

Child Defendants in the Crown Court: Children, communication and access to justice.

Lunchtime talk
Wednesday 1 March 2023, 12 – 1pm
Courtroom 5



With Kate Aubrey-Johnson (barrister)

Kate Aubrey-Johnson is a barrister and mediator at Garden Court Chambers and is recognised for her expertise in youth justice. She regularly delivers training and develops resources to improve understanding of children's rights in the justice system.

Kate chairs the Youth Justice Board's Youth Justice Working Group on Quality of Advocacy Working Group and was an expert adviser to the Independent Criminal Legal Aid Review. Kate is co-author of the leading textbook *Youth Justice Law and Practice* (LAG, 2019) and consultant editor for *Halsbury's Laws of England, Vol 27, Criminal Procedure (5th Edition)* on proceedings involving children. She co-authors the *Youth Justice Law update* for Legal Action. In 2021, she contributed to *Crown Court Compendium Part II: Sentencing* alongside Professor Kathryn Hollingsworth providing guidance on communicating sentences to children. Kate sits on a number of advisory boards and is part of a team developing an advocacy course for 'Children in Conflict with the Law' for the Inns of Court College of Advocacy. In 2020, Kate was recognised as a Children's Champion at the ECPAT Awards.