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# ACTION 22

## Mental health: Let's make it happen

**WHAT? → The issue of informed consent to treatment. There is a lack of clarity in Irish law on this vital human rights issue.**

**→ Ask the TDs and ministers:**

That the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health and Children to undertake a review of the area of informed consent to treatment within Ireland's mental health system?

- That the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to ensure that the Mental Capacity Bill will be published as soon as possible during the Autumn Oireachtas session, and enacted as a matter of priority?

## 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

Professor Brendan Drumm  
Chief Executive  
Health Service Executive  
Oak House  
Limetree Avenue  
Millenium Park  
Naas  
Co. Kildare

**WHEN?→** Send letters to your local TD/Ministers on **Monday 25 August 2008**  
Make phone calls on **Wednesday 27 August 2008**