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*Computers in Primary Care, Occasional Paper 13*, is a discussion document produced by the Royal College of General Practitioners, and is available now, price £3.75 including postage, from the Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU.

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