

MRCPsych Examinations – Spring 1990

Application forms for the MRCPsych Examinations are available on *written* request. Late applications of up to *one* week after the official closing date will be allowed on payment of a non-refundable fee of £50.00.

| <i>Examination</i> | <i>Closing date for receipt of applications</i> | <i>Written Papers</i> | <i>Clinical (Oral) Examinations Week beginning</i> |
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| MRCPsych Part I | 10 January | 18 April | 23 April |
| Membership Examination/ MRCPsych Part II | 7 February | 4 May | 14 May |
| Fees on each occasion: | MRCPsych Part I – £230.00 Membership Examination/ MRCPsych Part II – £275.00 | | |

Rules concerning withdrawal and refunds

- (1) Notification of withdrawal from the Examinations must be received in writing at the College. Notification of withdrawal by telephone is not acceptable. The College does not transfer applications and fees from one Examination to the next.
- (2) In the case of candidates who withdraw before the closing date for receipt of entries, an administrative charge of half the fee paid will be retained by the College.
- (3) No refund of fees will normally be made to candidates who withdraw from the Examinations after the closing date for receipt of entries, or who fail to attend on the day.

Resource Assumptions and Planning Guidelines 1990–1991

The attention of Members is drawn to Health Circular HC(89)24 issued by the Department of Health NHS Management Executive entitled *Health Services Development – Resource Assumptions and Planning Guidelines 1990–1991*. This Circular states various national service objectives, two of which are particularly relevant to psychiatrists. They are as follows:

- “12 (v) every District must have a ‘care programme’, in line with guidance to be issued shortly, to provide co-ordinated care for people disabled with chronic mental illness;
- (vi) every District must have action plans for meeting the health care needs of people with mental handicaps”.

Correction

The Royal College of Psychiatrists: Preliminary report on medical audit (*Psychiatric Bulletin*, October 1989, 13, 577–580)

It was stated in item 6 of **Recommended Reading** that the Royal College of Psychiatrists Research Committee Report from the Pilot Survey on the Use of Depot Neuroleptics was not yet for publication. In

fact the full version of the report is available in typescript in the College Library; a brief version was published in the *Psychiatric Bulletin*, September 1989, 13, 517–520.