

## Obituary

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**HUGH BRIAN MCNAMEE, Consultant Psychiatrist, Ravenscraig Hospital, Greenock.**

Dr McNamee died at his home in Kilmacolm, on 23 May, 1987. He was aged 50.

Brian was educated in Glasgow, graduating at the University of Glasgow in 1960. After he completed his House Officer posts in Glasgow and Edinburgh, he held appointments at Senior House Officer, Registrar, and Senior Registrar grades at the Maudsley Hospital and Institute of Psychiatry, London, between 1963 and 1966. He then spent over a year as a Teaching Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School and Clinical Fellow, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. Brian then returned to the United Kingdom where, after a further spell as Senior Registrar at the Maudsley, he was appointed Senior Lecturer at the University of Dundee and Consultant Psychiatrist to the Dundee General and Mental Hospitals. In 1969 Brian again crossed the Atlantic, on this occasion holding the posts of Physician-in-Charge of the Psychiatric Consultation and Liaison Service at Kingston General Hospital and Assistant Professor at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. He held these posts until 1972 at which time he became Assistant Professor at the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. When Brian finally returned to the United Kingdom in 1975, he was appointed Consultant Psychiatrist, based at Ravenscraig Hospital in Greenock. In addition to his general duties, Brian was an enthusiastic Clinical Tutor at Ravenscraig and his efforts in that area were much appreciated by his junior colleagues in training.

Brian, who was a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, maintained an interest in research throughout his career. He published widely, often with co-authors from other disciplines on many topics but principally affective disorders, alcohol and drug abuse, and more recently neuro-transmitter biochemistry.

He was a quiet and indeed a private man who found most of his pleasures at home with his family and in his garden. He enjoyed his regular holidays in Argyll, a part of the country he loved greatly and which afforded him every opportunity to indulge in his favourite pastime of walking.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary and his son Shaun, to both of whom he was devoted.

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**MICHAEL EDWARD YORK-MOORE, formerly Consultant Psychiatrists, Lea Castle Hospital, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Worcs.**

Dr Michael York-Moore who was a Consultant Psychiatrist at Lea Castle Hospital, Kidderminster prior to his retirement in June 1985, died on 28 April, 1987 aged 61.

Michael York-Moore graduated from the London Hospital in June 1948. He won the Glanfield Harris Prize for Surgery whilst he was a student and was also introduced to the sharp end of social medicine, having been among the first group of doctors and medical students who entered Belsen Concentration Camp.

After qualifying, he worked first at the London Hospital and then carried out National Service in the RAMC in the Far East. On leaving the Army he married Rosemary, a chartered physiotherapist whom he had met during their training at the London Hospital. They moved to Norfolk where Michael worked for three years as an Assistant in General Practice and obtained the D (Obst) RCOG.

Changing direction, he undertook his training in psychiatry at the Belmont and Horton Hospitals, obtaining the DPM in 1957, following which he spent two years as Senior Medical Officer for Mental Health with Essex County Council. Resulting from this direct contact with families and mental handicap, he developed an overriding interest in this speciality and thereafter followed appointments at St Lawrence's, Caterham and Strathmartine Hospital, Dundee. During the latter, he was the Medical Superintendent and Honorary Lecturer in Mental Handicap at St Andrew's University.

He returned to Essex in 1965, where he was a Consultant Psychiatrist at the Royal Eastern Counties Hospital. He then moved to South Ockendon Hospital in 1968 as a Consultant Psychiatrist where in 1970 he set up a hospital for mentally handicapped children at Little Highwood, Brentwood. In 1976, he moved to Lea Castle Hospital where he was responsible for mental handicap services in Shropshire and a part of Birmingham.

He always made sure that he kept abreast of every development in the field of mental handicap and visited services as far apart as Scandinavia, Holland and North America. He gave much of his spare time to supporting the early development of the Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped and was an active panel member for the Mental Health Film Council. His knowledge and experience made him invaluable as an Associate Director of the British Institute of Mental Handicap. He had always been an active member of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, became a Foundation Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and later a Fellow. He became Secretary to the Mental Deficiency Section for a term.

A dedicated physician, he was devoted to his patients and their families which is not surprising in a man who invested so much in his own family life and who drew much contentment and satisfaction from their successes. An element of shyness made him prefer the company of small groups of friends for relaxation, but he could rise to the grand occasion. His hallmark was the meticulous care that he took with his work along with a willingness to listen to others. He

was always gentle, kind and ready to help his junior staff over hurdles. It seemed that his modesty prevented him from appreciating his value to others, for certainly many patients and staff have found their lives enriched by contact with him.

Michael is survived by his wife Rosemary who continues to work with mentally handicapped children, their two daughters—one a physiotherapist and the other a nurse/midwife—and five grandchildren.

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**The deaths of the following have also been reported:**

WILLIAM SYDNEY ANDREWS, Consultant Psychiatrist, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 3 West Parade Road, Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

FERNANDO ARROYAVE-PORTELA, Consultant Psychiatrist, Regional Unit for the Treatment of Alcohol Dependence, Littlemore Hospital, Oxford.

HARRY RICHARD BAILEY, Consultant Psychiatrist, 71–3 Piper Street, Leichhardt, Sydney, NSW 2040, Australia.

HENRY JAMES CROW, formerly Clinical Director, Burden Neurological Hospital and Institute, Stapleton, Bristol.

BRIAN GJEMRE DALY, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Leverdale Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland.

WILLIAM SYDNEY EDWARDS, Consultant Psychiatrist, 22 Ryndale Walk, Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

EDWARD JOHN CAMPBELL HEWITT, formerly Medical Commissioner, Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland, 21 Moray Place, Edinburgh, Scotland.

JOHN JOHNSTON, formerly Physician Superintendent, Broadgate Hospital, North Humberside.

SEBASTIAN KLAUS LITTMANN, Professor and formerly Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, University of Calgary, Canada.

RONALD LESLIE LLEWELLYN SMITH, Consultant Psychiatrist, The William Bland Centre, 4th Floor, Suite 9–10, 229–231 Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia.

MORRIS MARKOWE, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Springfield Hospital, London SW17.

HERBERT ALEXANDER ROSENFELD, Physician, London Clinic of Psychoanalysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1.

IAN ANDREW JAMES ROSS-SMITH, Consultant Psychiatrist, Norfolk Park Health Centre, Tower Drive, Sheffield.

RODNEY WILKINS, Principal Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Security, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London.

VERA ANN WILKINSON, Consultant Psychiatrist, Child Guidance Clinic, Burlington Road Health Centre, Slough, Berkshire.

### *The Third King's Fund Forum*

This forum, with the theme 'The Need for Asylum in Society for the Mentally Ill or Infirm' was held in London from 8–10 April 1987. The conference was asked to confine its attention to three groups of people who might need asylum:

1. adults with persistent major mental illness including the mental illnesses of old age and dementias

2. the mentally impaired with behavioural problems
3. people who are aggressive or have seriously irresponsible behaviour.

A copy of the Consensus Statement resulting from the conference can be obtained from the King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF.

### *New Publication*

The National Unit for Psychiatric Research and Development has recently published *The Mental Health Advice Centre in Lewisham. Service Usage: Trends from 1978 to 1984* by A. P. Boardman, N. Bouras and J. Cundy. This is the third in a series of reports on the MHAC in Lewisham

and describes the operation of the centre since its establishment. The report is available from Dr Jed Boardman, NUPRD, Lewisham Hospital, Lewisham High Street, London SE13 6LH; price £4.00.