

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA concerned about service delivery and safety in Mpumalanga hospitals**

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The Public Servants Association of South Africa (PSA) is extremely concerned about the deteriorating state of service delivery and safety in Mpumalanga hospitals, which impacts on employees and communities.

The PSA is also aware of a recent incident where a government vehicle was hijacked at a hospital in Emalahleni. Despite repeated incidents, the Department of Health has failed to provide adequate solutions to address the ongoing loss of assets in this area. This alarming trend not only jeopardises the safety of employees but also represents a significant loss of taxpayer-funded resources.

These government vehicles play a critical role in facilitating service delivery to communities. It is therefore deeply concerning that the Department has been unable to safeguard these assets and enhance security measures in hospitals across the province.

The PSA urges the Premier of Mpumalanga to intervene. The current inability of the MEC of Health to effectively address and prevent these asset losses is unacceptable. Recent weeks have seen a series of incidents at various hospitals and clinics, resulting in service-delivery disruptions. The Department of Health's failure to protect and uphold the basic constitutional right to medical services is a disservice to the people of Mpumalanga. The PSA calls for swift action to address these issues and ensure the safety and well-being of employees and citizens who rely on healthcare services in Mpumalanga.

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