

Nutrition Screening and Malnutrition PSP Steering Group Member Biographies

Patient and carer representatives:

Marie McDevitt



Marie is a retired specialist in public health, who worked for the NHS for around 30 years. She has a medical degree, a masters degree and a diploma in public health. She is interested in nutrition and health. She is involved in patient and public participation work for several groups.

Ruth Day



I have two daughters aged 6 and 11. My 11 year old daughter has Cystic Fibrosis which results in various nutritional and weight issues. I have been involved in a few public engagement roles with RDS EM and the NIHR in terms of reviewing research proposals and speaking and helping out at events.

Margaret Ogden



I am Margaret. I have been a PPI representative for 10 years. My interests are diagnostics, palliative care, cancer, diabetes, and depression. I sit on a number of committees including a lay group on digestive disorders. I have an interest in malnutrition especially among vulnerable groups.

Susan Lynne



I am retired from paid work although I have become involved with a lot of exciting health related projects.

Most of my life I have suffered with an eating disorder which has caused me health problems including many periods of severe malnutrition. I very much enjoy public involvement and I passionately believe that involving public and patients will lead to much more rapid and positive change in society.

Philip Paulden



Since retiring I have taken an active interest in mental health illness. I am a Time to Change Champion and help to run a rethink Mental Illness group in Stockport. I have suffered with an eating disorder for most of my life. I also sit on the triangle of Care board for Pennine Care and have helped design and run a training programme for front line staff who care for people with severe psychiatric problems.

Professional and health care representatives:

Natalie Welsh



Natalie Welsh is the Lead Nutrition Practitioner at Manchester University Foundation Trust. She has previously worked at St Marks hospital in North West London, as part of their nutrition support team in addition to roles within industry supporting the NHS with specialist nutritional care. More recently Natalie was the Nutrition Specialist Nurse at Tameside Integrated Care NHS Trust, where she developed links with one of the leading food bank charities, The Trussell Trust. She has been a committee member of the NNNG (National Nurses Nutrition Group) since 2017 after she was a finalist in the British Journal of Nursing Nutrition Nurse of the Year award 2017.

Prof Jane Murphy



Jane Murphy is Professor of Nutrition, Registered Nutritionist and Dietitian and co-leads the Ageing and Dementia Centre at Bournemouth University. Her research is committed to key nutrition-related problems in older people especially the complex problems faced by people living with dementia and those living with and beyond cancer. She is Clinical Lead for the Nutrition and Older People Programme (Wessex Academic Health Science Network), elected Council member and Trustee for the UK Association for Nutrition and sits on several national advisory committees including the Malnutrition Task Force and Dementia Workforce Action Group. Her ongoing work with Health Education England has provided evidence informed high quality education and training to improve practice in dementia across the health & social care workforce.

Dr Christine Baldwin



Dr Christine Baldwin graduated from The University of London and has worked as a dietitian for more than 20 years, accumulating considerable experience in both clinical practice and research into the management of malnutrition. Since 2007, she has worked as a Lecturer in Nutrition & Dietetics at King's College London. Dr Baldwin's research interests are in the use of oral nutritional support interventions in the management of weight loss in acute and chronic illness. In addition, she has had an interest in systematic reviews methodology since 1998, and worked on several systematic reviews of nutritional interventions in the management of nutritionally vulnerable patients including two published in the Cochrane library.

Prof Simon Lal



Professor of Gastroenterology at University of Manchester. Consultant Gastroenterologist and clinical lead of a national Intestinal Failure Unit at Salford Royal Foundation Trust. Has set up nutrition support teams at two university teaching hospitals. Research interests in improving nutritional outcomes.

Dr Liz Weekes



Dr Liz Weekes is a senior consultant dietitian at Guys & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust with 25 years clinical and research experience in the detection and management of disease-related malnutrition. Liz also holds an honorary contract with Kings College London. Her work has focused on research evaluating the effects of both hospital and community-based initiatives designed to improve the nutritional care of elderly people. Currently, she is leading a large, observational study designed to explore the impact of malnutrition on older

Liz Anderson



Liz Anderson is the Nutrition Nurse Specialist for Bucks Healthcare NHS Trust. Her role involves both clinical and educational work as well as developing policies and guidelines. She works with all members of the MDT in promoting excellence and safety in nutritional care. Liz is the Chair of the National Nurses Nutrition Group as well as being a council member for BAPEN, a member of the Royal College of Physicians Nutrition Committee and represented Bucks Healthcare on the Department of Health Hospital Food Standards Panel which looked at patients' experiences of hospital food and nutritional care. She is also a member of the NHS Improvement Nutrition Expert Reference Panel. She has represented the NNNG on a number of projects with NHS England, the Department of Health, NICE and the RCN. She has been published in a number of journals and speaks regularly at conferences nationally.

Dr Emma Stanmore



Dr Emma Stanmore is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Health Sciences at the University of Manchester. Emma has over 20 years combined experience in healthcare, research and teaching with a particular focus on the promotion of healthy ageing and health innovation (new ways of delivering care or use of digital health technologies). Her current program of research focuses on using gamification to improve health literacy and prevent functional decline in older adults. She has held grants as PI from ARUK, Innovate UK, ESRC, Wellcome Trust and NHS Trusts and as Co-I from the European Commission and Innovation Fund Denmark.

Lorraine Gillespie



I graduated in 1992 with a BSc (HONS) in Dietetics. For the last 19 years I have worked at The Christie NHS Foundation trust as head of dietetics with a managerial and clinical role. I am the membership and secretary to the British Dietetic Association oncology specialist group, supporting and influencing the importance of nutrition and cancer at a national level.

Emma Connolly



Emma is the Programme Director for the GM Nutrition and Hydration programme at Age UK Salford. The programme is led by local Public Health leads in Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Stockport and aims to bring together community settings, health and adult social care to reduce the occurrence of malnutrition and dehydration in older people. The local steering groups promote a self-care approach to improving nutrition and hydration and develop simple pathways for identification and support.

The Partnership and the priority setting process will be supported and guided by:

Dr Sorrel Burden



I am currently on a NIHR funded post-doctoral fellowship from the Clinical Academics Training Scheme at the School of Health Sciences at the University of Manchester. The role involves 2.5 days a week leading a number of research projects and 2.5 days per week as a dietitian at Salford Royal Infirmary, leading service development projects in the nutritional management of people on home parenteral nutrition and also undertaking some clinical work in dietetics. Clinical work is in the area of gastroenterology.

Debbie Jones



Debbie is a Nutrition Research Scientist, registered with the Association for Nutrition (RNutr) and educated to Masters Level in Public Health Nutrition (MSc). She has 8 years' experience of working in the NHS and academic settings on community based health and nutrition programmes. Debbie's current role at the University of Manchester involves work on nutritional studies, which includes investigation of malnutrition and nutritional screening, and investigation of nutrition in cancer and intestinal failure.

Toto Gronlund



I am a freelance adviser and have been working with the James Lind Alliance since early 2017. I have recently retired from 30 years of working in the NHS. My NHS career started with running clinical trials in cancer, then as a Medical Physicist, including research into non-invasive diagnostics. More recently I led patient and public involvement in health informatics. In the voluntary sector I have held roles as trustee, facilitator and in evaluation. I have always worked to ensure the patient voice is heard and respected. Currently I am a section editor for the Journal of Innovation in Health Informatics, and a member of the RCGP Research Awards and Research Paper of the Year panels. In my spare time I enjoy my family, mountains, cycling, puppy and keep bees.