

The College

Secondment of senior registrars to the NHS Health Advisory Service

The Director of the NHS Health Advisory Service, in association with the Management Special Interest Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, now offers a series of three week attachments to senior registrars in psychiatry.

The intention is to provide senior registrars with a unique insight into the functioning of both the purchasers and providers of local mental health services through their attachment to teams of professional staff undertaking fieldwork visits to services on behalf of the HAS. These attachments, offering experience in the critical appraisal of service specifications and business plans, interviewing and negotiating techniques, team working, strategic thinking under pressure and the preparation and drafting of reports, will contribute in a very practical way to the management training now required by senior registrars.

The offer is open to any senior registrar who is able to obtain appropriate leave. In the first instance applications for expenses should go to the individual's employer but, in some circumstances, it may be possible for the HAS to cover them. Interested senior registrars should write, enclosing a brief CV and expressing reasons for their interest to the Chairman of the Management Special Interest Group at the Royal College of Psychiatrists. In the event of there being more applicants than places, a selection procedure will be initiated.

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Chairman

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Director

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Library and Information Service

Anniversary Archive

Two boxes of records relating to the 1991 anniversary celebrations have recently been given to the Library by the Special Events Organiser. One box contains records of the anniversary meeting in Brighton, the other material relating to anniversary souvenirs and events throughout the year. If any members have any items relating to the anniversary year, e.g. photographs, newscuttings or programmes, that they would like to give to the Library we should be very pleased to have them.

Key books for psychiatric libraries

A list of key books recommended for bench/satellite libraries has been compiled at the request of the Central Approval Panel. The list was drawn up with a budget of £1000 in mind, the sum recommended by the College for bench collections. Copies of the list are available from the College Library.

Special Interest Groups

In June 1987 Council approved the establishment of 'Special Interest Groups'.

Procedure for establishing a Special Interest Group:

- (1) Any Member wishing to establish a Special Interest Group shall write to the Registrar with relevant details.
- (2) The Registrar shall forward the application to Council.
- (3) If Council approves the principal of establishing such a Special Interest Group then it will direct the Registrar to place a notice in the *Bulletin*, or its equivalent, asking Members of the College to write in support of such a Group and expressing willingness to participate in its activities.
- (4) If more than 50 Members reply to this notice, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of the Special Interest Group.

- (5) The administrative support provided will be similar to that enjoyed by College Divisions. It should be noted therefore, that the College will maintain the list of members, prepare and distribute notice of meetings but will not provide staff to attend meetings, organise conferences etc.

In accordance with this procedure, Council has approved the establishment of a **Special Interest Group in Biological Psychiatry**. Members are invited to write in support of this Group and express willingness to participate in its activities. Members should write to Mrs Jean Wales at the College. If 50 members reply to this notice for each Group, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of the Special Interest Group.

Professor A. GATH
Registrar