Moving from Strategy to Action

Six Months On: Progress Since the Launch of the National Allergy Strategy

Since the National Allergy Strategy launched in April 2026, NASG has focused on turning its ambitions into action by developing relationships with government departments, political decision makers, and other key stakeholders across all four nations.

Six months on, this engagement is beginning to translate into tangible progress.

England: Building on Engagement

The National Allergy Strategy was launched at Westminster, attended by Government Ministers and stakeholders from across the allergy community.

Since then, NASG's engagement strategy has targeted Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of the House of Lords, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), NHS England, the Department for Education (DfE) and other national organisations to raise awareness of allergy as a significant public health issue and identify opportunities for change.

This has included:

- Securing Parliamentary Written Questions on the introduction of EURneffy (adrenaline nasal spray); legislation to allow community access to adrenaline; and wider availability of adrenaline auto-injectors in public places such as restaurants.
- Positive signal re. Owen's Law - from a meeting with Dame Angela Eagle DBE, Minister for Food Security and Rural Affairs.
- Support from Peers for proposed Health Bill amendments relating to allergy including:
- A named allergy lead in each ICB across England
- A clause on allergy provision/equity levels of care across England
- Amendment to data sharing and collaboration via Single Patient Record

NASG is also strengthening our influence across NHS and education leadership. Engagement with NHS England's Director of Integrated Workforce Strategy & Planning has provided an opportunity to shape thinking around future Neighbourhood Allergy Models and the workforce and leadership needed to deliver them. Through participation in the NHS England National Clinical Leadership Forum, NASG has brought the challenges facing allergy services, the workforce and patient outcomes directly into national clinical leadership discussions. Several senior leaders have also joined the

Expert Advisory Group on Allergy, strengthening our connections across NHS England, DHSC and public health leadership.

This growing influence is also translating into policy change. Collaboration between NASG, the Benedict Blythe Foundation and the Department for Education has contributed to changes in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act, introducing new expectations around allergy policies and guidance in schools.

Northern Ireland Impact Since Launch on June 1st

Significant progress has been achieved in Northern Ireland following a well-received Stormont launch event attended by over 150 stakeholders, including patients, families, clinicians, MLAs, civil servants, the Education Minister, Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland and the Education Authority.

Engagement across health, education and environmental policy

Meetings have already been held with MLAs from across the NI political spectrum, with Kate Nicholl MLA spearheading calls for improved allergy care in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

A Reforming Allergy Services workshop was hosted for the Northern Ireland Paediatric and Respiratory Allergy Network (NIPRAN) and Child Health Partnership Commissioners, bringing together clinicians from across multidisciplinary roles from all 5 Healthcare Trusts to discuss the future of allergy service provision in Northern Ireland. Discussions led to a meeting with the Northern Ireland Health Minister and agreement for a joint Department of Health and NIPRAN Task and Finish Group to consider future models of allergy care for children and young people with allergies. Dr. Caoimhe Glancy was invited to join the commissioner's Child Health Partnership Clinical Advisory Group for Allergy.

Work has also extended beyond healthcare, with Northern Ireland's Department of Education connecting with counterparts in England to share emerging approaches to allergy safety in schools. Four Written Questions have brought key issues - from emergency adrenaline access and school allergen management to healthcare plans and teacher training - onto the Northern Ireland Assembly's agenda. Engagement with DAERA has also highlighted the importance of allergy expertise in shaping future work on indoor air allergens and the Northern Ireland Clean Air Strategy.

Scotland – Progress Post-May elections

Following the Scottish Parliament election in May, all parliamentarians and senior civil servants received a copy of the National Allergy Strategy and an invitation to meet. Engagement has already been established with elected representatives and Scottish Government officials.

Progress to build upon includes:

Initial meetings with Scottish Allergy Network leads and several Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) have taken place.

MSP sponsorship secured for a future Scottish Parliament event.

Recognition from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care of the challenges experienced by people living with allergy and acknowledgement of the need to strengthen care pathways and person-centred support across Scotland.

Wales - Promising initial engagement

Following the Senedd election, all Members of the Senedd (MS) and senior civil servants received a copy of the National Allergy Strategy. Briefing papers for Ministers were translated into Welsh.

Activity to date includes:

Strong relationships have begun to establish with several Members of the Senedd (MS) from across political parties.

MS sponsorship secured for a future Senedd launch event.

Submission to the Welsh Government Health and Social Care Committee's Call for Evidence regarding future health priorities in Wales – highlighting the need for establishing an all-Wales commissioning model, rebuilding adult provision, creating a tertiary paediatric service, improving transitions and developing a sustainable multidisciplinary workforce.

Written parliamentary activity has also raised the issue of a Welsh equivalent of Benedict's Law, while discussions have begun with key education stakeholders on improving allergy safety in schools through whole-school allergy policies, staff training and emergency adrenaline access.

Initial engagement with the leads for an All-Wales Allergy Network regarding implementation of the Strategy in Wales.

Overall Impact Since Launch

- Engagement established with Ministers, parliamentarians, civil servants, NHS leaders, commissioners, educators and environmental policy teams across all four nations.

- Allergy issues raised through parliamentary and assembly activity in England, Northern Ireland and Wales.
- Connections with key influencers made in areas including children's services, school safety, workforce planning, policy development and future service improvement.
- Foundations being established for the next phase of implementation and wider stakeholder involvement across the UK.

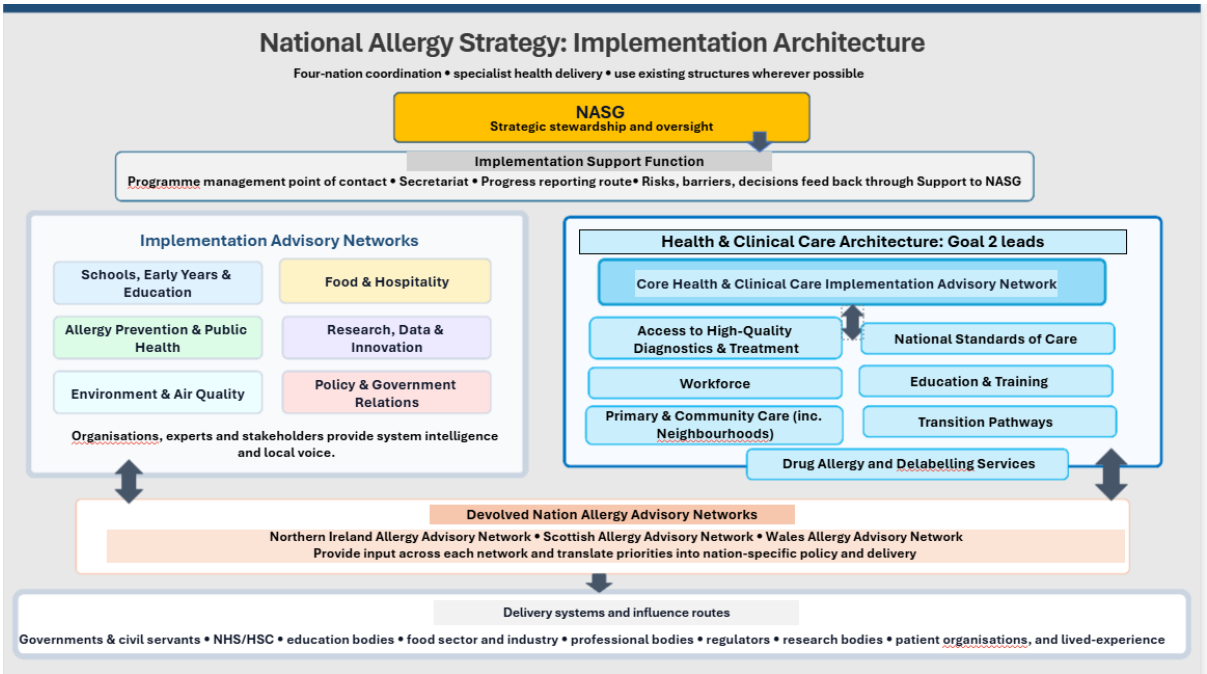
Building on this foundation – Implementation Networks

Developing the Implementation Approach

Collaboration is key to transforming the National Allergy Strategy from ambition to reality. NASG's collaborative implementation approach aims to deliver just that. The proposed model would establish Implementation Advisory Networks that bring together the expertise, lived experience and cross-sector leadership needed to support delivery of the Strategy's objectives. NASG would provide strategic oversight, while existing organisations and specialist groups lead activity within their areas of expertise. The approach remains subject to ongoing governance and approval processes.

The approach aims to:

- Build on existing expertise and leadership
- Use established organisations, committees and networks wherever possible
- Avoid unnecessary duplication
- Support collaboration across sectors and nations
- Include all perspectives – including lived experiences and industry
- Focus on practical, achievable actions – prioritisation of key objectives



Illustrative implementation model currently being refined through governance and approval processes.

What happens next?

Subject to completion of the ongoing governance and approval processes, the next phase will focus on:

- Confirming the implementation approach
- Establishing leadership arrangements
- Agreeing priority activities and early deliverables
- Launching wider engagement opportunities
- Beginning phased implementation activity

Interested in getting involved?

Formal expressions of interest are not open yet. We nevertheless welcome conversations with individuals and organisations interested in supporting implementation. Please speak to a member of the National Allergy Strategy Group at the BSACI Conference or contact the Project Manager, Carla Jones at carla@bsaci.org to learn more.