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ACTION THREE

Mental health: Let's make it happen

WHAT?

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

→ **Write to** An Taoiseach (script for letters enclosed)

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

→ Ask the TDs:

→ What has Government done in the last 11 months to begin implementing *A Vision for Change*?

When will an implementation plan be published by Government, i.e. setting out what it will do across all areas identified in *A Vision for Change*, and when?

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.

→ **An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern.** The ultimate responsibility for compliance with international law lies with the Government, not with individual departments, voluntary agencies or service providers.

→ **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 18th December 2006

→ Make phone calls on Wednesday 20th December 2006