

the book is based on interviews with more than 120 older people from 10 cultural minority communities, and looks at good practice service providers should adopt in working with ethnic minority elders. Suitable to those working in health, social care or any other field providing for

or working with older people from every background, the book is available at £14.99 and can be ordered from: Mail Order Department, Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER (Telephone: 0181 765 7203/8).

Forthcoming events

The Third UK Workshop on Evidence-Based Medicine in Psychiatry will be held at Merton College, Oxford, on 6–9 April 1999. Strategies covered will include searching for and critically appraising evidence, and using research findings in everyday clinical practice. The workshop will use a problem-based approach, involving both small group work and lectures. Participants will be shown how evidence-based medicine can help in making clinical decisions concerning diagnosis, treatment, prognosis and harm. There will also be plenty of opportunities for informal discussion. Further information: Mr Andre Tomlin, Centre for Evidence-Based Mental Health, Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford, Warneford Hospital, Oxford, OX3 7JX (Telephone: 01865 226 480, Fax: 01865 793 101, e-mail: cebmh.enquiries@psychiatry.ox.ac.uk, Web:<http://www.psychiatry.ox.ac.uk/cebmh>).

Rampton Hospital Authority, in partnership with The University of Sheffield, are organising a one-day national conference entitled **Drugs, Alcohol and Crime - Issues in Forensic Mental Health**. Taking place on 17 March 1999 at the Ranmoor House Halls of Residence, University of Sheffield, the conference aims to act as a clinical training day. The speakers will be sharing examples of assessment, treatment and management approaches both within the UK and in the international community. Further information: Ms Joanne Gleaden, Professional Education Department, Rampton Hospital, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0PD (Telephone: 01777 248 321, Fax: 01777 248 442).

Post Graduate Certificate in Supervision and Mentorship (Child Care) is the title of a new course being offered by Leicester University. This distance learning approach will be supplemented by a residential seminar and study days, providing

opportunities for individuals to organise their study timetable over a period of 18 months. The next course starts on 15 March 1999. Further information: Lyn Brown, Admissions Secretary, School of Social Work, 107 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7LA (Telephone: 0116 252 3760, Fax: 0116 252 3654, e-mail: childprotect@le.ac.uk).

A study day entitled **Transcending the Barriers between Religion and Psychotherapy** is to be held on 25 March 1999 in the Western Rooms Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool in association with the Merseyside Psychotherapy Institute. Further information: Ms Linda Adams, MPI, 26 Barchester Drive, Liverpool L17 (Telephone: 0151 727 4131).

The 53rd Residential Revision Course for the MRCPsych Examinations will be held at the University of Surrey, Guildford on 7–15 April 1999 (Part I) and 15–22 April 1999 (Part II). Further information: Mrs E. C. Denning, Belmont Postgraduate Psychiatric Centre, Chiltern Wing, Sutton Hospital, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5NF (Telephone: 0181 296 4177).

The Ninth Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) is due to take place on 15–20 August 1999 at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre in Vancouver, Canada. Mirroring Vancouver's multicultural society, the congress will focus on cultural, regional and professional diversity with the participation of a wide range of professionals involved in the mental health care of older people. Participants will have the opportunity of gaining a world perspective on key developments in this challenging field. Further information: IPA Ninth Congress Secretariat, c/o Venue West Conference Services Ltd, #645–375 Water Street,