

# THE BULLETIN

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# ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

### COLLEGE NEWS

#### MEDICAL MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS OF TEACHING HOSPITALS (ADULT PSYCHIATRY)

Two documents on this subject have been submitted for publication in the *Bulletin*. Document 1 is a statement of the circumstances which led to the setting up of a joint Working Party to consider these special requirements, and of the policy subsequently adopted by the College. Document 2 is the report of a survey conducted on behalf of the Working Party. It was found that there was some overlap between

the two documents, and for this reason and for the convenience of readers some changes have been made in the presentation of their contents; in particular, some of the introductory passages of Document 2 have been transferred to Document 1, and for some passages which occur in both documents the reader is referred to Document 2.

#### 1. THE COLLEGE DOCUMENT

In their publication *Better Services for the Mentally Ill* (1975) the Department of Health and Social Security included a section on Medical Manpower and stated that the long-term aim for general psychiatry in England and Wales was a ratio of

one whole-time equivalent consultant per 40,000 population, or five consultants for a District with a population of 200,000. 'General psychiatry' was meant to include the 'special interests' of forensic psychiatry, psychotherapy, the psychiatry of old

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