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The Graham Burrough Charitable Trust was created with the intention of relieving those suffering from mental illness and to provide practical relief in the way of enhanced staffing and improved facilities at psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric care centres. Created in memory of the late Graham Burrough, who died in 1997 having been a patient for many years, the Trust will also provide financial support for respite and/or long-term care for families of patients suffering from psychiatric illness and disorders where the families are in financial need. Support will also be available to promote education and research into the causes of mental illness and the Trustees will consider applications from suitably qualified candidates who wish to investigate a specific subject in the field of mental health. The Trustees will consider applications in the Spring/Summer of 1999 from those persons or organisations who feel they may be entitled to benefit from the Trust. Applications should be submitted to Mr T. I. Keats, Preston & Redman, Hinton House, Hinton Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH1 2EN (fax: 01202 552758).

The Tavistock & Portman NHS Trust would like to announce the Diploma in Forensic Psychotherapeutic Studies, awarded by University College London. This two-year Diploma course is aimed at all professionals working with offenders in hospitals, special hospitals, secure units, prisons, probation offices, the courts and the community. It provides special experience in work with offenders, but does not constitute a general psychotherapy training. The course structure includes small group supervision of psychotherapy with a forensic patient, interdisciplinary discussions of psychotherapeutic practice in a variety of work settings, reading and lectures on theoretical and clinical topics, as well as personal experience in psychoanalytic psychotherapy. Further information (please quote ref: P2): The Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 5NA (telephone: 0171 794 8262; e-mail: Portman@tavi-port.org).

MA/Diploma in Psychoanalytic Observational Studies

The Merseyside Psychotherapy Institute are offering a series of courses which can be taken separately or combined to contribute to an MA/Diploma in Psychoanalytic Observational Studies (in conjunction with the Tavistock Clinic

and the University of East London). The courses will be held at Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool from October 1999. For further information, please contact Mrs Jeanette Chamberlain, Course Administrator, RLCH, Alder Hey Children's Hospital (telephone: 0151 252 5508).

Society of Expert Witnesses web site

The new web site of the Society of Expert Witnesses provides information and advice selected from the Society's correspondence, newsletters and regular conferences. It can be visited at: http://www.sew.org.uk and also provides information about the Society, its aims and rules, how to join, and details of forthcoming events. For further details please contact the Society of Expert Witnesses, PO Box 345, Newmarket CB8 7TU (telephone: 0345 023014; fax: 01638 560924).

ADHD Gazette – internet newsletter

Parents, sufferers or professionals involved with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) children and young people who have internet access can subscribe to a new free fortnightly newsletter entitled the ADD/ADHD Gazette. The newsletter comprises articles from specialists in the field, a news and views section, diary and other resources. To subscribe please send an e-mail to gailmiller@clara.net with "subscribe ADHD" as the message.

'Better Act Now' Campaign

The National Schizophrenia Fellowship (NSF) has launched a campaign and produced a document entitled 'Better Act Now'. The document summarises the results from NSF's survey which formed part of NSF's response to the government's review of the Mental Health Act 1983. A copy can be found on the NSF web site at www.nsf.org.uk. The campaign calls for rights to decent care and treatment, a legal right to an independent second opinion, advance directives with legal force, a strong inspectorate to monitor care and independent advocacy. For further information please contact Martin Chapman or Gary Hogman (telephone: 0171 330 9100/1).