

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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Update: Kimberley Mental Hospital

The PSA has raised serious concerns regarding ongoing concerns and complaints by employees of the new Mental Hospital in Kimberley. In previous editions of the *Informus*, it was mentioned that the PSA raised ongoing *Occupational Health and Safety Act* non-compliance. Safety issues that persisted at the time listed were as follows:

- Inadequate lighting at entry and exit points
- Dysfunctional geysers
- Broken hand-wash basins
- Insufficient oxygen supply for patients
- Closed off toilets owing to breakage

These issues persist and the PSA had requested the HOD of Health to intervene, but she failed to do so. The PSA has now called for an urgent meeting with the MEC for intervention.

Members will be informed of developments.

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