



Knight's move drinking

Sir: We believe that we have come across a new symptom of schizophrenia and would welcome comments. A 38-year-old male, with a history of schizophrenia, was admitted following a disturbance at a public house. Our only source of

history was the landlady, who described increasingly bizarre behaviour over the preceding 4 weeks. After purchasing a pint of beer he would take two steps forwards, take a drink, move a step to the side, take another drink, then return to his start by completing the rectangle.

We have searched the literature, finding no evidence of such actions and therefore suggest this is the first description of 'knight's move drinking'.

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the college

College notice: elections

Additional nominees elected to the Fellowship and Membership under Bye-Law III 2(ii) Categories (b) and (c).

At the meeting of the Court of Electors held on 24 April 2001, the following additional applicants were approved:

The Fellowship:

Dr S. Bhaumik

Dr L. S. O'Brien

The Membership under Bye-Law III 2(ii) Categories (b) and (c):

Dr Y. Amin

Dr A. Andrew

Dr P. Argiriou

Dr M. Barsoum

Dr K. Bradley

Dr A. Caracciolo

Dr R. De Saram

Dr G. Ericksen

Dr L. Escobar

Dr A. Ezquerro-Adan

Dr B. Ferreira

Dr E. Hamdi

Dr M. Husni

Dr F. Ibitoye

Dr M. Izmeth

Dr E. Katona

Dr A.-K. Korszun

Dr B. Laszlo

Dr L. Le Roux

Dr D. Malekniazi

Dr P. Misra

Dr E. Mukaetova-Ladinska

Dr V. Nathan

Dr L. Norelli

Dr G. O'Leary

Dr A. O'Neill-Kerr

Dr M. Posse

Dr K. Prasad

Dr P. Ramachandran

Dr F. Röhrich

Dr T. Rossouw

Dr J. Royds

Dr W. Skogstad

Dr A. Speckens

Dr N. Trieman

Dr M. Van Rhijn

Dr C. Wildgrube

Dr M. Zinkler

Proposal for a Special Interest Group in the Arts and Psychiatry

Procedure for establishing a special interest group:

- Any member wishing to establish a special interest group shall write to the Registrar with relevant details.
- The Registrar shall forward the application to Council.
- If Council approves the principle of establishing such a special interest group then it will direct the Registrar to place a notice in the *Bulletin*, or its equivalent, asking members of the college to write in support of such a group and expressing willingness to participate in its activities. If at least 120 members reply to this notice, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of the special interest group.

In accordance with this procedure Council has approved the establishment of a Special Interest Group in the Arts and Psychiatry to provide a forum for members of the College who have an interest in the arts (in all forms) to promote the arts within the general body of the College.

The Special Interest Group will aim to meet regularly, and organise seminars and conferences on the complex and interesting relationships between arts and psychiatry. The areas of interest are likely to include the relationship between creativity and mental illness, the value of the arts as therapy and the representing of psychopathology in works of art.

The Special Interest Group will also establish links with other interested parties such as arts organisations, including the Arts Council of Great Britain, artists and user organisations associated with mental health services.

Members are invited to write in support of this group and express willingness to participate in its activities. Interested members should write to Miss Sue

Duncan at the College. If 120 members reply to this notice, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of this special interest group.

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Transfer of case notes between child and adolescent mental health services and adult services

In response to several requests from members of the College seeking advice about the issue of the transfer of case notes between child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and adult services, the College's Executive and Finance Committee has considered this issue, with advice from the Child and Adolescent and General and Community Psychiatry Faculties.

In so doing, the Committee has taken into account the need to respect the fact that some patients may not wish the details of their earlier family history to be made available without their permission on reaching adulthood.

There is also a need to respect the right to confidentiality of the other family members concerned in the original referral, that is parents and siblings and that of third party informants.

The following principle has now been endorsed by the College's Council:

- In all cases where a young person is being seen in the CAMHS service at the time of handover to the adult services, the case notes should be transferred. However, wherever possible the transfer of notes between professionals in different teams in different parts of the trust should be accompanied by permission.
- In the case of an emergency, it might be acceptable to have access to the notes regardless of whether or not permission