



FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Urgent update: Meeting with HOD regarding placement of Pharmaceutical Services Depot members

Members will recall that it was previously reported (*Informus* - 13 April 2026) and advising members to report at Pietersburg Hospital as a temporary measure pending final placement extended by two weeks by the HOD. The PSA was called to a meeting on 16 April 2026, however, the employer did not show up as it was said that they were in another meeting. Members are aware they were called to the same meeting and were advised to leave as we could not wait without knowing what time the employer would finalise the other meeting. The PSA then wrote to the HOD, raising dissatisfaction that it was unprofessional and a waste of time and resources to be called for a meeting, and wait without knowing if the employer would arrive.

Recent developments

Members were individually called to a meeting on Monday, 20 April 2026 and the PSA was not informed. To the PSA's surprise, members were informed to take or leave the placement and urged/advised resigning if not in agreement. The PSA was disappointed with the treatment, especially because members were forced to take leave if they did not want to report as instructed. The PSA immediately engaged the HOD to raise the unfair treatment of members by the employer. The HOD responded that she delegated, will receive a report, and intervene. The HOD called an urgent meeting on 22 April 2026 where the PSA raised concerns that the treatment of members was unfair. Further, the PSA is not asking for a favour from the employer, but for procedural fairness especially as the move was employer initiated. The HOD acknowledged that it was harsh to compel employees to take leave and not to report at Pietersburg Hospital.

Resolution and next steps

The HOD approved that affected members report back at Pietersburg Hospital. The PSA committed to submitting input regarding the placement by 23 April 2026. The PSA will hold an urgent telecon meeting with members for consultation on inputs before submission. Another resolution is that the employer will issue a communique that all affected members must report back to Pietersburg Hospital, this is to ensure that those who were forced to report and tendered their resignations under pressure can report back for duty. Another meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 for further engagement on members' placement. The PSA remains resolute in protecting members' rights and upholding service excellence.

Support and membership

Members requiring direct assistance on any matters, can reach the PSA Provincial Office: Limpopo in Polokwane on (015) 295 0500 / psa.pol@psa.co.za. The Office is located at The Office Park, Unit 102, 90 Schoeman Street, Polokwane.

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