

and treatment from hospital to community. Such a scheme makes it imperative that the medical, nursing and social parts of the community services come under the direction of a psychiatrist. Furthermore, a well functioning and efficient community psychiatric set-up may well (perhaps) prevent one or other admission to hospital and reduce the number of crisis consultations overwhelming hospital clinics at present.

It is up to us psychiatrists to plan and prepare for this trend in psychiatric care, and with this in mind I would advocate the formation of a Specialist Section for 'Social and Community Psychiatry' within the Royal College of Psychiatrists to lend impetus to the re-orientation in psychiatric management and planning in the light of coming changes which should incorporate the care and supervision of the mentally disordered in the community in an overall therapeutic programme.

I would like to hear from anyone interested in forming such a Section and communications should be addressed to the undersigned.

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DEAR SIR,

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THE MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY TEST

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS

PRELIMINARY TEST: Monday 19 March 1973, and Monday 24 September 1973.

MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION:

Written: 30 April 1973 and 29 October 1973.
Clinicals and Orals: Week commencing 28 May 1973 and week commencing 26 November 1973.

CLOSING DATES FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES

PRELIMINARY TEST:

March 1973: 19 January 1973
September 1973: 24 July 1973.

MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION:

April/May 1973:
Complete—14 February 1973.
Involving exemptions—1 February 1973
October/November 1973:
Complete—31 July 1973.
No exemptions.

EXEMPTIONS

For two years, and two years only, following the inception of the College (16 June 1971), candidates for the Membership Examination who possess certain