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Universitas Hospital: OHS matters and closing of Wards 10A and 10B

The PSA is pleased to share a significant development following the Union's intervention regarding unsafe working conditions at Universitas Hospital. On 3 June 2025, the Department of Employment and Labour (DEL) conducted an inspection at the Hospital at the request of the PSA. This inspection was prompted by serious concerns raised by members, including water leaking through the roof, resulting in slip-and-fall incidents as well as the absence of a functional fire escape, posing a severe safety hazard.

Following the inspection, the DEL issued prohibition notices and ordered the immediate closure of Wards 10A and 10B to protect the safety of staff and patients. The PSA is encouraged by the swift response from the employer, which includes the following actions:

- The fire escape has been reopened and is now accessible.
- Hazardous electrical wiring in affected areas has been removed.
- A follow-up inspection by the DEL confirmed substantial progress.
- The CEO of Universitas Hospital has committed to submitting a comprehensive action plan to address all remaining occupational health and safety (OHS) issues.
- Areas affected by water leakage will remain closed until repairs are complete.
- An engineer conducted an on-site assessment on 6 June 2025 to identify the root cause and recommend corrective measures.

The PSA commends the DEL for its swift and effective intervention. The PSA will continue to monitor developments closely to ensure full compliance with safety standards. Members' safety remains the PSA's priority.

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