MEDIA RELEASE **PSA calls for opening of KwaMashu Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Memorial Hospital to ease pressure on health facilities**

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Public Servants Association (PSA) has reminded the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health, Ms Nomagugu Simelani-Zulu, to urgently consider the long-awaited opening of Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Memorial Hospital.

The PSA, which represents more than 21 000 employees in the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health, has been consistently calling for the opening of the Hospital to address the challenges facing vulnerable communities in KwaMashu, Inanda, Phoenix and surrounding areas. These residents continue to use the overcrowded Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital, which is currently operating above capacity.

The PSA further needs clarity to be provided to workers who have applied and been interviewed for advertised positions at the new Hospital and have not received any feedback on their application.

The PSA appreciates progress made with the screening and assessment of the applicants process in the filling of posts undertaken by the Head of Department's administration, but applicants are increasingly frustrated with the incomplete process. The PSA further requests the MEC of Health to consider opening the new Hospital in phases if screening and assessment of the applicants takes longer than expected.

The PSA has sent formal communication to the HOD and the MEC of Health in KwaZulu-Natal, appealing for the [redacted]

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