

**STEP 5 – MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**Use this **LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN** to develop care planning

Low risk – score 0	Medium risk – score 1	High risk – score 2 or greater
<p><b>Routine clinical care</b></p> <p>Weigh and repeat ‘MUST’ screening <b>Monthly in Care Homes AND Annually in Community (those living in own homes)</b> or sooner if clinical condition changes.</p>	<p><b>Observe</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document <b>food and drink*</b> intake for 3 days.</li> <li><b>Encourage</b> with eating and drinking. Provide assistance where necessary.</li> <li>Implement a <b>FOOD FIRST*</b> approach and encourage with <b>HOMEMADE NOURISHING DRINKS*</b> (Aim for an extra 400-600 kcals daily)</li> <li>Provide individual or family with <u>The British Dietetic Association Food Fact sheet- ‘Malnutrition’*</u></li> <li>Weigh and repeat ‘MUST’ screening <b>Every 2 weeks in Care Homes AND Every 4-12 weeks in Community</b> or sooner if clinical condition changes.</li> <li><b>Document</b> Weight, BMI, ‘MUST’ score, Action taken, Review date and Sign.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Treat</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weigh and repeat ‘MUST’ screening <b>Weekly in Care Homes AND Monthly in Community.</b></li> <li><b>If no improvement after 4 weeks</b> obtain individuals consent and <b>REFER*</b> to the Community Dietetic Department or your local neighbourhood Team. <b>Do not refer if detrimental or No benefit from nutritional support is expected e.g. in the event of End of Life care or long term low BMI with no weight loss.</b></li> </ol>