

Following on from this point, Rogers and Faulkner show what an enormous difference social worker involvement can make to the disposal of these patients. At the police station studied, where patients were routinely assessed by a social worker, no patient was admitted to hospital under Section 136, 28% were immediately discharged and 40% were admitted informally. At the psychiatric hospital 91% of police referrals were actually admitted under Section 136, only 2% were immediately discharged and 4% were admitted informally. The case for social worker involvement becomes clear. Without it many

patients may be needlessly admitted to psychiatric hospitals.

This short book contains many other important findings and illustrates several areas where both action and further research are needed. It should be read by all professionals involved in the implementation and assessment of patients on Section 136.

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## *Forthcoming Events*

The Group-Analytic Society (London) will be holding the **S. H. Foulkes Annual Lecture 1988** at the Logan Hall, University of London Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AI on 16 May 1988 at 8.15 p.m. The speaker will be Dr Yvonne M. Agazarian, Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychology, Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, USA and the topic 'The Group as a Whole'. Tickets (£4.00) available from The Institute of Group Analysis, Group-Analytic Society (London), 1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY (please enclose stamped addressed envelope).

A one day conference entitled '**Stress and Coping in the Greek Communities in Britain**' will be held in London on 17 May 1988. It will be organised by the Steering Group on this topic, co-ordinated by Dr Roland Littlewood. Further details: Dr N. Bouras, Department of Psychiatry, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London SE1 9RT

The **8th International Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency** on the theme 'Key Issues in Mental Retardation' will be held in Dublin from 21–25 August 1988. Further information: Secretariat, 8th World Congress, IASSMD, 3 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 4, Ireland.

The **Second Anglo American Seminar on Alcohol & Drug Abuse** will be held at the Norfolk Resort Hotel, Brighton from 10–13 May 1988. The closing date for registration is 30 April 1988. Further information and registration forms: Nadine Swift, Conference Organiser, ESCATA Ltd, 6 Pavilion Parade, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 1RA (telephone 0273 693622).

The Newcastle Health Unit, Newcastle Health Authority, will hold a one day symposium on '**Major Tranquillisers—Effects, Efficacy, Alternatives**' on 6 May 1988 at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne. Principal speakers: Professor Hugh Freeman and Mr Rick

Hennelley; Chairman: Professor Olson. Further details: S. Neequaye, Research and Information Officer, St Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3XT (telephone 091 2850151/2850010).

The Forum on Sexual Medicine and Family Planning will be holding a meeting on **The Quality of Sexual Life: Review, Recent Developments and Future Directions** at the Royal Society of Medicine on 23 April 1988. Further details: Miss Barbara Komoniewska, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimple Street, London W1M 8AE.

The **First International Congress on Somatotherapy** will be held from 11–13 November 1988 in Paris and there is now a call for papers. Further information: Dr Richard Meyer, Chairman, AJP/L'Innovation Psychiatrique, 17 rue de Lausanne, 67000 Strasbourg, France.

A two-day conference entitled '**Depression in Schizophrenics**' will be held at the Health Sciences Centre, University of Calgary on 6 and 7 July 1988. It is sponsored by the University of Calgary Department of Psychiatry, the World Psychiatric Association Rehabilitation Group, the Alberta Psychiatric Association, and the Alberta Friends of Schizophrenics. Further information and registration: Jocelyn Lockyer, Continuing Medical Education, University of Calgary, 3330 Hospital Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 4N1.

The **12th Congress of the World Association for Social Psychiatry** will be held at the Barbican Centre, London from 6–10 November 1988. *Deadlines:* for receipt of abstracts for oral and poster presentations, 27 May 1988; for receipt of registration at the standard fee, 5 August 1988 (after this date there is an additional fee of £75); for hotel reservations, 5 August 1988. Further information and registration forms: Congress Secretariat, Conference Associates WASP, 27A Medway Street, London SW1P 2BD (telephone 01-222 9493).

The **XIV International Symposium on Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism—Brain 89**—will be held at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Bologna, Italy from 28 May–1 June 1989. Enquiries: Prof. Cesare Fieschi, c/o GIBI Studio Congressi, Via Marco Besso 40, 00191 Rome, Italy.

The **British Institute of Mental Handicap** will be holding various educational events during 1988 including a two-day residential workshop 'Further Developments in Effective Communication and Counselling Skills' on 30 April and 1 May 1988 at Avoncroft College, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire and a workshop 'Leadership and Change in Multi-Disciplinary Settings' on 4 June 1988 at Meldreth Manor School, Meldreth, Royston, Hertfordshire. Further details: British Institute of Mental Handicap, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 3PP (telephone 0562 850251).

A conference about planning services entitled '**Mental Health Services—Planning the Future?**' which will be addressed by Professor Philip Seager (The Health Advisory Service), John Reed (DHSS) and others at Retford Town Hall, Nottinghamshire on 22 April 1988. Further details: Karen Moore, Department of Psychiatry, Bassetlaw District General Hospital, Blyth Road, Worksop S81 0BD.

A **six day residential group for psychiatrists and other mental health professionals** will be held at Grimstone Manor, Yelverton, Devon from 26 June–2 July 1988. The group will provide an opportunity for retreat, reflection and personal therapy and is specifically intended for practitioners whose work involves counselling or psycho-

therapy. This is the sixth of these groups, which are held each year. (An account of the 1983/84 groups appeared in the *Bulletin*, February 1986, **10**, 27–28). Further information: Dr Richard Tillett, Wonford House Hospital, Exeter EX2 5AF (telephone 0392 77358).

The Southport & Formby Health Authority will be holding the second annual two day conference on the **Psychiatry of Mental Handicap** in Southport on 5 and 6 May 1988. Further information: Miss K. Duckworth, Conference Secretary, Greaves Hall Hospital, Banks, Nr Southport (telephone 0704 27451, extension 357).

The **Cheadle Royal Hospital Fun Run for Mental Health** will take place on 10 April 1988 at 11 a.m. (Proceeds to the Northwest Fellowship for Schizophrenia and Manchester MIND). Application forms and further information: Dr Kay Callender, Cheadle Royal Hospital, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 3DG.

**Living with Change: A Seminar** will be held at The Priory Hospital 1.50pm–4pm on 5 May 1988. Topics: 'The Future of Psychiatric Registrars in the Health Service' (Professor Andrew Sims, Dean of The Royal College of Psychiatrists); 'The Future of General Practice' (Dr Michael Wilks, Member of the General Medical Services Committee of the BMA); 'Multi-Impulsive Bulimia' (Dr Hubert Lacey, Reader & Consultant Psychiatrist, St George's Hospital Medical School); 'Bereavement Counselling' (Dr David Orton, Consultant Psychiatrist & Psychotherapist). Information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

**AUTP Postgraduate Training in Behavioural Psychotherapy 1988–9:** The Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry with the Institute of Psychiatry runs an annual course in behavioural psychotherapy. The course will begin with a two-day workshop on 22 and 23 September 1988. This will include the following components: theoretical background, demonstration of treatments and participant practice. After the workshop participants will be asked to undertake behavioural treatment of their own patients in their own centres, and later also to supervise other trainees. Participants will be supervised in small groups at monthly intervals in half-day sessions over the following academic year. During the two-day workshop and throughout the

course eminent guest speakers from the UK will run seminars on behavioural treatment in acute and chronic disorders in adults, the elderly, children, mental handicap, and liaison psychiatry. A certificate will be awarded to those completing the course.

The course is organised on lines which qualify for local funding assistance under Study Leave Regulations of the BPMF. Cost of the combined workshop, monthly supervision and reading materials over the following academic year is £310. Applicants should write, stating their qualifications and current appointment, to Professor Isaac Marks at the Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE 8AF, where the course will be held.

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