

[Sample letter to Prof Brendan Drumm]

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Prof. Brendan Drumm
Chief Executive
Health Service Executive
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[Insert date]

Dear Professor,

I am writing to express my concern that the essential framework for implementing Ireland's new mental health policy, *A Vision for Change*, published in January 2006, is not yet in place.

One of the key recommendations in *A Vision for Change* was the establishment of a National Mental Health Service Directorate within the Health Services Executive. This Directorate was to play a key role in facilitating the implementation of this policy, and developing a modern mental health service to benefit the entire population.

[Insert specific concerns in your own community, or use your experience as an example of your concern, related to the monthly question(s)]

I would be grateful for an answer to the following question:

What steps have been taken to establish a National Mental Health Service Directorate within the Health Service Executive, a key recommendation in *A Vision for Change*?

When will the National Mental Health Service Directorate be established?

I am calling on you to discuss this issue with Mary Harney TD, the Minister for Health and Children.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
[Insert your name]