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One number for The Samaritans. Following their launch on November 2, 1995, and a national advertising campaign, 42 years to the day after the first call to The Samaritans, anyone in crisis will now be able to reach the charity on the single national number, 0345 900 90 90.

The Stanley Foundation Research Awards Program wish to announce the availability of research funds for research on schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Awards are for one to two years and may be up to \$75 000 per year for studies involving human subjects and up to \$50 000 per year for other studies. Deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 1996. Further information: Research Awards Coordinator, Stanley Foundation Research Awards Program, c/o NAMI, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 1015, Arlington, VA 22203-3754, USA (Telephone (703) 534 7600).

Mental Health Foundation Essay Prize. The section of Psychiatry at the Royal Society of Medicine is offering a prize of £500 for the best essay, written by a training grade doctor in the UK or Ireland, on any psychiatry-related subject of not more than 5000 words. Essays must be submitted in triplicate, and anonymously, marked only with a code number, to be repeated in a separate covering letter. This should also include a note from the author's consultant confirming rank and originality. The closing date for entries is 31 March 1996. Further information: Mrs Alyson Ling, Section Administrator, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (Telephone: 0171-290 2900).

The College Research Unit is currently planning a comprehensive evaluation of the **Defeat Depression campaign**. We should like to hear from members who know of any other initiatives which either have looked at or plan to look at the effectiveness or any other aspect of the campaign. Further information: Suzanna Rix, College Research Unit, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE (Telephone: 0171-235 3992. Fax: 2954).

New Publications

The final Report of **St Vincent Joint Task Force for Diabetes** from the Department of Health/British Diabetic Association is now available (with supporting papers) free of charge. Further information: Ms Anne Clark, St Vincent Information Office, BDA, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD (Telephone: 0171-462 2734).

A new guide to complementary therapies has been launched by Mind Publications entitled **A-Z of Complementary and Alternative Therapies**. Further information: Ms Sue Baker, 15-19 Broadway, Stratford, London E15 5BQ (Telephone: 0181-522 1743).

The first issue of **TACT Matters** was recently launched for those interested in alleviating post-traumatic stress conditions. It is available from the Trauma After-Care Trust, Butterfield, The Farthings, Withington, GLOS. GL54 4DF.