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## Affiliates

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There is a substantial group of doctors working within the psychiatric service in non-training posts who, for various reasons, cannot take the College's membership examination. Their contribution to psychiatry in these non-career posts is often unrecognised yet they play an essential role in service provision. We estimate there to be approximately 600 in number.

The College has been concerned for many years that this group of doctors is excluded from the College's education activities. Psychiatric practice is changing rapidly and it is essential for these doctors that they participate in the College's education activities.

The College's Bye-laws have therefore been changed to create a new grade to be called Affiliate. (The existing Affiliates will be called Foundation Affiliates.) All Staff Grade Doctors, Clinical Assistants and Clinical Associates, and other such doctors who satisfy the criteria, namely that they should have worked in psychiatry for at least three years, should be invited to join this grade.

The College Officers would be grateful if this notice could be brought to the attention of anyone to whom it applies. Further information and application forms are obtainable from the Postgraduate Education Department of the College.

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## Psyche and Soma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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A joint meeting with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 'Psyche and Soma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology', will take place on 4 and 5 October 1995. The meeting is being organised jointly by Mr Colin Jardine Brown, FRCOG, and Professor Channi Kumar, FRCPsych, and will take place at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RG.

The meeting is open to obstetricians, gynaecologists, general practitioners, psychiatrists, psychologists and midwives.

The registration fee will be £130 for all registrations received before 20 September 1995, thereafter the fee will be £150.

A copy of the programme and registration form is available from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (address given above); telephone 0171-262-5425, extension 297.

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## Dr Fiona Caldicott

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The President, Dr Fiona Caldicott, has been elected Chairman of the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties in the United Kingdom with effect from

August 1995. The previous President of this College to be elected to this position was Professor Sir Desmond Pond in 1980-1982.

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