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forthcoming events

The Challenge Ahead: Providing Services for Older People from Ethnic Minorities is a 1-day conference on 21 October 2002. It will tackle the problems of providing appropriate mental health services for older people from ethnic minorities.

It will look at the user's perspective and the response of the specialist services, primary care and social services. There will be presentations from innovative projects including the Bradford Health Action Zone, the Wolverhampton 'Twice a Child' Project and the work of Alzheimer's Concern, Ealing. There will be a presentation showcasing the latest research on depression in ethnic elders. For further information please contact Nicola Balbastro, Croydon Older Adult Services, Chelsham House, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BX (tel: 020 8776 4544; fax: 020 8776 4340; e-mail: Nicola.Balbastro@slam-tr.nhs.uk).

The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit in collaboration with the NHS Leadership Centre is organising a 2-day conference entitled **Integrated Leadership in Mental Health Services: Shared Vision and Shared Practice**. It will be held on 30–31 October 2002 at the Royal College of Surgeons, London. For further details, please contact Jo Baker at the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit (tel: 020 7227 0827; joanne1.baker@virgin.net).

The Andrew Sims Centre for Professional Development would like to announce its courses in November and December 2002. **Clinical Negligence Part 1 'We Have Been Instructed to Start Proceedings...'** is a 1-day event on 4 November 2002. This course is facilitated by Bond Solon, the leading expert witness training company, and will cover the basic law of negligence; risk management; record and statement writing; standard of care; and health team liability and causation. **Clinical Negligence Part 2 'You are Required to Attend Court on...'** will be held on 2 December 2002 and will

cover good record keeping; preparing your evidence; appearing in court; cross-examination techniques and accountability. **'Under Starter's Orders', the New Mental Health Act Conference** will be held on 28 November 2002. This national conference on the Mental Health Bill is presented at this critical time and designed to help participants understand the changes and determine if there are significant amendments to be made as the Bill passes through Parliament. An eminent group of national experts will explain the processes and present their analyses. All three courses will take place in Leeds. For further information, please contact the Andrew Sims Centre Course Administrator (tel: 0113 305 6044; fax: 0113 305 6041; e-mail: AndrewSimsCentre@cwcom.net).

The University of Southampton would like to announce the following conferences: **Section 12(2) of the Mental Health Act, Refresher Day** (15 November 2002, Southampton); **Philosophy in Mental Health** (20 November 2002, Southampton); and **Section 12(2) of the Mental Health Act Induction** (26–27 March 2003, Winchester). For further information, please contact The PET Unit, Mental Health Group, University of Southampton, Royal South Hants Hospital, SO14 0YG (tel/fax: 02380 825543; e-mail: bc3@soton.ac.uk).

Pavillion would like to announce the following conferences: **The Mental Health Needs of Young People with Learning Disabilities** (2 December 2002, London); **Learning Disabilities and Leisure** (3 December 2002, London); **Reproductive and Sexual Health for People with Learning Disabilities** (9 December 2002, London); **Primary Care and Mental Health** (13 December 2002, London); **Is There Anybody Out There?** (21 January 2003, Edinburgh); and **Mental Health and People with Learning Disabilities** (22 January 2003, London). For further information on any of the conferences,

please contact Pavillion (tel: 01273 623222; fax: 01273 625526). You can book online at <http://www.pavpub.com>.

The University of Manchester, Department of Psychiatry, would like to announce its **Course in Liaison Psychiatry**, which will take place on 20–24 January 2003. This is an intensive week-long course that is most suitable for newly appointed consultants, specialist registrars and registrars. Emphasis will be placed upon small-group teaching and workshops. Clinical issues covered will include somatisation, psychological reactions to physical illness and medico-legal aspects of liaison psychiatry. Managerial and administrative issues will also be covered, together with research and audit. The course is organised by Professors Else Guthrie and Francis Creed. Application forms and further details are available from Professor E. Guthrie, University Department of Psychiatry, Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester M13 9WL (tel: 0161 276 5383; fax: 0161 273 2135).

The Rivers Centre would like to announce its **3rd National Trauma Conference, 'To Intervene or not to Intervene, that is the Question'**, on 14 February 2003. This 1-day meeting will be held in Edinburgh and is open to all practitioners working with trauma reactions. Keynote presentations will address the transformation of acute and normal response to traumatic stress into chronic mental disorder, and critical incident response protocols for the emergency and armed services. A range of workshops and small group presentations will review evidence-based treatments for trauma reactions, working with specific populations and clinical developments. For further information, please contact Leanne Ramsay, Rivers Centre, Tipperlinn House, Tipperlinn Road, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh EH10 5HF (tel: 0131 537 6783; website: <http://www.rivers.i12.com>).