

Having thus considered the matter I can find no good reason why candidates for the MRCPsych clinical examination should not be given clear instructions as to the form in which they are expected to present their case to the examiners. Might I therefore suggest that the Examination Committee should issue such instructions to candidates (possibly incorporating the idea of a 'problem list' in the formulation) or that alternatively it should explain to all concerned (both trainers and trainees) why such a step is not desirable or possible.

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#### MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM PROBLEMS

DEAR SIR,

As we are all aware, from time to time, professional relationships in multidisciplinary teams can run into difficulties. Usually these difficulties are resolved at a personal or local level. However, in some circumstances it might help if there could be advice and support from people who are not immediately involved.

The Joint Committee of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the British Psychological Society has sometimes been able to help by sending representatives of the psychiatric and psychological disciplines to assist in this way. The Committee is asking for this letter to be published in the Bulletins of our professional bodies so that colleagues may know of this facility where there is a severe problem between members of our two professions.

Contact with the Joint Committee may be made through the Chairman at The Royal College of Psychiatrists (the Chairmanship alternates between the two professions) or through the Chairman of a member's own Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists or British Psychological Society.

G. W. HERBERT  
Chairman of the Joint Committee

#### COLLEGE NEWS ITEMS

##### THE COLLEGE AND THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL

###### The College's Appointed Member

In accordance with the procedure outlined in the June *Bulletin* (p 106), a ballot of members of the College Council has been held, and this has resulted in the election of DR P. H. CONNELL to represent the College on the reconstituted General Medical Council.

###### Elected Members

Four members of the College have been successful in the direct elections to the G. M. C. They are DR KATHARINE BRADLEY, DR FARRUKH HASHMI, PROF SIR DENIS HILL and PROF W. LINFORD REES.

###### Appointed and Nominated Members

Among those appointed by Universities are PROF A. H. CRISP, PROF W. H. TRETOWAN, PROF W. N.

KESSEL and LORD RICHARDSON (Hon. Fellow). The official Nominated Members include SIR HENRY YELLOWLEES (Hon. Fellow).

##### PSYCHOTHERAPY SPECIALIST SECTION: CHANGE OF VENUE

8.15 pm Wednesday, 10 October, 1979—Dr T. Main—"Ernest Jones: Innovator and Pioneer" at the National Farmers Union, Knightsbridge (Hyde Park Corner), London SW1.

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