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ACTION FIVE

Mental health: Let's make it happen

WHAT?

→ **Write to** Martin Rogan, Care Group Manager in Mental Health from the Health Service Executive (script for letters enclosed)

→ **Write to** Mary Harney Minister for Health and Children (script for letters enclosed)

Write to Michael McDowell, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law reform (script for letters enclosed)

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

→ **Ask the TDs and the Health Service Executive:**

→ Why the government is proposing to relocate the Central Mental Hospital facility to a site beside the new prison site at Thornton Hall in North Dublin. Patients with mental health difficulties have a right to be free from stigma and discrimination. Placing them in a facility beside a prison can only lead to greater stigmatisation of mental health problems.

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.

→ **Martin Rogan, The Care Group Manager in Mental Health from the Health Service Executive.** The Health Service Executive is responsible for implementing mental health policy.

→ **Michael McDowell, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law reform.** The Department of Justice is responsible for all prison issues.

→ **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 26th February 2007

→ Make phone calls on Wednesday 28th February 2007