

Dear

**National Ankylosing Spondylitis Society
Parliamentary Reception
Monday 3 December 2018**

I would like to invite you to the National Ankylosing Spondylitis Society (NASS) Parliamentary reception, which is being hosted by Pauline Latham MP on Monday 3 December from 4pm to 6pm in the Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons. **My address is xxxxxx.**

Axial spondyloarthritis (axial SpA) including ankylosing spondylitis (AS) is a painful, progressive form of inflammatory arthritis that affects people for life and for which there is no cure. The spine is most commonly affected but other joints, tendons and ligaments can also be affected. Symptoms, which include pain, stiffness and fatigue, usually start in late teens and early twenties, but the current delay in diagnosis stands at 8.5 years.

I have been living with AS for xx years and have been a keen supporter of NASS / have been a member for xx years. As one of your constituents, I would very much appreciate it if you were able to go along and learn more about AS and support the event.

Every Patient, Every Time
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Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons

This year NASS will be announcing some special plans that they are putting in place to ensure that every patient, every time, gets the care and support that they need.

They will also be honouring excellence among health care professionals with the second NASS Patients' Choice Awards, as voted for by NASS members.

If you are able to attend the reception, then please RSVP to Jill Hamilton on jill@nass.co.uk.