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## forthcoming events

The Department of Psychotherapy, Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust would like to announce a **Seminar on Dreams** to be held on Friday 4

November 2005. Psychologist Joe Griffin, a graduate of the London School of Economics, spent 12 years researching the nature and function of dreaming. He will present his findings in a coherent theory that explains the biological basis of dreaming, including the REM state and the psychological need to dream. His theory of dreams as 'eliminating unfulfilled expectations' provides a more rational explanation than older dream theories. A significant proportion of the 6-hour seminar will be on the practical application of this new knowledge in psychiatry, psychology and psychotherapy, and will include clinical case histories from Griffin's practice and that of his colleagues. The seminar will be held at the Postgraduate Medical Education Centre at the hospital campus in Milton Keynes from 09.30 to 16.30 h at a cost of £85 for the day. For application forms or further details please contact Jane Gurnett, Department of Psychotherapy, Milton Keynes Primary

Care Trust, Milton Keynes MK6 5NG (tel: 01908 243134; e-mail: Jane.Gurnett@mkpct.nhs.uk). Communication by e-mail is preferred.

Applications are invited for semester one of the **MRCPsych Course** run by University College London. **Part I** takes place on Monday afternoons commencing 5 September 2005 and **Part II** takes place on Tuesday afternoons commencing 6 September 2005. The course has been updated in keeping with the Royal College of Psychiatrists syllabus and includes mock exams, theme-specific revision sessions and patient perspectives. For further information and an application form please contact Lydia M. Clinton, Course Administrator (tel: 020 7679 9475; e-mail: mrcpsych@ucl.ac.uk).

The University College London Department of Mental Health Services invites applications for a 2-year, part-time **MSc in Psychiatric Research** course starting in October 2005. The MSc is intended for senior house officers and specialist registrars in psychiatry. It provides a very

practical training in the research skills relevant to psychiatry. All teachers on the course are currently very active as researchers, and student feedback is that the course is enjoyable and highly relevant to developing the skills needed to be an independent researcher. Our aim is to equip graduates to do research at doctoral level and apply for research posts in university departments. The first year consists of workshops and seminars on research skills, held on Monday afternoons. Topics include literature reviews and meta-analysis, design and selection of research instruments, epidemiology, evaluation of interventions, qualitative research methods, biological research and statistics. In the second year students undertake a research project under supervision and submit a dissertation. Early application is advisable as places are limited. For an application form and prospectus please contact Lydia M. Clinton, Course Administrator (tel: 020 7679 9475; e-mail: mrcpsych@ucl.ac.uk). To discuss the course please contact the Course Tutor, Dr Sonia Johnson (s.johnson@ucl.ac.uk).