



Women in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia (WICTA)

Wednesday 17th June 2026
41 Portland Place, London



Supporting Women in CT Anaesthesia and CICU Programme

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