



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

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PSA welcomes Public Protector's intervention at Dora Nginza Hospital

The PSA continues to stand firm in the Union's commitment to protecting the rights, working conditions, and safety of members at the Department of Health across the Eastern Cape.

The PSA is pleased to share that the Public Protector, along with the Eastern Cape Health MEC, visited Dora Nginza Hospital on 18 June 2025 to provide feedback on serious concerns previously raised. These included mismanagement, critical staff shortages, poor infrastructure, and overcrowding at the maternity ward. Following their investigation, several urgent interventions have been announced as part of a turnaround strategy:

- Opening of an extended maternity ward in the Hospital's old buildings
- Conversion of Empilweni Hospital to accommodate mothers and babies post-birth
- Renovation of old hospital buildings to create additional ward space
- Filling of vacant administrative and medical posts
- Ongoing maintenance of buildings and infrastructure

This intervention is part of a broader strategy, also covering Humansdorp and Uitenhage Provincial Hospitals, which were flagged for support to help alleviate pressure on admissions and improve service delivery.

The PSA also welcomes the reopening of Orsmond TB Hospital, with phase one set to begin before the end of June. The Hospital, closed three years ago for proposed repurposing into a psychiatric facility, will once again ease the burden on Uitenhage Provincial Hospital and local clinics that have been struggling with overcrowding.

The PSA Provincial Office in Gqeberha office will closely monitor the progress of these developments to ensure that the Department of Health upholds its commitments. With construction already underway, it is anticipated that vacant posts will be advertised soon, creating further employment opportunities.

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The PSA remains members' trusted voice in advocating for fair treatment, safe working conditions, and workplace rights. Encourage colleagues to join the PSA by reaching out to Mxolisi using the contact details above.

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