

and faculty for mimicry made him a most attractive lecturer. His interest in Deliberate Disability and in involuntary movements earned him an international reputation which he could have exploited more fully but he felt his main function was the promotion of others rather than himself. MS

The deaths of the following were also reported:

JAMES STEWART BLAND, Consultant Psychiatrist, 2540 Sinclair

Road, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

EVELYN MARIA HAMILL, Consultant Psychiatrist, Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland.

JOAN IRENE HUDSON, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Coney Hill Hospital, Gloucester.

DAVID OWEN LLOYD, Consultant Psychiatrist, North Wales Hospital, Clwyd, Wales.

MAURICE LOUIS PLOYE, Senior Registrar, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

The College

Approval of Medical Practitioners under Section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983

The following guidelines have been approved by Council.

A. Doctors approved under Section 28 of the Mental Health Act 1959

It was considered that practitioners approved under the Mental Health Act 1959 were likely to be reapproved under Section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983 when the Act came into effect on 30 September 1983. At the expiration of five years from the time of their original approval under Section 28, the same criteria should apply as in B below. Approval Panels should consider whether in fact the Approved Doctor had used his approval during the previous five years and those who had rarely or never been asked to do so should not continue to be approved. Some doctors are rarely asked but value approval as a form of additional qualification.

B. New Approvals under Section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983

When Approval Panels are considering adding new names to the Approval List, that is to say people who have not previously been approved, it is recommended that the College's recently amended criteria should apply. Approved

doctors should hold the Membership of the College or have equivalent qualification or experience.

C. Method of Approval

Approval under Section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983 is granted by the Secretary of State but in practice is delegated to Regional Health Authorities. It is suggested that there should be consistency throughout the Regions and it is essential that approval should be given by a small regional panel which should include the College's Regional Adviser or his Deputy, one or two representatives from the Regional Psychiatric Advisory Committee and a representative from the local academic department.

D. Training

Some consideration was given to further training of Approved Doctors in diagnosis and treatment and in the new Mental Health Act and it was understood that this is to be discussed with the Department. It is considered that a refresher course should be made available on a regional basis as a minimum requirement for those who are to be reapproved under the Act, but additional education and training will be desirable.

Amendments to the 'JCHPT Handbook'

Members' attention is drawn to the following amendments to the *JCHPT Handbook, 1983*:

Section 12—Research

Additional sentence to third paragraph:

Experience in full-time research would be recognized for periods up to two years, provided that there were four sessions per week of clinical work of whatever nature. It would be open to research workers to request that their programmes be assessed individually to establish the appropriate period of recognition for higher training, taking into account all the factors involved.

Section 14—Part-Time Training

Additional sentence to second paragraph:

It is expected that training will be undertaken within an approved higher training scheme.

Section 19—Posts Outside the NHS

Additional sentence to second paragraph:

People occupying similar posts for the same period of time will be recognized for higher training.

Appendix G—Appointment of Consultant Locums

Revised item (1) (b):

Senior registrars on secondment from a post approved for higher training after not less than two years of higher training for whom only three months' locum consultant experience is recognized for the purpose of Higher Training.