



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTHERN CAPE**

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Multilateral meeting on Galeshewe Day Hospital and Betty Gaetsewe Clinic - Northern Cape

As members would be aware from the previous Informus on Public Health and Social Development Sectoral Bargaining Council. The employer at Department of Health engaged labour in a multilateral meeting on 25 September 2026, to discuss extending operating hours and reclassifying Galeshewe Day Hospital (GDH) and Betty Gaetsewe Clinic.

Galeshewe Day Hospital

The employer presented the following plan:

- To reclassify Galeshewe Day Hospital as a District Hospital
- That GDH would close for about three years for extensive upgrades
- Admitted patients redirected to Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital (RMSH)
- Implementation was initially planned for 3 October 2026

Organised labour questioned the proposal's practicality and readiness, given the project's scope and outstanding preparations. Further concern was that presentation inadequately addressed critical staffing needs and tools of trade, as same focused on infrastructure and service arrangements but overlooked operational needs during GDH's closure and patient transfers to RMSH. Organised labour urged the employer to address practical implementation, including staffing, resources, equipment, service capacity, and the impact on existing facilities.

Betty Gaetsewe facility

The meeting also considered Betty Gaetsewe's role in the proposed service arrangements. Its upgrade to a Community Health Centre (CHC) is ongoing. It was intended to serve the Galeshewe community while GDH will be closed for upgrades and reclassification. Organised labour questioned whether Betty Gaetsewe would be ready in time to maintain community services during GDH's closure. The concerns included the following:

- a) Staffing and human resource needs
- b) Betty Gaetsewe Clinic's readiness to operate as a Community Health Centre
- c) Availability of clinical resources

The employer acknowledged concerns raised by labour and indicated a possible postponement of implementation date to November 2026. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for 1 October 2026 to evaluate readiness and outstanding issues.

Members will be kept informed with the developments around the two institutions.

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