

Update: Safety and security at hospitals and clinics in Mpumalanga

The PSA is extremely concerned about the poor level of safety for the community, PSA members and staff at Hospitals and Clinics in Mpumalanga.

After engagement with the Mpumalanga Premier, the MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison and the MEC for Health regarding safety and security at hospitals as well as recent incidents at Mapulaneng and Witbank Hospitals, the Premier promised to install security measures in all the hospitals with immediate effect, prioritising Witbank Hospital with the following;

- CCTV cameras and control rooms to be upgraded
- Security scanning devices
- Boom gates and turnstiles at all facilities
- Parking demarcated for visitors. No vehicles will be allowed into hospital premises, unless to drop off patients who cannot walk – such vehicles will be monitored by security guards
- Appoint security guards at all facilities and insource on a 70% - 30% appointment rate
- Panic buttons will be installed and will be in contact with control rooms

The Premier promised that an amount of R23 000 000 is available for the immediate upgrading of security measures in hospitals and clinics in Mpumalanga. A further R 5000 000 is also available for the immediate process to appoint security managers in hospitals in Mpumalanga. The MEC for Safety assigned SAPS officials to the entrance gate of Witbank Hospital for visual support of security until the project is finalised.

The PSA will continue to pursue a safe working environment for members and will also monitor the safety of patients when admitted to hospitals and clinics.

Ivan Fredericks
GENERAL MANAGER