

September 2019

Re: Invitation to participate in a national survey of malnutrition and nutritional care during UK Malnutrition Awareness Week (14th-20th October 2019)

Please join BAPEN in undertaking the next national survey of malnutrition and nutritional care during Malnutrition Awareness Week (MAW2019).

We are asking for your help to get as many individuals working in health and social care settings to screen for malnutrition using 'MUST' and to record any nutritional care a person is given during MAW2019.

To help you collect all of your data, we have a new and simple system on the BAPEN website (www.bapen.org.uk; live from 23rd September) for individual professionals and organisations to use. The system allows you to quickly and easily input the screening results of each person in your care and information on the nutritional care they receive. There is a simple registration process, so that the system can then give you a summary of your own local data. The survey will also help BAPEN to get the national picture on malnutrition and nutritional care across the UK in 2019.

Wherever you work, please join us in this national initiative. For more information, and to register and take part, please see the BAPEN website:

<https://www.bapen.org.uk/malnutrition-undernutrition/combating-malnutrition/malnutrition-awareness-week>

Follow us on twitter @BAPENUK and please also reference #MAW2019 in any tweets.

Thanks so much for your support and we really look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully,

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BAPEN would like to thank Abbott Nutrition, Fresenius Kabi and Nutricia Advanced Medical Nutrition for sponsoring the development of the MAW19 screening portal.

BAPEN (British Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition) is a Charitable Association that raises awareness of malnutrition and works to advance the nutritional care of patients and those at risk from malnutrition in the wider community. For more information about BAPEN, and UK MAW week please visit www.bapen.org.uk