



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA calls for open dialogue with all stakeholders to address ongoing strike at Zithulele Hospital in Eastern Cape**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is aware of current strike action at Zithulele Hospital in the Eastern Cape regarding a recent decision to recall the Senior Doctor specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology to Nelson Mandela Hospital owing to his exceptional service to the community.

The Doctor in question has demonstrated remarkable dedication and skill in his role, earning recognition for his invaluable contributions to patient care. The decision to reassign him to Nelson Mandela Hospital underscores his importance in addressing urgent healthcare needs at that facility.

Whilst the PSA recognises the vital role the Doctor plays in the healthcare system, the Union understands that the recall may have implications for Zithulele Hospital and its employees. The PSA is committed to ensuring that the concerns of workers are addressed in a manner that supports both employees and patient care. The PSA therefore urges the relevant health authorities to provide clear communication and support to Zithulele Hospital during this transition. It is crucial that resources are allocated effectively to prevent any disruption in services and to maintain high standards of patient care.

Ensuring that the healthcare system operates smoothly requires collaboration and understanding from all parties involved. The PSA therefore encourages all stakeholders to engage in open dialogue to address the issues underlined by the strike and work towards a solution that respects the needs of healthcare workers and the patients they serve. The PSA remains dedicated to advocating for the fair treatment of public-service employees and will continue to support efforts to resolve the current situation equitably.

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