

large numbers meeting rarely but needs a selected group meeting often. It also seems insufficiently recognized that workers in the mental health fields are usually self-selected and this is specially necessary in this work. It certainly applies to doctors and nurses, not all of whom make good psychiatrists or mental nurses, and it should be seen to apply with equal force to social workers and occupational therapists.

It seems to me that unless what appears to be present policy is reversed it will become urgently necessary for mental health teams to develop their own community services in the form of either domiciliary nurses or psychiatric health visitors. I would urge the College, if not already doing so, to move strongly for a reversal of present social work policy so far as it affects mental health, or to support the setting up of a new corps of workers in the field with an appropriate pay and career structure.

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