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## **Request for volunteers – Research into familial aspects of schizophrenia**

The Maudsley Hospital and Institute of Psychiatry in London are expanding research into familial schizophrenia. They are especially interested in families that contain apparent obligate carriers of the disease (subjects who are asymptomatic but who have one or more affected first degree relatives) and would be interested in obtaining information about suitable subjects in other centres.

They are able to pay subjects travelling expenses and participation would involve visits to London for interviews and a brain scan (MRI). They ensure complete confidentiality and aim to minimise the effects of contacts with families.

Further information: Dr Vivienne Curtis, Research Psychiatrist, and Professor Robin Murray, Professor of Psychiatry, Genetics Section, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF

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## **Research opportunity – ‘The Management of Violence in Clinical Settings’**

The Royal College of Psychiatrists’ Clinical Practice Guidelines Programme is urgently seeking senior registrars and registrars. They will be motivated, committed and able to meet deadlines. They will participate in this innovative project to systematically review evidence in this important

and topical clinical area. Training, supervision and expenses will be provided. Reviewers will be supported in submitting their work to peer review journals. Please contact Claire Palmer immediately on 0171 235 2351 x 272 for details.

## **New publications**

*Help for Young People with a Mentally Ill Relative.* Young Minds, the children’s mental health charity, is launching a new leaflet to help young people who have a parent or other family member with a serious mental health problem. Further information: Steve Flood, Young Minds, 102–108 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1M 5SA (Telephone: 0171 336 8445).

*The Right to Know* is a new publication by BACUP which sets out standards of good practice for the provision of cancer information and support.

Further information: The Secretary, BACUP, 3 Bath Place, Rivington Street, London EC2A 3JR (Telephone: 0171 696 9003 Fax: 9002).

The College has recently launched a Patient Information Factsheet on *Severe and Chronic Mental Disorders in Children and Young People* aimed at the general public and front-line carers to inform them of the help available, and to dispel some of the myths which so often prevent people from seeking it. The factsheet is photocopy-free and is available from the Public Education Department at the College, together with an sae.