

working group, with wide representation, including psychopharmacologists, should be convened in order to produce a consensus statement. There is particular concern in the case of very young patients who are particularly susceptible to long-term effects such as tardive dyskinesia.

The Government of the United Kingdom has recently launched a White Paper called *The Health of the Nation*. The logo on the front of this document represents a map of the nation to which it refers

and this can be seen as an extraordinarily truncated representation. The *Nation* to which the Secretary of State for Health is referring is defined in the same way as *Nation* by the Rugby Union. There are thus four Nations but fortunately no suggestion as yet has been made for a championship based on goals scored among the targets listed. Nonetheless, the document has implications for psychiatry over a much wider geographical distribution. The aim to reduce suicide is one which is applauded everywhere.

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## The College Appeal

The College Appeal was set up in November 1986, under the Presidency of Dr Thomas Bewley, with the primary objective of raising funds to secure the existence of the Research Unit. To date we have raised £534,352; this includes donations, covenants and tax reclaimed, bank interest and grants for research projects from the Department of Health and others. This has enabled the College to build and staff the Research Unit at the College headquarters in Belgrave Square.

It has now been decided that the College Appeal should focus on the following activities.

### *Psychiatric research*

Psychiatric research continues to be under-funded when compared with other specialties and a fund will be established which would enable the College to finance short-term contracts for senior registrars and registrars in whole time research in approved psychiatric training. It is thought more likely that major research funding will follow when the College has given a clear lead in establishing posts in research for psychiatric trainees.

### *Defeat Depression Campaign*

The Defeat Depression Campaign is a five year national campaign designed to reduce the stigma associated with depression, to assist general practitioners and other health care professionals in the recognition and treatment of depressive illness, and to increase public awareness of the extent and treatability of depression.

The campaign has been reasonably successful in raising funds to finance its first year. However,

significant funds are needed for the subsequent years.

### *Travelling Fellowships for overseas psychiatrists*

This fund would provide finance for several Travelling Fellowships to be awarded over a period of seven years, to enable highly promising psychiatrists from developing countries to visit the UK for a period of six weeks to three months. The College has already successfully established one such Fellowship.

### *The Library*

- (a) The intention for funding would be to purchase Psychological Abstracts (PsycLIT) on CD-ROM.
- (b) To build up the historical collection concerning British and Irish psychiatry.

### *College art fund*

The purpose of this fund would be to acquire works of art, particularly those with psychiatric significance, for display in the College.

### *Fund for lectures*

The purpose of this fund would be to finance costs incurred for the four College lectures which are not self-financing: the Maudsley lecture, the Blake Marsh Lecture, the Christmas Lecture for Young People and the recently-established Summer Lecture for lay people.