

**New publications**

A report *Impact of Depression* resulted from a multidisciplinary panel, consisting of professionals from fields such as psychiatry, general practice, health economics, occupational health and patient groups, who each highlighted the impact of depression from their own standpoints. A copy can be obtained by written request to Clarinda Cuppage, Burson-Marsteller, 24-28 Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2PX.

*Challenging Community Care Decisions* is a blueprint from the Public Law Project designed to help lawyers and voluntary agencies advise people who are experiencing community care problems. The briefing covers all aspects of social services community care from assessments for community care to the provision of services and identifies seven ways of challenging unsatisfactory community care decisions. As well as the briefing, the group has designed a booklet for people who need community care, and those who provide community care services.

Copies of the briefing can be obtained from: Challenging Community Care Decisions, The Public Law Project, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR, price £10.00 including postage and packing. Enquiries about the leaflet should be sent to the same address.

Shenley Relatives' link (SRL), the campaigning group for the mentally ill that has grown out of the fight to save Shenley Psychiatric Hospital in Hertfordshire, have published their report *Towards a New Shenley: positive proposals for mental health care in Brent and Harrow*. The report costs £5.00 including postage and packing and is available from Shenley Relatives' Link, 36 Brambling Close, Bushey Hall Drive, Bushey, Hertfordshire WD2 2HW.

*Helping You Cope* was written by the Tranquilliser Working Party of the Mental Health Foundation and is a guide for the general public on starting and stopping tranquillisers and sleeping tablets.

Further information: The Mental Health Foundation, 37 Mortimer Street, London W1N 7RJ.

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## Forthcoming events

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The 2nd St George's Conference on **Suicide and the Murderous Self** will be held on 24 February 1995. Further information: Philippa Weitz, The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, London SW17 0RE (telephone 081 725 5534, between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.; fax 081 725 3390).

A one-day conference **Women and Drugs** will be held at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham on 15 March 1995. Further information: The Women's Inter-Agency Group, West Midlands Regional Drugs Taking Unit, c/o Unity Centre, 6 Unity Place, Oldbury B69 4DB (telephone 021 544 3939; fax 021 544 2094).

**The Annual Day Conference in Psychiatric Rehabilitation in the Community** will be held on 16 March 1995 at the Postgraduate Medical Education Centre, Maple House, East

Surrey Hospital. Further information: Mrs Jill Gunn, Postgraduate Administrator, PGMEC, Maple House, East Surrey Hospital, Three Arch Road, Redhill RH1 5RH (telephone 0737 782925 or 768511, extension 1429).

A meeting of the Transcultural Psychiatry Special Interest Group will take place at the College on 20 March 1995 with the theme **Ethical Issues in Transcultural Research**. Further information: Jean Wales, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG (071 235 2351).

A one-day conference **Psychiatry and Medicine**, to mark the retirement of Professor Arthur Crisp, Chairman of the Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, will be held on 30 June 1995. It will examine the changing face of psychiatry over the past 25 years and see what advances and challenges await in the