

Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry Special Interest Group

Newsletter May 2005

This brief newsletter is to inform you of some recent changes to the SIG executive and of forthcoming events.

Chairman and Secretary

Peter Misch was elected as Chairman, taking over from Alison Westman. We wish to thank Alison for her work as the first chair of the SIG. Anne Jasper has been co-opted to take on the role as Secretary to the SIG.

Administrator

We are delighted that the SIG, for the first time, has an administrator, and welcome Susan Sonaiké to this post. We have no doubt that Sue will make a fundamental contribution to the efficient working of the SIG. Sue has already begun to help organising of our annual conference.

Annual conference

This year's conference (our second) is again linked to the development of new forensic mental health services, this time both inpatient and community services in London and the south of England. In addition to considering service development, the meeting will address exciting new research relevant to anti-social behaviour and the development of personality in young people.

The conference will be held at the site of the new adolescent forensic secure unit in South London at the Royal Bethlem Hospital on **Monday 27 June 05**. As places are limited **please book early to ensure a place**. The conference programme and application form are enclosed with this newsletter and can also be accessed via the College website on www.rcpsych.ac.uk/college/sig/adolforen

Keeping in contact: the web page and email

Keeping in contact with members is a key function of the SIG, the executive group is keen to involve the general membership. We see development of the SIG web site as one of the key ways of doing this. We are also interested in identifying individuals in different geographical areas in order to develop local clinical networks where individuals wish to do this. We would also like to test the utility of using email as means of keeping in touch with you all. As things stand we the College rules that in view of the data protection act, SIGS are not able to keep a database of email addresses of their membership.

ACTION We would like to know what level of interest there would be from members for contact by email. If you would wish to receive information by email in future we would be grateful if you could email us saying this so that we may bring this matter to the attention of the Chief Executive of the College. Please email Peter.Misch@slam.nhs.uk or make contact via the web page contact form.

Forthcoming Adolescent Forensic SIG meetings

Second national SIG conference, The Royal Bethlem Hospital, **Monday 27 June 05** programme and application form enclosed. Details also <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/conferences/diary/index.htm>, peter.misch@slam.nhs.uk
Tel 020 7919 2538

- Workshop / SIG meeting: 22 Sept 05, Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Annual residential meeting, Harrogate International Conference Centre 21st – 23rd September. (Further details will be posted on the SIG web site in due course)
<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/conferences/diary/index.htm>
- Workshop / SIG meeting: Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry Annual residential meeting, February 2006 full details to be confirmed as above

Conferences / Events of Interest

- European perspectives on young people who sexually abuse; the individual, the family and the network. Utrecht. 23, 24 and 25 May 2005
www.efcap.org/europe/conference-essay.shtml
- Adolescent Forensic Services Professionals Network annual conference St Andrews Hospital Northampton, 16th June 2005 –contact doreen.banks@bsmht.nhs.uk
- EFCAP conference Paris 4th – 8th July 2005 For more information see website <http://www.efcap.org/europe/index.shtml>

If you know of other conferences or training events which would be of interest to our members please let us know so we can circulate through the website and our developing email database.

We are both looking forward to the continuing development of the SIG as an important network for psychiatrists in the adolescent forensic field, starting with a successful conference in June. See you there!

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