

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (DCS) - KWAZULU-NATAL

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## Feedback: Multilateral meeting - Temporary closure of Ekuseni Correctional Centre, Newcastle

The PSA has been informed that Correctional Services in KwaZulu-Natal intends to transfer Ekuseni Youth Development Centre staff members to other correctional centres because of the deteriorating condition of the centre. A multilateral meeting was held to address the situation. It was found that the centre was not to be shut down, but it was the plan of Correctional Services to renovate the centre and, as a result, it will be temporarily closed, pending renovation.

### Plan on addressing staff issues at DCS in KZN

Staff members who wish to be temporarily transferred to places of their choice will be allowed to do so for the duration of renovation of the centre. These transfers will be on own cost. Educators will be transferred to other institutions where their services will be required after they have made their choices. These transfers will be on state costs. When renovation is complete, they can reapply to return to Ekuseni.

Members who do not want to be transferred from Ekuseni will be allowed to do so. Transport will be made available for them to report to other nearby centres to perform their duties. Labour is to report back to the membership and get a further mandate on the matter. The PSA will conduct a constituency meeting with Ekuseni staff to get a mandate.

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