

Dear Mayor _____,

I wish to congratulate you on your recent election as Mayor of _____ and to call on you, as one of your first acts of your office, to act upon the enclosed request regarding mental health.

Over the course of the local elections, a network of Amnesty International activists across the country have been lobbying candidates to subscribe to its local election manifesto calling for mental health to be prioritised in local government. Many elected officials within your Local Authority were contacted and indicated their support for the campaign. Now that you have been elected to office I urge you to act on this and bring a motion before a full meeting of the Council along the following lines:

‘That (Enter Council Name), recognising the right of all people to the highest attainable standard of mental health, and recognising the responsibility of the State, both at the level of local and national Government, to progressively realise these rights, commits to prioritizing mental health issues in the work of the Council and calls on the national Government to implement fully the recommendations of the national mental health policy *a Vision for Change*’.

If you have any further queries on this request, please contact me, or the mental health team at Amnesty International (01 863 8300). I would appreciate it if you could keep me informed of your activities on this request.

Kind regards,
