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ACTION FIFTEEN

Mental health: Let's make it happen

WHAT? Funding

→ *A Vision for Change* advises that a minimum of an additional 25m euro is required annually for its implementation. There appears to be no additional funding allocated in Budget 2008 for this purpose.

→ Ask the TDs and ministers:

1. Of the allocations of 25m additional investment in 2006 and 2007, how much of this money has actually been spent on mental health services to date, and on what specific outcomes?
2. If portions of the allocations of 25m additional investment in 2006 and 2007 remain unspent, why, and what is now planned for these remainders?
3. Is it the case that no additional funding has been allocated in budget 2008 for the implementation of 'A Vision for Change', and if so, why?

WHO?

→ **Call or write to all TDs in your constituency.** (script for phone calls and letters enclosed) 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. **As well as your local TD please send the letter to Mary Harney**

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WHEN?→ Send letters to your local TD/Ministers on **Monday 22 January
2008**
Make phone calls on **Wednesday 24 January 2008**