

December

# Newsletter



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## Welcome

It doesn't seem that long ago that we said hello to 2024, and now we're reflecting on what has been yet another bustling year. Since our summer newsletter, we've seen a flurry of new course developments and launches which you can read about in this edition below.



We also celebrated our long-serving Chair of Trustees, Kevin Mackway-Jones who stepped down from the board after an incredible 34 years with ALSG. However, we're not saying goodbye just yet, as Kevin will continue to co-chair the Manchester Triage Group with Jill Windle.

Looking ahead to 2025, we have plenty more in store, with some exciting updates shared below.

As always, we greatly appreciate you, and the thousands of volunteers, centres; instructors; staff; trustees, who dedicate your time and energy to the training and development of all our courses. We couldn't do it without you.

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## New Chair of Trustees

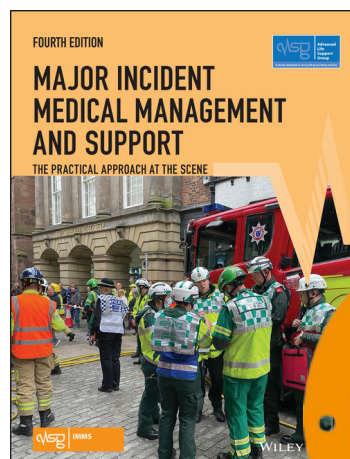
As we honour Kevin's remarkable 34 years of service, we are thrilled to welcome **Stephanie Smith** as our new Chair of Trustees.

Stephanie brings a wealth of experience with ALSG, having recently stepped down from her role as Chair of the APLS Working Group. We eagerly anticipate working with Stephanie and are confident that ALSG is in capable hands.



## 30 years of MIMMS

Throughout this year, we've been celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Major Incident Medical Management and Support (MIMMS) course. Now in its 4th edition, this course remains crucial for anyone managing major incidents at the scene. Investigations are underway to liaise with venues across the UK to support Martyn's Law, a bill which aims to improve the preparedness of public venues and events against terrorist attacks. Additionally, MIMMS designed specifically for the military, has been revived with the first 4th edition course held in October. We will continue collaborating with the military to create a best practice major incident training course.



## Paediatric courses 7th edition

Following the successful launch of the 7th edition Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) course last year, efforts have been ongoing to update the Paediatric Life Support (PLS) course and the APLS Recertification course to align with the updates in APLS. Successful pilots have been held for both courses. We have received with candidates increasing their confidence in dealing with paediatric emergencies. APLS Recert is available from January 2025 and PLS will launch in the UK from Spring 2025 with international centres adopting the new programme soon afterwards.

Faculty: PLS 7e pilot course programme		
Time	Session	Faculty
08:00-08:30	Faculty meeting	
08:30-08:45	Welcome presentation	
08:45-09:25	Recognition of deteriorating child presentation: focusing on ABCDE assessment	
09:25-09:45	ABCDE assessment: simulation demo Learning Partner question: Using the ABCDE structure, discuss all the elements of the ABCDE assessment that you need to include to make sure that you do a thorough assessment in your simulations.	
09:45-10:00	Tea/coffee break	
10:00-11:00	Skill stations – stages 3/3 and 4	
	Group A: Faculty group 1	
	Group B: Faculty group 2	
	Group C: Faculty group 3	
	Group D: Faculty group 4	
	10:00-10:30	10:30-10:50
	Group A: Airway inc. tracheostomy (LMA optional)	10 station (demo/discussion 'have a go')
	Group B: Airway inc. tracheostomy (LMA optional)	10 station (demo/discussion 'have a go')
	Group C: Airway inc. tracheostomy (LMA optional)	10 station (demo/discussion 'have a go')
	Group D: Airway inc. tracheostomy (LMA optional)	10 station (demo/discussion 'have a go')
10:50-11:00	Comfort break and set up rooms for simulations	
	Airway / BLS simulations – 3 x 20 minutes – candidates work in pairs	
	Group A: Faculty 2	

## Paperless courses

In an effort to be a sustainable organisation, the ongoing development to reduce our paper consumption continues, as we transition into using an online method of submitting results on face-to-face courses for the updated editions of GIC 4e and APEx 2e.

APLS 7e and mMOET 4e are in the final stages of being tested on courses at ALSG, and will be following suit in the coming months. Already in place for submitting results online are MIMMS OSPEs and an online audit system for Emergency Triage and Telephone Triage, based on the same framework.



## Reminder

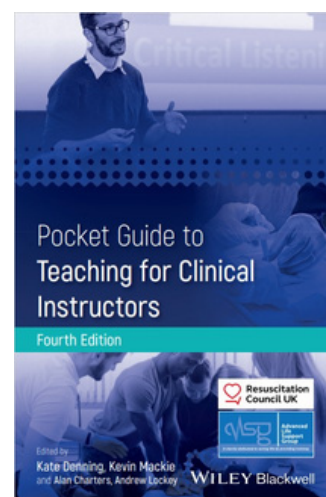
Please ensure you always check the [ALSG website](https://www.alsg.org.uk) for the most up-to-date documents, and download them immediately before you organise or teach on a course.



## New arrival in January - GIC 4th edition launches

After an immense amount of work by ALSG and our Resuscitation Council UK (RCUK) colleagues, we are excited to announce that the 4th edition GIC will launch in January 2025. This edition includes a new pocket guide and a comprehensive set of course materials and programme, featuring several significant updates. The pilot courses were successfully conducted at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital in September, and ALSG in Manchester in October. Both courses received positive feedback to support our newly recommended instructors as they progress in their instructor journey.

To support the smooth transition to 4e, ALSG and RCUK are jointly holding a number of webinars in December for instructors and centres on the changes to the book, course and programme.



[\*\*Buy it here\*\*](#)

If any provider course instructors are interested in the latest edition of the blue book in order to update yourself in supporting ICs, you can purchase one online by clicking the link above. Alternatively, if you're considering becoming a GIC instructor, now is a great time to do so, and you will receive a free copy. If you have taught on a minimum of four provider courses, you are eligible to become an instructor candidate on the GIC. All prospective GIC instructor candidates (ICs) should apply to the responsible organisation with their current provider course instructor certificate. We always welcome new instructors and this also counts towards your teaching credits.

We will be running a webinar in the new year for our provider course instructors and directors which will include information on the new course and how to facilitate ICs who have attended a 3e or 4e GIC. Further details will be sent out shortly.

## Meet our new educators

We mentioned in our summer newsletter that due to the increase in GICs, we started the recruitment process in partnership with the Resuscitation Council UK (RCUK), for new Educators to join the team. We are delighted to share that Sharon Kilkie, Suzanne Moffat and Remy Toko have all started the induction process. We look forward to seeing them on GICs in 2025.



Sharon Kilkie

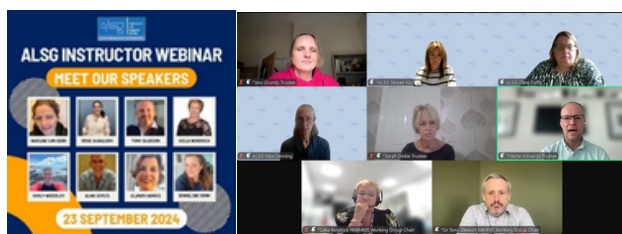


Suzanne Moffat

We also sadly, said goodbye to two of our long-standing educators, Pat Conaghan and Barry Smith who are stepping down at the end of 2024. We are grateful for many years of their leadership on GICs across the UK and overseas. Both will be missed, and we wish them both a very happy retirement from the GIC.

## Instructor webinar

September saw our first instructor webinar, featuring four hour-long sessions on various topics such as debriefing, equality, diversity and inclusion, coaching and supporting and general ALSG updates. The response from delegates was overwhelmingly positive, with many participants finding valuable insights, especially from the experiences shared by two of our speakers on neurodivergence. The biennial online format for the ALSG update was also very well received.



## Hidden Disabilities Sunflower



We recognise that disabilities aren't always visible, and we're committed to supporting everyone. We're proud to participate in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower scheme, becoming a Sunflower-friendly site. This global initiative helps individuals with non-visible disabilities, offering them the recognition and support they deserve. By joining the Sunflower network, we aim to create a more inclusive and understanding environment for all.

## Coming up in 2025 ...

### ALSG returns to RCPCH 2025



We are delighted to announce our return to participating in the RCPCH conference being held in Glasgow from 26-28 March 2025. Throughout the three days, mini training sessions will be on offer for all conference delegates on three of our courses: Acute Psychiatric Emergencies for Children and Young People (APEX CYP); Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) and Child Protection Recognition and Response (CPRR).

### ALSG Conference 2025

Our face-to-face conference date has been announced - **24th September 2025**. Booking is now open so look out for programme updates on social media and in the summer newsletter. Book your place here: [bit.ly/ALSGCONF25](https://bit.ly/ALSGCONF25)

### APEX 2e and APEX CYP

Our Acute Psychiatric Emergencies (APEX) course will be piloting its second edition in Spring 2025. Additionally, we are excited to be expanding our acute psychiatry course family with the introduction of APEX CYP. The course is designed to enhance clinicians' skills in supporting children and young people with psychosocial emergencies in the ED, pre-hospital and ward based settings. This new course is supported by colleagues from the RCPCH, RCEM and RCPSYCH and is expected to be available late 2025.



### Mike Davis Bursary

As always, supporting newly recommended instructors is one of our priorities, and so the Mike Davis Bursary award which provides a funded GIC place at ALSG Manchester, will be available again next year. Invitations will be sent out shortly for 2025 applications.

**Wishing you all a very happy and healthy festive season.  
Stay in touch and follow us on social media for updates.**

