

lead to mandatory refusal of the application in accordance with the Road Traffic Act.

(8) Following the reinstatement of a licence the patient's clinician should be mindful to monitor the patient's mental health and compliance with any pertinent treatment. Medical practitioners must, in accordance with these guidelines, inform DVIA where they know that the patient is not complying with the treatment or their mental state has deteriorated to the point that they are likely to be a source of danger to the public. The General Medical Council ethical code allows such notification where the public are at risk and a patient has failed to fulfil the Road Traffic Act obligation to immediately inform DVLA. It is acknowledged that monitoring patient compliance can sometimes be impracticable.

(9) It is impossible to frame regulations for drivers with personality disorder (although matters may appear clear cut with psychopathic disorder), but it is likely that those constituting a danger can be

identified by a record of police offences, not necessarily connected with driving (such as assault or drunkenness). These can be excluded on a non-medical basis, and can be dealt with/without any medical information.

A system of conditional licensing might be evolved.

The Royal College of Psychiatrists is aware that with the development of new treatments and changes in medical practice, these recommendations will need to be reviewed at regular intervals.

#### Footnotes

(i) Legislation states that severe mental handicap is an absolute bar by law, but learning disability is assessed by function.

(ii) Epilepsy has been excluded, since it is covered by existing regulations.

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## College elections

### *Candidates for election to Council*

	Votes
Dr M. Alexander	675
Dr K. G. M. Bhakta	698
Dr J. Birley	1469*
Dr J. Holmes	1131*
Professor C. Katona	1104*
Dr P. Maddocks	768*
Dr R. Williams	1022*

\* Successful candidates.

### *Candidates for election to the Court of Electors*

	Votes
Professor F. Creed	1023*
Dr K. Day	713*
Dr P. Fenwick	816*
Professor H. Ghodse	769*
Professor J. Gunn	1088*
Dr M. Lipsedge	846*
Dr K. Murray	536
Dr J. Robertson	503
Dr C. Smith	609
Dr R. Symonds	467
Dr G. Wallen	461

## College Manpower Census

The first College Manpower Census has recently been completed. It is published as an occasional

paper of Council (OP20) and is available from the Publications Department at a cost of £5.00.