

Aortic Dissection Awareness Day Thursday 18th September 2025

Theme – **Think Aorta®, Think Family**

08:00-09:15 60min	Registration & Coffee. Warning bell 08:55, please be seated	
	Welcome & Introductions	Grand Hall
09:15-09:20 5min	Call to order & housekeeping, plan for the day	Grand Hall
09:20-09:25 5min	Professor Rob Sneyd, Vice-Chair Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland	
	Professor Gavin Murphy, Professor of Cardiac Surgery, University of Leicester	Grand Hall
	Your charity in action – at home, abroad & in partnership	Grand Hall
09:25-09:50 25min	Mrs Anne Cotton, Chair, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland	Grand Hall
	ADAUK&I update, various from Committee/Trustees	Grand Hall
09:50-10:00 10min	Think Aorta® international programme Mr Robert Glass, International lead for Think Aorta®	Grand Hall
10:00-10:15 15min	Working in partnership... Ms Eileen Novins, Chief Global Business Development Officer, The Marfan Foundation, USA	
	Let's get clinical...	Grand Hall
10:15-10:40 25min	Genetics 101 - Boy meets girl and beyond, Dr Neeta Lakhani, Consultant in Clinical Genetics, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	Grand Hall
10:40-11:00 20min	My aorta - How I learned to stop worrying & love the bomb... Patient story - Mr Robert Glass, USA	Grand Hall
11:00-11:30 30min	Coffee Break. Warning bell 10:55, please be seated	Atrium
11:30-12:00 30min	New genetics in a changing NHS – 100,000 genomes and beyond, Professor Julian Barwell, Professor in Genomic Medicine, University of Leicester	Grand Hall
	DECIDE-TAD	Grand Hall
12:00-12:10 10min	The DECIDE-TAD Study, Dr Riccardo Abbasciano	Grand Hall
12:10-12:20 10min	The Decision Support Tool (DST), Mrs Lisa Skinner	Grand Hall
12:20-12:30 10min	Making the DST inclusive, Mrs Faye Codack, Patient Researcher	Grand Hall
12:30-12:40 10min	Healthcare professionals' engagement with the DST, Mrs Louise Knight	Grand Hall
12:40-13:40 60min	Lunch Break. Warning bell 13:35, please be seated	Atrium
13:40-13:50 10min	Remembering those who have died of Aortic Dissection, Bereavement Team, Mrs Lisa Skinner	Grand-Hall
	DECIDE-TAD	Grand-Hall
13.50-13:57 7min	Breakout sessions: aims and goals, Mrs Anne Cotton & Prof Alicia O'Cathain	Grand-Hall
13:57-14:00...3min	Move to breakout rooms	
14:00-15:00 60min	Breakout Group A Reviewing the DST content	Room A tbc
	Breakout Group B Making the DST inclusive	Room B tbc
	Breakout Group C Conducting the DECIDE TAD trials	Room C tbc
	Breakout Group D Using the DST in the NHS	Room D tbc
15:00-15:30 30min	Tea Break. Warning bell 14:55, please be seated	Atrium
	DECIDE-TAD	Grand Hall
15:30-16:15 45min	DECIDE-TAD: Whole group discussion Prof Alicia O'Cathain, Prof Gavin Murphy	Grand Hall
	Patient originated topic	Grand Hall
16:15-16:40 25min	Recovering from surgery. Cognitive impairment and PTSD. Am I losing my marbles? Science, realities & remedies. Prof Rob Sneyd, Vice- Chair & Mrs Emma Hope, Aortic Specialist Nurse, Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland	Grand Hall
16:40-17:00 10min	Open Mic... Open House, Benefits, Driving, Trustees and Guests, Topical free for all. Closing Remarks, Announcement & Preview/Handover of UK AD Awareness Day, UK Friday 18th September 2026 , Chair & Vice-Chair, wrap up & look ahead	Grand Hall
17:00	Close	

LOOKING AHEAD.... Next Aortic Dissection Awareness Day Friday 18th September 2026... HOLD THE DATE...