

MEDIA RELEASE

PSA concerned about rising tension at Galeshewe Day Hospital

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) condemns the total disregard of employees' needs and the lack of leadership at the Northern Cape Department of Health following matters raised by labour at Galeshewe Day Hospital.

A planned meeting with Provincial MEC for Health with labour was suddenly cancelled by the Office of the MEC. Urgent matters on the agenda included, a shortage of staff, a lack of equipment, non-payment of allowances, which includes night-shift allowances and pay progression.

The PSA is extremely disappointed by the MEC's actions, which underline the fact that the Department does not support its own employees. The PSA is concerned about the effect this behaviour will have on employees and calls on the MEC to attend to these serious issues to address rising tension, which may result in employees resorting to drastic measures to force the Department to pay attention to their issues.

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