



amnesty
international
irish section

ACTION 25

Mental health: Let's make it happen

WHAT? → Arising from the recent need for the publication of emergency legislation (Mental Health Act 2008) we are calling on the Government to mount a comprehensive review of the Mental Health Act to avoid the need for ad hoc amendments in the future.

→ **Ask the TDs and ministers:** Will the Government commit to bring forward the review of the Mental Health Act; will it act effectively on the recommendations of the review; when will the Government establish a monitoring group for the Mental Health Act, as recommended in the previous review?

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. It is best to ring your T.D.'s constituency office on a Friday and if possible arrange a clinic visit for Saturday.

→ 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

Ms Bairbre Nic Aongusa
Director
Office for Disability and Mental Health
Department of Health and Children
Hawkins House
Dublin 2

WHEN? → Send letters to your local TD/Ministers on **Wednesday 26 November**
Make phone calls on **Friday 28 November**

Please note: If you have requested an electronic copy of this letter, or would prefer to receive the actions only electronically, please send us your email contact details.