

MEDIA RELEASE Kalafong Hospital food-service crisis: PSA demands immediate intervention

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is outraged by unacceptable and hazardous conditions in the food-service section of Kalafong Hospital in Atteridgeville, Gauteng.

The PSA is appalled by reports that the Hospital is running out of food and crockery required to serve patients. Hospital employees are now forced to deliver uncovered meals to wards, using makeshift foam containers. This dangerous practice undermines basic food-safety standards and exposes patients to potential foodborne illnesses. It further places food-service employees at risk, as they are compelled to work in conditions that compromise their safety and professional integrity.

The PSA condemns this negligence in the strongest terms. The Union demands immediate and decisive intervention by the Hospital's management and the Gauteng Department of Health. Ensuring safe, adequate, and hygienic nutrition for hospitalised patients is a fundamental obligation in any functioning healthcare system.

The PSA will not stand by whilst healthcare institutions fail the people they are meant to protect. The PSA calls on relevant authorities to act urgently and stabilise the situation. Kalafong Hospital must be properly resourced to deliver quality patient care.

The PSA has formally requested that the CEO of Kalafong Hospital address this crisis without delay. The Union stands in solidarity with patients and employees of Kalafong Hospital. The PSA is committed to defending the rights, dignity, and well-being of all healthcare workers and the communities they serve.

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