



# ACTACC

Association for Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia  
and Critical Care



## Women in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia (WICTA)

Wednesday 17th June 2026

### Supporting Women in CT Anaesthesia and CICU Programme

41 Portland Place, London, W1B 1QH

08.30-09.00

**Registration & Refreshments**

09.00-09.15

**Welcome & Introduction**

**Dr Alisha Allana** - *Consultant Cardiac Anaesthetist & Intensivist, University Hospital Southampton*

09.15-09.45

**Keynote Lecture - Equal Talent, Unequal Paths? Gender in Academic and Clinical Careers**

**Professor Gudrun Kunst** - *Consultant Anaesthetist & Professor of Cardiovascular Anaesthesia, King's College London & President of ACTACC*

09.45-10.15

**Imposter Syndrome**

**Dr Gemma Phillips** - *Consultant Anaesthetist, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff*

10.15-10.45

**The Glass Ceiling**

**Mrs Karen Green** - *Director, Admiral Group PLC*

10.45-11.15

**Coffee, Refreshments & Trade Exhibition**

11.15-11.45

**Harmful Effects of a Toxic Workplace Culture**

**Dr Kate Stannard & Dr Helen Burdett** - *Consultant Anaesthetists, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust & Co-Founders of WIMIN (Women in Medicine International Network)*

11.45-12.25

**Panel Discussion - Chaired by Dr Seema Agarwal** - *Consultant Cardiothoracic Anaesthetist, Wythenshawe Hospital, Honorary Senior Lecturer, Manchester University & WICTA Chair*

Prof. Gudrun Kunst, Dr Kate Stannard, Dr Helen Burdett, Dr Gemma Phillips

12.25-12.30

**Summary & Close**

**Dr Alisha Allana**