

geography, social structure, history and personalities. Development is as much to do with overcoming restraints to progress as having good ideas and the resources to implement them. Nevertheless, the vital importance of adequate funding for mental health services is imperative. It is much more likely that progress will be made if all involved have a common purpose and make the contribution towards the whole which is uniquely theirs to contribute.

Overhasty closure of existing mental hospitals without providing suitable alternative resources both in the community and other hospital settings should be deplored.

The policy of realisation of assets from the sale of psychiatric hospital buildings and land returning to the mental health services must be enforced.

Examples of good practice are found in every health district in the UK. Many are recorded in the reports of the Good Practices in Mental Health project\* and others by the Health Advisory Service† which keeps an information file on good practice. Both bodies may be consulted on specific issues.

\*Good Practices in Mental Health, 380-384 Harrow Road, London W9 2HU (telephone 01-289 2034).

†Health Advisory Service, Sutherland House, 29-37 Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey (telephone 01-642 6022).

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#### APPENDIX I

##### Attendance List

Al-Anon Family Group  
61 Great Dover Street  
London SE1 4YF

Alzheimer's Disease Society  
3rd floor, Bank Buildings  
Fulham Broadway, London SW6 1EP

Anorexic Family Aid  
Anorexic Aid and National  
Information Centre  
Sackville Place, 44 Magdalen Street  
Norwich NR3 1JE

Association to Combat  
Huntington's Chorea  
34a Station Road  
Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 1AP

Association of Carers  
London House  
243-253 Lower Mortlake Road  
Richmond, Surrey

Depressives Associated  
PO Box 5  
Castletown, Portland, Dorset

Drug Line  
9a Brockley Cross  
Brockley, London SE4

Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society  
Broadway House  
The Broadway  
Wimbledon SW19 1RL

Families Anonymous  
88 Caledonian Road  
London N1 9DN

Mental Health Foundation  
8 Hallam Street  
London W1M 6DH

National Autistic Society  
276 Willesden Lane  
London NW2 5RB

National Council for Carers and  
their Elderly Dependents  
29 Chilworth Mews  
London W2 3RG

National Schizophrenia Fellowship  
78 Victoria Road  
Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4NS

National Society for the Prevention  
of Cruelty to Children  
67 Saffron Hill  
London EC1N 8RS

North West Fellowship  
46 Allen Street  
Warrington, Cheshire WA2 7JB

RESCARE  
Lindens  
Chichester Road  
Dorking, Surrey RH4 1LR

The Royal College of Psychiatrists