# Psychiatric Bulletin

Volume 17 Number 11 November 1993



The Royal College of Psychiatrists

## Psychiatric Bulletin of The Royal College of Psychiatrists

Editor: Dr Alan Kerr

Assistant Editors: Dr Tom Fahy

Dr Rosalind Ramsay

Section Editors: Audit, Dr Ian Pullen

Obituaries, Dr Henry Rollin

Psychiatry and the media, Dr Louis Appleby

Editor, The Royal College of Psychiatrists: Professor Greg Wilkinson

Manager: Elaine Millen Assistant: Sandra Ford

#### Notice to contributors

The editors welcome articles of general interest to psychiatrists. The *Psychiatric Bulletin* concentrates on provision of services to people with mental disorders, and psychiatric training. A good length is 1200 words; however, longer articles will be considered. Photographs to accompany articles, where appropriate, are welcome but diagrams and tables should usually not be included. In general there should be no more than five references.

Conference briefings and reviews should be no more than 500 words.

Correspondence on subjects of topical interest is also welcome but letters should be no more than 350 words, with up to three references, and should not include diagrams or tables.

The Psychiatric Bulletin operates an independent review system.

Contributions are accepted for publication on the condition that their substance has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere. The views expressed in articles published in the *Psychiatric Bulletin* (except official College material) are the author's own and do not necessarily represent College policy.

Please send three copies of all submissions, typed double-spaced, and using the Harvard system of referencing as in *The British Journal of Psychiatry*.

All material submitted for publication in the *Psychiatric Bulletin* should be accompanied by a covering letter to the editors signed by all authors.

The editors wish to bring to the attention of authors that due to the increasing volume of high quality submissions the pressure on space will necessitate an increase in the rejection rate. The editors regret this but are determined to publish as many submissions as possible to maintain the current balance and range of articles, while continually striving to improve the standard of the *Psychiatric Bulletin*.

The Psychiatric Bulletin of The Royal College of Psychiatrists is published monthly by The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. All contents © Royal College of Psychiatrists, 1993, unless otherwise stated.

### Subscription rate for 1993: £16; \$30.

US Mailing Information: The *Psychiatric Bulletin* is published monthly by the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Subscription price is \$30. Second Class postage paid at Rahway, NJ. Postmaster send address corrections to Psychiatric Bulletin, c/o Mercury Airfreight International Ltd Inc., 2323 Randolph Avenue, Avenel, New Jersey 07001.

© The paper used in this publication meets the minimum requirements of American National Standard for Information Sciences—Permanence of Paper for Printed Library Materials. ANS1 Z39. 48–1984.

#### ISSN 0955-6036

Printed in Great Britain by Henry Ling Ltd, at the Dorset Press, Dorchester, Dorset