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Keele University, Department of Psychiatry would like to announce their **Diploma and MSc in General Psychiatry Courses 1999**. The courses are suitable for affiliates and non-consultant training grades, as well as psychiatric trainees. The closing date is 16 August 1999. For further information please contact Miss Tracy Brittain, School of Postgraduate Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Thornburrow Drive, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 7QB (telephone: 01782 554019; fax: 01782 747319; e-mail: [pca02@keele.ac.uk](mailto:pca02@keele.ac.uk)).

A part-time distance learning course on **Profound Learning Disability and Multi-Sensory Impairment** is offered by the University of Manchester. The course is spread over two years and although work is home-based, it also involves attendance at three weekend workshops each year. The following issues are addressed: challenging behaviour, communication, education, family issues, inter-disciplinary working, leisure, social valorisation and sensory impairment. Awards can be obtained at Certificate, Diploma and Masters levels. Further information can be obtained from: The Course Secretary, University of Manchester, JTI Office, C/O RSD, Stanley Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6RQ (telephone/fax: 0161 610 0149; e-mail: [jtioffice@rsd.manchester.btinternet.com](mailto:jtioffice@rsd.manchester.btinternet.com)).

The Edinburgh Healthcare and Greater Glasgow Community & Mental Health Services NHS Trusts are the joint organisers of the **South of Scotland Cognitive Therapy Course 2000**, a course which will look at the theory and practice of cognitive-behavioural therapy. Taking place in the south of Scotland, the course has been specifically designed to minimise costs and travelling time for busy clinical staff. The teaching programme will

run from February to November 2000, starting with a three-day induction block. Thereafter, the programme will consist of fortnightly whole-day teaching sessions, alternating with fortnightly individual supervision and case work. Further information: Mrs Diane Matheson, Course Administrator, The Cottage, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 5HF (telephone: 0131 537 6707; fax: 0131 537 6104).

## New publications

A limited number of copies of the Department of Health's booklet **Drug Misuse and Dependence - Guidelines on Clinical Management** (published April 1999) are available on application to the College. Please send a cheque for £3.00 (made out to The Royal College of Psychiatrists) to Ms Nicola Pinn at 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG and give your full name and the address to which the booklet should be sent.

**Pulling Through On A Journey Through Madness, a collection of poems** by Kathleen A. King is a new title from Pennyroyal Publications. The poems reflect the pain of a person with manic depression and the book is rich and moving in its poignancy and vivid portrayal of courage in the face of adversity. Many people with manic depression will identify with the author in transcending the pain through the imagery of poetry. Priced at £3.50 inclusive of packaging and postage, copies can be obtained by sending a cheque or postal order to Pennyroyal Publications, 3 Ashfield Road, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3HU.