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**M.R.C.G.P. COURSE**

A short intensive course designed primarily for candidates for the M.R.C.G.P. examination will be held at the South Staffordshire Medical Centre, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, in February 1974. Participants are advised to read *The Future General Practitioner—Learning and Teaching* (1972). London: British Medical Journal Ltd., before attending. Further details can be obtained from Dr M. H. Dale, F.R.C.G.P., Pinfold Health Centre, Bloxwich, Staffordshire WS3 3JJ.

**READING POSTGRADUATE  
MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTRE**

Sir Richard Doll, O.B.E., D.M., F.R.C.P., Regius Professor of Medicine, University of Oxford, will lecture on *Monitoring the National Health Service* on 20 March 1974.

**DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

In the financial year ended 31 March 1973 expenditure on health and personal social services in England amounted to £2,267 million, an increase of 14 per cent on the previous year.

*General medical services*

The number of principals providing full general medical services in England increased by 401 to 19,775 and the average number of patients per doctor fell by 39 to 2,421.

At the end of the year there were 297 doctors undergoing training in three-year linked vocational training schemes, an increase of 28 per cent on the figures for the previous year.

During 1972 over 70 per cent of health visitors and 68 per cent of home nurses were working with attachment schemes, an increase of over ten per cent in both cases compared with 1971.

During the year 94 health centres were opened, bringing the number in operation to 365.

*Home helps*

The home help service continued to increase and the number of helps rose by 11.7 per cent to 2,598 whole time and 72,142 part-time home helps in September 1972. This provided helps for 473,900 households.

*Social security*

About 24,000,000 claims for benefits and allowances were made during 1972. On average the number of benefits and allowances including supplementary benefits being paid in any week was about 18 million.

During 1972 there were 97,640,000 claims for sickness and invalidity benefits, an increase of 11 per cent on 1971. About 52,000 claims were received for attendance allowances.

*Family income supplement*

The number of claims in 1972 was 310,000 compared with 160,000 in 1971, the first year of the scheme.

**CORRECTION***The contribution of general practice to undergraduate medical education*

On line 34 on page 533 of the August *Journal*, the words in Dr Wright's article "... leading either to a lower emphasis . . ." should have read "leading either to an undue emphasis . . .".