



## ACTION 32

### Mental Health: Let's Make It Happen

**WHAT? →** An amendment is urgently required to the Criminal Law Insanity Act (2006) to allow for the discharge of individuals from the Central Mental Hospital. This will prevent people who are ready to move back into the community from being unnecessarily detained.

**→ Ask the TDs and ministers:** To introduce the necessary legislation to amend Section 13 of the Criminal Law Insanity Act as a matter of urgency once the Dáil has resumed in the Autumn.

**WHO? →** The primary decision makers are the Minister for Justice and the Minister of State with Responsibility for Mental Health. Write directly to them:

Mr Dermot Ahern, T.D.  
Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform  
94, St. Stephen's Green  
Dublin 2

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

**→ Call or write to all TDs in your constituency** It is best to ring your T.D.'s constituency office on a Friday or contact them in Leinster House Tuesday to Thursday. If possible arrange a clinic visit with your TD and meet him or her in person to discuss the matter.

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