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Professor Young is a member of several editorial boards and is a member of numerous professional and scientific societies. He is immediate Past-President of the International Society for Affective Disorders, President of the British Association of Psychopharmacology and the immediate past Chair of the Special Committee for Psychopharmacology of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He is also a Trustee of the patient and family charity Bipolar UK. The national charity dedicated to supporting individuals with the much misunderstood and devastating condition of bipolar, their families and carers. Prof Young is a trustee of The Drug Safety Research Unit (DSRU), an independent academic unit internationally respected for its work in Pharmacovigilance, Pharmacoepidemiology, Risk Management and Training Services for over 30 years.

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