LEADING, MANAGING AND UNDERSTANDING SMALL GROUPS
Course Tutors: Dr Geoff Roberts, Ms Lynn Freeman and Dr Oliver Samuel -
15/16 March and 4 May 1994
The course would be relevant to all doctors working in a group setting, either as a junior or senior partner, Course Organisers, GP Tutors, Audit Advisers, GP Advisers and any person with a serious interest in how groups function, and the nature of leadership. The aim of this short course is to develop both understanding and skills in leading and managing small groups. Seminars will be used to provide baseline concepts of group theory. Group exercises will be used to illustrate theory and develop understanding, and small group meetings will provide time for the participants to reflect on their learning and experience of the course. 
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Course Tutor: Hilary Haman -
17/18 May 1994
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Course Director: Sally Irvine Course Tutor: Hilary Haman -
2/3 June 1994
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