

joining the Group to write to Dr Richard Mayou. All comments and suggestions will be helpful in organizing the preliminary meeting.

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### ***Psychiatrists and suicide***

DEAR SIR,

In his letter to you on the subject of personal psychotherapy in a psychiatrist's training (*Bulletin*, May 1982, 6, 91), Dr Michael O'Rourke wrote: 'While an undergraduate, I was impressed by the statistics which showed that psychiatrists had a high risk for suicide.'

I should be grateful if he or any other of your readers would quote chapter and verse, because I do not know of any figures that apply to the UK.

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## ***News Items***

### ***Multidisciplinary Work in Child Guidance***

In a notice referring to this report of the Interdisciplinary Standing Committee (*Bulletin*, April 1982, 6, 70) it was stated that individual copies of the report were not available from the Child Guidance Trust. However, it is now possible to obtain copies at a cost of £2 (postage included) from: Wallace Hamilton, Chairman, Child Guidance Trust, 71 Kendal Steps, St George's Fields, Hyde Park, London W2 2YE.

### ***British Association of Social Psychiatry***

The British Association of Social Psychiatry announces the opening of a new service. From 1 October 1982 an out-patients clinic offering prophylaxis treatment and after-care to psychiatric patients will be open to all referrals, including low-income patients. Letters concerning non-urgent cases may now be sent to Dr J. Brierer, 140 Harley Street, London W1.

### ***Peter Beckett Postgraduate Research Award***

The Peter Beckett Postgraduate Research Award (*Bulletin*, October 1981, 5, 196), worth approximately £250, will be given to the candidate who, in the opinion of the Award Committee, has carried out the best research project in psychiatry during his or her postgraduate training. The research should normally have been carried out in Ireland.

The Award is open to all postgraduate trainees in psychiatry who have completed at least three years of a formal training programme approved by the Committee. Applications should reach the Medical School Office by 31 December 1982 and should be accompanied by a written description of the completed research project. Address: Medical School Office, Faculty of Medical and Dental Sciences, Trinity College, Dublin 2.

### ***Bereavement Care***

Cruse (The National Organization for the Widowed and Their Children) have launched their own magazine entitled *Bereavement Care*. The joint editors are Drs Colin Murray Parkes and Dora Black. Each issue will carry special articles, readers' letters, book reviews and details of courses. It will be published three times a year and the subscription, including postage, costs £1.20. Details are available from Cruse, Cruse House, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey.

### ***Special Offer***

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