

# NEWSLETTER

## Come To Edinburgh

*Take part in YOUR Special Interest Group*



Edinburgh this way!

PIPSIG is hosting a Tuesday 22nd June session at The Royal College Meeting in Edinburgh.

This will be followed by our annual general meeting at 12.45pm.

This is our chance to get together and plan the future

direction of our group and develop a leadership role.

Many of our members want to contribute to this role and it falls to you, us, our group, to provide it.

You will not want the purely commercial part of our health sector to be driving your career.

### CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

What a fantastic training we get in psychiatry. What a wonderful range of skills we learn and to such a high standard.

But will we be able to use them in the future? Are these skills of assessment and treatment being given away to other professional groups?

The challenges for PIPSIG (and YOU are PIPSIG) are to be an influence in the college regarding standards and professionalism. This will ensure that the greatly increasing number of

patients being treated in the independent sector are properly served.

The challenge for PIPSIG and YOU is to grow our group into a respected professional body so that people don't ask such questions as "Isn't it the independent sector that has undermined and caused the collapse of the NHS?"

This was a question recently put.

### Who is driving your career?

The Independent Psychiatrist has for too long been a refugee from others who wish to dictate what they do.

Having moved to the Independent Sector some have kept their heads down and got on with the business of treating patients.

Creeping up behind have been commercial organisations and it is they who have been so influential in accelerating the progress of the private sector.

To date they have wooed us and we have been complimented and rewarded.

However, some providers are now dictating terms and conditions more forcefully.

Who is driving **YOUR** career?



THE SUGARMAN NIMMAGADDA CONTRIBUTION

- BULLETIN 2007



**Map:** *Where are we going?*  
**Speed:** *Things are changing fast.*

Sugarman and Nimmagadda’s contribution to the private versus NHS debate should be one of the starting points for those who wish to take an interest in independent practice. There, the issues of values, stigma and rewards are addressed and lays to rest some of the false beliefs held by some of our colleagues.

It was the right time to stop and look at where Independent Practice had come from.

The paper ends by asking where things are going and hints at the challenges ahead.

Will this paper be acted on? Yes it will, with your help.

How will we do it? By talking with each other.

How will that help? We will know who each other is, our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. We will be able

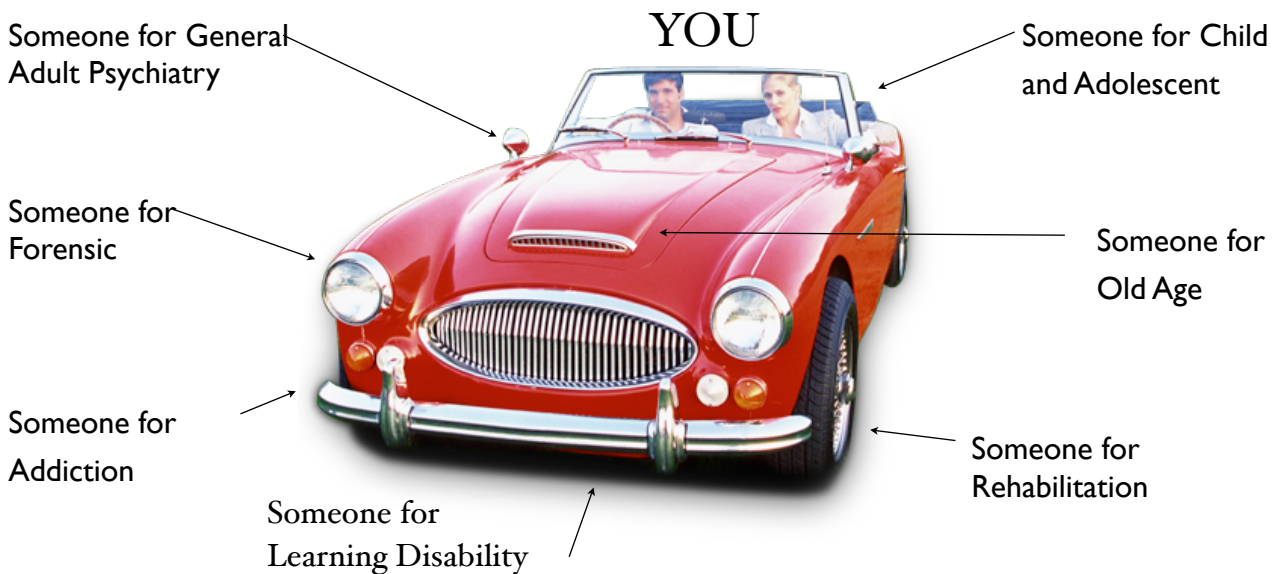
correctly to formulate the issues that need addressing. More than that, we will be able to make sure that our corner of psychiatry is properly represented and grows in an orderly manner.

It is a constant surprise that so many of the PIPSIG membership have never met each other, even those who work under the same umbrella organisation.

Come out from under your stone, find a niche for yourself in PIPSIG

Contact the PIPSIG Chair through [pmilln@doctors.org.uk](mailto:pmilln@doctors.org.uk)

PIPSIG NEEDS DRIVERS FOR IT’S COMMITTEE



THE RANKS OF RETIRED PSYCHIATRISTS

sit like well used taxis, with all that knowledge of the streets of the mind, that knowledge of what is and is not possible, waiting to be called on.

Consider yourselves called on.