



Mandatory Training for Malnutrition



Background

Gateshead Council felt there was a need to provide quality assured standardised nutritional training for staff working within client facing roles.

Objectives

To provide nutritional mandatory training for staff working within the sectors of disability, domiciliary care, promoting independence centres, and the meals and shopping service.

Approach

The development of the mandatory training was led by a Senior Dietician from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Gateshead.

Training includes developing competence in:

- raising awareness of the signs of malnutrition
- the use of a standardised assessment tool
- care planning
- links to CQC outcomes

The training is accredited and lasts for three years

Outcomes

Training is to commence in October 2014 and will be attended by over 1000 staff within the areas of disability, domiciliary care, promoting independence centres, and the meals and shopping service.