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## **Mental health: Let's make it happen**

**WHAT?** The government plans to controversially move the Central Mental Hospital (CMH) from Dundrum to the new prison site at Thornton Hall in North County Dublin.

→ Co-location with a prison is considered worst therapeutic practice and the majority of CMH residents have not committed a crime, *and* have a right to be free from stigma and discrimination.

### **→ Ask the TDs and ministers:**

- What is your position on the Government proposal to develop a new Central Mental Hospital beside the new prison site?
- If you agree that the rights of people with mental ill health matter, what will you do to ensure that the Government pursues other options for the redevelopment of the Central Mental Hospital?

## **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:**

Ms Mary Harney, T.D.  
Minister for Health and Children  
Department of Health and Children  
Hawkins House  
Hawkins Street  
Dublin 2

Mr John Moloney T.D.  
Minister of State with responsibility  
for Equality, Disability and Mental  
Health Department of Health and  
Children  
Hawkins House  
Hawkins Street  
Dublin 2

Mr Dermot Ahern T.D.  
Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform  
94 St. Stephens Green  
Dublin 2

**WHEN?→** Send letters to your local TD/Ministers on **Monday 26 May 2008**

Make phone calls on **Wednesday 28 May 2008**