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# ACTION ONE

## Mental health: Let's make it happen

### WHAT?

→ **Write to** Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney and the **Taoiseach Bertie Ahern** (script for letters enclosed)

→ **Call or write to** all the TDs in your constituency (script for phone calls and letters enclosed)

#### → **Ask the TDs:**

How does Government plan to ensure that this policy will be fully implemented, and that action will be taken on its recommendations by all Government Departments whose role it mentions?

Ask them to discuss this issue with their party colleagues and raise it with the Minister for Health and Children.

→ Please distribute the postcard action to the Taoiseach as widely as possible; we also have **leaflets and posters** that can be displayed and distributed in your local GP surgery, library or community area.

### WHO?

→ **An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern.** The ultimate responsibility for compliance with international law lies with the Government, not with individual departments, voluntary agencies or service providers.

→ **The Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney.** The Department of Health and children is responsible for the mental health of the country. The department of Health wrote the report and is therefore responsible for implementing its recommendations.

→ **All TDs in your constituency.** TDs have a duty to represent the views of all their constituents and to defend and promote local interests. Remember to call all the TDs in your constituency.

### WHEN?

→ Send letters on Monday 27th November 2006

→ Make phone calls on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006