

- on the family' (15.14), and suggests that the implementation of this recommendation would be facilitated by the nomination of child psychiatrists to Mental Health Care Planning Teams as well as to Child Health Care Planning Teams.
7. The College endorses the view (15.24) that general practitioners should receive training in child psychiatry.
  8. The College agrees that there is a need for an improvement in the career structures of child and adolescent psychiatric nurses (15.38).
  9. While agreeing with the Report's recommendation (15.44) that 'parents should be free to approach the (psychiatric) service directly' the College feels that the general practitioner should be informed unless it seems that there are very good reasons against this.
  10. The College endorses the view (15.45) that 'out-patient services for children should be developed on the basis of a well-integrated inter-disciplinary team providing a co-ordinated service', and that to achieve this there is a need for continuity so that the same individuals can work together regularly over a period of time.
  11. The College supports the view that grave deficiencies exist particularly in residential psy-
- chiatric services for the adolescent age group (15.55), and has already made recommendations on this subject.
12. In the same document (*The Psychiatry of Adolescence*) the College has recently taken a somewhat different view from that expressed in the Report on the delivery of psychiatric services. Although it is agreed that there are certain advantages in a system whereby younger adolescents are cared for by psychiatrists dealing mainly with children and older adolescents by those dealing with adults, it is nevertheless the continuing view of the College (as expressed in the recent memorandum) that it is essential that a certain number of psychiatrists should work whole time in the field of adolescent psychiatry.
  13. The College endorses the recommendations in the Report (15.61) concerning the special needs of adolescents with chronic psychiatric disorder, and particularly supports the view that there is a need for increased hostel accommodation for such youngsters.

*[These comments were prepared by a Special Committee under the chairmanship of Professor Philip Graham. Comments on those parts of the Report relevant to Mental Handicap are under consideration and will be published in a later issue.]*

### M.R.C.PSYCH. EXAMINATIONS—AUTUMN 1977

The next M.R.C.Psych. Examinations will take place on the following dates:

Preliminary Test—Wednesday 5 October 1977

Membership Examination (Written Papers)—  
Wednesday 9 November 1977

Membership Examination (Clinical and Oral)—  
Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 November 1977

The entry fees are £25 (resit £15) and £35 (resit £25) respectively.

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The closing date for receipt of entries is  
**WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 1977.**

Prospective candidates are reminded that late entries will not be accepted and that the College no longer gives exemption from any part of the Examinations. Candidates who were previously granted exemption from the Preliminary Test (i.e.

before June 1973) are reminded that they must pass the Membership Examination within five years from the date of granting in order to retain their exemption.

In cases where candidates have undertaken part-time or overseas experience in psychiatry, or are required to submit the name and address of their Clinical Tutor or Consultant Chief, the entry forms should be submitted at least three weeks in advance so that the application may be finalized before the closing date is reached.

Regulations and application forms are obtainable from the Examinations Secretary at 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. Past Essay Question Papers are available at 50p per set covering five years, and a Reading List at 38p both including postage, which amounts must be prepaid.

All Members and Fellows are asked to bring this announcement to the notice of any prospective candidates who may be working under their guidance.