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ACTION TWO

Mental health: Let's make it happen

WHAT?

→ **Write to** Department of Finance and the Department for Health and Children (script for letters enclosed)

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

→ Ask the TDs:

→ Will budget 2007 include provision for increased resources across all areas identified in *A Vision for Change* aside from mental health services?

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?

→ **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.

→ The Minister for Finance, Brian Cowen. The Department of Finance is responsible for government funding for all departments.

→ **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 29th November 2006