NASS 50th anniversary conference

14 November 2026 • 9.30am to 4.00pm

Mercian Suite, Birmingham Conference and Events Centre, Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4EW

Time	Session	Room
09.30 to 10.00	Tea, coffee, registration & exhibition	
10.00	**Welcome** *Hannah Bruce, Chair & Dr Dale Webb, CEO*	Main room
10.05	**50 Years of NASS & Axial SpA** *Dr Richard Jacoby, founder member and former trustee* *Barbara Foster NASS Derby & former trustee* *Paul Curry, current trustee*	
10.25	**Axial SpA in 2026** *Dr Lesley Kay, National Clinical Director for musculoskeletal conditions, NHS England & Clinical co-lead for rheumatology, Getting It Right First Time programme, current trustee* *Karl Gaffney, British Society for Spondyloarthritis (BRITSpA) Chair* *Will Gregory, Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust*	*Main room*
11.15	***Break & exhibition***	
11.45	**People whose axial SpA is difficult to manage** *Professor Helena Marzo Ortega,* *Dr Dale Webb, NASS CEO* Alongside this there will be a friends and family session in a break out room	Main room Breakout room
13.00	***Lunch & exhibition***	Foyer
14.00	**Raffle results followed by a Post Lunch Pick Me Up** *Jamie Boder, Yoga for AS*	Main room

14.30	**Genomics and polygenic risk score** *Professor Matthew Brown, King's College*	Main room
15.10	**Panel discussion – The future of axial SpA** *Amy Cole, Lived Experience Expert* *Dr Jane Freeston, NASS Trustee* *Professor Raj Sengupta* *Professor Pedro Machado*	Main room
15.50	**Closing remarks** *Hannah Bruce & Dale Webb, co-chairs*	Main room
16.00	End	