Resolution on political dissenters should be sent to those member societies of the WPA who had not already reveived it.

Arising from the Registrar's Report, Dr. T. L. DUNN referred to the DHSS's policy in connection with the redistribution of Registrar and Senior Registrar posts in all specialties except psychiatry, and suggested that the Programmes and Meetings Committee be asked to set aside a day or half day to discuss the pros and cons of such a policy as it would affect psychiatry if introduced to the specialty. In the ensuing discussion, the REGISTRAR pointed out that the College had not rejected the case for redistribution, but had recognized that psychiatry was a special case and wished the whole matter to be carefully considered before action was taken. It had been felt that the Department's central manpower machinery was geared more towards general medicine and surgery and did not fully recognize the peculiar problems of psychiatry: e.g. the future of the Medical Assistant grade; the serious recruitment problem, as regards both quality and quantity; departmental policy was focused on the District General Hospital psychiatric units, but did not seem to appreciate the varied problems that would exist in conventional psychiatric hospitals during the period of transition. Prof. RAWNSLEY referred to the need to balance service and training requirements. It was agreed to ask the Programmes and Meetings Committee to consider the possibility of a discussion of these problems; in the meantime the Manpower Sub-Committee was devoting itself to consideration of the matter, and discussions with the DHSS were continuing.

THE ACCREDITATION EXERCISE

Visitors to Hospitals, 1974–76

In accordance with the arrangements for the second stage of the Accreditation Exercise, the first series of visits to psychiatric hospitals and units providing general professional training throughout Great Britain and Ireland are now in progress.

Inter-Divisional Visiting Arrangements

The following list shows the inter-Divisional visiting arrangements for 1974–76 inclusive:

Scottish	visits	North West
Irish	,,	Welsh
Welsh	,,	Chiltern & Thames Valley
North East	,,	Scottish
North West	,,	Irish
Midlands	,,	South Western
South Western	,,	Southern
Chiltern & Thames Valley	,,	Midlands
East Anglian	,,	North Eastern
Southern	,,	East Anglian

During 1974–76 an average of six hospitals will be visited in each Division during each half-yearly period. It is envisaged that in due course the arrangements will be varied to enable the Panels to rotate throughout the different Divisions.

Panels of Visitors

The Panel of Visitors appointed to represent the ten Regional Divisions are shown below. Each visiting team consists of the Chairman and two Members of the Panel.

Scottish Division

Drs. R. C. B. Aitken (*Chairman*), W. D. Boyd, T. W. Harding, I. M. Ingram, P. W. Kershaw, W. E. S. Kiernan, C. McCance, J. Rae, A. H. Reid, H. Stalker, J. K. Binns (*Reserve*).

Irish Division

Professor R. J. Daly (*Chairman*), Drs. Enda Casement, A. S. Clenaghan, T. J. Fahy, T. Lynch, W. A. G. MacCallum, W. B. McConnell, W. O. McCormick, J. J. Stack, S. D. McGrath (*Reserve*).

Welsh Division

Drs. M. W. Annear (*Chairman*), K. W. Aron, A. C. Brown, J. Farr, B. P. Griffin, M. Harper, J. H. Hughes, D. A. Jones, H. V. R. Jones, A. M. P. Kellam, B. Maragakis, K. G. Mohan Bhakta, I. G. Pryce, T. P. Riordan, A. B. Rolfe, R. L. Symonds, D. D. R. Williams, M. J. Craft (*Reserve*).

North East Division

Drs. K. Davison (*Chairman*), J. Blackburn, J. Caldbeck-Meenan, K. A. Day, G. A. Dransfield,

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C. F. Fleming, M. T. Haslam, P. J. G. Quinn, D. A. Spencer, D. D. Webster, A. O. A. Wilson, A. L. G. Smith (*Reserve*).

North West Division

Drs. M. D. Cashman (*Chairman*), B. K. Brooker, P. Harper, S. Levine, J. T. Leyberg, R. Middlefell, S. Shafar, M. Silverman, W. P. Walsh.

Midlands Division

Drs. K. Myers (*Chairman*), P. Barker, T. L. Dunn, M. D. Enoch, B. H. Fookes, E. B. Gordon, J. A. Harrington, N. W. Imlah, N. Kaye, R. H. S. Mincham, E. G. Oram, C. P. Seager, G. Silverman, M. Sim, G. B. Simon, F. G. Thorpe, D. Toms.

South Western Division

Drs. J. Grimshaw (*Chairman*), Ann R. Bailey, H. J. Crow, J. B. Gordon-Russell, W. A. Heaton-Ward, A. G. Hucker, Joan I. Hudson, E. B. McDowall, J. M. Pencheon, M. A. Rowton-Lee, R. Wallace Simpson, D. Lindsay Walker.

Chiltern & Thmaes Valley Division

Drs. F. J. J. Letemendia (*Chairman*), D. W. K. Bird, J. K. Brockbank, J. Hood, T. E. Lear, P. O'Farrell, W. Ll. Parry-Jones, A. Shapiro, H. G. Smyth, H. G. Tough.

East Anglian Division

Drs. A. R. K. Mitchell (*Chairman*), R. Devine, R. Fox, G. J. Goldberg, Alice Jack, G. W. Libby, F. C. McEvett, R. A. Oxlade, M. J. Pritchard, J. L. Reed, E. M. Rich, J. Robertson, A. Robin, B. B. Zeitlyn.

Southern Division

Drs. M. S. Perinpanayagam (*Chairman*), T. Bewley, P. K. Bridges, J. F. Cleobury, J. D. W. Fisher, L. K. Hemsi, S. Jacobson, E. G. Lucas, R. Maggs, S. Shere, A. C. Smith, J. P. Watson, E. D. West.

Categories of Accreditation

The following revised categories of accreditation of hospitals and units offering training and experience in preparation for the M.R.C.Psych. Examination (general professional training level) have recently been approved and will be applied to all hospitals visited under the Accreditation Exercise:

Category

A (*Approval*)
Adequate training including exposure to wide range of adult clinical psychiatry with (possibly) contact with clinical work in subspecialty fields. Three years in this setting would fulfil the training requirements to enter the M.R.C.Psych. Examination.

AS (*Limited Approval*)
Adequate training available but by the nature of the hospital or unit limited in range, e.g. child psychiatry, mental handicap or other sub-specialty field. Experience up to a maximum duration of 18 months in this setting would be valid as part of the required 3 years minimum training for the M.R.C.Psych. Examination.

P (*Provisional Approval*)
The training available includes exposure to adult clinical psychiatry with (possibly) contact with clinical work in sub-specialty fields. There are limitations, however, in the quality of training or in the facilities available. The College would provisionally accept 3 years in this setting as fulfilling the training requirements to enter the M.R.C.Psych. Examination, but would expect improvements to be made before the category could be reviewed following a further visit one year later.

PS (*Provisional Limited Approval*)
The training available is limited in range by the nature of the hospital or unit, e.g. child psychiatry, mental handicap or other sub-specialty field. There are, however, also limitations in the quality of training or in the facilities available (within the sub-specialty field). The College will provisionally accept experience up to a maximum duration of 18 months in this setting as valid for the M.R.C.Psych. Examination (i.e. as part of the required 3 years minimum training). It would be expected, however, that improvements would be made before the category could be reviewed following a further visit one year later.

U (*Not Approved*)

Hospitals linked by a training scheme

Where one particular hospital or unit does not itself provide adequate training but is linked with one or more hospitals or units which together meet the College's standard, the whole group could be accredited Category A.

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