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Overall increase in malnutrition risk on admission to UK hospitals recorded in BAPEN's 2010 winter screening survey

***34% average UK prevalence of malnutrition on admission to hospital
with variation recorded across the four UK nations (2008 report 28%)***

- Prevalence in Scotland 27%
- Prevalence in Wales 33%
- Prevalence in England 35%
- Prevalence in Northern Ireland 38%

***37% average prevalence of malnutrition on admission to care homes
with variation recorded across the four UK nations***

- Prevalence in Scotland 45%
- Prevalence in Wales 0% (too few subjects included)
- Prevalence in England 37%
- Prevalence in Northern Ireland 31%

***18% average prevalence on admission to mental health units
with variation recorded across the four UK nations***

- Prevalence in Scotland 12%
- Prevalence in Wales 27% (only 11 patients recorded)
- Prevalence in England 19%
- No subjects recorded in Northern Ireland

Note (1) that data was provided for much smaller numbers of subjects in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland than England for both the hospital and care home surveys.

Note (2) the profile of hospitals, care homes and mental health units was different in each survey which may account for some of the variation in the prevalence figures.

Hospitals, care homes and mental health units in the UK and the Republic of Ireland wishing to participate in NSW11 (5-7 April 2011) should send an email to bapen@bapen.org.uk with 'NSW11 sign up' in the subject line to receive full details.

BAPEN's Nutrition Screening Week 2010 Report is available on the BAPEN website www.bapen.org.uk. Printed copies can be ordered online.

BAPEN's Nutrition Screening Weeks are organised in collaboration with the British Dietetic Association (BDA), the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), the Irish Nutrition and Dietetic Association (INDI) and with the support of other professional organisation and all four nation governments. BAPEN thanks all collaborators and reporters.

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