

**The Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland  
Winter Meeting Programme Friday 29th January 2021**

**Half Day Zoom Meeting**



**Reform of the Mental Health Act**

**Treating Mental Illness, Protecting Human Rights. How can we do both?**

Chair: Professor John Crichton, Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland

- 09:10 – 09:20      **Welcome from the Chair**
- 09:20 – 09:50      **An Ex MSP legislator's perspective of how Scotland got to the review**  
Dr. Richard Simpson, Honorary Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport, University of Stirling and previous MSP
- 09:50 – 10:20      **How well does the 2003 Act work?**  
Dr. Arun Chopra, Executive Director (Medical), Mental Welfare Commission
- 10:20 – 10:50      **Rights to treat vs rights to be treated?**  
Dr. Roger Smyth, Consultant Psychiatrist, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
- 10:50 – 11:10      **Break**
- 11:10 – 11:40      **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Mental Health - A New Beginning?**  
Mr. John Scott, QC, Chair of the Review of the 2003 Mental Health Act
- 11:40 – 12:20      **Panel Discussion**
- 12:20 – 12:30      **Closing remarks**
- 12:30 – 12:45      **RCPsych in Scotland Business Meeting**
- 12:45                **Meeting closes**

