

Audit methodologies in psychotherapy

A project has been started to collect information on audit methodologies applied within psychotherapeutic settings in order to create a national database. Audit methodologies will be documented in relation to particular foci of interest, for example cost-effectiveness, outcome and service audit. The database would enable psychotherapy units around the country to find out how particular problems have been addressed within different services, and with what effect. Interested colleagues should contact Rachael Davenhill,

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New publication

Older Women & ECT, a report by Alison Cobb, is available from MIND, 15-19 Broadway, London E15 4BQ.

Forthcoming events

A one-day conference **Community Mental Health Teams in the Changing World: challenges and opportunities** will be held on 20 June 1995 at the Chamberlain Hotel, Birmingham. Further information: Pavilion Publishing, 8 St George's Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4ZZ (telephone 01273 623222; fax 01273 625526).

A one-day conference **Capacity to Make Legal Decisions: how should law reform take account of the research on the capacity of mentally disordered adults to make legal decisions?** will be held on 21 June 1995 at the Guildhall, Winchester. Further information: Jill Elliott, BS&L Network, Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, Southampton SO17 1BJ (telephone 01703 592376; fax 01703 593885).

A conference **Psychiatry and Medicine** to celebrate the contribution to medicine of Professor Arthur Crisp on the occasion of his retirement will be held on 30 June 1995. Further information: Philippa Weitz, The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone 0181 725 5534; fax 0181 725 3390).

A conference **Clinical Implications of Attachment: the work of Mary Main** will take place on 1 and 2 July 1995 at University College London. Further information: The Conference Secretary, UCL, Psychoanalysis Unit, Psychology Department, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT (fax 0171 289 4800).

Oxford Regional Psychotherapy Group (NHS Psychotherapy Departments in the Oxford region) are holding their Inaugural Conference **Stories and Histories: mental health and the sense of meaning** on 6 July 1995 at Postgraduate Centre, Wexham Park Hospital, Slough. Further information: Dr Chris Maoloney, Department of Mental Health, Heathwood Hospital, Ascot, Berkshire (telephone 01344 877472).

A conference **The Challenge of Expert Opinion (Part 2)** will be held on 7 July 1995 at the Institute of Psychiatry, London. Further information: British Juvenile & Family Courts Society, 44 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 5AA (telephone 0171 224 3566; fax 0171 224 3577).

South Gwent Consultation Liaison Psychiatry Research Symposium will be held on 7 July 1995 at Whitchurch Postgraduate Centre, Cardiff. Further