

ILEA DOCUMENT 'RELATIONSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP IN CHILD GUIDANCE UNITS'

DEAR SIR,

The above document was again discussed at the last meeting of our Executive Committee. Whilst the views expressed were not altogether unanimous it was agreed to make the following statement:

The attention of Child Psychiatrists is drawn to the ILEA document 'Relationships and Leadership in Child Guidance Units'. We are concerned that this document might be seen throughout the country as a possible blueprint for other Areas. While a small number of child psychiatrists working in ILEA clinics approved the document, a majority are opposed to it, and it was thought this should be

generally known. We are aware that in many parts of the country very satisfactory arrangements have been made for the organization of Child Guidance Clinics and Child Psychiatric Services ensuring a positive approach to interdisciplinary working. It might be unfortunate if the ILEA document were taken as being acceptable to all child psychiatrists, resulting in an adverse influence on already existing satisfactory arrangements.

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NEWS ITEMS

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Registered medical practitioners are invited to apply for a course in preparation for the degree of Master of Science (Psychiatry), starting in October 1979. The course will consist of part-time instruction during nine university terms. For the first two years there will be two days teaching every week in biological, clinical, social and psychological aspects of psychiatry and the methodology of research. The candidate will be examined at the end of the second year and will present a thesis at the end of the third.

Candidates should normally hold training posts at one of the psychiatric units in the Manchester region. Vacancies for such posts will be advertised in the medical press in April.

Further particulars can be obtained from Professor W. I. N. Kessel, Department of Psychiatry, University Hospital of South Manchester, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LR, to whom application should be made as soon as possible.

STENDEL PRIZE, 1979

This prize (£200 this year) is awarded every three years to any doctor or group of doctors who have worked in the Trent Region (i.e. the geographical area covered by the regional health authority) for a piece of research in a field related to clinical psychiatry and

carried out during tenure of an appointment in the Region, whether in hospital, university, general practice or other service. Preference will be given to doctors who have been qualified for not more than eight years. The prize may be shared at the discretion of the assessors.

The entry should consist of two typed copies of the study, written in a manner suitable for publication in a scientific journal. The closing date will be 30 June, 1979. Any enquiries concerning the suitability of a project or eligibility of a candidate should be made to Dr C. P. Seager, Whiteley Wood Clinic, Woofindin Road, Sheffield S10 3TL.

THE CURT P. RICHTER PRIZE

Through the generosity of the Irish Foundation for Human Development, the above prize has been established for research in psychoneuroendocrinology. The aim is to encourage research by younger scientists, and the sum of \$1,000 will be awarded annually for the best manuscript or essay submitted by a scientist or physician under 35 years of age. The winning paper will be published in *Psychoneuroendocrinology*. Entries should be submitted to: Dr Fleur L. Strand, International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology, New York University, Washington Square, New York, N.Y. 10003, USA.