

geography, social structure, history and personalities. Development is as much to do with overcoming restraints to progress as having good ideas and the resources to implement them. Nevertheless, the vital importance of adequate funding for mental health services is imperative. It is much more likely that progress will be made if all involved have a common purpose and make the contribution towards the whole which is uniquely theirs to contribute.

Overhasty closure of existing mental hospitals without providing suitable alternative resources both in the community and other hospital settings should be deplored.

The policy of realisation of assets from the sale of psychiatric hospital buildings and land returning to the mental health services must be enforced.

Examples of good practice are found in every health district in the UK. Many are recorded in the reports of the Good Practices in Mental Health project* and others by the Health Advisory Service† which keeps an information file on good practice. Both bodies may be consulted on specific issues.

*Good Practices in Mental Health, 380–384 Harrow Road, London W9 2HU (telephone 01–289 2034).

†Health Advisory Service, Sutherland House, 29–37 Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey (telephone 01–642 6022).

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APPENDIX I

Attendance List

Al-Anon Family Group
61 Great Dover Street
London SE1 4YF

Alzheimer's Disease Society
3rd floor, Bank Buildings
Fulham Broadway, London SW6 1EP

Anorexic Family Aid
Anorexic Aid and National
Information Centre
Sackville Place, 44 Magdalen Street
Norwich NR3 1JE

Association to Combat
Huntington's Chorea
34a Station Road
Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 1AP

Association of Carers
London House
243–253 Lower Mortlake Road
Richmond, Surrey

Depressives Associated
PO Box 5
Castletown, Portland, Dorset

Drug Line
9a Brockley Cross
Brockley, London SE4

Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society
Broadway House
The Broadway
Wimbledon SW19 1RL

Families Anonymous
88 Caledonian Road
London N1 9DN

Mental Health Foundation
8 Hallam Street
London W1M 6DH

National Autistic Society
276 Willesden Lane
London NW2 5RB

National Council for Carers and
their Elderly Dependents
29 Chilworth Mews
London W2 3RG

National Schizophrenia Fellowship
78 Victoria Road
Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4NS

National Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Children
67 Saffron Hill
London EC1N 8RS

North West Fellowship
46 Allen Street
Warrington, Cheshire WA2 7JB

RESCARE
Lindens
Chichester Road
Dorking, Surrey RH4 1LR

The Royal College of Psychiatrists