
Miscellany

BUPA Foundation Communication Award

The BUPA Foundation is supporting the Communication Award again in 1998, in association with the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and the Patients Association. There will be two prizes of £10 000 each, one for work completed by individuals or a group of individuals, and one for work undertaken by a college, institution, hospital or professional body. Further information: Lady Nourse, 12 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3TX (Tel: 0171 404 0809; Fax: 0171 831 8096).

Initial Health Personnel launches locum service

Initial Health Personnel has recently launched a new locum doctor service that is available to all hospitals and medical practices throughout the UK. Their on-call services enable clients and staff to obtain assistance and advice between the hours of 6a.m. and 10.30p.m. For further information contact David Fallows at Initial Health Personnel on 0171 608 1899 or e-mail: pr@rentokil-initial.com.

Accident Line - a helping hand for all students

Formed by the Law Society, Accident Line is a freephone referral service for all those who need legal advice about an injury suffered

through an accident. The service provides the caller with the number of a specialist personal injury solicitor, who will offer a free 30 minute consultation to assess the grounds for proceeding, including eligibility for Legal Aid. Free-phone 0500 192939.

Patient Advocacy Working Party

The Public Policy Committee of the College has set up a small working party to look at the role of patient advocacy in mental health and learning disability services. The working party intends to produce a College policy document in the important area based on examples of good practice. The working party would like to hear from Members of the College who have had experiences, good and bad, with patient advocacy services. Please could anyone wishing to reply write to Deborah Hart, at the External Affairs Department.

New publications

The Manic Depression Fellowship (MDF) has recently published a booklet to provide help and coping strategies for those who care for people with manic depression. Approved by the Department of Health and the Royal College of Psychiatrists, copies of *Balancing Act* are available for £2.50 (inc. p & p) from The Manic Depression Fellowship, 8-10 High Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT1 1EY (Tel: 0181 974 6550; Fax: 0181 794 6600).

EUROPEAN PSYCHIATRY: A FORCE FOR THE FUTURE
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Proceedings of the:
Professors of Psychiatry (PoP) Club and
Association of Professors of Psychiatry's First European Meeting (July 1996)
Edited by: *Hamid Ghodse and David Goldberg*

Copies available from: Department of Psychological Medicine & Centre for Addiction Studies
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