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# ACTION SIX

## **Mental health: Let's make it happen** **WHAT?**

→ **Write to** Tim O'Malley, Minister for State at the Department of Health and Children (script for letters enclosed)

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

**Write to** Brendan Drum, Health Service Executive (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:**

→ What steps have been taken to establish a National Mental Health Service Directorate within the Health Service Executive, a key recommendation in *A Vision for Change*?

When will the National Mental Health Service Directorate be established?

## **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.

→ **Tim O'Malley, Minister for State at the Department of Health and Children** has special responsibility for mental health policy within the Department.

→ **Professor Brendan Drum, CEO Health Service Executive** The Health Service Executive (HSE) is responsible for providing Health and Personal Social Services for everyone living in the Republic of Ireland.

→ **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 March 2007

→ Make phone calls on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007