DAS 2026
WALES
11-13 November

# DAS Wales 2026

**PLEASE NOTE PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Wednesday – 11th November 2026

| TIME | PROGRAMME |
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| 10:30 – 11:00 | Registration incl. Arrival Tea/Coffee |
| 11:10 – 12:30 | WS Round Robin Part 1 |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch/ Meeting Registration for anyone attending Scientific Portion |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | WS Round Robin Part 2 |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | WS Round Robin Part 3 |

### Workshops stations include:

- eFONA
- Intubating via SAD
- Awake Tracheal Intubation
- Videolayrngoscopy - awake VL and VAFI
- Tubeless surgery
- Airway and Gastric Ultrasound
- Paediatric airway management
- Airway management in burns

# Conference Day 1 – Thursday 12th November 2026

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| **08:00** | **Registration** |
| **08:55** | **Welcome and Introductions**<br>*Professor Alistair McNarry, DAS President, Consultant Anaesthetist, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh*<br>*Dr Thomas Kitchen, DAS Wales 2026 LOC Chair, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Cardiff* |
| **09.05** | Evolution and revolution in airway management<br>*Chair: Dr Mark Stacey*<br><br>**From Mapleson to Vaughan; the evolution of airway management and Wales**<br>*Dr Danielle Huckle, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Cardiff*<br><br>**Framework for managing patients with a known difficult airway**<br>*Professor Tim Cook, Consultant Anaesthetist and Intensivist, Royal United Hospital, Bath*<br><br>**DAS Professor Lecture: Professor Imran Ahmad**<br>*Consultant Anaesthetist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust, London* |
| **10:30** | **Coffee Break** |
| **11:00** | Managing predicted difficulty<br>*Chair: Dr Nathan Tweed*<br><br>**Decision making in the predicted difficult airway: what's changed in 2026 (virtual)**<br>*Dr Rani Chahal, Chair ANZCA Airway SIG, Staff Anaesthetist, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia*<br><br>**Airway management in major burns**<br>*Dr Zyllan Spilsbury, Consultant Anaesthetist, Swansea Bay UHB, Swansea*<br><br>**Syndromic Children, Clefts and lessons from the HSSIB report**<br>*Dr James Farrant, APA Committee, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist, Swansea Bay UHB, Swansea*<br><br>**Airway management on Mercy Ships**<br>*Dr Anette Sholtz, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff & Vale UHB, Cardiff* |
| **12:30** | **Lunch Break** |
| **13:30** | Human factors and performance<br>*Chair: Dr Helen Iliff*<br><br>**Enhanced concepts on safety**<br>*Dr Annie Hunningher, Consultant Anaesthetist, Barts Health NHS Trust, London*<br><br>**Leadership when things go wrong / Lessons from the Royal Navy**<br>*Captain Kate Prior, Consultant in Anaesthetics and Major Trauma, Kings' College Hospital NHS Trust, London* |
| **14:30** | **Coffee Break** |

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| **15:00** | Hot topics: in the spotlight<br>*Chair: Dr Catherine Griffiths*<br><br>**Gastric Aspiration GLP-1 and SGLT-2 inhibitors**<br>*Professor Kariem El-Boghdadly, Consultant Anaesthetist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust, London*<br><br>**TIVA vs TCI for RSI**<br>*Dr Alistair Baxter, SIVA President, Consultant Anaesthetist, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh*<br><br>**RSI statement from RCoA, AoA and DAS**<br>*Professor Alistair McNarry, DAS President, Consultant Anaesthetist, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh* |
| **16:20** | **Trainee Oral Presentations - Session 1**<br><br>*Chair: Dr Iwan Roberts; Timer: Chloe* |
| **17:05** | Close & announcements<br>*Dr Thomas Kitchen,*<br>DAS Wales 2026 LOC Chair, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Cardiff |
| **19:30** | **Celebrate 30 Years of DAS – A Special Charity Evening** |

# Conference Day 2 – Friday 13th November 2026

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| **08:00** | **Registration** |
| **08:30** | **Parallel ODP / Anaesthetic Assistant Breakout Session**<br><br>Coffee and breakfast provided |
| **08:45** | **Trainee Oral Presentation - Session 2**<br><br>*Chair: Dr Iwan Roberts; Timer: Will Ward* |
| **09:15** | **Theme: Gaining and Retaining Skills in Airway Management**<br><br>*Chair: Dr Owen Thomas*<br><br>**What makes a high quality airway SIA in 2026?**<br>*Dr Helen Iliff, ST6 and Airway Fellow at Waikato Hospital, Hamilton, New Zealand*<br><br>**An ethical dilemma in airway training – to consent or not?**<br>*Dr Barry McGuire, Consultant Anaesthetist, NHS Tayside, Dundee*<br><br>**DAS 2025 Guidelines Education Package: 1 year on**<br>*Dr Gunjeet Dua, Consultant Anaesthetist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust, London* |
| **10:15** | **Coffee Break** |
| **10:45** | International Societies Session<br>*Chair: Dr Thomas Kitchen*<br><br>**Society for Airway Management - Avoiding and Managing the Soiled Airway**<br>*Dr Richard E Galgon, Treasurer of SAM, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology, Medical College of Wisconsin, USA*<br><br>**European Airway Management Society - Tracheal Pseudomembranes: A Silent Killer**<br>*Assoc. Professor Massimiliano Sorbello, Immediate past president of EAMS, Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, Italy* |
| **11:35** | **DAS 2027** |
| **11:50** | **Keynote discussion: Dame Baroness Tanni Grey - Thompson, DBE DL**<br>*Chair: Dr Thomas Kitchen*<br>40 mins Q+A style discussion |
| **12:35** | **Lunch Break** |

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| **13:30** | Airways from a different perspective<br>*Chair: Dr Peter Rogers*<br><br>**Subglottic stenosis and airway radiology**<br>*Mr Andrew Harris, Consultant ENT Surgeon, Aneurin Bevan UHB, Newport*<br><br>**Paediatric ENT surgery and shared airways**<br>*Miss Thushitha Kunanandam, Consultant ENT Surgeon, Greater Glasgow and Clyde.*<br><br>**The forensic post mortum and the airway**<br>*Dr Ginny Fitzpatrick-Swallow, Home Office Pathologist, London* |
| **14:45** | **Coffee Break** |
| **15:15** | Airway Management in Special Circumstances<br>*Chair: Dr Hannah Johnson-Hughes*<br><br>**Airway management in obstetrics ..**<br>*Dr Yavor Metodiev, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Cardiff*<br><br>**Managing the airway in an obesity pandemic: the evidence-based approach**<br>*Dr Andrew McKechnie, SOBA President, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, London*<br><br>**Implications of transgender surgery on airway management**<br>*Dr Laurence Hodierne, Consultant Anaesthetist and Intensivist, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, Nottingham* |
| **16:35** | **Awards and Closing Remarks**<br>*Professor Alistair McNarry, DAS President, Consultant Anaesthetist, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh*<br>*Dr Thomas Kitchen, DAS Wales 2026 LOC Chair, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Cardiff* |
| **16:45** | Bus Transport to Newport Train Station<br>(prebooking required) |

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