

help some injecting drug misusers maintain low risk behaviours and to help others adopt them. They also reach injectors who are not in touch with other services.

The Advisory Committee of the Misuse of Drugs (1988) has emphasised the role of the community pharmacy as a point of sale and/or supply of needles and syringes.

(6) *Community pharmacists can provide information about trends in misuse of medicinal substances*

Pharmacists may well see local trends developing in requests for OTC medicines which could be misused.

Co-operation with their colleagues would at local level lead to them being alerted to be vigilant and to notify the substance misuse services.

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Special Interest Groups

In June 1987 Council approved the establishment of 'Special Interest Groups'.

Procedure for establishing a Special Interest Group:

- (1) Any Member wishing to establish a Special Interest Group shall write to the Registrar with relevant details.
- (2) The Registrar shall forward the application to Council.
- (3) If Council approves the principal of establishing such a Special Interest Group then it will direct the Registrar to place a notice in the *Bulletin* or its equivalent, asking Members of the College to write in support of such a Group and expressing willingness to participate in its activities.
- (4) If more than 50 Members reply to this notice, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of the Special Interest Group.

- (5) The administrative support provided will be similar to that enjoyed by College Divisions. It should be noted therefore, that the College will maintain the list of members, prepare and distribute notice of meetings but will not provide staff to attend meetings, organise conferences etc.

In accordance with this procedure, Council has approved the establishment of a Management Special Interest Group. Members are invited to write in support of this Group and express willingness to participate in its activities. Members should write to Mrs Jean Wales at the College. If 50 members reply to this notice for the Group, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of this Special Interest Group.

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Registrar

Career information pack and poster

The Public Education Committee has recently produced a career information pack and two posters which are available for careers fairs free of charge, and are aimed particularly at medical students thinking of specialising in psychiatry.

The Committee also hopes to produce a short video which should be available later on in the year, on 'A Day in the Life of a Psychiatrist'.

Copies of the posters and the careers packs are available from Deborah Hart at the College upon request.