



MEDIA RELEASE	Laetitia Bam Community Health Centre, Gqeberha: PSA calls for intervention on safety issues
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) recently conducted visits to various institutions in Nelson Mandela Bay in the Eastern Cape, including Laetitia Bam Community Health Centre, following the recent floods.

These institutions were closed owing to floods that swept away the bridge over the Kariga River, resulting in the closure of the road and the Laetitia Bam Health Centre, as there was no alternative entrance available. Employees were transferred to various other health centres, including Uitenhage Provincial Hospital, and some worked at a local community hall, providing basic health services.

On 8 July 2024, the Operations Manager called for employees to return to the Laetitia Bam Health Centre. They complied, reporting back on 9 July 2024. On returning, employees observed significant challenges related to safety and transportation. Employees and patients are forced to walk through bushes on pathways, exposing them to potential crime and safety risks.

In response, the PSA engaged with the District Manager of the Department of Health in Nelson Mandela Bay who promised to visit the Health Centre and consider the PSA's proposals to provide transportation for employees to and from the Centre, particularly in areas lacking public transport where safety is a concern.

The PSA is monitoring the situation with the trust that the visit by the District Manager will ensure the required interventions.

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