Proposal for a

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

In

OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHIATRY

The March 2012 issue of The Psychiatrist will contain an official announcement of the proposal to set up a Special Interest Group (SIG) in Occupational Psychiatry. We have been holding monthly meetings as a "shadow-SIG" for the past three years. We have had some excellent presentations and discussions. The meetings attract psychiatrists junior and senior from a number of specialties and many non-psychiatrists from a wide range of professional backgrounds.

What’s it for?

- To serve as a focus for discussion on the many ways in which work and worklessness, mental health and ill health can interact.
- To act as a resource for the college on matters relating to employment and mental health.
- To generate links with other interested elements within the College including the General and Community Section, the Rehabilitation section and the Addictions section.
- To generated links with interested outside organisations including the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, the Society for Occupational Medicine, the Royal College of General Practitioners, organisational and occupational psychologists, employment lawyers, the insurance industry, and HR managers.

What’s needed?

In order for this to become a reality the College Registrar needs to receive positive endorsements from 120 Members or Fellows by 30 June 2012. Please look out for this and write or email the College with your letter of support. Such an endorsement does not oblige you to join or indeed do anything else.
Further information?

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