BOOK REVIEW

Interprofessional Collaboration in Primary Health Care Organizations

Occasional Paper 52

Teamwork is a major issue in health care but the questions of how far it should happen, how far it does happen and what can be done to improve it loom large.

In this Occasional Paper, which comes from the Centre for Health Services Research at Newcastle, the authors report in detail a study of the working relationships between general practitioners, and health visitors, and make a number of proposals for improving teamwork. This is the second Occasional Paper published by the College on this subject and it comes at an important time in the reorganization of the National Health Service.

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Higher Professional Education Courses in the United Kingdom

Occasional Paper 51

Higher professional training is one of the newest developments in general practice education. Opportunities for members of the largest branch of the profession to pursue higher learning after completing vocational training have always been limited and this Occasional Paper describes a nation-wide survey of courses in higher professional training that have been developed by a number of different centres, including university departments of general practice and a College Faculty.

The survey compared methods of organization, identification of content and means of evaluation. It makes recommendations for those running similar courses in future.

These courses are likely to act as models and in describing them this booklet breaks new ground in the field of general practice education.

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