REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

North-Eastern Regional Hospital Board, Scotland

Plans for a £500,000-plus improvement scheme at Woodlands Hospital, Cults, near Aberdeen, which cares for mentally handicapped children, are being submitted for approval to the Scottish Home and Health Department by the North-Eastern Regional Hospital Board. Included in the plans is new residential accommodation for 120 child in-patients at Woodlands, which at present has 112 beds. It is also planned to provide a new kitchen and dining room, and to alter and upgrade Woodlands House to provide administrative, clinical and teaching facilities.

The in-patients at Woodlands will be aged up to 16 years and there will be two types of ward—maximum care wards and progressive training wards, but these will be designed to be flexible in use for the care of all grades of patient. In all wards, any of the single rooms will be capable of accommodating a mother and child when mothers are resident and under instruction.

National policy now requires local authorities to play a larger part in the care of handicapped persons, but the extent of local authority participation in the Woodlands project by way of hostel accommodation and additional educational facilities is not yet known. The hospital project will therefore proceed in isolation meantime, and it is hoped to be able to start work on site in February 1976.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

University of Liverpool

The Department of Psychiatry is holding a weekend residential symposium from 19 to 21 April 1974, on 'Aspects of Psychosexual Problems'. It will cover many topics such as homosexuality, impotence, frigidity, contraception, sterilization, therapeutic abortion, transsexualism, psycho-legal aspects, aetiology and psychopathology. Speakers will include: Dr. A. J. Cooper, Dr. M. P. Feldman, Mr. H. Francis, Mrs. Francis, Dr. Hall-Turner, Dr. J. Johnson, Dr. F. E. Kenyon, Dr. M. J. MacCulloch, Professor A. Munro, Dr. Myre Sim and Mr. Maurice Yaffe.

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National Institute of Mental Health, U.S.A.

A National Conference on Evaluation in Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health and organized and administered by the Division of Community Psychiatry, State University of New York at Buffalo, will take place in Washington, D.C., 1 to 4 April 1974. The conference will include major presentations in areas of definition and philosophy of program evaluation, policy and administration, training for evaluation, the technical state of the evaluation art.

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