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Medical locum agency

CrossMatch Health Personnel Agency is an independent, non profit-making medical locum agency. With offices in NW Thames and East Anglia, it covers Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire and the North West quarter of London.

CrossMatch will not, under any circumstances, offer work to doctors until they have completed and returned a registration form, have checked all necessary details and have received two current references. There are a variety of locums available at each office, short and long term, at all levels in all specialties including psychiatry. For further information or registration form, telephone either Watford (0923 252904) or East Anglia (0284 768912).

NOTA

NOTA (The National Association for the Development of Work with Sex Offenders) was launched in 1991 and offers individual membership to any professional concerned with the interviewing, assessment, treatment or care of individuals who are sexually aggressive. One of its aims is to foster a support network for professionals involved in work with sex offenders by way of national and local meetings and it also publishes a quarterly news letter. Further information: Carolyn Martinson, Administrator NOTA, Bluemoon Corporate Services, Westhill, Elstronwick, Near Hull HU12 0BU (0964 670267).

New publication

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics, established by the Nuffield Foundation to meet the need for an authoritative consultative body to address the ethical issues posed by advances in biological and medical science, has published its first annual report. Further information: Nuffield Council on Bioethics, The Nuffield Foundation, 28 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3EG (telephone 071 631 0566; fax 071 323 4877).

Astra Arts Award

The 1992 Astra Arts Award presentation took place at the Thomas Coram Foundation for Children on 21 January 1993. The award, in its third year, focused on mental health hospitals and aimed to encourage a spirit of ingenuity and imagination in making mental health care hospitals more attractive and sympathetic to patients, residents, and their families and staff. St David's and Canolfan Gwenog in Dyfed, West Wales were the winners and in the photograph Dr Pamela Kirby, Managing Director of Astra Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Professor Arthur Crisp, Senior Vice President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and Dr Hugh Baron, Chairman of British Health Care Arts, are seen presenting the prize to Dr Huw Bevan-Jones of the winning project. The two runners-up were Lincoln County Hospital and the North Tyneside Community Psychiatric Team.

