

[Script for phone calls to TDs]

It is best to ring the TDs' offices in Leinster House. See contact details below. It is simply a matter of ringing the number and asking for your relevant elected official. If you prefer to contact your TD at the local advice clinic you can do that too.

Leinster House Address

You can send letters to all TDs to Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2.

Leinster House Main Switch Board

Dáil Éireann LoCall: 1890 337 889
(outside of Dublin only)

from within Dublin: (01) 618-3000

Oireachtas Website: www.irlgov.ie

"Hello, my name is *insert your name*, may I speak with Deputy *insert elected official's name*? (Whether you are speaking to a secretary or the elected official, the following script will work)

I am writing to express my concern that the essential framework for implementing Ireland's new mental health policy, *A Vision for Change*, published in January 2006, is not yet in place.

One of the key recommendations in *A Vision for Change* was the establishment of a National Mental Health Service Directorate within the Health Services Executive. This Directorate was to play a key role in facilitating the implementation of this policy, and developing a modern mental health service to benefit the entire population.

[Insert specific concerns in your own community, or use your experience as an example of your concern, related to the monthly question(s)]

I would be grateful for an answer to the following question:

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?

I am calling on you to discuss this issue with your party colleagues and raise it with Mary Harney TD, the Minister for Health and Children, and with Prof Brendan Drumm, Chief Executive of the Health Service Executive.