

THE STRATEGY

STRATEGY PROPOSALS 2005 – 2015

THE VISION : To help ensure that those suffering from malnutrition or other nutritional problems are appropriately recognised and managed.
That the recognition of BAPEN as a champion of excellence in nutritional care should greatly assist in this process.

AIMS: To encourage the development of an integrated approach to managed nutritional care.
To improve the nutritional care of people at risk of malnutrition whether in hospitals or in the community.

OBJECTIVES

1. To support individual patients and groups needing nutritional intervention

- 1.1 BAPEN will listen to patients' / carers' nutritional concerns and will act appropriately
- 1.2 BAPEN will lobby for patient centred policies relating to nutritional care
- 1.3 BAPEN will promote equity of access to nutritional care for all patients

2. To establish a sound basis to enable realisation of the above objectives.

- 2.1 BAPEN will initiate and maintain regular meetings with the relevant government departments, Royal Colleges, specialist societies, and other key stakeholders at national level
- 2.2 BAPEN will develop a robust financial structure
- 2.3 BAPEN will describe and implement a formal mechanism for raising funds for specific nutritional initiatives
- 2.4 BAPEN will identify a formal administrative infrastructure

3 To raise awareness about BAPEN and its role in the healthcare agenda

- 3.1 BAPEN will actively seek to increase its membership by recruiting new Individual Affiliates and new Associate Clinical Interest Groups
- 3.2 BAPEN will develop a commercially viable regular publication to share and disseminate good practice
- 3.3 BAPEN will develop effective links with other similar organisations while maintaining its singular position of expertise
- 3.4 BAPEN will establish regular meetings at regional level to encourage networking / information sharing

4. To develop a robust and cohesive approach to information gathering about nutrition provision at national level and to identify / redress any gaps

- 4.1 BAPEN will develop and seek sponsorship for the British Artificial Nutrition Survey (BANS)
- 4.2 BAPEN will support FOCUS initiatives targeted at identified areas of practice so that information can be collected and disseminated
- 4.3 BAPEN will produce regular reports and promote national standards of practice

5 To identify which people are at risk of malnutrition

- 5.1 BAPEN activities, related to under-nutrition, will be fully integrated in both hospital and community settings
- 5.2 BAPEN will actively promote the use of a national nutrition screening tool (the 'MUST') throughout the healthcare community
- 5.3 BAPEN will ensure that its expertise and experience in the metabolic and practical management of patients with disease-related malnutrition is recognised and disseminated
- 5.4 BAPEN will identify and disseminate best practice in the nutritional repletion of malnourished patients of all ages

6. To provide support for multi-professional / disciplinary groups wishing to develop a clinical Nutrition Support Team (NST)

- 6.1 BAPEN will promote the Education and Training Committee course 'Making Teams Work' and other such initiatives
- 6.2 BAPEN will report NST activity on an ad hoc basis through the BANS initiative
- 6.3 BAPEN will develop standards through which NSTs can identify good practice and benchmark their own activity
- 6.4 BAPEN will lead other clinical governance initiatives related to nutritional intervention

7. To contribute to enhanced multi-professional education and research in clinical nutrition

- 7.1 BAPEN will have clearly described and appropriately funded programmes for scientific research / development
- 7.2 BAPEN will have an explicit development programme to enhance education and clinical practice
- 7.3 BAPEN will host an Annual Conference reflecting current trends in research and clinical practice