Report of the European Board of Psychiatry

QUALITY ASSURANCE IN SPECIALIST TRAINING IN PSYCHIATRY

Good quality in terms of training of a psychiatrist means that every training programme should have a defined goal, appropriate requirements for the training process and appropriate means for evaluation.

- * The aim of training is to achieve the necessary knowledge and clinical experience required to work as a specialist in psychiatry. It should enable subsequent CME, which is a life long learning process, concerned with a professional as well as a personal development.
- * The national requirements for specialist training in psychiatry should be compatible with the UEMS Board of Psychiatry Requirements.
- * An individual training programme aimed at fulfilling the requirements should be developed in collaboration with, and be approved by, the trainee, the educational supervisor and the training co-ordinator.
- * The national logbook compatible with the UEMS Board of Psychiatry Recommendations is a tool to secure proper training. It should be used by the trainee to record clinical and theoretical training as described in the Requirements. The educational supervisor and the training coordinator could use the logbook when assessing the trainee's progress.
- * The training co-ordinator is responsible for the annual assessment of the trainee's progress as well as the final evaluation in the form of a written report.
- * The training co-ordinator and the educational supervisor should have at least 5 years experience in specialist psychiatry and appropriate training for their task.
- * Training institutions should be recognised by an appropriate national authority. A distinction should be made between institutions where complete training and where only partial training can be provided.
- * There should be an effective and independent appeal procedure for the trainee who wishes to express complaints or appeal against the decisions about training matters.
- * A national system for regular scheme inspections based on the UEMS Charter on Visitation of Training Centres should be in existence.

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