

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA concerned regarding closure of Clinics and Community Health Centres in Nelson Mandela Bay, in the Eastern Cape
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is deeply concerned regarding the closure of Motherwell NU 2 Clinic, where members reported that the health centre was not operational owing to community protests.

The PSA engaged members who raised concerns that the district management called them into a meeting, where they expressed their concerns over staff shortages, without considering the employed staff in the clinic, which has led to delays in services rendered to the community. The PSA expressed concern that during their visit to these clinics, district management seemed to intimidate employees by charging them for misconduct without considering the concerns raised, which are significant challenges in this district.

The issue of safety is still a challenge, as it was reported on 10 September 2025, that the vehicle which delivered medicine was robbed at gunpoint at the gate of NU 2 Clinic. The previous week, the Clinic was closed owing to a shortage of maternity nurses and professional nurses at the Outpatient Department.

The PSA calls on the Department of Health to comply with their employment plan to ensure that all posts are filled. The PSA also calls for the intervention of the Community Safety and Liaison cluster to deploy special task forces to improve security in Nelson Mandela Bay locations, including Kariga, specifically Rosedale. Rosedale Clinic is still closed owing to gang fights around the clinic and schools.

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