

says the working party's press notice, there has been public disquiet about the damage that can be done by untrained or unscrupulous psychotherapists; and in 1971 a government inquiry recommended legislation. Now the working party's report proposes that there should be a council for psychotherapy to maintain a statutory register of psychotherapists; that no one should have the title of psychotherapist, psychoanalyst, or anything similar unless he or she is registered; and that the council should have power to strike a practitioner off the register for professional misconduct. With one exception, the bodies represented on the working party recommend that psychotherapists should be properly trained before being entered on the register. The exception is the British Association of Behavioural Psychotherapy, which argues that it would be enough for registered psychotherapists to be members of a bona fide professional body and subject to a code of ethics, even if they had received no formal training. Copies of the report (price 85p) may be obtained from Mr S Gray, Tavistock Centre, Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA.

Better medical writing

The *BMJ* is holding a six-session writing course on Thursday evenings in November and January at BMA House, London. Each aspect of a medical article will be discussed separately so it is essential that participants can attend the whole course. There will be small-group workshops, and applicants will be expected to do some homework before each session. As places are limited applications should be made to the Editor as soon as possible. Further details on p 288.

Kidney transplants

The number of kidney transplants undertaken in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland for the month ending 30 June was 71, and the number of potential recipients on file was 1257. Corresponding figures for the previous month were 67 and 1250.

People in the news

Dr Malcolm Potts has been appointed executive director of the International Fertility Research Program in North Carolina, which studies and disseminates new methods of fertility control that may be appropriate to the developing world.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

JULY
25 Tues Joint Consultants Committee (British Dental Association, 64 Wimpole Street, London W1), 9.30 am.

COMING EVENTS

VIII International Conference on Sarcoidosis and Other Granulomatous Diseases—11-15 September, Cardiff. Details from Dr W Jones Williams, ICS, University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff.

General Practitioners' Refresher Course—18-19 November, Winchester. Clinical demonstrations on

Thursdays from 21 September to 23 November. Details from Dr W O Mavor, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Hants. (Tel 0962 63535 ext 422.)

Royal College of Physicians of London—Conference "Paediatric haematology and oncology," 12-13 October. For details see advertisement on p xii.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

On 6 July, as a result of the postal ballot of fellows, Mr Walpole L Lewin (958 votes) was re-elected, and Professor Roy Y Calne (1128 votes), Mr Peter H Lord (752 votes), and Mr James S H Wade (703 votes) were elected as members of the council of the college. In all, 3193 fellows voted; in addition there were six invalid votes.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

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