

West Midlands Division



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Editorial

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the West Midlands Divisional Newsletter.

As we look forward to the Spring Meeting at the BMI where Sheila Hollins will be the keynote speaker and the theme of the meeting will be on her campaign about the public face of psychiatry, it is worth reflecting on the divisional achievements over the past year. The winter meeting was high quality and well attended, the trainees meeting received excellent feedback and the mentorship meeting promoted time for discussion and reflection

about the role of the division in providing mentorship for newly appointed consultants.

This newsletter contains a series of articles regarding the work of the division and I hope will be informative and stimulating.

Any news, views or comments for the newsletter should be sent to Nikki Davies.

I look forward to a stimulating meeting at the BMI in May - see you all there!

Gabrielle Milner, Editor

2006 Clinical Audit Prize awarded to Dr Alok Kumar by the Dean at the Winter Meeting (See inside for further details)



If you would like to submit an article for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter please send it to ndavies@wmidsdiv.rcpsych.ac.uk by 31 August 2007

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the 3rd issue of our Newsletter. I am pleased that the West Midlands Division is using this medium to regularly update its membership about our activities. Since I last wrote a lot has happened in the Division and I have summarised some of the recent initiatives and developments below.

◆Joint Conference with CSIP/RCPsych

We recently formed a new sub-committee to look at the issues of ethnic minorities in terms of service provision and other related issues. On 13 March the Division held a thought-provoking joint conference with CSIP on 'Improving Patient Care for BME Communities across the West Midlands'. We are very grateful to Ranjit Senghera for this initiative and hope to collaborate again with CSIP in the future.

◆Public Education Campaign

The Division has recently established a Public Education Sub-Committee to concentrate on public education within the region. This is chaired by Dr. Lisetta Lovett and more information can be found on page 9. We are also planning to take this work forward by approaching Local Education Authorities. We will be organising lectures at open days and careers fairs in local Colleges with the aim of creating more awareness about our speciality. Dr. Kate Gingell and I are currently working on a plan in this regard.

◆Changes in Psychiatric Training

The changes in the training of SHO's and Foundation posts affect all of our members. The Division will be holding a number of half-day workshops designed to inform participants about the changes to psychiatric postgraduate training and to introduce the workplace based assessment (WPBA) tools that will be used to support the competency based curriculum for specialist training in psychiatry.

◆PMETB Article 14

The Division is passing on updated information to its Affiliates & SAS doctors about the recent changes in the PMETB guidelines. Dr Iqbal Naeem, Affiliates Representative, is very active in this regard and held a very successful one day meeting for the Affiliates and SAS doctors from our Division on 2 November 2006. Another meeting is planned for 26 April 2007

◆Clinical Excellence Awards

The Division has set up a special committee under the chairmanship of Professor Femi Oyeboade to look at applications for Clinical Excellence Awards to the College via the Division. The committee has formulated its recommendations for the 2007 round and these have been forwarded to the College. Congratulations to Dr Ashok Roy, on obtaining a silver award in the 2006 round.

Members wishing to be considered for the 2008 round should submit their CVQ and the College's covering sheet to Sue Duncan, College Awards Administrator, sduncan@rcpsych.ac.uk, by Monday, 30th July 2007. Further details about the 2008 round and covering sheets can be found on the College website.

◆Nomination for Fellowship

The closing date for nominations is 30 September each year. The process by which Members be awarded Fellowship of the College is that they should be nominated, proposed and seconded by two members of the College. The Division would like to encourage eligible members to apply for Fellowship and to contact the Divisional Office if they need any assistance. The following Division members were recently elected to the Fellowship and will be able to use the designation of FRCPsych, upon payment of the prescribed registration fee: Dr Neil Deuchar, Dr Elaine Edmunds, Dr Martin Gee, Dr Arshad Mahmood, Dr Alison Reed, Dr Karim Saad, Dr Amrit Singh, Professor Swaran Singh and Dr Abdalla Yahia.

Chairman's Report - continued

◆ Divisional Meetings

We are pleased that we are getting good participation from our members in our Divisional meetings. The last meeting on 14 December at Aston Villa generated our highest attendance figures so far and much positive feedback. The next meeting will be on Friday 11 May and the key note speaker will be Professor Sheila Hollins. The theme for the meeting will be 'Images of Psychiatry' and the afternoon session will focus on work already being carried out within the Division in this regard.

I once again thank all the executive committee members for their support, and hope that we will continue to play an important role in promoting and strengthening College policies in our Division. I would encourage any interested Members to get more involved in the workings of the Division by standing for election.

I would also request that all members keep us informed about their comments and views about the functioning of our Division. We believe that your input is essential for keeping our College and more importantly our Division on the local scene.

**Dr Afzal Javed,
West Midlands Division Chair**

Advance Notice

Annual Meeting of the Royal College Of Psychiatrists

19th - 22nd June 2007 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre

Four days of diverse and exciting events on the theme of Recovery. This is a concept that puts holistic, patient-centred approaches at its core, and involves developing and sustaining vital partnerships between service users, their carers and professionals.

For further information please visit
<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/2007.aspx>
or contact conference@rcpsych.ac.uk.

West Midlands Division: Patients and Carers sub-committee

The West Midlands Division would like to set up a 'patients and carers group' for psychiatrists that are interested in involving patients and carers in the activities of the Division. If you would like to become a member of this group, which will be led by Peter Woodhams, the Division's Carer Representative, please contact the Divisional Office, ndavies@wmidsdiv.rcpsych.ac.uk. It is hoped that this group will work in close collaboration with CSIP West Midlands and will feedback via Peter to the West Midlands Division Executive Committee.

Divisional Meetings and Events

Winter Divisional Meeting, 14th December 2006

The Winter Meeting for the West Midlands Division was held in the Director's Suite at the Aston Villa Football Ground. Once everyone had finished admiring the state of the pitch and discussing the merits of the various clubs within the Midlands, the Chairman's report by Dr Javed was followed by a presentation of the winning trainees audit by Dr Alok Kumar from Harplands Hospital on assessment of capacity in Mental Health, which highlighted the issues likely to be raised by the new Capacity Act.

The New Educational World was the topic for the morning session with Professor Bhugra, the Dean and Nick Brown, Associate Dean highlighting the changes and challenges for psychiatric training and education.

After lunch Dr Martindale and Professor Birchwood talked about early intervention in psychosis and CBT for command hallucinations.

Professor Swaran Singh finished the meeting with a lively provocative presentation on the topic: "is psychiatry racist", which challenged some of the underlying assumptions in many of the national headlines concerning racism in psychiatry.

The feedback from the meeting was very positive with the opportunity to catch up with colleagues from around the region as well as be updated about new developments in a pleasant environment.

Dr Gabrielle Milner

Workplace Based Assessment Training

The Division will be holding a number of half-day Workplace Based Assessment training workshops around the region. This training is intended for those who will be carrying out WPBA's.

Stoke – 24 May 2007 (a.m.)

Stafford– 31 May 2007 (p.m.)

Solihull– 5 June 2007 (a.m.)

Places are limited and must be booked in advance - £15 each

Booking forms can be found at

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/college/divisions/westmidlands.aspx>

Improving Patient Care for BME Communities across the West Midlands: Joint Conference by RCPsych (West Midlands) and CSIP

The one day joint conference by RCPsych (West Midlands) & CSIP held at the Centennial Centre, Birmingham on 13 March 2007 provided a rare opportunity for a large, enthusiastic and truly multidisciplinary and multiethnic audience to hear and interact with a broad spectrum of speakers representing clinicians, researchers, mental health users and carers and policy makers on their perspectives on delivering racial equality (DRE) and the provision of culturally sensitive and responsive mental health services. The participants overwhelmingly appreciated and commended the format of the conference which provided a platform for analysis and appraisal of the government's DRE policy by hearing points of view of various stakeholders and forming a balanced view of the ground realities.

The morning session was jointly chaired by Afzal Javed and Ian McPherson. Professor Sue Bailey highlighted Royal College of Psychiatrists' vision and policies for bringing carers and users to the main stream of treatment and management strategies in mental health. Welcoming the initiative of the organisers of this meeting, she reassured delegates that the College is very keen to take this agenda on board and would support similar events all over the country. A welcome address was also presented on behalf of Sue Turner, the Chief Executive of Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Trust who joined the meeting at a later stage and welcomed delegates on behalf of her Trust.

Professor David Sallah, National Director CSIP & DH, enumerated various policy initiatives and models for implementing DRE within mental health. Dr. Peter

Lewis (Solihull) emphasised the fact that government's policies have yet to show visible impact within the BME communities. Dominic Walker and Yvonne Perry from Catch-a-fiya, a users network, passionately pleaded for much more to be done by the services in dealing with stigma and discrimination being faced by BME communities. Peter Woodhams gave a résumé of the BME carers training initiatives in the West Midlands.

The afternoon session was chaired by Dr. Neil Deuchar. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad from Walsall presented the results of a regional study on the perspectives of psychiatrists on accessing of services for BME and argued for strengthening training. Yvonne Reid & Dr. Jon Kennedy from Handsworth assertive outreach team narrated the process of their project directed at African Caribbean men. Professor Swaran Singh from Warwick University made a strong evidence based case challenging the view that the high rates of psychosis in Afro Caribbean migrants in the UK is due to racism alone. Dr. Safi Afghan from Walsall presented a working model of integrating mental health promotion closer to the community and gave examples of initiatives afoot in Walsall.

The conference thanked Ranjit Senghera (CSIP) and Afzal Javed for making it a success. It was agreed to organise a similar meeting in 2008 and to publish the suggestions and recommendations put forward by various participants.

Dr Safi Afghan (BME Sub -Committee, RCPsych, West Midlands)

Divisional Prizes

The 2006 **Clinical Audit Prize** was awarded to Dr Alok Kumar at the Winter Academic Meeting on 14 December by Professor Dinesh Bhugra, Dean, RCPsych. Dr Kumar was joint winner with Dr Ankush Singhal for their clinical audit on the assessment of mental capacity amongst psychiatric inpatients (see below). The standard of entries for this year's prize was very high and a wide range of topics were covered.

Short listed candidates for this year's **Research Presentation Prize** will be presenting their presentations at the Spring Divisional Meeting on Friday 11 May where the winner will be presented with a trophy.

The Division has recently established a new essay prize; **The Thomas Bakewell Prize**, for medical students studying within the West Midlands. It is hoped that such a prize will encourage medical students to take an interest in mental health in general as well as developing specific knowledge for a particular topic. The title for this year's prize was 'Mental Illness and the Media'. Miss Rahiel Riasat from Warwick Medical School is this year's winner.



Audit on assessment of mental capacity among psychiatric inpatients

Introduction: Assessment of mental capacity is often seen as a medical role. With the proposed changes to mental health law in the form of Mental Capacity Act, 2005, capacity is set to become a major clinico-legal issue (Eastman & Peay, 1998) and other professionals involved in clinical care, could play a greater role in capacity assessment.

Aims of the audit: To audit the mental capacity assessment forms in notes of general adult and old age mental health in-patients in North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT), Stoke-on-Trent.

1. To determine the point prevalence of mental incapacity amongst inpatients.
2. To determine the estimate of 'magnitude of Bournemouth gap' amongst psychiatric in-patients in general adult and old age wards.

To determine the correlation of mental capacity assessment between doctors and nurses.

Method: Mental capacity was assessed by nursing and medical staff on all the patients admitted to the general adult and old age psychiatric wards in North Staffordshire. Capacity assessment was based on semi-structured questionnaire. This was a Trust wide project to determine the prevalence of mental incapacity amongst inpatients. We collected data from all acute inpatient admission wards for adult and old age patients on one census day (22 October 2005).

Results: There were 105 inpatients on the census day, 55 on old age wards and 50 on adult wards. 25% of patients were detained. Capacity assessment forms were completed on 75% of patients by nursing staff and 45% by medical staff. Among those, whose capacity was assessed, about half lacked capacity i.e. 39 out of 77 according to nursing assessment and 22 out of 47 according to doctors'. Prevalence of 'Bournemouth Gap' was found to be 19/77(24.6%) and 15/43 (34.88%) according to nursing and doctor's assessment of mental capacity. There was a significant correlation between medical and nursing assessments (Spearman's rho 0.817, P=0.0001)

Clinical implications: Our observation shows good correlation between doctors and nursing assessment of capacity, suggesting a possibility that mental health nursing staff can be trained to achieve even higher correlation. The Mental Capacity Act 2005, effective from April 2007, provides a statutory framework to protect vulnerable people who are not able to make their own decisions. The implications of this audit may change the practice of capacity assessment and will be helpful in implementation of new capacity act.

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Affiliates' Affairs

Educational Event for Affiliates & SAS - 2 November 2006

An educational meeting was organised on 2nd November 2006 as part of the continuing activities for Staff Grade and Associate Specialists working in Psychiatry. The main aim was to enhance the general awareness of the latest updates and to provide for personal development needs. As hoped, the event was very well attended by the target group from various psychiatric specialities all over the West Midlands region. An increasing number of new Members of the college have recently joined the SAS group and have assigned a different dimension to the heterogeneity of the group.

Dr Iqbal Naeem, Affiliates' & SAS psychiatrists' representative for the Division organised this event. He welcomed the participants to the day's activities. The need for such an event was emphasised. Describing it in broad terms he drew attention to how the College was supporting the cause of Affiliates. Dr Afzal Javed, Division Chair, in his welcome address acknowledged the invaluable work being done by the Affiliates and SAS psychiatrists. He emphasised the continuing importance of the work being done by this group of doctors in terms of service delivery and further developments in the NHS. The participants appreciated his determination to uphold the efforts in the interest of these career grade psychiatrists.

Dr David Taylor from Maudsley gave his enlightened view of the various neuroleptics and their choice for treatment in specific cases of schizophrenia.

A closely related and clinically significant topic of risk assessment in psychiatric patients was presented by Dr Martin Humphreys in an interesting way. Feedback from the participants indicated that this was one of the most popular topics of the day.

Dr Mathew Kurian went on to highlight the current assertive outreach service within the Dudley Borough, with its basic national principles and standards. Finally Dr Paul Cullen gave a



knowledgeable and interesting description of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with an insight into its historical background. All the clinical aspects of this condition including clinical

course, diagnosis and treatment were discussed.

The programme ended with a business meeting where Affiliates discussed points of common interest and concern. The discussion focussed on the formation of further efficient future collaborations between the Members, and Affiliates working at various Staff Grade and Associate Specialist posts. The need for such meetings to be arranged on a regular basis was highlighted.

Dr Iqbal Naeem, Affiliates and SAS Representative, West Midlands Division, RCPsych

Assessors for the College on Advisory Appointment Committees

If you have been a consultant for more than three years, would you be interested in representing the College as an Assessor on Advisory Appointment Committees (AACs)? Assessors are crucial to ensure good practice is maintained at all AACs and to provide a constructive assessment of applicants' expertise for the post. We urgently need representatives in all psychiatric specialties and in all regions. For full details on the role and how to become an Assessor, please contact Miss Charlotte Cox at the Department of Postgraduate Educational Services, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. Alternatively, please see the College website by following the link <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/training/collegeassessor.aspx>. We do hope that you will join our team of Assessors and look forward to hearing from you.

Royal College Campaign: "Images of Psychiatry"

The President of the Royal College, Professor Sheila Hollins has announced that the Campaign for her tenure will build upon past successes, particularly the Partners in Care campaign of the last three years, by increasing positive perceptions of psychiatry and the treatment of psychological disorder within schools, medical schools and the community.

The College is hoping that we will encourage and motivate young students, both when choosing A levels and/or specialty to consider psychiatry as a career. Recent surveys in the BMJ for instance, show that psychiatry is becoming a popular choice among UK graduates, and anecdotal reports from FY2 tutors suggest that FY2 doctors enjoy their psychiatry rotations, which has had a beneficial effect upon recruitment.

The West Midlands Division of the Royal College is committed to playing an active and constructive role in this campaign. The next Divisional Study Day on the 11th May is concentrating on the campaign, and Professor Hollins is the key note speaker. We know from experience in our own localities that many consultants get involved in local initiatives in schools and colleges and we would be very interested in hearing of any projects that you, or someone you know, has undertaken. Research has also shown that enthusiastic consultants who provide teaching to medical students remain one of the most effective ways of attracting medical students into psychiatry.

We would like to know of any:

- Work experience you have offered to 6th form and gap year students.
- Careers fairs at schools and colleges you have attended.
- Talks you have given to either students or teachers
- Effective methods you have used to engage medical students and attract them into the specialty

If you do have any information about this, please contact Nikki Davies at the Division headquarters.

We also want to promote psychiatry as a modern medical discipline where scientific research combines with the social and cultural mores of the day, so that medicine can be practised at its best and most effective. To that end, the public and the media will also need to be engaged and we would be very grateful if those who have already established links, or who have an interest in this area, would contact Nikki.

Dr Kate Gingell, Executive Committee Member, West Midlands Division, RCPsych

Mentoring Scheme

MENTORS URGENTLY NEEDED!

The Division runs a voluntary mentoring scheme aimed at psychiatrists taking up their first consultant post. We currently have around 40 mentors registered on the scheme but need more from all areas within the region working in a wide range of specialties to satisfy increasing demand. If you have been a Consultant for five or more years, have some experience of training and would be interested in becoming a mentor, please contact ndavies@wmidsdiv.rcpsych.ac.uk in the first instance.

If you are currently mentoring and are able to offer assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch so that your details can be added to our database.

Further details about the scheme can be found at <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/college/divisions/westmidlands/mentoringscheme.aspx>

or by contacting Neil Deuchar, Mentoring Scheme Lead, West Midlands Division.

West Midlands Division: Public Education Sub-committee

This is a sub committee of the West Midlands Executive Committee of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. The committee was set up following a conference in February 2006 on Mental Illness and Stigma

Objectives of Public Education Sub-Committee

- Improve understanding and awareness of mental illness amongst the general public
- Reduce stigma and discrimination associated with the mentally ill
- To train PEC members on how to talk to the Media
- To provide resources to facilitate PEC members to give talks to the public and schools
- To liaise with Early Intervention Psychosis teams in improving detection of psychosis in the young through increasing public awareness
- To work in partnership with other organisations, users and carers



VOTE!

Should training in public education, including writing newspaper articles and talking to reporters, be included as a core competency in a postgraduate psychiatric curriculum?

Vote [YES](#) or [NO](#) or email your vote to ndavies@wmidsdiv.rcpsych.ac.uk

We want to map out how many of you have had direct involvement with the media in the last two years, or been involved in colleges. Please share you experience, tips and traps ndavies@wmidsdiv.rcpsych.ac.uk

PLEASE CONTACT US

We are particularly keen to find psychiatrists prepared to debate on controversial areas to do with mental health. The Christmas Royal College Schools Debate in 2006 was highly successful and great fun. Over 600 pupils listened to arguments for and against the motion: *This House believes that reality TV exploits the mentally ill.*

The Committee would also like to develop a West Midlands data base of psychiatrists prepared to talk to the media on particular topics. Let us know if you are interested. We are looking for proactive psychiatrists prepared to write articles on topics before they make headline news, thereby laying the ground for an informed public. All too often we end up fire fighting when a murder or suicide occurs. These stories will never go away because they sell newspapers. But, if we can nurture a more thorough understanding of mental illness and what mental health services can do, as well as what they can't, hopefully a rational conversation can take place the next time a crisis in the community occurs.

Dr Lisetta Lovett, Public Education Officer, West Midlands Division, RCPsych

CPD - R Hodgson

I would hope all readers of this newsletter are registered for CPD with the Royal College of Psychiatrists. More importantly you should be in 'good standing' which is now a mandatory requirement for many roles including that of educational supervisor. Currently registration is not a mandatory requirement for NHS appraisal but undoubtedly will be in the future.

As you are aware, the College system of CPD is mediated via peer groups. The basic idea is that a group of psychiatrists meet and discuss their CPD needs. Other members of the group should ratify the member's CPD plans for the year. These personal development plans (PDPs) should provide a breadth of CPD activities that includes basic medical training as well as specialist updating. Please remember that issues such as management training and other activities that are not directly related to direct patient care can, and should, be included. The emphasis is on professional rather than on specific medical development. It appears that peer groups are operating effectively in the West Midlands but at present there is no central register for these groups to allow audit etc.

The College Website provides detailed guidance on the composition of PDP groups and provides further guidance <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/training/cpd/cpdpolicy.aspx>. A variety of forms are provided. The most important is Form E which should be returned each year and summarises your CPD activities. Once returned you will receive a certificate from the College certifying you as being in good standing for CPD. Please bear in mind that 10% of returns are audited (and I can speak from personal experience...).

It is also possible that a member of your CPD group may be contacted to verify details.

At a regional level, the CPD committee has been operating but there has been little impetus to drive meetings due to the stability of the system. However, this is likely to change with implementation of the Donaldson report. As you may be aware the College may take on a re-validation role for specialists with the GMC re-licensing psychiatrists as doctors (by the time this article is published the Government's intentions should be clear). Obviously these proposals are controversial and are still being discussed. It is certain that CPD will be compulsory for revalidation and re-licensing.

I field a number of enquiries regarding CPD each month. Apart from the hassle of going to London the only annoyance associated with the role so far is that regional coordinator approval for CPD activities has not been needed for three or more years but I still get urgent requests for approval of courses, lectures etc. If you are running a course then the appropriate phraseology to use is: This educational activity is approved for X hours of CPD activity subject to the approval of the participant's peer group.

I would like to build up the portfolio of local CPD organisers and the job description for this is available on the college website. Having a good network of local CPD organisers will allow transmission of any urgent news from the College more effectively. If you are interested please contact me at RichardE.Hodgson@northstaffs.nhs.uk.

**Dr Richard Hodgson, Regional CPD Coordinator,
West Midlands Division, RCPsych**

DEBATE SECTION - an opportunity to express *your* views

'New ways of working for consultants-better for consultants or patients?'

click for

[PATIENTS](#)

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[CONSULTANTS](#)

Please write to the editor, c/o the Divisional Office with any additional comments, views and opinions on this topic for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter

Elections

Members of the Division are reminded of the forthcoming election for

1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

in accordance with the College's Regulations

Anyone wishing to stand for one of the above posts should return a nomination form to Sue Duncan, Divisions Administrator, at the Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG.

The closing date for the return of nomination forms is

Friday 20 April 2007.

Psychiatric Trainees Committee

The Psychiatric Trainees Committee (formerly called the Collegiate Trainees Committee) is an active committee at the College. It is involved in discussions and decision making within the College about issues that affect trainees. A PTC representative sits on all other College committees to ensure that training issues are considered in all forums within the College. The West Midlands division has three representatives on the PTC who are elected every two years. The current representatives for the West Midlands are:

Floriana Coccia - SHO

Clare Oakley - SHO

Erin Turner - SpR

They can be contacted via kforster@rcpsych.ac.uk

The PTC has recently expanded the trainees section of the College website considerably. It has been regularly updated with information about MMC and MTAS. I would encourage all trainees to look at this section of the website regularly to keep up to date with training issues.

The trainees day at the AGM this year will be Friday 22nd June. Topics that will be discussed include workplace-based assessments, New Ways of Working and foundation trusts. There will also be a social event

for trainees organised on the Thursday night. I hope that as many trainees as possible will be able to join us for this.

In 2007 the Psychiatric Trainees Committee will be focusing on the continuing impact of MMC and New Ways of Working. The issues surrounding these areas were discussed extensively at the last PTC meeting in February. In regards to MMC, the PTC is particularly working on the changes to the MRCPsych exam and the implementation of workplace-based assessments. New Ways of Working is reviewing the working practices of consultant psychiatrists and is dramatically changing the way service is delivered. It is important that this changing consultant role is reflected in the training that current trainees receive. The PTC are striving to ensure all relevant parties are working together to ensure that the new MMC/PMETB trainees are fully equipped to be effective consultants of the future.

The PTC is a way of getting your views heard by the college about the issues that affect you. Please let your reps know your views about these issues.

Clare Oakley, PTC Representative, West Midlands Division, RCPsych

Membership of the Executive Committee

Dr Afzal Javed	Chair
Dr Derrett Watts	Honorary Secretary
Dr Gabrielle Milner	Financial Officer
Dr Andrew Ashley-Smith	Rehab & Social Psychiatry Faculty
Dr Claire Barkley	Forensic Psychiatry Faculty
Dr Joanne Barton	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Faculty
Dr Harm Boer	Learning Disability Psychiatry Faculty
Dr Nicholas Brown	Committee Member
Dr Neil Deuchar	Committee Member
Dr Stephen Edwards	Regional Adviser
Prof Anthony Elliott	Faculty of Old Age
Dr Katherine Gingell	Committee Member
Dr Richard Hodgson	CPDRC
Dr Martin Humphreys	Committee Member
Dr Jonathan Lovett	Committee Member
Dr Lisetta Lovett	Public Education Officer (or PEO)
Dr Christopher Mace	Psychotherapy Faculty
Dr Arshad Mahmood	Committee Member/ General & Community
Dr Vijaya Murali	Faculty of Addictions
Dr Iqbal Naeem	Affiliate representative
Dr Clare Oakley	PTC Representative
Dr Adel Sobeih	Committee Member
Dr George Tadros	Committee Member
Professor Scott Weich	Academic Faculty
Dr Alfred White	Liaison Faculty
Mr Peter Woodhams	Carers Representative

The West Midlands Division Executive Committee meets four times a year to discuss both College and local issues. Members of the Committee can be contacted through the Divisional Office.

2007 Meetings:

19th January 2007

30th March 2007

6th July 2007

28th September 2007

Please refer to the Division's website for a full colour version of this newsletter in PDF format.

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