

NHS indemnity for psychiatric clinics held in GPs' surgeries

The Executive and Finance Committee of the College has recently sought to clarify the position regarding the extension of NHS ('crown') indemnity to cover psychiatric consultations undertaken in general practice, schools, or social service settings.

The medical protection organisations advise that the extension of NHS indemnity is dependent on whether the work undertaken forms part of the contractual duties between the consultant and the employing health authority or trust. Thus, if a

consultant conducts a clinic for a general practitioner, and is paid by the general practitioner or some independent fund-holding organisation, NHS indemnity does not apply. Members undertaking work under such circumstances are therefore advised to ensure that they have the appropriate level of membership with one of the medical protection organisations.

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Annual Elections

Honorary Officers

Fellows and Members of the College are reminded of their rights in connection with the forthcoming elections for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor and Librarian. The Librarian is eligible for re-election. The Dean, Registrar, Treasurer and Editor are not eligible for re-election.

The nominating meeting of Council was held on 16 October 1992, and the last date for receiving nominations will therefore be 30 November 1992. The relevant Bye-Laws and Regulations are printed below.

All Honorary Officers will take office in July 1993.

Extracts from Bye-Laws and Regulations

Bye-Law XII THE OTHER HONORARY OFFICERS

1. The Council shall, in accordance with the Regulations, make its nominations for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian at the first meeting after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known. Written nominations for the above Honorary Offices, accompanied in each case by the nominee's written consent to stand for election, may also be lodged with the Registrar at such time as may be prescribed by the Regulations, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than twelve Members of the College who are not members of the council.

2. The Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor and Librarian shall be elected from amongst the Fellows by the Members of the College, in each case in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Regulations.

REGULATION XII ELECTION OF THE OTHER HONORARY OFFICERS

1. The method of electing the Honorary Officers other than the President and the Vice-Presidents and Sub-Deans shall be the same as that for electing the President,* save that nominations from Members of the College who are not members of the Council shall be lodged with the Registrar between the first day of January in any calendar year and the date which is four clear weeks after that meeting of the Council which is first held after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known, or (as the case may be) which is four clear weeks after that meeting of the Council which, in the case of a tie on the second ballot, determines the election of the President.

*i.e. Written nominations, accompanied in each case by the nominee's written consent to stand for election, may be lodged with the Registrar, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than twelve Members of the College who are not members of the Council. An election by ballot shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.