



Part of the original design for stained glass panels to be installed in the new Children's Centre's courtyard.



News in brief

New Social Worker

Increasingly we are asked to help people and families from the most deprived, disadvantaged and demoralised backgrounds. And this has meant that we work more and more with social work departments. In response to this we have recently engaged a social worker for the families unit. She will engage and liaise specifically with referring social workers and departments over the complicated issues of child care and court procedures.
Contact: Mary Cummins 0181 237 2957 or 2924.

Consultancy Service

The Cassel has an enduring, international reputation for its work and we get an increasing amount of calls on us to advise, supervise and even train other residential teams. Earlier this year we formally constituted a co-ordinating service for these requests – our Consultation Service. Much residential care in the statutory services has been neglected in recent times, and it has declined as a result of places being closed. Standards have inevitably fallen because of the lack of trainings available and the lack of any well-trying model for residential care being widely and generally accepted.
Contact: CNS Peter Griffiths 0181 237 2950.

Changes to ECR Funding Regulations

New guidelines for the funding of NHS Extra Contractual Referrals (ECRs) came into force on the 1st August. These changes mean that tertiary referrals (ie. those from NHS consultants) to the Cassel can now proceed with initial, outpatient assessment without seeking funding authorisation from host health authorities.

Whilst we will continue to need to seek funding agreement for inpatient treatment should it be

recommended, this change in guidance has been welcomed by the Cassel. We will now be able to complete preliminary assessments up to a month quicker.

In order to promote good practice, we will continue to notify purchasers of all referrals as soon as we receive them.

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Founded in 1921 by the benefactor Sir Ernest Cassel for Psychological casualties of the First World War, the Hospital has built up a long-standing and international reputation for research and training in psychotherapy. Since the Second World War, under the direction of Tom Main, the concept of treating personality disorders in a therapeutic community was developed and we now offer this service to all age ranges of patients who have proved largely resistant to other forms of psychiatric treatment.