(3)   Will this issue:

Allow the Chairman to speak for ten minutes without interruption   ( )   5

Allow a Committee Member to reply for ten minutes without interruption   ( ))−5

Lead to extensive discussion   ( ) −10

Engender universal agreement   ( )   10

(4)   Can this matter be:

Subsumed to another agenda item   ( )   5

Referred to another committee   ( )   10

Spoken to by an elective mute   ( )   10

Seized on by the Press   ( ) −10

(5)   Does this matter concern:

The public's alcohol consumption   ( )   10

Doctors' alcohol consumption   ( )   5

Psychiatrists' alcohol consumption   ( ) −5

College profits from brewery shares   ( ) −10

(6)   This is an issue which is understood by:

The Chairman   ( )   5
The Secretary   ( )   10
All Committee Members   ( ) −5
The College Membership   ( ) −10

(7)   This issue might give rise to:

A Special Interest Group   ( ) −10
A new Section   ( ) −20

The resignation of a member of College staff   ( ) −30

An organisation without College responsibility for funding   ( )   20

(8)   Does this matter offend:

Psychologists   ( )   10
Social workers   ( )   5
The Prince of Wales   ( ) −5
College staff   ( ) −10

TOTAL SCORE:

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Psychiatry in bookshops

DEAR SIRS

There is current debate about the position of psychiatry in the 1990s. Within the profession there seems to be a consensus that psychiatry is a medical subspeciality. But what do the general public think?

A well-known Bristol academic bookshop may have the answer. Their psychiatry section is not to be found between pathology and radiology but appears separately, next to Alternative medicine.

Presumably customers find this arrangement more suitable.

I wonder what the situation is like nationally?

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On-call system for child psychiatry

DEAR SIRS

Since writing the article on the state of liaison in psychiatry (*Psychiatric Bulletin*, June 1990, **14,** 322) it has been brought to my attention that an extensive on-call system exists for child psychiatry in Bloomsbury.

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