



British Society for Allergy & Clinical Immunology (BSACI)

2024-2027 Strategy

About BSACI

Our mission

The British Society for Allergy & Clinical Immunology (BSACI) is the national, professional and academic society which represents the specialty of allergy at all levels. Our aim is to improve the management of allergies and related diseases of the immune system in the United Kingdom, through education, training and research.

Our Values

Trusted



As professionals and practitioners

We demonstrate integrity and independence in our work

As experts

We are qualified to provide expert opinions, and we make decisions based on scientific evidence for the benefit of our patients

As colleagues

We offer a safe, supportive environment for members to share challenges and learn from each other

Connected



We provide an interface between professions, disciplines and special interest groups in the field of allergy and clinical immunology

We are an inclusive, responsive society for our members

We ensure that our work is informed by current research and new thinking in our field

We connect with others to increase our impact and influence to bring about change

Forward Thinking



We provide leadership and we advocate for change to improve patient care at national, regional and local levels for our specialty

We inspire, develop and implement best practice in our fields of work

We provide specialist education and learning opportunities to support our members' professional development

We drive improvements in clinical management through education, training and research and by collaboration with patient groups, policy makers and other stakeholders

Our strategic aims focus on the four key priority areas:

Research

To promote research so that we move towards effective prevention of allergic diseases and the development of curative therapies

We will achieve this by disseminating key scientific advances, via the development of policy, guidelines, educational activities, and the promotion of research training opportunities.

Services

To work to improve access to allergy services in the United Kingdom

We will bring together a wide range of stakeholders to promote allergy care for all ages, from childhood through transition to adult care, to be delivered in an integrated manner across the whole healthcare and social sectors.

Education and Training

To develop a high-quality allergy education strategy for health and care professionals

High quality allergy education for health and care professionals is central to equitable and effective patient and family care in the UK. Accordingly, we will prioritise allergy education to ensure that the current and future workforce have the right skills to meet the needs of local populations.

Workforce

To support the development and expansion of an appropriately skilled allergy and immunology workforce

To meet the challenge of rising clinical demand for allergy services, we will work with a broad range of partners to meet the workforce challenges.

Science and Research

There is major unmet need in allergy care. BSACI will support research so that we can move towards effective prevention of allergic diseases and develop curative therapies. BSACI will do this through the dissemination of key scientific advances via the development of its policies, guidelines, educational activities and the promotion of research training opportunities

Strategic Priorities

What we will do...

Alignment of Research Priorities

Lobby through the National Allergy Strategy Group (NASG) to ensure that research is prioritised in the National Allergy Strategy Plan

Promotion of Allergy Research

Set up an Allergy Research Network by creating a forum for researchers to share resources, link centres and encourage the delivery of large studies. To provide a forum for the promotion of research funding opportunities

Build on partnerships arising from the BSACI Global Symposia, to develop

global position papers and guidelines
where there is a need

Work with the editors of the Journal
to promote key research developments
published in Clinical and Experimental
Allergy

Increase representation of mechanistic
research at BSACI events

Ensure increased integration of
clinical immunology at BSACI events

Strengthening of Allergy- Immunology Research

Align and collaborate with the
British Society for Immunology (BSI)
to strengthen immunology research
relevant to allergic diseases

Share knowledge and increase
expertise by investigating the benefits
of an affiliated membership scheme
with other organisations

Engage with BSI Clinical Immunology
Professional Network (CIPN) in the
development of sessions at BSACI
and BSI conferences

Increase cross-speciality engagement
within the Society

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What we will do...

Improvement of transition pathways for allergic adolescents and young adults

Develop pragmatic pathways and allergy-specific transition documentation for use by healthcare teams. This will provide better, young people- specific care and support childhood-adulthood healthcare transition

Map out transition-friendly adult and children's services in the UK to allow healthcare teams to easily identify suitable allergy and/or other services in the location where their young people need future care

Integrate education and training on healthcare transition to embed allergy

transition care as business as usual in everyone's clinics

Develop/refine national standards for transition care (paediatric and adult allergy services) to cement the requirement for excellent allergy transition and developmentally appropriate care in children's as well as adult services and provide audit criteria

Agree criteria for evaluation and audit to inform future improvements to any of the documentation/pathways

Improvement in the quality of allergy services for adults by upskilling medical workforce to meet growing demands

Set up a working group to write competencies document and undertake the development of an adult SPIN training programme

Work with College Specialty Advisory Committees (CSACs) who supervise the development and delivery of subspecialty training and Improving Quality of Allergy Services (IQAS) to put a proposal forward on SPIN for adults

Services

Future exploration of opportunities for embedding allergy SPIN in all clinical services and to include transition

Work with SPIN Working Group for Adults and Paediatrics to engage with ICBs and other system leaders to ensure that Allergy SPIN is incorporated in all clinical services

Promotion of Allergy Service Models of Care

Set up an 'Allergy Service Models of Care' Network

To create a forum for service leads to share resources, link data and share Models of Care to support different pathways in the delivery of allergy care

**"BSACI's plan aligns
with the National
Allergy Strategy,
paving the way
towards transforming
how we deliver and
improve allergy care
for patients."**

Robin Gore, BSACI President

Education & Training

High quality allergy education for health and care professionals is central to equitable and effective patient and family care in the UK. Accordingly, a BSACI strategy to optimise allergy education is a priority to ensure that the current and future workforce have the right skills to meet the needs of local populations

Strategic Priorities

What we will do...

Creation of a strategic road map for the allergy education strategy

In partnership with BSACI Allergy Education Network, we will agree deliverables, milestones and relevant success factors. Having a more joined up approach to allergy education by bringing together those within the society who lead on aspects of training and education to create alignment on activities

Establishment of a route for communication and a forum for sharing learnings across BSACI educational activities

Create a more joined up approach to allergy education by bringing together those within the society who lead on aspects of training and education to create alignment on activities

Exploration of opportunities for embedding allergy education in clinical services

Work with the National Allergy Strategy Group to engage with ICBs and other system leaders so that education in allergy can be seen as 'core business' in clinical services

Promotion of BSACI education strategy through partnership building with external organisations

Actively seek to build relationships with those organisations where allergy education would be of huge benefit

Develop collaborations via conferences, training events and other avenues so that allergy education is showcased widely

Workforce

An appropriately skilled allergy and immunology workforce is critical for meeting the current demand for patient care. Our colleagues are under more pressure than ever to deliver high quality care to patients and to accommodate advances in treatments and diagnostics. The strategy will be inclusive and innovative in its approach to meeting the growing workforce demands

Strategic Priorities

What we will do...

Publication and promotion of updated competencies for nurses and AHPs

Publish and promote nursing competencies to ensure they are widely accessible through a wide range of distribution channels

Work with a broad range of stakeholders to support AHP groups working on immunology and allergy competency documents, including pharmacists and dieticians

Represent allergy on the BSI-CIPN Steering Committee to create alignment between the organisations and bring together expertise to grow

and develop the specialty of allergy/immunology

Look at scoping out other roles to increase workforce

Support for trainees in allergy and immunology

Establish a more joined up training programme for allergy/immunology training, by continuing to work in partnership with BSI-CIPN on the development and delivery of one single training pathway for allergy and clinical immunology trainees

Support for job planning

Support the wider allergy workforce in job planning through the development of a central resource hub of job descriptions

Strengthening our links with clinical immunology and other disciplines to ensure workforce needs are met and align

Link more closely with Clinical Immunology & organ-based disciplines by exploring affiliated memberships with other societies

Shape allergy in primary care through the support of BSACI members and by promoting the GP with Extended Role in allergy accreditation scheme

Engagement with other disciplines to build a larger workforce to meet the growing demand for allergy care

Develop a membership strategy to boost retention of existing members and drive new memberships growth of new members from a wide range of disciplines

Build on current collaborations with other disciplines by developing co-badged sessions at conferences to promote the management of allergy

Help shape the allergy workforce in primary care through support for the GP with Extended Role in allergy accreditation scheme



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