

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (GQEBERHA AREA)**

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## PSA addressing security concerns in Nelson Mandela Bay Eastern Cape Department of Health

The PSA has been actively engaging management to address safety issues in the Metro affecting Health facilities to ensure the safety of members and communities.

### Infrastructure meeting update

On 30 May 2024, the PSA attended an infrastructure meeting where provincial infrastructure management and district management presented their plan to renovate hospitals and clinics around Nelson Mandela Bay. Whilst the plan includes renovating only five institutions, security measures in these plans were not clearly outlined. Management promised to report back after conducting inspections, with further engagements to follow once the budget is approved by Treasury.

### Increasing crime and safety concerns

Crime in Nelson Mandela Bay is on the rise, and the PSA is deeply concerned about the safety of members. Recently, the PSA visited Rosedale Clinic following a tragic shooting incident that claimed the life of a 67-year-old woman living next to the clinic in Uitenhage. It is alarming that management failed to visit the clinic to provide support to workers following this incident. Additionally, the PSA received reports that the gate at Motherwell CHC was not operational for seven days, leaving the security company to allocate only four female guards, without working metal detectors. This situation is unacceptable and highlights the need for urgent attention to security-related matters.

### Call to action

The PSA extends a call to management to urgently address these security issues. The safety of employees must be a top priority. The PSA will continue to advocate for stronger security measures and immediate responses to incidents.

### Reporting security issues

The PSA urges members to report any security-related matters at their institutions to the PSA for urgent engagement. Please contact Mxolisi Nyandu on 082 880 8968 to report concerns or seek assistance.

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