

over the past ten years reveal common convergent trends in the different national systems in promoting social progress by, among other things, extending their mental health services'.

In providing the data in Tables A and B the study has achieved the first two purposes listed above, and presumably in carrying out the study the third

objective was achieved. Those psychiatrists who are interested enough to have read thus far will have contributed towards the fourth purpose. The report is not for sale, but a limited number of copies are available from the World Health Organization, Regional Office, Copenhagen.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON HIGHER PSYCHIATRIC TRAINING ENROLMENT OF TRAINEES

DEAR SIR,

The Joint Committee on Higher Psychiatric Training issued its First Report in 1975, and is now proceeding to collect information about all senior registrars, lecturers, research workers and other trainees in 'Higher Psychiatric Training' in order to compile a Register of psychiatrists in training. The Register will enable the Joint Committee to advise trainees about its training recommendations and about possible future statutory requirements relating to specialist registration. The Joint Committee has already inspected certain higher training posts and a full programme of inspection will be undertaken over the next two or three years. A form for enrolment of trainees has been prepared and all trainees are now being asked to enrol.

Letters drawing attention to the enrolment procedure have been sent to Postgraduate Deans and to University Departments of Psychiatry and to Clinical Tutors of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Further information can be obtained from: The Secretary, Joint Committee on Higher Psychiatric Training, c/o The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG.

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SENIOR REGISTRAR POSTS: PROCEDURES AND PITFALLS

DEAR SIR,

How I wish I had read Dr Bewley's helpful report in the June *News and Notes* (pp 17-19) six months ago!

For various reasons I decided about a year ago that I could no longer cope effectively with a full-time registrar post in psychiatry, together with the various domestic and social commitments I had at that time. Through the personal kindness and help of a few consultants in the Leeds and Bradford areas, I obtained a part-time post as a clinical assistant in an energetic and teaching-orientated acute psychiatric unit. However, I was encouraged to obtain a part-time training post under HM(6g)/6. With the considerable help and encouragement of the regional community physician, I was duly interviewed and accepted as suitable for this. But I then learned that my husband's work would be taking us to Nottingham. So after taking advice from various consultants, both in Yorkshire and Nottingham, I applied to the Trent Regional Health Authority for a similar post to be approved in that area. After almost four months I discovered that precisely nothing had been done by the Region to obtain the necessary finances. As a last resort I applied for a full-time registrar post in the Nottingham area and have now been accepted. Had I known the various obstacles the part-time application had to overcome, I might well have taken Dr Bewley's advice and done the telephoning round myself.