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## forthcoming events

**Auditing Violence Interventions** – a 1-day audit conference in forensic psychiatry is taking place on 13 September 2001 at St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton. Details and application forms can be obtained from Helen Walker, Clinical Governance, Rampton Hospital, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0PD (tel: 01777 247 724; e-mail: helen.walker@rampton-hosp.trent.nhs.uk).

The National Association of Psychiatric Intensive Care Units' (NAPICU) 6th Annual Conference, **Developing Clinical Excellence in National & International Psychiatric Intensive Care Practice**, will take place on 13–14 September 2001 at the New Connaught Rooms, London. Further details are available from Christine Greer, NAPICU, Pathways PICU, Goodmayes Hospital, Barley Lane, Goodmayes, Essex IG3 8XJ (tel: 020 8970 5808; e-mail: admin@napicu.org.uk; website: <http://www.napicu.org.uk>).

The Professional Education & Training Unit (PET) of the University of Southampton would like to announce a 1-day conference entitled **Liaison Psychiatry: Planning Specialist Services**. The conference will be held at The Marwell Hotel, near Winchester, on 19 September 2001. Further information is available from the PET Unit, University of Southampton, Mental Health Group, Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton SO14 0YG (e-mail: dkb@soton.ac.uk; website: <http://www.som.soton.ac.uk/depts/mentalhealth>).

Leicestershire and Rutland Healthcare NHS Trust would like to announce a 4-day workshop on **Interpersonal Psychotherapy**, being held on 24–27 September 2001 at the Leicester General Hospital. This workshop will provide a basic understanding of the theory and practice of this effective, short-term psychotherapy. The course leaders are accredited IPT supervisors and trained by the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto. For further information please contact Lynne Reeve on tel/fax: 0116 225 6230.

Oxfordshire Mental Healthcare NHS Trust would like to announce **Containing Failure or Failure to Contain?**, a conference taking place on 26 September 2001 at St Cross Building in Oxford. This conference is aimed at psychiatrists, nurses and residential social workers working with children with challenging behaviour in in-patient and secure residential settings. Further information can be obtained from Ms Helen Pomeroy, Park Hospital for Children, Oxford OX3 7JX

(tel: 01865 226 285; e-mail: helen.pomeroy@oxmhc-tr.anglox.nhs.uk).

**Children Who Care – Supporting the Children of People with Severe Mental Illness** is a 1-day conference being held on 28 September 2001 in Edinburgh. With input from those who have lived through the experience as children or parents, and professionals working in Sweden and in the UK, this conference will provide insight and tools to assist families, professionals such as general practitioners and psychiatrists and other practitioners who provide support to children and young people. For further information please contact NSF Scotland (tel: 0131 557 8969; e-mail: [info@nsfscot.org.uk](mailto:info@nsfscot.org.uk); website: <http://www.child-carers.net>).

The British Psychoanalytical Society would like to announce **An Introduction To Psychoanalysis**, a series of lectures and seminars providing an overall view of the basic and most important concepts in psychoanalysis and its main applications in other areas and disciplines. The aim of the course is to address the needs of the beginner in the field and those with clinical experience. **Basic Principles** (Autumn Term 2001) will take place on Wednesdays at 5.30–7.45 p.m. from 26 September 2001. **Developments in Theory and Practice** (Spring Term 2002) will start on 9 January 2002. The series will be held at the Institute of Psychoanalysis. Registration forms are available from Ann Glynn, The Institute of Psychoanalysis, Byron House, 112a Shirland Road, London W9 2EQ (tel: 020 7563 5017; e-mail: [EventsBPAS@compuserve.com](mailto:EventsBPAS@compuserve.com)).

Pavilion would like to announce the following conferences: **Managing Research into Policy and Practice for the Benefit of Vulnerable People** (21 September 2001, London); **The Treatment of People with Borderline Personality Disorder** (24 September 2001, London); **Integrating Good Mental Health Practice in Older People Services** (27 September 2001, Birmingham); **Positive Outcomes: Healthy Minds** (1–2 October 2001, Cheshire); **Therapeutic Interventions in Self Injury** (12 November 2001, Manchester); **Whose Crisis? Meeting the Needs of Seriously Disturbed Young People** (14 November 2001, Manchester); and **Rehabilitation and Recovery Seminar** (30 November 2001, London). For further information please contact Pavilion (tel: 01273 623 222; fax: 01273 625 526; e-mail: [pavpub@pavilion.co.uk](mailto:pavpub@pavilion.co.uk)). You can book online at <http://www.pavpub.com>.

BBR Medical Education Ltd are the organisers of the **MRCPsych Part II Clinical** course taking place on 10–11 November 2001. For further details please contact BBR, 82 The Maltings, Roydon Road, Stanstead Abbots, Herts SG12 8HG (tel/fax: 01920 872 407; e-mail: [admin@bbrmedicaleducation.net](mailto:admin@bbrmedicaleducation.net)).

**Beacon Services in Rehabilitation Psychiatry: Caring for the Mainstream and Marginalised Patient** is the title of The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Residential Meeting of the Section of Rehabilitation and Social Psychiatry. The meeting will take place on 15–16 November 2001 at the Marriott Gosforth Park Hotel in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and further details can be obtained from Patricia Cornell, Conference Administrator, Royal College of Psychiatrists (tel: 020 7235 2351 ext. 145).

Mole Conferences would like to announce **Mental Health Services Research: Putting Evidence into Practice**, a 1-day conference that will take place in London on 11 October 2001 and 12 October 2001. The conference being held on the first day will summarise the latest research and among aspects will include the following: treatments of common mental disorders in primary care; treatment for dual diagnosis; innovations in the care of people with learning disabilities; ethnicity and suicide; and evaluating services for older adults. The second day will consist of specialist conferences on social care and the economics of mental health. Mole are also the organisers of **The Whole in the Heart of Contemporary Society: Humanistic and Integrative Psychotherapy in Practice**, the first Humanistic and Integrative Psychotherapy Section (UKCP) Conference. This conference will take place on 23 November 2001 at Regent's College in London and will engage with the different facets of humanistic and integrative psychotherapy and focus on: psychotherapy as a social and political force; the challenge of relating; and approaches to unconscious processes. For further information please contact Mole Conferences, 26 Church Road, Portslade, Brighton BN41 1LA (tel: 01273 242 634; fax: 01273 235 095; e-mail: [enquiries@mole-conferences.com](mailto:enquiries@mole-conferences.com); website: [www.mole-conferences.com](http://www.mole-conferences.com)).

The Group-Analytic Practice will be holding a study day entitled **Building on the Work of Robin Skynner** on 30 November 2001. Members of the professional community whose works have been influenced by Robin Skynner will be contributing to the event, which will take place in London. For further information



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please contact The Group-Analytic Practice, 88 Montagu Mansions, London W1U 6LF (tel: 020 7935 3103; e-mail: [members@gapractice.org.uk](mailto:members@gapractice.org.uk); website: <http://www.gapractice.org.uk>).

**Therapeutic Work with Patients on Medication – Help or Hindrance?** is the title of a workshop being held on 3 December 2001 at the Institute of Family Therapy, London. Presented by Dr Julian Stern, Consultant Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist, this workshop will

initially look at the role of (psychotropic) medication, with brief guidelines regarding different types of medication, as well as some of the more common side-effects. The workshop will then address the way in which medication can either be a help or a hindrance for treatment, the meaning of being medicated, the defensive uses (both for practitioners and for patients) of medication, as well as some of the benefits thereof. For further information or to book a place please contact The Training Department, Institute of Family Therapy, 24–32 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HX (tel: 020 7391

9150; fax 020 7391 9169; e-mail: [ift@psyc.bbk.ac.uk](mailto:ift@psyc.bbk.ac.uk)).

**Practical ECT**, the demonstration of empirical estimation of the seizure threshold and monitoring by electroencephalogram (course coordinator: Dr Allan Scott) will be held on 20–21 March 2002 at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital in Edinburgh. Further information is available from, and notes of interest can be sent to, Ms Fiona Morrison, Andrew Duncan Clinic, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh EH10 5HF (tel: 0131 537 6452; fax: 0131 537 6116).