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ACTION FOUR

Mental health: Let's make it happen

WHAT?

- **Write to** Brian Lenihan, Minister of State (script for letters enclosed)
- **Write to** Mary Harney Minister 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:**
 - January 24th marks the one-year anniversary of *A Vision for Change*. By its second anniversary, how far will waiting times be reduced and how many children's inpatient facilities will be available?
 - 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 of State, Brian Lenihan.** Brian Lenihan has special responsibility for Children at the Departments of Health and Children.
- **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 22nd January 2007
- Make phone calls on Wednesday 24th January 2007