



The College of Psychiatry of Ireland  
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### College welcomes Directorate for Mental Health Services

The College of Psychiatry welcomes the approval of the Heads of Bill by Government which will enable the recruitment of a separate director for Mental Health under the establishment of a new Directorate structure for the HSE as planned by Minister for Health, Dr James Reilly.

The College has for a number of years been calling for the appointment of a Directorate for mental health services to drive the change needed and ensure services are developed & allocated the necessary resources in an equitable manner nationwide and in line with *A Vision for Change*, the national mental health policy.

A Recovery oriented Mental Health Service as recommended in *A Vision for Change* will allow people engaging with the mental health services to have choice, to get back to leading a fuller life and gain a more flexible approach to their mental health issues. This can only be achieved through the leadership of a national Directorate, with clear objectives, accountability, budget responsibility and monitoring processes to implement fully resourced multi-disciplinary teams that facilitate recovery.

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