



Women in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia (WICTA)  
Wednesday 17th June 2026  
Supporting Women in CT Anaesthesia and CICU Programme



41 Portland Place, London, W1B 1QH

08.30-08.45	<b>Registration &amp; Refreshments</b>
08.45-09.00	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b> Dr Alisha Allana, <i>Consultant Cardiac Anaesthetist &amp; Intensivist, University Hospital Southampton</i>
09.00-09.30	<b>Keynote Lecture - Equal Talent, Unequal Paths? Gender in Academic and Clinical Careers</b> Professor Gudrun Kunst, <i>Consultant Anaesthetist &amp; Professor of Cardiovascular Anaesthesia, King's College London &amp; President of ACTACC</i>
09.30-10.00	<b>Harmful Effects of a Toxic Workplace Culture</b> Dr Kate Stannard & Dr Helen Burdett, <i>Consultant Anaesthetists, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust &amp; Co-Founders of WIMIN (Women in Medicine International Network)</i>
10.00-10.30	<b>Imposter Syndrome</b> Dr Gemma Phillips, <i>Consultant Anaesthetist, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff &amp; Lead for Flexible Training in Secondary Care for HEIW (Health Education and Improvement Wales)</i>
10.30-11.00	<b>Coffee, Refreshments &amp; Trade Exhibition</b>
11.00-11.30	<b>The Glass Ceiling</b> Mrs Karen Green, <i>Director, Admiral Group PLC</i>
11.30-12.00	<b>Parenthood, Caring and Working in Surgery</b> Scarlett McNally, <i>Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust and Honorary Clinical Professor, Brighton and Sussex Medical School</i>
12.00-12.30	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Chaired by Dr Seema Agarwal, <i>Consultant Cardiothoracic Anaesthetist, Wythenshawe Hospital, Honorary Senior Lecturer, Manchester University &amp; WICTA Chair</i> Prof. Gudrun Kunst, Dr Kate Stannard, Dr Helen Burdett, Dr Gemma Phillips
12.30-12.35	<b>Summary &amp; Close</b> Dr Alisha Allana