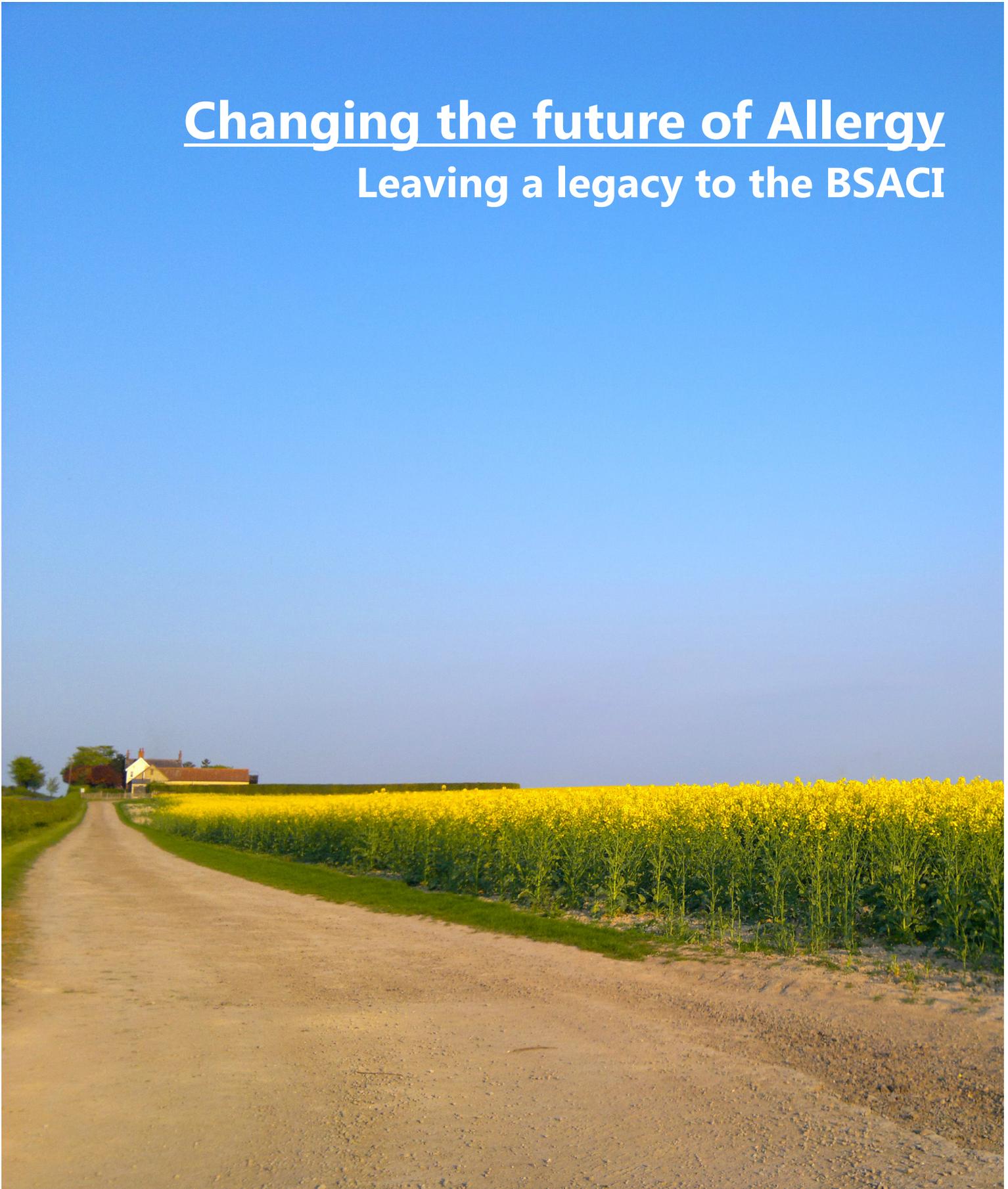


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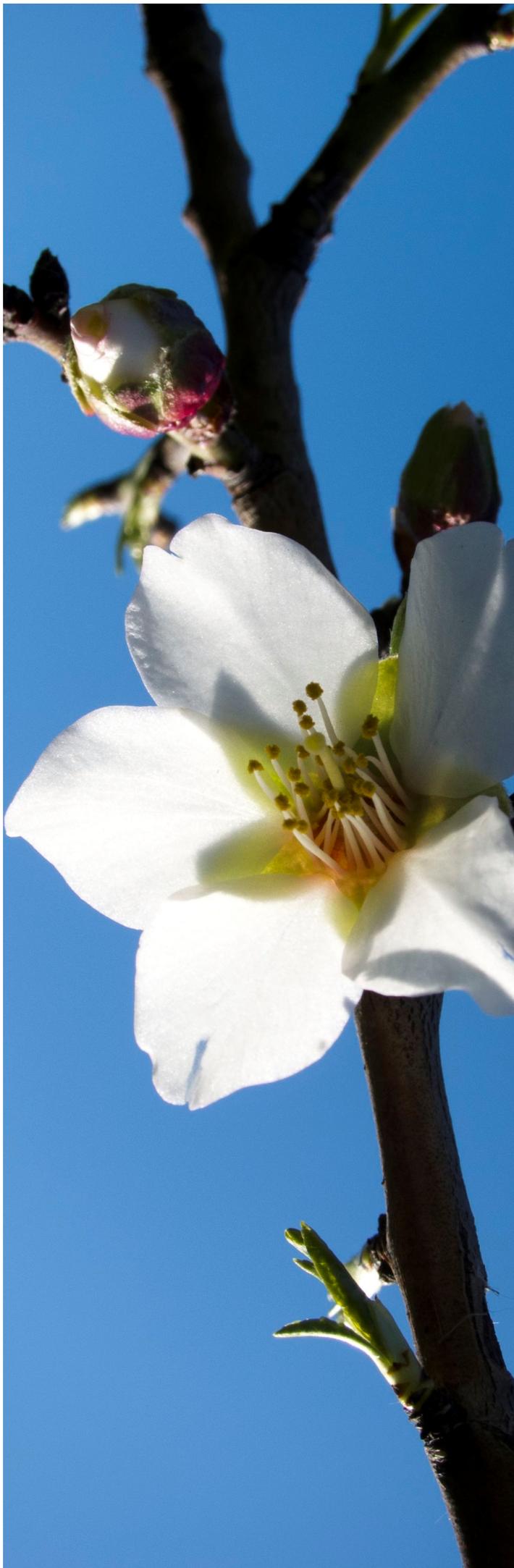
Changing the future of Allergy
Leaving a legacy to the BSACI



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Why you should consider leaving a legacy to the BSACI

In recent years the BSACI has grown, both in numbers and in its activities, including education and training programmes, guideline development and patient information leaflets. The annual meeting has seen a surge in delegates. The Society must continue to meet the needs of its members, as well as ensure that those who manage the majority of allergy patients are well equipped to do so.

In order to achieve our aim of improving allergy care we have built a solid infrastructure and now have a team of four working at our newly acquired London office. The Communications Committee have recently redesigned the website www.bsaci.org to include new features and provide a continuous source of up-to-date information.

Ideas generated from a members' survey helped us focus on the more important issues the speciality faces in the future at our recent strategy meeting. We have much to do to safeguard the quality of specialist allergy services across the UK.

Training and Education - It is the BSACI objective to advance and encourage the study of allergy at all levels. We achieve this through regional interactive workshops for allergy, immunology and paediatric allergy trainees. We provide educational bursaries for members to run regional meetings for primary care health workers. It is vital these frontline services are equipped with a working knowledge of allergy in order to make an allergy diagnosis and to know when to refer appropriately.

Guidelines - The BSACI guidelines are widely available via the website and are known and respected worldwide. To achieve and maintain top standards so that bodies such as NICE will utilize them is expensive, but worthwhile.

BSACI Annual Meeting - As attendance for the BSACI annual meeting continues to grow, so do abstract submissions! Plans are in place to move to a bigger venue allowing us more opportunity to develop this meeting and attract more delegates from overseas.

Research - BSACI research priorities are focussed towards prevention, treatment and improved service delivery for allergic disease. BSACI facilitates communication between researchers, both in scientific meetings and through our journal *Clinical & Experimental Allergy*. We encourage research locally via the BSACI annual meeting where each abstract presented is considered for publication in *Clinical & Experimental Allergy* and internationally through our Travel fellowship scheme. We collaborate with other organisations, such as Asthma UK, to access funding opportunities for projects, grants and fellowships.

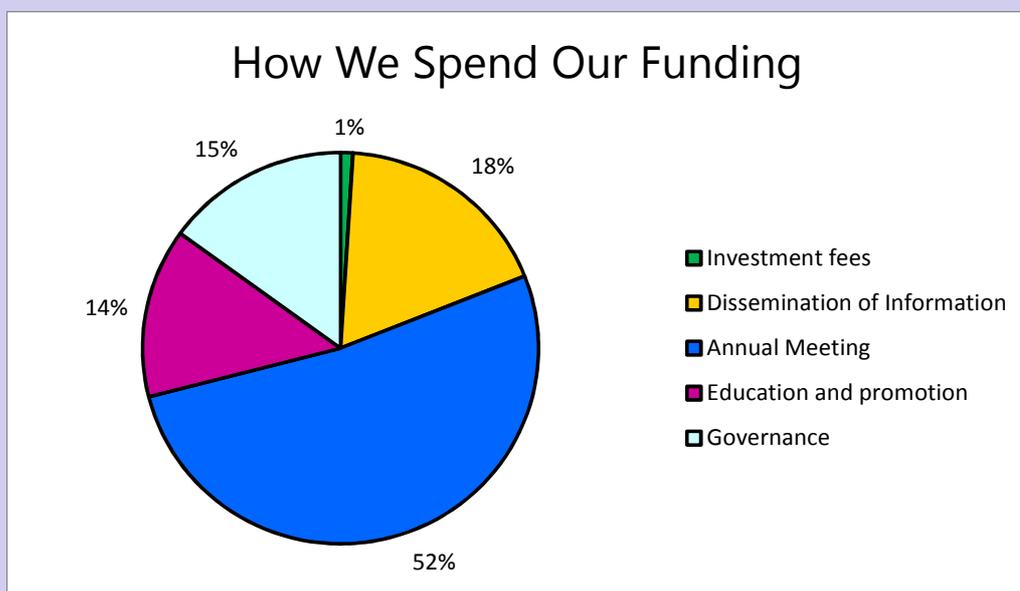
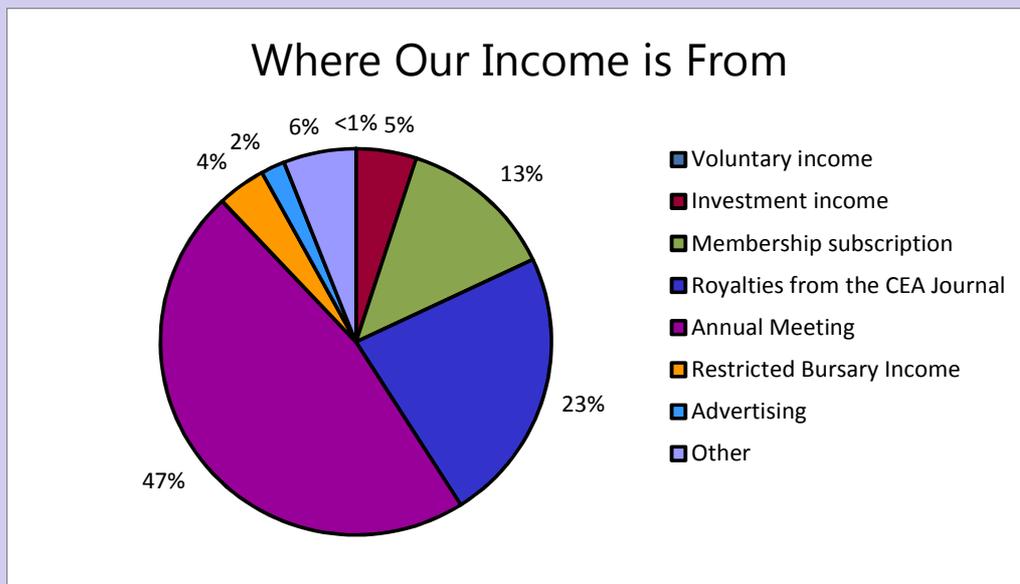
Commissioning/Allergy Services - BSACI must convince Commissioners of the importance of having specialist allergy services and have submitted a first draft of an Interim Allergy Scoping Document to the NHS Commissioning Board on the need for Specialist Allergy Services. We are planning to work closely with other groups and stakeholders to ensure we put together a strong, coherent case for allergy.

BSACI Strategy—Looking Ahead

Allergy is a small specialty, as is Clinical Immunology and both are vulnerable in times of NHS shortfall. It is up to us to convince payers that our activities are not only necessary, but cost-effective in producing a healthy, functioning society. As new commissioning arrangements evolve the BSACI will strive to be very active in supporting its members. At the recent strategy meeting we agreed on the need for quality standards, and for NICE-compliant guidelines. There is currently a drive for clinic registration, which will become an accreditation process.

We discussed how the Society could maximise the impact of BSACI guidelines and produce Standard Operating Procedures for skin prick testing, food challenge and other routine procedures. We need to develop relationships with other professional and lay organisations, to capture the interest of health professionals in training and, at the same time, continue to develop as a multi-professional, multi-disciplinary society. The BSACI website was reviewed as a vital resource base for both members, non-members (with an interest in allergy) and patients.

Funding for our present activities comes largely from subscriptions, the journal and the Annual Meeting. Generous support for the latter has been obtained from pharmaceutical companies with an allergy portfolio, but this is unlikely to be a reliable future source, nor is the journal which might evolve to an e-publication. In order to safeguard our future we need a solid independent financial base, which is the reason behind this appeal.





The Type of Legacy You Might Leave

Writing your will or amending your existing will via a codicil is a complex legal process and the BSACI recommends that you contact your solicitor.

There are three main types of legacy:

- Pecuniary
- Residuary
- Specific

Pecuniary legacies are monetary gifts of a specific amount. These are subject to inflation and therefore depreciate in value over time, so you may want to review your pecuniary legacies with your solicitor from time to time.

Specific legacies are gifts of property, such as jewellery or paintings, made out to an individual or organisation.

Residuary legacies are gifts of all, or a percentage of, your remaining estate once all other claims upon it have been satisfied. Residuary legacies remain unaffected by inflation and so allow you to maximise your generosity.