

PROFESSOR M. D. WARREN

Professor M. D. Warren, Professor of Social Medicine and Director of the Health Services Research Unit at the University of Kent at Canterbury, has been appointed Professor of Community Health, Director of the Department of Community Health, and Director of the Centre for the Extension of Training in Community Medicine at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, with effect from 1 May 1978.

DR JOHN HORDER

Dr John Horder, OBE, FRCP, FRCGP, MRC.PSYCH, General Practitioner, London, has been appointed Consultant in General Practice to the Department of Health and Social Security.

Dr Horder has been working in general practice in London since 1952, was a former Chairman of the Education Committee of the College, and was subsequently John Hunt Fellow to the Royal College of General Practitioners.

He was Jephcott Visiting Professor in General Practice to the University of Nottingham, and Chairman of the Working Party of the College which wrote *The Future General Practitioner—Learning and Teaching* (1972).

Dr Horder succeeded Professor P. S. Byrne on 1 April 1978.

Reference

Royal College of General Practitioners (1972). *The Future General Practitioner—Learning and Teaching*. London: *British Medical Journal*.

MR PHILIP COX

Mr Philip Cox, QC, has succeeded Sir Joseph Molony, KCVO, QC, as Chairman of the Code of Practice Committee of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry with effect from 25 March 1978.

DR J. S. GILMORE

Dr J. S. Gilmore, MRCGP, General Practitioner, Plymouth, has been appointed a member of the South-West England Regional Health Authority. ▷

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STATUTORY LABELLING SCHEME FOR DANGEROUS CHEMICALS

Regulations drawn up by the Health and Safety Commission and made jointly by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Employment and the Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection implement within Great Britain an EEC Directive on the packaging and labelling of dangerous substances.

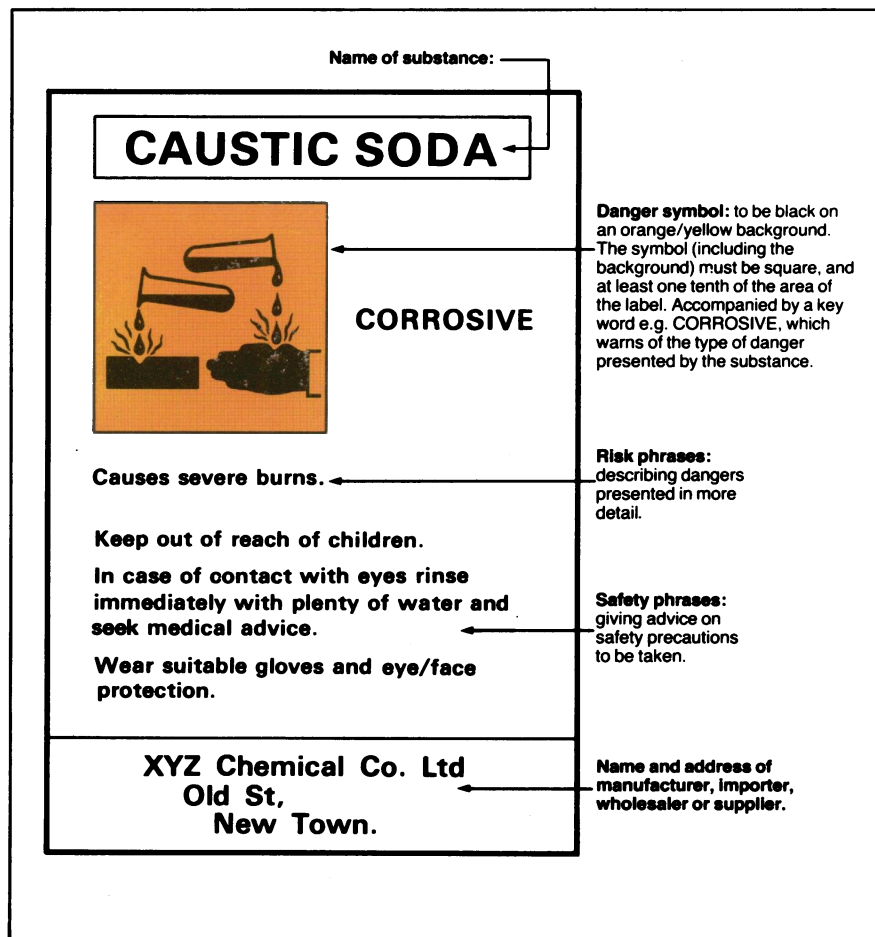
These regulations have been prepared in consultation with the TUC, the CBI, and trade and consumer organizations and are the first step towards a standardized scheme throughout the EEC for the labelling of all hazardous substances. Implementation will be in two

stages according to container size. Suppliers have until 1 September 1978 to put labels on containers with a capacity of 200 litres or more and until 1 March 1979 to label containers with a capacity of less than 200 litres.

The basic idea of the scheme, which covers such chemicals as acetaldehyde, concentrated nitric acid, hydrofluoric acid, and mercury compounds, is that by reading a simple label the user of a listed substance will be able to gain quick but important guidance on its main dangers and how to handle and use it safely.

Reference

Health and Safety Commission (1978). *The Packaging and Labelling of Dangerous Substances Regulations*. London: HMSO.



Dr Gilmore has been a member of the Plymouth District Management Team for four years and before that was a member of the Plymouth Hospitals Management Committee. He is Chairman of the Plymouth Postgraduate Medical Centre Council.

GREEN COLLEGE, OXFORD

A new college is being established at the University of Oxford to make personal supervision and teaching available to an expanded entry of clinical medical students.

The establishment of this college has been made possible by many benefactions, notably from Dr and Mrs Cecil H. Green, in whose honour the college has been named.

Sir Richard Doll, FRS, the Regius Professor of Medicine in the University, has been appointed Warden to the College and will take office in October 1979 when he relinquishes his present Chair.

Among the patrons of Green College's Foundation Appeal is Lord Hunt of Fawley, CBE, General Practitioner, London. The staff of the new college will include Dr G. Fowler, FRCGP, General Practitioner, Oxford, as Clinical Reader in General Practice.

PLANNING PRIORITIES IN THE NHS

Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, has announced that the planning priorities for 1978 and 1979 are similar to those in 1976 and 1977, namely: community support, primary care, prevention, services for children, the elderly and disabled, the mentally ill and handicapped.

McCARRISON SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM

The 1978 symposium of the McCarrison Society on Nutrition and Social Behaviour will be held on 7 July 1978 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. All enquiries should be addressed to the Assistant Secretary, "Carrow", Shinfield Road, Reading, Berkshire RG2 9BE.

ADVANCES IN MEDICINE

A conference on Advances in Medicine, sponsored by the Royal Society of Medicine, is being held at the Wembley Conference Centre from 23 to 28 July

1978 in London. Further information can be obtained from Sarah Frost-Wellings, Press Officer, Advances In Medicine, 43 Charles Street, Mayfair, London W1X 7PB.

INSTITUTE OF HUMAN NUTRITION

The Institute of Human Nutrition at Columbia University, USA, is sponsoring a two-day symposium on 30 November and 1 December 1978 on Nutrition and Gastroenterology. Further information can be obtained from the Director, Institute of Human Nutrition, Columbia University, 701 West 168th Street, New York 10032.

NUMBER OF TRAINEES AND TRAINERS IN ENGLAND, WALES, AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN OCTOBER 1977

Trainees

1. Trent	175
2. W. Midlands	172
3. South West	153
4. Northern	136
5. Oxford	119
6. Yorkshire	117
7. N. W. Thames	117
8. N. Ireland	106
9. N. Western	101
10. N. E. Thames	100
11. Wessex	96
12. S. W. Thames	91
13. Wales	89
14. E. Anglia	72
15. Mersey	54

Trainers

1. N. Western	143
2. Trent	120
3. N. E. Thames	120
4. Yorkshire	112
5. N. W. Thames	109
6. South West	107
7. West Midlands	106
8. Wales	105
9. Wessex	104
10. S. W. Thames	90
11. E. Anglia	85
12. Mersey	76
13. Oxford	75
14. Northern	64
15. N. Ireland	60

There were 1,698 doctors known to be undertaking vocational training for general practice in October 1977.

Reference

Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales (1978). Personal communication.

CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR MEDICAL INFORMATICS

The first congress of the new European Federation for Medical Informatics will be held in Cambridge from 4 to 8 September 1978 on the role of computing in medicine and health care. Further information can be obtained from Mr D. Cox, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1.

NURSING BILL

At a meeting chaired by Mr Roland Boyle, Minister of State (Health), a majority of the Briggs Co-ordinating Committee on Nursing agreed a compromise solution that there should be enabling powers in the Bill under which some new committees will be named specifically. The proposed legislation will establish a Central Council for the UK and four national boards with midwifery committees at Central Council and national boards and a health visiting committee serving both levels.

There would be a general enabling power for Health Ministers to set up additional committees at Central Council level. The following new committees would be named: an education committee, committees for district nursing and mental nursing, an advisory committee for clinical nursing studies, and committees for finance and discipline. The Minister proposes to give an undertaking in Parliament to set up these committees during the passage of the Bill.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE TRAINING FOR GENERAL PRACTICE

The Joint Committee on Postgraduate Training for General Practice and the Royal College of General Practitioners have approved the Northwick Park (Scheme B) Vocational Training Scheme. The vocational training schemes at Scarborough and Bradford have been re-approved. These schemes are recognized by the Royal College of General Practitioners for the purpose of the MRCGP examination.

CORRECTION

In the January 1978 issue of the *Journal* the cost of services per person registered with doctors under the NHS in the Hereford and Worcester area was stated to be 6.86p per person for general medical services. This should, of course, have read £6.86 per person.