

COLLEGE CALENDAR

<i>June</i>	
23-26	Nuffield course—module six (of Brunel University)
30-4 July	Advanced course—second week
<i>July</i>	
7-11	Nuffield course—second year—module one (at Brunel University)
7-11	Early years in general practice—course
18	Education Committee
19	General Purposes Committee
<i>September</i>	
20	Council
	Research Committee
	Practice Organisation Committee
22-26	Orientation course
<i>October</i>	
8	Study day. <i>The dying patient—the doctor's responsibility</i>
10	Education Committee
11	General Purposes Committee
27-31	Nuffield course—second year—module two
<i>November</i>	
15	Annual General Meeting Council
<i>December</i>	
1-5	Nuffield course—second year—module three
6	Council

MRCGP EXAMINATION

The MRCGP written examination will take place on 24 October 1975 at the following centres: Cardiff, Edinburgh, London, Manchester, Newcastle, and Belfast or Dublin.

Candidates who gain enough marks in the written papers will be called for oral examination during the week ending 13 December 1975. The closing date for applications is 26 September 1975

Details may be obtained from: The Membership Secretary, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London, SW7 1PU.

PRACTICE ORGANISATION ROOM

A further display on problem orientated medical records has been mounted in the P.O.C. room. These records have been under much discussion recently and it has been suggested that any practitioner changing to A4 folders may also wish to change his style of recording observations on patients. One solution to such a change is the problem orientated medical record.

The Medical Recording Service has kindly again lent a study box with tape recorder and slide viewer. They are arranging for a number of tapes each month for demonstration to interested general practitioners. The display in the cabinets has again been changed, and the leaflets on various aspects of practice organisation have been increased.

The P.O.C. room is used by committees from time to time and consequently visitors calling to see exhibitions are occasionally disappointed, as the room is occupied by a course. Visitors wishing to avoid risk of disappointment are advised to ring the College before calling.

CORRESPONDENCE

TOMORROW'S CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

Sir,
As one of the signatories of the Scottish Home and Health Department's Report *Towards an Integrated Child Health Service* I write to congratulate you on your Editorial, largely devoted to this Report (February *Journal*). If you glance at the composition of the sub-group which produced the Report you will find I was the lone general-practitioner voice (joined in the later stages by Dr D. Buchanan) crying in a populace of specialists and super specialists. It is thus easy to understand why the Report was fundamentally based on entirely the wrong premises.

When the Report was signed we were assured it was a discussion document and free criticism of it was permitted even by the signatories. This I have done on all available occasions and for

these reasons I welcome your editorial wholeheartedly.

The false and misleading term of primary medical care, as being synonymous with general practice, has so crept into the literature that it has completely bedevilled the thinking of our administrative and hospital colleagues and threatens to destroy any professional integration which ought to have arisen from the re-organisation of the Health Service.

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REFERENCE

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