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## Psychopathic disorder and autistic spectrum disorders

Sir: As a child and adolescent psychiatrist I would like to support the observations of Galton & Crocombe (*Psychiatric Bulletin*, November 1999, **23**, 692). Autistic spectrum disorders are becoming much more common and this is not just a reflection of more awareness. There has been a definite increase since 1979 in the diagnosis of children with this disorder and a very small minority of people with Asperger's syndrome do show very violent behaviour which is dangerous to others with no sense of remorse and no understanding that violence is wrong.

At present it is mainly child and adolescent psychiatrists who notice this increase, but many of these young people are now reaching adult age and will need to move on to adult services.

From our experience of working with children and young people I would very definitely feel that the service provision for individuals suffering from autistic spectrum disorders and psychopathic disorders should be quite different from

provision for antisocial or dissocial personality disorders.

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## CPD – Module C

Sir: I have been in correspondence with Professor Katona and others regarding the College's Continuing Professional Development requirements and the difficulties of those of us who are neither currently in NHS posts or salaried posts in large private hospitals.

I am very pleased to see that the College wants to be as flexible as possible, for which I am personally grateful. I have been fortunate in being able to be involved in local NHS educational sessions, for which I am thankful to colleagues but I do wonder if there is any interest among those, for example, who work full-time in medico-legal work, occupational health or journalism, getting together on a regular, but reasonably

infrequent basis, to enable relevant Module C requirements to be met.

I would welcome hearing from anybody interested in this proposal.

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## Treating offenders with personality disorder

Sir: Maden (*Psychiatric Bulletin*, December 1999, **23**, 707–710) advocates that the concept of 'treatability' of psychopathic disorder "must go, before irreparable damage is done to psychiatry's public standing". He condemns psychiatrists who diagnose an untreatable personality disorder and conclude that supervision is impossible and leave a probation officer to carry out this supervision. By distancing ourselves from the concept of 'treatability' are we not becoming more concerned with public protection rather than treatment of patients?

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## Examination results

### MRCPsych Part I

#### Examination – Autumn 1999

The following 226 candidates were successful in the MRCPsych Part I Examination held in Autumn 1999, from a total of 568 candidates who sat the Examination (pass rate: 39.79%).

The pass rate for those candidates who sat the Clinical Examination was 71.07%.

In accordance with the Examination Regulations, these candidates may now proceed to the MRCPsych Part II Examination, provided that they satisfy the requirements for entry: two-and-a-half years (30 months) full-time post-registration approved training, a minimum of two years' registration as a medical practitioner in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland, and sponsorship by their Tutor and Consultant Supervisor.

Simon Adelman, Hosakere Subrahmanyam Aditya, Nazir Ahmed, Imoukhuede Akande, Muhammad Saleem Akhtar, Akindele Olatoye Akiyoye, Mohamed Abdullah Ali Salih, Zaubia Alyas, Muthukumaraswamy Anandamurugan, Jennifer Mary Anderson, Sreedharan Pillai Anilkumar (Pillai), Elen Rhiannon Mair Ap Gwilym, Caroline Jane Ardrion, Arcot Dhandayudham Arunmozhi, Lucinda Atkinson, Saravanan Balaji, Noreen Elizabeth Bannan, Sarah Bartlett,

Joanna Michelle Beaumont, Ralf-Peter Behrendt, Michael David Beranek, Andrea Karen Brown, Anda Bude, Jayraj Burrin, Asha Butt, Neetha Byrappa, Catherine Majella Cahill, William Ross Calthorpe, John Malcolm Weatherstone Cameron, Lucy Anne Cameron, Colin Donald Campbell, Basil Silas Cardoza, Stuart Michael Carney, Matthew Zachary David Castle, Kai Tai Chan, Erika Jane Chess, David Mackinnon Barrett Christmas, Jude Nnamdi Chukwuma, Sabina Alessia Ciani, Rikus Hermanus Coetzee, Paul Robert Cohen, Gemma Majella Colhoun, Sangita Cook, Corinne Anne Corbett, Rebecca Marie Corteling, Mary-Anne Cotton, Stephanie Cozzi, Darren James Craddock, Clare Teslin Cribb, William Jonathan Cutter, Brian Joseph Manual Darnley, Eric James Davies, Simon Jonathan Cheshire Davies, Johanna Wilhelmina de Villiers, Marta Di Forti, Maria de los Angeles Diaz-Caneja, Adam Mathew Dierckx, Susan Adrienne Shealagh Dolan, Maja Dujic, Maha Ahmed Ismail El-Nadeef, Olumuyiwa John Farnoroti, Mina Susan Fazel, Jason Robert Fee, Karen Tracy Fehilly, Yolanda Helen Ferguson, Naida Frances Forbes, Dianne Elizabeth Forsyth, Karen Lisa Franks, David Glynn Gerber, Asher Reuven Giora, Geraldine Glover, Vivienne Sara Gould, Vicente Gradillas Gonzalez, Jan Henry Groszer, Sainina Gul, Gyles Vann Haden, Judith Mary Halford, Odile Patricia Hally, Zafrullah Hamzah, Dietmar Hank, Gabra

Elea Gabra Hanna, Jayaraman Hariram, Charlotte Brigitte Harris, Mahnaz Hashmi, Sarah Holmes, Rebecca Louise Horne, Oliver David Howes, Juliet Diana Hurn, Amr Salah Ibrahim Abdallah Ibrahim, Furhan Iqbal, Rebecca Jacob, Ather Sajjad Jafri, Ilan Gideon Joffe, Sheher Yar Jovindah, Amjad Adnan Khalil Jumaian, Sudhir Kaligotla, Rajagopal Keerthy Sunder, Brendan Desmond Kelly, Ann Louise Keulder, Ayla Sabrina Khan, Vivek Khosla, Olasunkanmi Bayonle Koladaisi, Prem Kumar Kunjukrishnan, Kuruvilla K. Kuruvilla, Yee Tine Robert Lam, Heinrich Christiaan Lamprecht, Laval Richard Hin Wa Law Min, Gordon Patrick Lehany, Blair Peter Duncan Leslie, James Stewart Gillespie Lewis, Wei Ming Liao, Sian Annette Llewellyn-Jones, Alma Winifred Lydon, Cecelia Aoibhinn Lynch, Olive Lynn, Callum Maccall, Sheena Margaret Mackenzie, Darren James Mackintosh, Kim Caroline Maguire, Shahid Majid, Alison Jean Marr, Derek John Marshall, Thomas Marshall, Jasenka Matekovic, Olukeni Yetunde Mateola, Craig Jeffrey Mearns, Renato Merolli, Jonathan Millard, Iain Joseph Mitchell, Mirza Wasi Mohamad, Andrew Carl Molodynski, Joseph Patrick Molony, Tirthankar Mukhejee, Amer Mukhtar, Margaret Ita Mulholland, Jane Margaret Murdoch, Catriona Murray, P. J. Naga Venkatesha Murthy, Sanyogita Nadkarni, Asim Naeem, Jonathan Robert Nash, Jitendra Kumar Nayar, Harish Kumar