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New publications

The Defeat Depression Campaign has launched two new leaflets for the general public. Depression in People with Learning Disability was produced jointly with the Down's Syndrome Association. The second, Alcohol and Depression, is sponsored by Esso Petroleum and aims to advise on the use of alcohol and its link with depression. Single copies are freely available by sending an SAE to Mary Ayres at the College. Information on bulk orders should be addressed to the External Affairs Department of the College.

Media and Mental Distress, the most recent work by The Glasgow Media Group suggests that the media contribute significantly to mental distress. Their research is backed by 3000 of the world's top mental health experts and discusses how the media has created a climate of fear around mental illness by associating it with violence and focusing on tragic conditions. Edited by Greg Philo, this is now available from Addison-Wesley Longman (£10.99), Edinburgh Gate, Harlow, Essex CM20 2JE (Tel: 01279 623623).

A new teaching pack for GP registrars entitled Child and Adolescent Psychiatry has been commissioned by the Department of Health and developed in collaboration with the Royal College of General Practitioners Mental Health Education Unit. It provides for three structured teaching sessions that can be integrated into the academic programme of a GP training scheme and covers the assessment and management of psychiatric problems in early childhood, schoolchildren and adolescence. The package is available for £35 from the Academic Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Imperial College School of Medicine at St Mary's, Norfolk Place, London W2 (Tel: 0171 725 1145).