

four months in Surgery and four months in Psychiatry.

- (ii) the sharing of posts between psychiatric and medical firms has, in the past, given rise to difficulties because acute medical admissions took priority over Psychiatry. Nevertheless the design of a shared post might still be attempted in teaching hospitals where a particularly close liaison service has been established between a medical and a psychiatric firm. Not only does every medical ward admit patients with manifest psychiatric disorders, but pre-registration house officers need to be taught that all medical problems have psychosocial aspects which may be overlooked by the trainee immersed in acute clinical practice. Such a shared post in a psychiatric liaison service would require a considerable commitment on the part of the psychiatric teachers. The shared post should last a full six months.
- (iii) Psychiatric pre-registration posts should usually be in general hospitals with adequate

laboratory services for clinical investigation, radiological departments, a working library and preferably with an established psychiatric liaison service. The pre-registration doctor should continue his previous contact with undergraduate psychiatric teachers. The selection of these posts should be on the basis of their quality, and the presence of good supervision by psychiatric teachers. The post-graduate dean would extend his present functions to include the organization of pre-registration experience in Psychiatry.

- (iv) the establishment of new pre-registration posts in Psychiatry should take place now when there is a need to find new posts for the increasing numbers of doctors who qualify. The inclusion of psychiatric posts would improve the availability of good pre-registration posts. It is to be hoped that the resulting increase in pre-registration posts would avoid reducing the availability of existing posts in Medicine and Surgery.

APPROVAL OF HOSPITALS AND UNITS FOR GENERAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN PSYCHIATRY

A revised list of Hospitals and Units which are approved for general professional training in psychiatry is now available from the College and may be obtained from the Approval Secretary.