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Election results - President

The results of the recent election of

President are as follows: Number of ballot papers distributed 9956 Number of ballot papers returned 3375

Number of invalid ballot papers

Number of valid ballot papers counted 3370

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First stage

9	
Sheila Hollins	880
Cornelius Katona	675
Femi Oyebode	812
Richard Williams	374
Tony Zigmond	629

Second stage

1004
741
871
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691
(63)

Third stage

Sheila Hollins	1172
Cornelius Katona	924
Femi Oyebode	1072
Richard Williams	_
Tony Zigmond	_
(non-transferable)	(202)

Fourth stage

1595
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1367
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(408)

Professor Sheila Hollins was therefore elected to take office from 21 June 2005.

Race equality in the College: what have we achieved?

The College has been involved in race equality work since the early 1980s, but has anything really changed over the last quarter of a century? We believe that it has but, regrettably, only in recent years.

In 1987, under the wise chairmanship of the late Professor Kenneth Rawnsley, a Council Report was produced entitled Psychiatric Practice and Training in British Multi-ethnic Society (CR10). This thoughtful report was an attempt by the College to increase awareness of racial discrimination and prejudice and to take steps to minimise their effects. It had the following terms of reference:

- to explore issues attending the training of psychiatrists and the practice of psychiatry in British multi-ethnic society;
- to investigate the problems of discrimination against trainees, other doctors in psychiatry and patients on the grounds of race and to make recommendations.

Some changes were introduced in the College as a result of this report. Ethnic monitoring of the membership began as early as 1990, although very little use was made of the data collected. Equal opportunities was included in the training day for College assessors on advisory committees.

A further Council Report was produced in 1996 entitled Report of the Working Party to Review Psychiatric Practice and Training in a Multi-Ethnic Society (CR48). This was chaired by the Dean, Professor John Cox, and was a review of the recommendations of the Rawnsley report.

It was, however, the third Council Report, Report of the Ethnic Issues Project Group (CR92) which was the real catalyst for change. It was approved by Council in February 2001 and was influenced by a series of meetings with Black and minority ethnic (BME) user group representatives. From the outset it was intended to be action-orientated. It contained the following ten recommendations that had been identified as College priorities:

- external systematic review of College structures
- scrutiny of appointment procedures
- zero tolerance of racially discriminatory behaviour
- dialogue with BME user groups
- all psychiatrists to receive training to be culturally sensitive
- meet training expectations of psychiatrists on the Overseas Doctors' Training Scheme
- awareness of potential for discrimination in mental health legislation
- encourage members to ensure that BME communities have equal access to services
- ensure that epidemiological studies include BME groups in community studies
- establish a special committee on ethnic issues

These recommendations cover not just the activities of the College as an institution, but also clinical practice and the provision of mental health services for BME communities.

Early in 2001 three significant events occurred close to each other. The first was the implementation of a key recommendation in this latest report - namely that the College should undertake an external systematic review of its structures. The decision was made to appoint Professor Kamlesh Patel and his team from the Centre for Ethnicity and Health at the University of Central Lancashire. The second was the publication of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act which came into force on 2 April 2001. This listed the College as a public authority with a 'general duty'. The third was the establishment of a special committee on ethnic issues. The positions of chair and committee members were advertised in the Psychiatric Bulletin. Dr Parimala Moodley was appointed chair and a small committee was appointed, mainly consisting of members who had not previously been involved in College activities. Three trainees were appointed to the committee.

These three events were significant because together they have helped to ensure that the recommendations contained in CR92 are implemented and that this time real changes will occur in the College. Already some real progress has been made.

As stated above, the College was named in the Race Relations (Amendment) Act as a public authority organisation with a

general duty. The general duty requires specified organisations to:

- eliminate unlawful racial discrimination
- promote equality of opportunity
- promote good relations between persons of different racial groups.

Although the College was not listed in the Act as an organisation with 'specific duties' (and thus obliged to produce a race equality scheme), it was agreed by Council that it would be good practice in meeting the general duty to produce such a scheme.

The College used the ten recommendations from CR92 as the basis for its Race Equality Statement of Intent. This states in the introduction that the Royal College of Psychiatrists is committed to:

- race equality in the promotion and practice of psychiatry by the eradication of unlawful discrimination;
- the promotion of equal opportunities and the promotion of good race relations with respect to its role as an employer, in the development and implementation of the standards and practice for psychiatrists and in the development and implementation of Council policies and procedures.

The Race Equality Statement of Intent was the basis for the College's Race Equality Scheme, which described what the College would do to meet the general and specific duties under the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000. Council approved this in June 2002.

The Race Equality Action Plan describes how the scheme will be implemented. This is a practical work plan that outlines in detail the work that the College will need to perform in order to realise its Statement of Intent. It identifies the individuals responsible for leading the specific areas and gives a timetable. Most areas of College activity are included in this plan. The plan was approved by Council in April 2003.

So what has the College achieved to date and what remains to be done? Some substantial progress has been made, some of which may be more visible to the College members, i.e. ethnic monitoring. The following is a summary of progress to date.

Ethnic monitoring

The College has achieved one of the highest return rates for any organisation. Approximately 90% of College members have now responded to the form with the new Office for National Statistics ethnic categories. As a result we now know that the percentage of BME members increased from 13% in 1994 to 24% in 2004. We have chosen ethnic monitoring as the initial tool by which to examine all



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