

Bristol became his home and Bath the area in which he created the highly esteemed Department of Family Psychiatry at the Royal United Hospitals. In the field of mental handicap he worked with the Hortham and Brentry Group of Hospitals but, as in his work in child psychiatry, his particular concern was the development of community services, building up a much valued counselling and assessment service.

He was an acknowledged expert in the now much publicised field of child abuse and, as early as 1970, helped to found one of the first child abuse centres in this country. He wrote a number of papers on this problem from 1977 onward. He gave evidence before the DHSS working party on child care law, and was a member of a Royal College of Psychiatrists' working party considering the law on infanticide.

He held the appointment of Clinical Teacher with the Universities of Bath and Southampton. His clinical and academic achievement was acknowledged by the award of Fellowships by both the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Tony was much esteemed by his colleagues and many friends, and was closely involved in local child psychiatric committees. He was an active sportsman. An early interest in mountaineering had to give way to the responsibilities of professional and family life, but he maintained a continuing interest in hill walking which he was still able to enjoy on his last summer holiday. Ice skating became a great enthusiasm, and he was a skilled performer. In what little spare time remained, with the help of his family, he renovated and sailed his narrow boat.

He leaves a devoted family, Margaret his wife, five children and grandchildren.

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ULRICH PAUL SEIDEL, Community Psychiatrist, Harringay Health Authority, North East Thames Region

Dr U. P. Seidel, formerly a community psychiatrist in Haringey, London, died on 15 September 1988, aged 68.

Ulric Paul Seidel was born in Berlin and in 1935 left Nazi Germany with his parents. Eventually the family settled in Australia and after the war he graduated with distinction at Sydney University. He worked in general practice until 1962 when he and his widowed mother came to London where, after further postgraduate study, he obtained psychiatric qualifications. The last 20 years of his working life were spent in psychiatry, at first with the Middlesex County Council and later with its successor in Haringey.

Dr Seidel was an early enthusiast and advocate of community psychiatry, and his interests ranged widely, from neuropsychiatry to group psychotherapy. He was a gifted clinician, but his most

outstanding characteristic was his kindness and exceptional devotion to the care of his patients.

He is survived by his wife Vivienne whom he married in 1985.

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WACLAW WOLLEN MBE, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Darenth Park Hospital, Kent

Friends and colleagues of Ken Wollen will be saddened to learn of his death on 31 August 1988 following a prolonged period of ill-health, the last 18 months spent in hospital. He was born in Poland and qualified in medicine at Warsaw University 1935. He served in the Polish Army from 1929–49, gaining distinction as an officer in the Polish Army Medical Corps which came under British command after 1940. He saw action in the Polish Armoured Division and received decorations including the MBE for war services.

In 1945 he joined the Colonial Medical Service in Grenada and subsequently returned to pursue a career in public health and psychiatry, obtaining the DPM in 1957. As former Deputy Medical Superintendent and Consultant Psychiatrist at Darenth Park Hospital until his retirement in 1974, he took a particular interest in mentally handicapped children and their families. He established a renowned Children's Unit at Goldie Leigh Hospital with combined psychiatric/paediatric clinics which served as a model until the community care movement arose which sought to remove mentally handicapped children from residential hospital care. He also pursued a special interest in mentally impaired offenders, adding the DMJ to his qualifications in 1964.

He served on the Mental Health Review Tribunal and participated actively in hospital administration as chairman of various committees. He took part with the greatest enthusiasm in the training of doctors and nurses, especially in medical aspects of mental handicap. He collected a notable library of literature on mental deficiency, mental subnormality and mental handicap, reflecting changes in perception of the subject.

Ken Wollen viewed future developments in his field with some misgivings, being of the generation which saw merit in one specialist maintaining continuity of support and overall responsibility for a handicapped patient from early childhood into adulthood. This was undoubtedly valued by families who kept in regular contact over decades. He was involved in planning for the reorganisation of local hospital services, but some projects which he advocated were ultimately swept away in the vogue for community care in which psychiatry was to play a reduced part. His death coincided with the closure of Darenth Park Hospital, to which he had devoted the latter years of his varied medical career.

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