

**MEDIA RELEASE**      PSA urges Department of Health to strengthen support systems for medical interns and all healthcare workers

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has learned with extreme concern and sadness of the death of a medical intern who was employed at Rob Ferreira Hospital in Mbombela, Mpumalanga

The intern was reportedly found deceased in his apartment on the afternoon of Sunday, 29 March 2026, under circumstances that are still unclear. According to the Mpumalanga Department of Health, the cause of death has not yet been determined. Law enforcement authorities attended the scene and have since opened an inquest into the matter. The South African Police Service has confirmed that a forensic post-mortem examination will be conducted.

The PSA extends sincere condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of the deceased. This incident highlights the importance of ensuring the safety, well-being, and mental health support of healthcare workers, particularly young professionals who often face immense pressure in the course of duty. The PSA calls on the relevant authorities to conduct a thorough and transparent investigation and to provide timely updates to the family and public.

The PSA is committed to advocating for safe and supportive working conditions in the public service and urges the Department of Health to strengthen support systems for medical interns and all healthcare workers.

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