



Registered charity no. 266071

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

of the

Paget's Association

(also known as The National Association for the Relief of Paget's Disease)

will take place on

Thursday 25 September 2025

at **10.00 am**

and will be held at

**Bailbrook House, Eveleigh Avenue,
London Road W, Bath, BA1 7JD**

A message from our Chair

We hope as many members as possible will join us at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Paget's Association. This will be followed by the Paget's Information Event. If you would like to attend either or both of these events, please book your place in advance.

To book please email
membership@paget.org.uk
or telephone **0161 799 4646**.

Professor Stuart Ralston
Chair, Paget's Association

Use your vote

Members of the Paget's Association are entitled to vote at the AGM. If you are unable to attend in person, you can attend virtually using Zoom (contact us for the link) or vote on the resolutions on our website or by using the form on page 8. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Unless you are attending in person or virtually, your online or postal form must be received by 12 noon (BST) on 11 September 2025



Annual General Meeting 2025

Agenda

- Item 1. Welcome: Professor Stuart Ralston
- Item 2. Minutes of the AGM held in Middlesbrough on 19 September 2024
- Item 3. Approval of the Accounts, year ending 31st Dec 2024
- Item 4. Reappointment of Beever & Struthers as independent financial examiners
- Item 5. Election of trustees
- Item 6. Review of activities in 2024 and the current year so far:
Diana Wilkinson
- Item 7. Forward planning: Professor Stuart Ralston

Use your vote

All members of the Paget's Association are entitled to vote at our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Non-members are welcome to attend but cannot vote. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact our office by email membership@paget.org.uk or telephone **0161 799 4646**.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can still have your say by voting online via our website or by completing the form on page 8. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Vote by post

To vote by post, please use the form on page 8 and post it to the address at the bottom of the form. Please post your voting form in good time. We must receive it by 12 noon (BST) on 11 September 2025.

Alternatively, scan and email your form to:
membership@paget.org.uk



Vote on the Paget's Association's website

You can vote online via the Paget's Association's website. Please vote by 12 noon (BST) on 11 September 2025.

www.paget.org.uk



Vote in person

You can vote in person by attending the AGM. To book your place, please contact us.

Attend virtually

If you are unable to attend in person but would like to attend virtually, please email membership@paget.org.uk to request a meeting link (Zoom will be used for this).

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

of The Paget's Association held at
The Leonardo Hotel, Fry Street, Middlesbrough
on 19 September 2024, at 10:00 am

Attendees in person: 6 trustees/ members; 5 members; 2 employees

Attendees virtual: 1 trustee

Apologies: 4 trustees

Minutes taken by: Diana Wilkinson

Welcome

Professor Stuart Ralston, Chair of the Paget's Association (also known as the National Association for the Relief of Paget's Disease), welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). He reminded the audience that only members could vote and if anyone had already voted postally or electronically, they should not vote again.

Item 1: Annual General Meeting 2023

Resolution: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Moat House, Stafford, on 27 October 2023 be approved.

- Professor Ralston proposed that the resolution be accepted.

Member votes	For	Against	Abstain
Present (in person or virtually)	10	0	0
Proxy (postal or electronic votes)	8	0	0

Item 2: Presentation of the Report and Accounts from the last financial year: 2023

Professor Ralston provided an overview of the Association's accounts for the year ending December 2023 and compared the

annual income with that of 2022. He noted a decline in income from donations and legacies in 2023 and reflected on the fluctuations in legacy income over the past 17 years. He explained that the Association had been actively working to reduce costs, resulting in overall expenditure being lower in 2023 compared to 2022. Professor Ralston reported that the charity's remaining funds at the end of 2023 were lower than the previous year, expressing concern over the challenging financial outlook. He reassured members that the trustees were proactively taking steps to address this.

Resolution: That the annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 be accepted.

- Professor Ralston proposed that the Report and Accounts be accepted.

Member votes	For	Against	Abstain
Present (in person or virtually)	11	0	0
Proxy (postal or electronic votes)	8	0	0

Item 3: Re-appointment of Beever and Struthers as the Association's financial independent examiners

Resolution: That Beever and Struthers be re-appointed as external Financial Examiners of the Association.

- Professor Ralston proposed that the resolution be accepted.

Member votes	For	Against	Abstain
Present (in person or virtually)	11	0	0
Proxy (postal or electronic votes)	8	0	0

Item 4: New constitution

Professor Ralston explained that the Paget's Association was in the process of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), therefore, a new constitution had been written. He explained that becoming a CIO had advantages both for the Association and the trustees.

Resolution: That the new constitution of The Paget's Association be accepted.

- Professor Ralston proposed that the resolution be accepted.

Member votes	For	Against	Abstain
Present (in person or virtually)	11	0	0
Proxy (postal or electronic votes)	8	0	0

Item 5: Trustee appointments

Professor Ralston informed members that Trustee Mr Mark Wilkinson, had completed his three-year term of office and was standing for re-election.



Resolution: Re-appointment of Mr Mark Wilkinson as a trustee for a further 3 years.

- Professor Ralston proposed that the resolution be accepted.

Member votes	For	Against	Abstain
Present (in person or virtually)	11	0	0
Proxy (postal or electronic votes)	8	0	0

Item 6: A review of the activities in 2023 and 2024

Specialist Nurse and Director of Educational Resources, Mrs Diana Wilkinson, gave a review of activities undertaken by the Association in 2023. These included:

- activities for the annual Paget's Awareness Day (11 January 2023), which focused on personal stories and celebrated fifty years of the Paget's Association

- two in-person Paget's information events, held in Salford and Stafford, for those affected by Paget's disease and their families
- an international Paget's symposium in Salford, bringing together researchers, clinicians, and students
- award of four new Centres of Excellence
- funding of two new research projects and an educational award
- closure of the Association's Salford office, with staff transitioning to working from home
- launch of a new website in December 2023
- continuation of the Association's information and support services
- steps were taken toward converting the charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Mrs Wilkinson provided a summary of the activities undertaken so far in 2024. These included:

- activities for the 2024 Paget's Awareness Day, which focused on Paget's research
- two Paget's information events, held in Cambridge and Middlesbrough, for individuals affected by Paget's disease and their families
- designation of a new Centre of Excellence in Bath
- continued progress towards converting the charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- ongoing provision of a wide range of information and support services.

Item 7: Forward planning for 2025 and beyond

Professor Ralston explained that the 2025 Paget's Awareness Day would focus on early diagnosis, the Association's magazine would continue to be produced, and he anticipated there being Paget's information events in the Leicester and Bath areas.

Item 8: Questions and any other business

No questions were raised and no other business was discussed.

National Association for the Relief of Paget's Disease

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from		
Donations and legacies	40,517	50,751
Other trading activities	20,392	39,272
Investment income	6,393	18,236
Total income	67,302	108,259
Expenditure on		
Raising funds	39,753	73,750
Charitable activities	130,284	154,650
Total expenditure	170,037	228,400
Losses/(gains) on investment assets	(25,585)	(13,414)
Net expenditure	(77,150)	(106,727)
Net movement in funds	(77,150)	(106,727)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	660,439	767,166
Total funds carried forward	583,289	660,439

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets		
Intangible assets	29,170	41,526
Tangible assets	1,203	1,416
Investments	602,517	674,921
	632,890	717,863
Current Assets		
Debtors	23,628	80,403
Cash at bank and in hand	56,216	48,273
	79,844	129,676
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(129,445)	(186,100)
Net current (liabilities)/assets	(49,601)	(57,424)
Net Assets	583,289	660,439
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted income funds		
Unrestricted funds	583,289	660,439
Total Funds	583,289	660,439

The full Report and Accounts document is available from the Paget's Association's office and on our website.

Trusteeship

Trustees are at the heart of the Paget's Association, providing leadership, setting strategic direction, and ensuring strong governance. They play a vital role in making sure the charity remains legally compliant and true to its aims, while making thoughtful decisions that benefit those affected by Paget's disease and the wider community.

Our trustees bring a rich mix of experience, insight and dedication to their roles. With varied backgrounds, each trustee offers a unique perspective that helps shape the charity's future. A diverse and knowledgeable Board of Trustees leads to more effective decision-making and ensures the Association remains responsive to the needs of the people it serves.

Trustees are expected to always act in the best interests of the charity, manage its resources wisely and uphold the Association's reputation. This calls for sound judgment, integrity and the confidence to ask questions and challenge assumptions where needed. Although the role is voluntary and unpaid, it brings valuable opportunities for personal development and learning.

Above all, trusteeship is about creating impact. By giving their time, skills and energy, our trustees help drive forward the work of the Paget's Association, supporting those living with Paget's disease, advancing understanding through research, raising awareness and ensuring a strong and sustainable future for the charity.

Statements of those standing to be elected as a trustee

Dr Stephen Tuck seeks your vote to rejoin as a trustee. Trustees may serve up to ten years before stepping down from the Board. Dr Tuck has previously completed a decade of service, concluding in 2021, and now wishes to resume his role on the Board.

Dr Stephen Tuck

I am standing for election this year to join the Board of Trustees. I am a Consultant Rheumatologist in Middlesbrough and Honorary Lecturer at Newcastle University. I am also Director of the Metabolic Bone Unit at the James Cook University Hospital, which is recognised as a Centre of Excellence for Paget's disease and I see many patients with the condition in clinic. I previously served as a trustee from 2011 to 2022. I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Board and would really love to make a return.

During my time as a trustee, I became Vice-Chairman of the Paget's Association, as well as working on the finance and research committees. I was Chair of the writing group for the UK and European Guidelines on Paget's disease, which were published in 2019. I am actively involved in research into Paget's, including the national "Pain in Paget's Study", my work on patterns of referral of Paget's patients and also the effects of Paget's disease on the immune system. The latter is providing some useful and unexpected findings which may provide insights into why Paget's is becoming less common. I always enjoy working with the Paget's Association and believe passionately in its importance in supporting patients, raising awareness and research.



Statements of those standing to be re-elected as a trustee

Our trustees are elected for a term of three years, after which they may stand for re-election. Here, you'll find details about the trustees seeking your vote for re-election. Professor Rob Layfield has served for nine years, making his re-election term one year, extending his dedicated service to a decade, the maximum allowable term under the Association's constitution.

Professor Rob Layfield – Vice-Chair

Re-elect for 1 year

I am currently a trustee of the Paget's Association, Vice-Chair of the Association and Chair of the Research Subcommittee. I have enjoyed being a member of the Paget's 'family' since I started a research programme in the area 20 years ago and hope to continue to do so. During times of uncertainty, I hope I can offer continuity and stability to the Association so that we remain able to support people for years to come.



Mrs Eve Berry

Re-elect for 3 years

I have found being a trustee very interesting since joining and am always amazed at the high impact service, expertise and professionalism the charity is achieving each year in its output. I have welcomed the openness and collaborative spirit of working with the staff and trustees. I have appreciated the positive feedback received over the last few years, acknowledging the focus that we brought collectively to trustee meetings in relation to financial aspects. As an accountant, I've particularly enjoyed contributing to discussions on financial sustainability, as part of planning how the charity can continue to deliver on its objectives. I believe my input has helped support informed and effective decision-making. I welcome the opportunity to continue this in a second term as a trustee of the Paget's Association.



Dr Sheelagh Farrow

Re-elect for 3 years

I am currently Chair the Digital Communication and Marketing Sub-Committee within the charity. I have enjoyed the role of trustee greatly and seek re-election again this year.

Having had an academic career in bone and calcium research at University College London, I became Managing Director of a private company specialising in developing medical education programmes for physicians including live events and large online learning platforms.

If re-elected, I hope to be able to continue to bring my experience of medical education and digital learning / marketing to improve outcomes for people with Paget's disease.



Dr Faiz Rahman

Re-elect for 3 years

Time has flown by, and I've enjoyed working with the Association. It's been rewarding to be part of an organisation that has supported so much important research into the disease. Seeing firsthand the impact of patient information events has been especially meaningful.

I hope my insight as a clinician running a metabolic bone clinic has been helpful in some way. I hope to take on a more active role in raising awareness among underrepresented ethnic groups – a topic we discussed at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees. I've also really valued the company of my fellow trustees and have learned a great deal from their diverse experiences.



AGM proxy voting form

If you are unable to attend in person or virtually, you can vote on the resolutions on our website or by using this proxy voting form.

Please cast your vote for the resolutions and initial any alterations.

Paget's Association's member details

I am unable to attend the AGM in person and therefore appoint the Chair of the meeting as my proxy to enter my vote on the resolutions as indicated below.

Full name.....

Address

..... Postcode

Telephone no. Email address

Number	Resolution	For	Against	Abstain
1	Annual General Meeting 2024 That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Middlesbrough on Thursday 19 September 2024 be approved			
2	Annual Report and Accounts 2024 That the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 be accepted			
3	Independent Financial Examiners That Beever & Struthers be re-appointed as external Financial Examiners of the Association			
	Trustee appointments			
4	Dr Stephen Tuck Appointment for 3 years			
5	Prof Rob Layfield Re-appointment for a further 1 year			
6	Mrs Eve Berry Re-appointment for a further 3 years			
7	Dr Sheelagh Farrow Re-appointment for a further 3 years			
8	Dr Faiz Rahman Re-appointment for a further 3 years			

Signature Date

Returning your voting form

Your voting form must be received by 12 noon (BST) on 11 September 2025

Please ensure the form is signed and dated, then return either by post to:

Paget's Association, Jactin House, 24 Hood Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 6WX,

or scan and email to membership@paget.org.uk