

EDITORIAL STATEMENT

This is the sixth Bulletin for which we have had editorial responsibility. During these six issues, our editorial policy has been slowly developing in response to the wishes of B.A.B.P. members. So that this development can continue constructively, this statement clarifies our current policy.

The Bulletin has to combine many functions, two of which are paramount. Firstly, it is the house journal of the British Association for Behavioural Psychotherapy. As such, it aims to further the activities of the B.A.B.P. by informing members of activities both inside and outside the Association. Secondly, it is a medium through which members can discuss issues relating to the practice of behavioural psychotherapy. These issues can be both theoretical as well as practical.

Within this broad framework, the Bulletin will be what the membership makes it - no more and no less. There is a continuing need for contributions, and should there prove to be too many, we can expand the number of pages - provided we can attract advertising revenue. (Those members who write books should ask their publishers to take out adverts!)

In addition to articles discussing issues, we would like to publish well documented single-case studies which illustrate either a theoretical point or make some contribution to the development of a treatment technique. Preliminary treatment trials, problems in getting treatment going, failures in techniques - all these are of interest to the membership.

It is our cynical impression that there is more talk than data in current British Behavioural Psychotherapy practice. We hope the membership can prove us wrong.

It has been suggested that future issues might be produced around specific themes. As noted elsewhere in this issue, we already plan to devote one number to Behaviour Modification in Education. Suggestions for other themes are welcomed.

Branch secretaries have continually been asked to provide the editors with news and information. Good intentions have a habit of not being actualized - attitudes and behaviour are not always synchronous!

To allow the Bulletin to appear in time for the A.G.M. in July, the deadline for copy for the next issue is 1st June, 1976. The deadline for the fourth issue will remain 15th September.

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