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FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTH-WEST DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Update: Department of Health - Mafikeng Provincial Hospital

Nurses at Mafikeng Provincial Hospital illegally downed tools on 15 August 2022 after the CEO announced the suspension of the Deputy Director: Nursing and Assistant Director: Nursing. The officials were suspended amidst allegations of unlawful closure of a vaccination site.

The PSA, together with other unions, jointly intervened in the impasse. A meeting with labour on 15 August 2022 to persuade the CEO to withdraw the suspensions yielded no results and the striking workers were adamant on their demands to force the CEO to abandon her office.

An intervention meeting was sought with the DDG Hospital Services and Management of the institution on 16 August 2022. Labour demanded that the strike be suspended, the DDG to withdraw the suspension of all officials pending proper investigations, and that labour persuades members to resume their duties.

After lengthy discussions with labour, the meeting resolved that the CEO will be suspended pending investigations of the two suspensions and other issues of concern. It was further agreed that the suspension of the Assistant Director: Nursing will be reviewed by the investigator and the recommendation for or against the upliftment of the suspension to be immediately implemented. The investigator will provide a preliminary report by 26 August 2022 so that members can, pending the outcome of the report, return to work by latest 29 August 2022.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER