



DAS 2026

WALES

11-13 November



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

November 11–13th 2026

PLEASE NOTE SUBJECT TITLES ARE INDICATIVE ONLY

Wednesday – 11th November 2026

TIME	PROGRAMME
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
- Videolaryngoscopy - awake VL and VAFI
- Tubeless surgery
- Airway and Gastric Ultrasound
- Paediatric airway management
- Airway management in burns

Conference Day 1 – Thursday 12th November 2026

TIME	PROGRAMME
08:00	Registration
08:55	Welcome and Introductions <i>Professor Alistair McNarry, DAS President, Consultant Anaesthetist, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh</i> <i>Dr Thomas Kitchen, DAS Wales 2026 LOC Chair, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Cardiff</i>
09:05	<p>Evolution and revolution in airway management <i>Chair: Dr Mark Stacey</i></p> <p>From Mapleson to Vaughan; the evolution of airway management and Wales <i>Dr Danielle Huckle, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Cardiff</i></p> <p>Framework for managing patients with a known difficult airway <i>Professor Tim Cook, Consultant Anaesthetist and Intensivist, Royal United Hospital, Bath</i></p> <p>DAS Professor Lecture: Professor Imran Ahmad <i>Consultant Anaesthetist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust, London</i></p>
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	<p>Managing predicted difficulty <i>Chair: Dr Nathan Tweed</i></p> <p>Decision making in the predicted difficult airway: what's changed in 2026 (virtual) <i>Dr Rani Chahal, Chair ANZCA Airway SIG, Staff Anaesthetist, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia</i></p> <p>Airway management in major burns <i>Dr Zyllan Spilsbury, Consultant Anaesthetist, Swansea Bay UHB, Swansea</i></p> <p>Syndromic Children, Clefts and lessons from the HSSIB report <i>Dr James Farrant, APA Committee, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist, Swansea Bay UHB, Swansea</i></p> <p>Airway management on Mercy Ships <i>Dr Anette Sholtz, Consultant Anaesthetist, Cardiff & Vale UHB, Cardiff</i></p>
12:30	Lunch Break
13:30	<p>Human factors and performance <i>Chair: Dr Helen Iliff</i></p> <p>Enhanced concepts on safety <i>Dr Annie Hunningher, Consultant Anaesthetist, Barts Health NHS Trust, London</i></p> <p>Leadership when things go wrong / Lessons from the Royal Navy <i>Captain Kate Prior, Consultant in Anaesthetics and Major Trauma, Kings' College Hospital NHS Trust, London</i></p>
14:30	Coffee Break

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

Conference Day 2 – Friday 13th November 2026

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

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

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