1992 to 2005. In 2005 she became a Life Peer and Chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party. She was commissioned by the Home Office in 2005 to report on vulnerable women in the criminal justice system. Her report was published in 2007 and contains wide ranging recommendations on the treatment of women in the criminal justice system. Baroness Corston was Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights from 2001 to 2005. She was Chair of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians in 2000. In 1989 Baroness Corston gained an LLB and became a barrister.

Professor Marianne Hester

Professor Marianne Hester (MA Oxon, PhD Leeds) is the Head of the Centre for Gender and Violence Research at the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, and Patron of South Tyneside Women's Aid. She is a leading researcher of gender-based violence and has directed groundbreaking research on many aspects of violence, abuse and gender relations, including comparative research on child contact and domestic violence in Denmark and the UK, and comparing domestic violence in China and the UK. Her work has directly influenced health, criminal justice and family policy and practice in the UK, Europe and other countries. Much of her research is comparative, focusing on the UK, China and Scandinavia. She is currently researching: male domestic violence victims and perpetrators accessing the health service; progression of rape cases through the criminal justice system; and comparing attrition in domestic violence cases across Italy, Romania, Spain and the UK. She has worked closely with a range of government departments and NGOs, e.g. as Research Director to the Department of Health & National Institute for Mental Health 'Victims of Violence and Abuse Prevention Programme', as specialist advisor to the Home Affairs Select Committee on 'Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and 'Honour'-based violence', and as NSPCC Professor of Child Sexual Exploitation. She has been visiting Professor at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, the China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, and the Nordic Institute of East Asian Studies, Copenhagen. She was for a long period involved in the Rape Crisis Movement in the UK and has worked in close collaboration with organisations such as Women's Aid that provide services to women and children experiencing domestic violence. She is a member of the Centre for East Asian Studies. She also teaches on the Masters Programmes in Public Policy, Policy Research and Social Work.

The Rt Hon the Lord Carloway

Lord Carloway is a Senator of the College of Justice and Judge of the Supreme Courts of Scotland. He sits in the High Court of Justiciary and the Inner House of the Court of Session. Lord Carloway became an Advocate in 1977, a QC in 1990 and a Judge in 2000. He was an Advocate Depute from 1986 to 1989. In October 2010 he was appointed by the Lord President to lead a review of criminal law and practice in the light of the UK Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Cadder v. HM Advocate* (which concerned legal advice prior to and during police questioning). Lord Carloway's report was published in November 2011.

Sheriff Daniel Scullion

Sheriff Daniel Scullion was born in Hamilton in 1955. He is a Graduate of Glasgow University (MA) and of Strathclyde University (LLB). He qualified as a solicitor in 1982 and worked in private practice as a solicitor in Glasgow between 1982 and 2005. He obtained Rights of Audience in the High Court of Justiciary as a Solicitor Advocate in 1994. In May 2005 he was appointed as Sheriff of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway and sat as a resident Sheriff at Hamilton Sheriff Court from May 2005 until August 2012. He is now a Sheriff of Glasgow and Strathkelvin and sits as a resident Sheriff at Glasgow Sheriff Court. He was a member of the Commission on Women Offenders which was established by the Scottish Government in June 2011. The Commission published its report on 17th April 2012.

Pragna Patel

Pragna Patel is a founding member of the Southall Black Sisters and Women Against Fundamentalism. She worked as a co-ordinator and senior case worker for SBS from 1982 to 1993 when she left to train and practice as a solicitor. In 2009 she returned to SBS as its Director. She has been centrally involved in some of SBS' most important cases and campaigns around domestic violence, immigration and religious fundamentalism. She has also written extensively on race, gender and religion. Among her many publications have been the 1992 'Citizenship: Whose Rights?' in *Women and Citizenship in Europe: Borders, Rights and Duties* and the 1997 'The Time Has Come ... Asian Women in Struggle' in *Black British Feminism - A Reader*.

Detective Chief Superintendent John Carnochan QPM

John Carnochan is a Detective Chief Superintendent with Strathclyde Police. He has over 30 years of policing experience, much of which has been as a Detective. He has been involved in various roles in the investigation of serious crime and has been the senior investigating officer in murder inquiries. In 2005 John was responsible, together with Karyn McCluskey, for the establishment of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) that aimed to develop a strategy that would bring about sustainable reductions in violence within Strathclyde. In 2006 the VRU assumed a Scotland wide role and is supported by the Scottish Government. The central ethos of the VRU is that '*violence is preventable, not inevitable*'. John is a regular lecturer at the Scottish Police College and often presents on the work of the VRU at conferences and seminars throughout the UK and elsewhere. John is a fellow by distinction of the Faculty of Public Health – a branch of the Royal College of Physicians.

John was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 2007.

Lesley Riddoch

Lesley Riddoch is one of Scotland's best known commentators and broadcasters. She has held many influential positions including assistant editor of The Scotsman and contributing editor of The Sunday Herald. She is perhaps best known for her broadcasting with programmes on Radio 4, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio Scotland, for which she has won two Sony speech broadcaster awards. Lesley runs her own independent radio and podcast company, Feisty Ltd, which has produced several series including a weekly topical phone-in programme for BBC Radio Scotland. Feisty together with Fresh Film produced The Great Tay Road Bridge Mystery – a lottery funded film. She is a weekly columnist for the '*Scotsman*' and the *Sunday Post* and a regular contributor to the Guardian's *Comment is Free*. She was short-listed in 2006 for the Orwell prize for political writing. Lesley was a member of the Scottish Government's Prisons Commission, charged with finding out why Scotland imprisons almost twice as many people as Ireland and Norway.

Registration Notes

- 1 Residential registration includes access to conference on Friday and Saturday including lunch and refreshments (both days), Conference Dinner (Friday) and overnight accommodation (Friday).
- 2 Non-Residential registration includes access to conference on Friday and Saturday including lunch and refreshments (both days).
- 3 Student registration includes access to conference on Friday and Saturday including lunch and refreshments (both days).
- 4 Discounted rate available for the non-statutory sector and individuals engaged in the field in a voluntary capacity (i.e. who are not paid for by their employer/organisation).
- 5 Accompanied persons rates do not include conference attendance.
- 6 Residential delegates wishing overnight accommodation for Saturday 17th November can take advantage of specially negotiated rates as follows: £90.00 per room bed & breakfast (single occupancy); £110.00 per room bed & breakfast (double occupancy). To book accommodation for Saturday 17th November, please contact the hotel directly on 01786 822 551 quoting reference "SASO Annual Conference".
- 7 Registration forms may be photocopied. Delegates whose conference fees are met by their employer/organisation may complete a separate form and make separate payment arrangements for an accompanying person.
- 8 All hotel facilities, including swimming pool & gymnasium, are available to delegates and accompanying persons who are staying overnight.
- 9 Attendance at the full conference may constitute 8 hours of continuing professional development under the Law Society of Scotland regulations.
- 10 The conference is accredited under the Faculty of Advocates Continuing Professional Development Scheme.
- 11 In the event of cancellation a fee of £28 will be levied to cover administration costs. Cancellations received after 5th October 2012 **may not** qualify for a refund.
- 12 Completed registration forms should be forwarded to Irene Cameron, SASO Administrator, Association Management Solutions, PO Box 2781, Glasgow, G61 3YL. Tel/Fax: 0141 560 4092 E-mail: icameron@a-m-s-online.com



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