

To facilitate preventive action at primary health care level the government should fund the appropriate agencies (the national health education and promotion agencies, the National Health Service Training Authority, the royal colleges and other professional associations, regional postgraduate organizations, district health authorities and family health service authorities) to provide:

— Multidisciplinary training courses for primary health care personnel in various aspects of coronary heart disease prevention including knowledge of risk factors and their control; counselling skills and method of providing effective lifestyle advice; and teamwork skills.

— Written information on coronary heart disease prevention for primary health care personnel including protocols and guidelines, news of innovative ideas and examples of good practice.

— A more widespread distribution of health educational materials for the general public through primary care.

— An adequate community dietetic service to cope with the demand for expert nutrition counselling and for the training of other health professionals in diet and health.

— An evaluation and possibly an extension of the 'facilitator' scheme whereby district health authorities and family health service authorities employ a health professional with responsibility for encouraging and training practice teams to initiate preventive action.

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### Corrigendum

In the September issue of the *Journal*, page 376, the qualifications of Deidre Parrinder should have read: D Parrinder, Lic Ac.

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