

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

18-10-2023

## Feedback: PSA calls for safety of employees in Hoxane Subdistrict

### Fire extinguishers not serviced at Hoxane Subdistrict

The PSA is appalled with the failure by the Mpumalanga Department of Health to comply with the health and safety standards in health facilities falling under Hoxane Subdistrict. It was brought to the PSA's attention that the Department in Hoxane Subdistrict contravened safety standards by failing to service fire extinguishers as required by *OHSA* in all health facilities across this Subdistrict.

### Deprivation of tools of trade for Groundsmen

It has also come to the PSA's attention that Groundsmen employed in health facilities under the Hoxane Subdistrict have not had garden tools/tools of trade since 2017, whilst they are expected to perform their duties diligently and up to required standards.

The PSA requested a bilateral meeting with employer to deliberate on the above-mentioned issues. The meeting was held on 16 October 2023. The employer committed to service fire extinguishers and procure tools of trade for Groundsmen as soon as possible. The employer will provide the PSA with a progress report on or before 20 November 2023.

The PSA pledges to remain true to the objectives of the Union's members and will continue to ensure that members' safety is not compromised. Members will be informed of developments.

Employees who want to join the PSA can contact Sylvia Watkins on 082 880 8941, Thandiwe Mziyako on 060 284 9319 or the PSA Provincial Office on (013) 741 7500.

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