

CHAPTER 5: CLINICAL PRACTICE CLINICAL ISSUES

- Do GPs and physicians receive sufficient training to enable them to identify people with mental health problems and provide them with basic treatment?
- Should psychotherapy skills be limited to a group of highly trained professionals (e.g. clinical psychologists) or should such skills be taught to a range of mental health professionals (e.g. nurses)?
- Do psychiatrists and clinical psychologists complement each other in the provision of services for mental health problems, or do their different approaches and skills conflict?
- Are too many people being wrongly detained in secure psychiatric units under the Mental Health Act?
- Is the Recovery Model of mental health provision at odds with the diagnostic model of mental health?
- Should clinical psychologists be permitted to prescribe drugs for mental health problems?
- Is the Reflective Practitioner approach to clinical practice non-scientific?
- Is the UK training too many clinical psychologists?
- Is enough emphasis placed on research skills in the training of clinical psychologists?
- Do clinical psychologists value and use their research skills?