Priorities

10. Although the national average of consultants to population is now about 1:50,000, in some Districts the initial standard of 1:60,000 has not yet been reached. It is suggested that priority be given for new posts in these Districts to bring them up to this minimum standard before developing the specialized aspects (this will usually mean more general psychiatrists). After this step developments might be on a *pro rata* basis in line with the distribution ultimately envisaged, except where special needs arise locally. Demand for new consultant posts is likely to exceed supply in the near future, making it difficult to strike the right balance between general psychiatry and the special interests, and there would appear to be a need for regular reviews which might take place at the annual meetings on manpower between the Department and the College. It should be emphasized that the pattern of service envisaged in Table II stems from the College's perception of need, and could only be achieved progressively.

11. It is for Health Authorities to decide the local priorities for consultant posts to be filled. It is hoped that this paper will serve as a background to their planning of psychiatric services.

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