

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Non-compliance with *OHS*A - Lephalale Clinic

The PSA visited Lephalale Clinic on 5 October 2021 as part of its commitment to advance the rights and interests of members when non-compliance with the *OHS*A was discovered. Fire equipment, including fire extinguishers, was serviced last in July 2019 and were supposed to be serviced in July 2020. Employees, both males and females, share one toilet, which did not even have toilet paper at the time of the visit. The female toilet has not been working for more than a year, hence the usage of male toilets. Further, the clinic experiences chronic shortages of employees making it difficult to ensure provision of professional and quality service to patients though employees are trying their level best.

Subsequently, the PSA has been engaging the Waterberg District Executive Manager, Ms Grace Bulangga, regarding the non-servicing of the fire equipment and failure to address the toilet issues for more than a year. A response is still awaited. It is the view of the PSA that the failure to renew contracts with service providers affected most health institutions in the district although it was reported that a new service provider was recently appointed. The PSA will monitor the situation and will escalate the matter to the Department of Employment and Labour where necessary to enforce compliance with the *OHS*A.

The PSA urges all members to report work-related problems, including non-compliance with the *OHS*A, to local shop stewards and/or contact the PSA Office at queen.seema@psa.co.za.

Further, those who want to join the PSA must contact Paulina Moloto on 082 880 8957 / Paulina.moloto@psa.co.za and Lawrence Muvhango on 082 880 8995 / Lawrence.muvhango@psa.co.za

Members will be informed of developments.

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