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Body dysmorphic disorder

ZKK are researching a programme on body dysmorphic disorder (BDD) for Channel 4. The programme will seek to raise public and professional awareness of a condition that ruins thousands of lives each year. If you would like to talk to them about the programme, as a professional or sufferer, please call James Canning-Cooke on 0171 482 5885. Any contact will be in confidence.

National Depression Action Day – 22 April

The National Depression Campaign was developed from the Defeat Depression Campaign organised by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in association with the Royal College of General Practitioners, 1992–1997. The new campaign will focus on people with depression, their families, friends and carers and raise awareness in order to reduce the stigma attached to depression. For leaflets, posters and information on workshops and other events contact the National Depression Campaign, 35 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB (Telephone: 0171 207 3293; Fax: 0171 633 0559).

Neurolink Mental Health Reporting Award – final call for papers

Entries are invited for the Neurolink Mental Health Reporting Award, an award scheme which exists to promote excellence in the reporting of depression or its management and carries a prize of £1000. Entry is open to all journalists (lay and medically qualified) who have published work on depression during 1997/8. Further information: Ruth Ashton, Neurolink, 4 Mount Ephraim Road, Tunbridge Road, Kent TN1 1EE (Telephone: 0345 023070).

Impotence Association Helpline

The Impotence Association is running a confidential helpline for sufferers, partners and health care professionals. Callers are provided with information about the wide range of treatments available to them and put them in touch with specialist practitioners around the country. Helpline: 0181 767 7791 (9 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday).

New publications

The project team working on the Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) Programme at the College

Research Unit will later this Spring launch the programme's first guidelines, *Management of Imminent Violence – Clinical Practice Guidelines to Support Mental Health Services*. This is available for £10 from the Publications Department of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (Telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext. 146).

A new title from the College Seminars Series, entitled *Seminars in General Adult Psychiatry* edited by George Stein and Greg Wilkinson, has now been published by Gaskell/The Royal College of Psychiatrists. The book places its emphasis on detailed clinical descriptions of the common psychiatric disorders and their place within the ICD–10 and DSM–IV schemes and will be of particular interest to those preparing for their MRCPsych examinations. The book is presented in two volumes, as a boxed set, and is available for £55 from the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

The *Bereavement Information Pack for Those Bereaved Through Suicide or Other Sudden Death* has now been published by Gaskell/The Royal College of Psychiatrists. Developed because of the need for a source of information and advice for bereaved individuals, the original work was largely the responsibility of the late Kate Hill, a research worker, who used her considerable experience of suicide and the bereaved to develop this information source. During a course of investigations, 84% of individuals given the pack, reported finding it of benefit. It is now available from the Publications Department of the College for £5.

The Health and Safety Commission has recently published new guidance on violence in health services in response to a dramatic rise in the number of work-related incidents. The report, entitled *Violence and Aggression to staff in Health Services*, was launched at St Thomas's Hospital and is now available for £8.50 from HSE Books, P.O. Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 6FS (Telephone: 01787 881165).

My Brother is Different by Louise Gorrod, published recently by The National Autistic Society, is the first book designed to help younger children understand what it means to have someone with autism in the family. Brightly illustrated and aimed at 5–8 year olds, the book is available for £4.99 from The National Autistic Society, 393 City Road, London EC1V 1NE (Telephone: 0171 903 3595).