**Email Subject:** UK Malnutrition Awareness Week 2020: Parliamentary Event

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Dear friends,

As you may be aware, this year’s UK Malnutrition Awareness Week (UKMAW) will take place on the **week commencing Monday 5th October**. UKMAW, which is now in its third year, was founded by the Malnutrition Task Force and BAPEN to help raise awareness of undernutrition and dehydration in the UK. Through the activities undertaken during this annual event, UKMAW seeks to increase understanding of malnutrition and dehydration amongst health and social care workers, community groups, the voluntary sector, and the public. UKMAW is an opportunity to mobilise people to take action to identify and prevent malnutrition.

For the first time ever, UKMAW will be hosting a Parliamentary drop-in session, which will take place on Wednesday 7th October 2020. We hope that hosting such an event will help to raise awareness of the significant challenges around malnutrition with MPs and Peers and highlight some of the specific challenges presented by COVID-19. The drop-in session, which will be held virtually due to social distancing measures, will be a valuable opportunity for the MTF and our partners to engage with Parliamentarians and drive meaningful change on the challenges and impact of malnutrition and raise awareness of what can be done to identify and prevent it in the UK.

While the MTF and BAPEN will be inviting all MPs and Peers to attend, to ensure maximum attendance on the day we would greatly appreciate your support in writing to your local MP and asking them to attend the drop-in session.

A template email that can be used to send to your MP can be found here. You can also find out who your local MP is and how to contact them at the following [website](https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP).

Thank you for supporting UK Malnutrition Awareness Week 2020.

The Malnutrition Task Force